

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, AUGUST 8, 6:30 a.m.

St. Dominic, Priest

Ez 1:2-5, 24-28c / Mt 17:22-27

Julie Bradberry, Joseph Courville

TUESDAY, AUGUST 9, 6:30 a.m.

Weekday in Ordinary Time

Ez 2:8—3:4 / Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

Julie Bradberry, Joseph Courville

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 10, 6:30 a.m.

St. Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr

2 Cor 9:6-10 / Jn 12:24-26

Julie Bradberry, Melissa Rhodes

THURSDAY, AUGUST 11, 6:30 a.m.

St. Clare, Virgin

Ez 12:1-12 / Mt 18:21 — 19:1

Julie Bradberry, Matthew, Todd & Ellis Braus, Jr. & families

FRIDAY, AUGUST 12, 12:10 p.m.

Weekday in Ordinary Time

Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63 / Mt 19:3-12

Julie Bradberry, Monica Mancuso, Stephanie Baudry, Dr. Ed Cancienne, Matthew, Todd & Ellis Braus, Jr. & families

SATURDAY, AUGUST 13

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jer 38:4-6, 8-10 / Heb 12:1-4 / Lk 12:49-53

4:00 p.m. Joseph P. Russo fly. (L&D), Gerald Ohmer fly. (L&D), M/M George Fabre, Julie Bradberry, Jamie & Brittani Head, M/M Ivan Carline fly. (L&D), Miles Liner fly. (L&D), Lee Nini, Sr. fly. (L&D), Gary Melancon, Cody Cousins, Angelique LeLeux, Deanna Wells, Ira & Lizetta LaCoste, Ira LaCoste fly. (L&D), Matthew, Todd & Ellis Braus, Jr. & families

SUNDAY, AUGUST 14

7:00 a.m. Loretta Crouch, Hollier & Marks families

10:00 a.m. Julie Bradberry, M/M E.J. Lemoine fly. (L&D), Nila Nini, Matthew, Todd & Ellis Braus, Jr. & families

6:30 p.m. Ray Rasberry, Joseph Courville

 Offertory \$3677.00
 Donation \$ 500.00

Quelques paroles de Monsieur le Cure

At what point in our lives do we stop sharing spontaneously?

At what point does sharing become labored, measured and difficult?

The Sound of Pride, the Berwick High School Band, has a two-week camp every July to begin preparations for the competition of the marching season. Mrs. McCarter, the staff, and the students put in long days during the two weeks.

The band members remain at school during the lunch break, bringing food from home. I was visiting during one lunch break and was surprised to see three of the students sharing their food easily and readily. Few words were spoken, mostly subtle gestures, barely perceptible movements of the head really, but permission was sought and given.

Their sharing was spontaneous, childlike, almost innocent, overwhelmingly generous. Whatever each had was shared, purely and simply. There was no measured exchange: I will give you my brownie for your potato chips.

Most of us, at one point in our lives, learned to share in the same manner. At some point, however, we lost the sense of spontaneity, of generosity. We probably lost these qualities simultaneously with the loss of innocence.

Sharing then became something measured, contractual. The ancient Romans developed this into actual contract law: you give so that I may give, you give that I may do, you do that I may give, you give that I may do.

The loss of a sense of spontaneous sharing negatively impacts what is designed as works of charity or donations. So, I no longer make a contribution for university education to benefit the common good, I donate to the university to guarantee the acceptance of my slightly underachieving grandchild.

This same dynamic has a negative impact on helping others: I help those who have helped me or definitely will do so some day.

Sharing is replaced by bartering. Is something lost?

Watching the three students share so spontaneously brought these and other thoughts to mind.

Is it possible that we also cease at some point to be spontaneous and generous with God? Is it possible that we also begin to barter with Him? Do we promise some donation to the Church or to the poor, provided that our petition is granted?

Is it possible to regain spontaneity and generosity in our sharing?

I would like to think so.

(Msg.) Courville

New Announcements

Religion Classes: Religion classes for this academic year begin on Wednesday, August 10. The lower grades meet at 3:15 p.m. and the upper grades at 6:15 p.m. If you have not yet registered your children, please do so.

Newly Baptized

Haddie Claire Oubre was baptized on July 31, 2016.

Rest In Peace

Hilton Crappell died on July 27, 2016

Repeat Announcements

Retreat Opportunities: The Jesuit Spirituality Center, Grand Coteau, offers silent, individually directed retreats of three, five, or eight days beginning on Monday, August 22, or Thursday, August 25. To apply or register visit jesuitspiritualitycenter.org or telephone 337 662-5251 on Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. until noon or 1 to 5 p.m.

Eucharistic Procession: There will be a boat procession with the Blessed Sacrament on Bayou Teche from Leonville to St. Martinville on Monday, August 15. Bishop Deshotel will celebrate Mass at the church of St. Leo, Leonville, at 8 a.m. The boat procession will begin after Mass and will include several stops along the Teche: Arnaudville, Cecilia, Breaux Bridge, and Parks. The procession will end in St. Martinville. For more information, telephone Fr. Michael Champagne at 337 394-6550 or visit fetiedieuduteche@gmail.com or www.facebook.com/pages/Fete-Dieu-du-Teche.

DATE / TIME	READERS	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER OF COMMUNION	ROSARY
August 13, 4:00 p.m.	Christine Henry	Alison Wilson	Alison Wilson
August 14, 7:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 6:30 p.m.	Susan Blanchard Sheli McGonagill Brian Theriot	Mary Etta Taylor Anne Theriot	

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.

August 8, Rev. Steven Kimmons, SJ
 August 9, Rev. Rodney Kissinger, SJ
 August 10, Rev. Donovan Labbe
 August 11, Rev. Keith LaBove
 August 12, Rev. Paul LaFleur
 August 13, Rev. Keith Landry
 August 14, Rev. Oneil Landry

Please pray for the sick of our parish: Diane Bergeron, Lee Nini, Jr., Reggie Sampey, Gayle Arnould, Brevon Colbert, Floyd & Linda Robicheaux, Roxanne Colbert, Theresa Henry, Michael Keller, Wendell Chauvin, Anthony Rhodes, Sr., Paul Bower, Deborah Hernandez, Ken Macey, Vanessa Clements, Onesime Richard, Ada Fangue, Johnny Thomas, Rand Nini, Braxton Burch, Kim Beiver, Reese Grace Johnson, Roland Lege, Jr., Brooke Rhodes, Ira A. LaCoste, Edna Alcina, Brinlee Colbert, Shawn McClelland, John Czajka, Greg Cart, Jennifer Landry, Harold Adams, Jr., Tod Dosier, Jeff Brown, Beatrice Talbot, Karen Moore, David Berg, Bren Guillory, John Keenze, Sr., Frank Cavalier, Thomas LeBlanc, Samantha & Sammy Barker, Diane Bates, Travis Blanco, Marcelle Campbell, Lenora Ackman, Verdie Laws, Kristi Liner, Anna Rogers, Mary Geoffroy, Mable LaCoste, Jerry Guillory, Gwen Tillman, Tammy Flirt, Engelle Borden, Kevin Theriot, Bridget Thibodeaux, Donovan LeBlanc, Donna Duplantis, Susan Price, David Gilmore, Jane Webster, Cheryl Williams, Ian Davis, Boyd Landry, Bobby Monceaux, Adeline Maddix, Valerie Bella, Cass Oubre, Clay Leonard, Donna Barrow Hoya, Tina Theriot, Gretchen Nini, Alli Keith, Gloria Landry, Mary Grace Rentrop, Marlene Cole, Brenda Dooley, Marilyn Simmons, Wayne Crappell, Jeanine Derise, Michelle Billiot Landry