

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, MARCH 12, 6:30 a.m.

Lenten Weekday

Is 65:17-21 / Jn 4:43-54

Julie Bradberry, Monica Mancuso, Stephanie Baudry

TUESDAY, MARCH 13, 6:30 a.m.

Lenten Weekday

Ez 47:1-9, 12 / Jn 5:1-16

Julie Bradberry, Angélique LeLeux

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14, 6:30 a.m.

Lenten Weekday

Is 49:8-15 / Jn 5:17-30

Julie Bradberry

THURSDAY, MARCH 15, 6:30 a.m.

Lenten Weekday

Ex 32:7-14 / Jn 5:31-47

Julie Bradberry, Antoinette LeBlanc

FRIDAY, MARCH 16, 5:30 p.m.

(Way of the Cross followed by Mass)

Wis 2:1a, 12-22 / Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Julie Bradberry

SATURDAY, MARCH 17

Lenten Weekday

Jer 11:18-20 / Jn 7:40-53

8:00 a.m. Helen Overturf

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Jer 31:31-34 / Heb 5:7-9 / Jn 12:20-33

4:00 p.m. M/M Ivan Carline fly. (L&D), M/M George Fabre, M/M Joseph P. Russo fly. (L&D), Julie Bradberry, Miles Liner fly. (L&D), Gary Melancon, Cody Cousins, Lee Nini, Sr. fly. (L&D), Guy Gilmore, Jr., Dana G. Robin, Arden Adams fly. (L&D), In Thanksgiving, Mary Tamporello

SUNDAY, MARCH 18

7:00 a.m. Bonnie M. Martin

10:00 a.m. M/M E.J. Lemoine fly. (L&D), Julie Bradberry, Marcia Bergeron, Raymond Nini fly. (L&D), Brandi Hollier, Loretta Crouch

6:30 p.m. Beverly Comeaux fly. (L&D)

Offertory \$4163.00

Quelques paroles de Monsieur le Cure

The banner hanging prominently in the church reminds us that the Diocese of Lafayette is celebrating the centennial of its founding in 1918. It is quite lovely.

The image of the stained glass depicting the crucifixion is from the Cathedral. I do not know the source of the one of the Immaculate Conception, the patroness of our diocese, or that of St. John Vianney, the secondary patron of the diocese.

The background is the Cathedral Oak, one of the most popular places in the city of Lafayette for tourists.

Other than passing on the material from the committee for the centennial, I have not until now made reference to this milestone in our lives.

In 1918, the territory of the new diocese covered all of the southern part of Louisiana. It comprised the eight parishes presently within our diocese and the five parishes presently comprising the Diocese of Lake Charles. Traveling this expanse involved the use of automobiles, trains, busses, mules, horses, and boats.

The new diocese needed a young and vigorous bishop.

The Holy See, recognizing the physical labor required, appointed such a person: Fr. Jules B. Jeanmard, the then chancellor of the Archdiocese of New Orleans and the Administrator of the Archdiocese following the death of the Archbishop.

The consultation process preceding the creation of the new diocese served notice to the priests of the Archdiocese, and the future diocese, that the creation was imminent. Church law, then as now, states that, upon the creation of a new diocese, the priests in the newly created diocese are a part of the new entity. They do not have the right to return to the mother diocese. So the priests knew that they would be a part of the Diocese of Lafayette.

They did not know who the new bishop would be.

In 1918, the future diocese was missionary territory in law and in fact. The priests of the area were overwhelmingly foreign born. They tended to socialize according to their nationality: French, French Canadian, and Dutch.

Then as now, the Holy See conducted a consultation to seek recommendations for the candidates for the new diocese. Each of the three tightly knit national groups had their own candidate from their ranks.

There was a significant disappointment amongst all three groups when the Holy See announced that Fr. Jeanmard, a native of Breau Bridge, was the first bishop of the new diocese.

Did the response of these priests affect the history of the diocese?

(Msgr.) Courville

New Announcements

Second Collection: The second collection this weekend is for the financial support of Catholic Relief Services.

Special Collection: The second collection next weekend is for the Bishop's Services Appeal.

St. Joseph Altar: Our Lady of Fatima Church, Lafayette, will observe the Solemnity of St. Joseph with the traditional Sicilian custom of the altar in his honor and the accompanying ritual. The blessing of the altar and the recitation of the rosary in English and Italian will follow the Sunday 5 p.m. Mass, March 18. The Mass on the Solemnity will begin at 8:30 a.m., followed by the tupa-tupa ritual. The customary meal will be served from 10:30 a.m. until 2 p.m. Pastries will be available the rest of the day until 5 p.m.

Pilgrimage: Fr. Bennerfield of St. Joseph Parish in Patterson will lead a pilgrimage on April 14 to places of interest during the Centennial of the diocese: the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist and its museum in Lafayette, St. John Berchmans Church in Cankton, St. Martin of Tours Church in St. Martinville, the Church of the Assumption in Franklin. The deadline for registration is March 15. Telephone Angie Stelly, 985 759-3154 for information and registration.

Rest in Peace

Dean Matthew Marks, Sr. died on February 26, 2018.

Repeat Announcements

Centennial News: The second Mass to commemorate the Centennial of the diocese is scheduled for St. Landry Church, Opelousas, the second oldest canonically established parish in the diocese. The Mass is at 6:30 p.m. on March 23. Everyone is invited to attend the Mass and the reception following. Bishop Deshotel is the celebrant of the Mass.

The Jubilee of the Word Marathon: Beginning on Wednesday, April 4, at 12:30 p.m. the Bible will be read publicly cover to cover without pause in the Square of St. Martinville. The marathon will conclude on Divine Mercy Sunday at 4:30 p.m. Bishop Deshotel will begin the reading from the first chapters of Genesis. Over 300 lectors will be needed for 20 minute intervals. Lectors from churches throughout Acadiana and others interested in reading are encouraged to sign up for a reading slot during the marathon. All are encouraged to come and listen and *marinate* in the Word. For more information or to register as a lector, please contact Fr. Michael Champagne, CJC at fete-dieuduteche@gmail.com or 337 394-6550. More information is available at www.fetedieuduteche.org and Fete-Dieu du Teche on Facebook.

Pray for the following priest each day: Eternal Father, we lift up to You these and all the priests of the world. Sanctify them. Heal and guide them. Mold them into the likeness of Your Son, Jesus, the Eternal High Priest. May their lives be pleasing to You. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

March 12, Rev. William Rogalla

March 13, Rev. Msgr. J. Robert Romero

March 14, Rev. Mario Romero

March 15, Rev. David Rozas

March 16, Rev. William Ruskoski

March 17, Rev. Michael Russo

March 18, Rev. Francois Sainte-Marie, MIC

Please pray for the sick of our parish: Diane Bergeron, Reggie Sampedey, Gayle Arnould, Floyd & Linda Robicheaux, Roxanne Colbert, Michael Keller, Wendell Chauvin, Anthony Rhodes, Sr., Paul Bower, Deborah Hernandez, Johnny Thomas, Braxton Burch, Reese Grace Johnson, John Czajka, Brooke Rhodes, Brevon & Brinlee Colbert, Shawn McClelland, Jennifer Landry, Harold Adams, Jr., Karen Moore, David Berg, Bren Guillory, John Keenze, Sr., Thomas LeBlanc, IJL, Diane Bates, Travis Blanco, A. Doiron, Marcelle Campbell, Verdine Laws, Kristi Liner, Ana Rogers, BHL, Mable LaCoste, Gwen Tillman, Engelle Borden, Kevin Theriot, Bridget Thibodeaux, MIL, David Gilmore, Jane Webster, Cheryl Williams, Ian Davis, Boyd Landry, Wy-anette Monceaux, Clay Leonard, Lee Nini, Jr., Mary Grace Rentrop, Marlene Cole, Brenda Dooley, Marilyn Simmons, Wayne Crappell, CJL, Michelle Billiot Landry, Ginger Berryhill, Jeana Francis, Jake Billiot, Steve Thorguson, Teresa Allbriton, Shirley Gilfour, BGL, Oliver Alfred, Angie Melancon, Claudette Faulk, Archer Rogers, Katherine (Kit) Guidroz, Patsy Henry, Laurie Hale, Theresa Henry, Connie Robichaux, Quinn Toups, Gloria Nini, Susan Cantrell, Denyse Millitello, Mike Taylor, Linda DeHart, John Menard, Glenn Eues, Aedan Jones, Tanika Short, Sawyer Allums, Johnny Orlando, Dawn Anslem, Dana Hart, Marie Dupre, Richard Burnham, Kenny Moore, Peggy Lovell, Elizabeth West Landry, Nicholas Wiggins, Hunter Chaisson

| DATE / TIME | READERS | EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION | ROSARY |
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| March 17, 4:00 p.m. | Kathy LaBouve | Lonnie LaBouve | Mary Catherine Gray |
| March 18, 7:00 a.m. | Linda Thomas | | |
| 10:00 a.m. | Sandra Watson | Carolyn Chaisson | |
| 6:30 p.m. | Landon Broussard | Belinda Boudreaux | |