

## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 31, 4:00 p.m.**

*All Saints Day*

*Rv 7:2-4, 9-14 / 1 Jn 3:1-3 / Mt 5:1-12a*

Julie Bradberry, Matthew Loupe, Catherine L. Listi

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 1**

*All Saints Day*

**6:30 a.m.** Julie Bradberry, Sonny Baudry

**12:10 p.m.** Ada Fangue, Gloria Landry

**5:30 p.m.** Gus Thorguson

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 6:30 a.m.**

*All Souls Day*

*Wis 3:1-9 / Rom 5:5-11 / Jn 6:37-40*

Julie Bradberry, Lee Nini, Sr. fly. (L&D), Elma Braus,

Gloria Landry, Gus Thorguson

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 6:30 a.m.**

*Weekday in Ordinary Time*

*Phil 3:3-8a / Lk 15:1-10*

Julie Bradberry

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 12:10 p.m.**

*St. Charles Borromeo, Bishop*

*Phil 3:17 — 4:1 / Lk 16:1-8*

Julie Bradberry, Don Breaux, Reparation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5**

*First Saturday / Weekday in Ordinary Time*

*Phil 4:10-19 / Lk 16:9-15*

**8:00 a.m.** Reparation for offenses committed against the Immaculate Heart of Mary, Conversion of poor sinners

*Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time*

*2 Mc 7:1-2, 9-14 / 2 Thes 2:16 — 3:5 / Lk 20:27-38*

**4:00 p.m.** Joseph P. Russo fly. (L&D), Gerald Ohmer fly. (L&D), 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, Jamie Guidry, Audrey Kaan

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6**

**7:00 a.m.** Reparation for sins of abortion, blasphemy & pornography

**10:00 a.m.** Julie Bradberry, M/M E.J. Lemoine fly. (L&D), Raymond Nini fly. (L&D), Leroy Naquin, Tommy Naquin, Marcelite & Anatole Naquin, Ada Fangue, Dave Thomas fly. (L&D)

**6:30 p.m.** Candace & John Givens fly. (L&D), Lionel Gilfour, Gus Thorguson

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## **Quelques paroles de Monsieur le Cure**

I do not recall ever being afraid of death, even as a child.

I early on understood, because of the influence of my grandmother, that death is a part of life. Most importantly, at a very young age, I understood that death is the passageway to heaven.

This understanding was reinforced by my early religious formation under the Sisters of Mount Carmel and the Sisters of the Most Holy Sacrament and by my childhood experiences.

Mr. Harris Pellerin, the grandfather of the present director of Pellerin Funeral Home in St. Martin Parish, was the first embalmer in the entire parish. This makes the industry relatively new. Prior to Mr. Pellerin, the family prepared the bodies of their loved ones for burial. The wake took place in the home, usually overnight, and the burial of necessity had to be the next day. Because the body was in the house, all the family members kept vigil throughout the night. The bonds of friendship and family brought others to the home to keep vigil with the family throughout the night. The priest came to the home the next day for prayers and the body was brought to the church for the funeral.

These same dynamics influenced mourning customs in the Cecilia of my childhood. The firm establishment of the funeral industry did not alter certain practices: the wake took place immediately after death and lasted through the night. The immediate family remained all night at the funeral home and friends and extended family kept vigil with them. The priest came to the funeral home for the prayers and the body was brought to church for the funeral. Respect for the dead required that funerals had to be held the day after death and the family had to have an all night vigil.

The historical roots of these customs, especially that deceased members of the family were waked in the home, indicate that children of all ages could not be shielded from the reality of death. They were part of the family, sharing in the death of loved ones. This practice continued after the building of the first funeral home: parents brought their children with them to the wakes.

This is the milieu in which I was raised. Even as a child, I believed that the resurrection of the dead was just as real as physical death because of the strong faith of the community.

The Church's funeral Mass at the time reflected this two-fold reality: there was a recognition of the harsh reality of death and an affirmation of the blessedness of life eternal.

The month of November, then as now, is dedicated to remembering our beloved dead. In keeping with the venerable Gallican Liturgy, the Blessing of the Cemetery took place on the afternoon of All Saints Day.

November 2, then and now, is the unique Commemoration of All Souls. Although the ritual has changed, the commemoration is the same.

Will you be at Mass on All Souls Day?

(Msgr.) Courville

## New Announcements

**The Solemnity of All Saints:** Tuesday, November 1, is the Solemnity of All Saints and is a holy day of obligation. There will be a vigil Mass on Monday afternoon at 4. Masses on Tuesday will be at 6:30 a.m., 12:10 p.m. and 5:30 p.m.

**First Saturday:** Saturday, November 5, is the first Saturday of November. There will be an additional Mass at 8 a.m.

**Second Collection:** The second collection next weekend is for the financial support of the Archdiocese for Military Services. The proceeds from this collection will help fund the church's activities on behalf of our military personnel and their dependents throughout the world.

**Retreat Opportunities:** The Jesuit Spirituality Center, Grand Coteau, offers silent, individually directed retreats of three or five days beginning on Monday, November 14. 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.

## Newly Baptized

Christopher Jon Miles Hernandez was baptized on October 22, 2016.

## Rest In Peace

Dwain Bercegeay died on October 10, 2016.

Ada Fangue died on October 22, 2016.

## Repeat Announcements

**Anniversary Pilgrimage:** Fr. Michael Russo, pastor of Our Lady of Fatima parish, Lafayette, will lead a pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima, Portugal, from June 21 until June 29, commemorating the hundredth anniversary of the apparitions. For more information, telephone 337 232-8945.

**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.

October 31, Rev. Michael Russo

November 1, Pope Francis

November 2, Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI

November 3, Bishop J. Douglas Deshotel

November 4, Bishop Emeritus Michael Jarrell

November 5, Rev. Garrett Savoie

November 6, Rev. William Schambough

**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, Johnny Thomas, Rand Nini, Braxton Burch, Kim Beiver, 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 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, Cass Oubre, Clay Leonard, Donna Barrow Hoya, Tina Theriot, Gretchen & Lee Nini, Jr., Alli Keith, 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
November 5, 4:00 p.m.	Stan Beaubouef	Linda Beaubouef	Gloria Nini
November 6, 7:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 6:30 p.m.	Blake Orgeron Ann Lombardo Anne Theriot	Debra Parker Brian Theriot	