

## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 6:30 a.m.

*Weekday in Ordinary Time*

*Prv 3:27-34 / Lk 8:16-18*

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

### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

*Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gõn, Priest and Paul Chõng*

*Ha-sang and Companions, Martyrs*

*Prv 21:1-6, 10-13 / Lk 8:19-21*

Julie Bradberry, Robert Ayres, Madge Nini

### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 6:30 a.m.

*St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist*

*Eph 4:1-7, 11-13 / Mt 9:9-13*

Julie Bradberry

### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 6:30 a.m.

*Weekday in Ordinary Time*

*Ecl 1:2-11 / Lk 9:7-9*

Julie Bradberry, For an end to abortion, Sarah Theriot

### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 12:10 p.m.

*St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest*

*Ecl 3:1-11 / Lk 9:18-22*

Julie Bradberry, AML, Special Intention

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

*Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

*Am 6:1a, 4-7 / 1 Tm 6:11-16 / Lk 16:19-31*

**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, Andrew J. Daigle, Audrey Kaan, Brittany G. Loupe fly. (L&D), Ray Grow, Rosie Mickler, Iwillia Henry, Debra MacConnell

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

**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, Debra MacConnell, Meriam Dupont, Grant Hebert, Dale Chaisson, Michelle Denning, Sadie & Roy Adams, Genevieve Thorguson fly. (L&D), Fran Listi

**6:30 p.m.** Ray Raspberry, Candace Givens fly. (L&D)

Offertory                    \$3332.00  
Catholic University        \$ 313.00

## Quelques paroles de Monsieur le Cure

To preach or not to preach, that is the question.

I extend my sincerest apologies to Shakespeare for the egregious quasi-plagiarism.

Preaching has long been a frequently discussed topic, consisting mostly of complaints from the laity. The complaints probably are not void of some justification.

Never having claimed to be the Bossuet of the bayou, I nonetheless do make an effort to preach every weekend, as the law requires of me. A homily attempts to apply the Bible readings of the day to the particular community. My goal is to provide something to assist the congregation to grow in the faith. I rely completely on the grace of God.

I do not use a homiletic service.

I confess that I am tempted to do so. For a moderate price, I could receive every week a completed text. All I would have to do is read it to you. Some services even provide the text in orator's print. It really is that easy.

However, and this perhaps to the chagrin of many of you, I realized when I was a deacon that I could subscribe, receive and even memorize the text, and deliver it with no real work.

I wonder, however, if the challenge is not more pervasive than delivery and reception.

Is the greatest challenge listening to the Word of God?

Both the preacher and the hearer have the challenge before them of listening to the Word of God.

The priest who preaches without having prayerfully listened to the Word of God and incorporating that Word into the very depths of his being will speak hollow and empty words. The parishioner who listens to a sermon without having first prayed and asked for the grace to hear what the Lord is saying at that moment will not comprehend anything that is being said.

The Church bids us begin the celebration of the Mass by calling to mind our sins and asking for forgiveness in order to prepare to hear the Word of God and receive the Holy Eucharist. That pause and silence should be a meaningful reflection on our personal sinfulness. This sinfulness is the cause of our hard-heartedness that prevents us from listening to the Lord.

At one of the all-too many consultation processes that I have endured through the decades, someone, complaining about sermons, said that there was "fire in the pews, but ice in the pulpit."

Given our relationship to the Word, both priest and parishioners, that would be utter rubbish.

(Msgr.) Courville

## New Announcements

**Daily Mass:** Monsignor needs to be away from the parish on Tuesday, September 20. There will be no public Mass here that day. Monsignor will, however, celebrate Mass on Tuesday and fulfill the intentions.

**Retreat Opportunities:** The Jesuit Spirituality Center, Grand Coteau, offers silent, individually directed retreats of three, five, or eight days beginning on Monday, October 3, or Thursday, October 6. To apply or register visit [jesuitspiritualitycenter.org](http://jesuitspiritualitycenter.org) or telephone 337 662-5251 on Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. until noon or 1 to 5 p.m.

## Repeat Announcements

**Choir:** The choir will resume singing at the 10 a.m. Mass on Sunday, September 4. This would be a good time to have new members. A choir does add so much to the Mass. Please give this some thought.

**Pilgrimage:** Father Bennerfield, pastor of St. Joseph Church, Patterson, will lead a pilgrimage on October 8 in the Acadiana area. The places of pilgrimage are St. Peter Church, Carencro; St. John Berchmans Shrine, Grand Coteau; Charlene Richard grave, Richard; Immaculate Conception Church, Washington, St. Landry Church, Opelousas. For more information, telephone Angie Stelly, 985 759-3154.

**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.

September 19, Rev. Mark Miley  
September 20, Rev. Thomas Montelaro  
September 21, Rev. Michael Moody, SVD  
September 22, Rev. Randall Moreau  
September 23, Rev. Jason Mouton  
September 24, Msgr. Richard Mouton  
September 25, Rev. Sebastian Myladiyil, SVD

**Please pray for the sick of our parish:** Diane Bergeron, Reggie Sampey, Gayle Arnould, 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 Beaver, Reese Grace Johnson, Roland Lege, Jr., Brooke Rhodes, Edna Alcina, Brevon & Brinlee Colbert, Shawn McClelland, John Czajka, Greg Cart, Jennifer Landry, Harold Adams, Jr., 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 Geofroy, 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 & Lee Nini, Jr., Alli Keith, Gloria Landry, Mary Grace Rentrop, Marlene Cole, Brenda Dooley, Marilyn Simmons, Wayne Crappell, Jeanine Derise, Michelle Billiot Landry, Ginger Berryhill, Daniel Fromenthal, Jeana Francis, Duval family, Julie Barrilleaux, Debby Morella, Jake Billiot, Steve Thorguson

DATE / TIME	READERS	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER OF COMMUNION	ROSARY
September 24, 4:00 p.m.	Christine Henry	Barbara LeLeux	Linda Thomas
September 25, 7:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 6:30 p.m.	Prissy Davis Martha Boudreaux Anne Theriot	Debra Parker Brian Theriot	