Masses for the Week

MONDAY, DECEMBER 19, 6:30 a.m.
Advent Weekday
Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a / Lk 1:5-25
Julie Bradberry, Matthew, Todd & Ellis Braus, Jr. & families

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 20, 6:30 a.m.
Advent Weekday
Is 7:10-14 / Lk 1:26-38
Julie Bradberry, Robert Ayres

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 21, 6:30 a.m.
Advent Weekday
Sg 2:8-14 / Lk 1:39-45
Julie Bradberry

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 22, 6:30 a.m.
Advent Weekday
1 Sm 1:24-28 / Lk 1:46-56
Julie Bradberry, For an end to abortion, Sarah Theriot

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 23, 12:10 p.m.
Advent Weekday
Mal 3:1-4, 23-24 / Lk 1:57-66
Julie Bradberry, AML, Dave Thomas fly. (L&D)

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24
The Nativity of the Lord
Is 62:1-5 / Acts 13:16-17, 22-25 / Mt 1:1-25
4:00 p.m. Joseph P. Russo fly. (L&D), Gerald Ohmer fly. (L&D), Julie Bradberry, Jamie & Brittani Head, Miles Liner fly. (L&D), Lee Nini, Sr. fly. (L&D), Ada Fangue, Bill Reiners, Deanna Wells, Gloria Landry, Eugene A. Fields, M/M Jeffery Theriot fly. (L&D), Mrs. Alice Barbier fly. (L&D), Dave Thomas fly. (L&D)

6:00 p.m. M/M Ivan Carline fly. (L&D), Gary Melancon, Cody Cousins, Andrew J. Daigle, Jerry & Elizabeth Landry

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25
The Nativity of the Lord
Is 52:7-10 / Heb 1:1-6 / Jn 1:1-18
7:00 a.m. Emile & Ivy Adams, Stephen E. Adams, Andy Robichaux, Ida Mae Bergeron, Dr. Earl Eues, Prestenbach family (L&D)

10:00 a.m. Julie Bradberry, M/M E.J. Lemoine fly. (L&D), Nila Nini, Grant Hebert, Dale Chaisson, Andrew J. Daigle, Eugene A. Fields, Jerry & Elizabeth Landry

6:30 p.m. Fran Listi, Sadie & Roy Adams, Michelle Denning

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Quelques paroles de Monsieur le Cure

My computer screen is roughly 12" by 14" in size.

Every week I stare at it. It stares back at me in its utter blankness. As the clock ticks, it virtually screams at me to cover the void with some words.

As the day goes on, it begins to mock me and ridicule me as it tenaciously clings to its blankness.

"Be creative," it taunts me, "do something," it says with a smirk.

Could God have had a similar experience as He looked upon his creation gone awry?

From the beginning, the people, his creation, taunted Him with their appeals for freedom from His oppressive ways. Well, that is the way that they saw it.

They found- more properly, created- gods and goddesses whose worship allowed these people to surrender to and celebrate all that was base within their hearts. After all, base human emotions are fun, so "they" say.

Ensconced in their self-righteousness, they made fun of the God Who created them in love and they reviled the few who were faithful to Him. The few faithful, the majority reasoned, are so backwards, too uptight, horribly rigid. Arrogantly they mocked the faithful and their God. Who doesn't enjoy wit and humor?

But God looked upon them with love and compassion. Never one to judge by appearances, God looked beyond their actions and saw the blankness. Ever so tender, God saw the emptiness, the vacuum in their hearts. He saw how futile was their efforts to fill that vacuum with the shallow and the superficial, the base and the degenerate.

In the ultimate act of creativity, God sent an angel to a young lady to ask if she would give the Divine a gift, human nature from her own.

The young lady freely consented to the Divine Will. And a Word was spoken, a Word made flesh Who chose to dwell amongst His people.

The creativity was overflowing, the Word spoke and continues to speak. Those who listened were transformed into true sons and daughters of God, their emptiness filled with the Divine.

For these sons and daughters, filled with the Divine Presence, there is no blankness. The Word is eternally inscribed.

Now about my blank screen…

(Msgr.) Courville

New Announcements

Christmas Mass Schedule: There will be two Masses on December 24, Christmas Eve: 4 and 6. There will be three Masses on Christmas Day, December 25: 7:00 a.m., 10 a.m., and 6:30 p.m.

Choir Performance: The choir will sing Christmas carols and sacred hymns on Christmas Eve beginning at 3:30 p.m.

Holiday Schedule: The parish office will be closed on Monday, December 26, for the holiday.

Repeat Announcements

Christmas Concert: The Sound of Pride, the Berwick High School band, will present its annual Christmas Concert on Tuesday, December 20, at 6 p.m. in the school gym. Help yourself to get into the Christmas spirit and plan on attending.

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.

December 19, Rev. Alexander Albert
December 20, Msgr. Robert Angelle
December 21, Rev. Chester Arceneaux, VF
December 22, Rev. Michael Arnaud
December 23, Rev. Edward Arroyo, SJ
December 24, Rev. Gnanavoli Arulsamy, SVD
December 25, Rev. Borgia Aubespin, 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, 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, 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, IJL, Diane Bates, Travis Blanco, A. Doiron, Marcelle Campbell, Lenora Ackman, Verdie Laws, Kristi Liner, Ana Rogers, BHL, Mary Geoffroy, Mable LaCoste, Jerry Guillory, Gwen Tillman, Tammy Flirt, Engelle Borden, Kevin Theriot, Bridget Thibodeaux, Donovan LeBlanc, Donna Duplantis, Susan Price, David Gilmore, MIL, 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, CJL, Jeanine Derise, Michelle Billiot Landry, Ginger Berryhill, Daniel Fromenthal, Jeana Francis, Duval family, Julie Barrilleaux, Jake Billiot, Steve Thorguson, Teresa Allbriton, Shirley Gilfour, BGL, Troy Osburn, Oliver Alfred, Angie Melancon, Dean Carrington, Archer Rogers, Norman Hymel

DATE / TIME	READERS	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER OF COMMUNION	ROSARY
December 24, 4:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	John Menard Stan Beaubouef	James Stewart Linda Beaubouef	Jean Beaugh
December 25, 7:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 6:30 p.m.	Prissy Davis Sheli McGonagill Landon Broussard	Donna Gisclair Belinda Boudreaux	