

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, JANUARY 23, 6:30 a.m.

*Weekday in Ordinary Time
Heb 9:15, 24-28 / Mk 3:22-30*

Julie Bradberry, AML

TUESDAY, JANUARY 24, 6:30 a.m.

*St. Francis de Sales, Bishop & Doctor of the Church
Heb 10:1-10 / Mk 3:31-35*

Julie Bradberry

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 25, 6:30 a.m.

*The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle
Acts 22:3-16 / Mk 16:15-18*

Julie Bradberry, Fran Listi, Nila Nini, Michelle Denning

THURSDAY, JANUARY 26, 6:30 a.m.

*Sts. Timothy & Titus, Bishops
2 Tm 1:1-8 / Mk 4:21-25*

Julie Bradberry, Mary Etta Taylor

FRIDAY, JANUARY 27, 12:10 p.m.

*Weekday in Ordinary Time
Heb 10:32-39 / Mk 4:26-34*

Julie Bradberry, Liz Judice, Anise & Richard Goodroe

SATURDAY, JANUARY 28

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Zep 2:3; 3:12-13 / 1 Cor 1:26-31 / Mt 5:1-12a

4:00 p.m. M/M Ivan Carline fly. (L&D), 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), Andrew J. Daigle, Cody Cousins, Gary Melancon, Gus Thorguson, Gloria Landry

SUNDAY, JANUARY 29

7:00 a.m. Special Intention

10:00 a.m. Julie Bradberry, M/M E.J. Lemoine fly. (L&D), Ray Folse fly. (L&D)

6:30 p.m. Ryan Vaccarella & family

Offertory \$3608.00
Donation \$3500.00

Quelques paroles de Monsieur le Cure

Monday, January 23, will mark the thirty-sixth anniversary of the death of Bishop Schexnayder, the second bishop of Lafayette.

Bishop Schexnayder, a native of Vacherie, actually Back Vacherie, was a priest of the Archdiocese of New Orleans. He was seventeen or so when he entered the seminary. Most of his contemporaries would have entered at thirteen or fourteen.

He began his seminary studies at St. Joseph Seminary, more popularly called St. Ben's. As was the practice at the time, even though he was a high school graduate, the future bishop had to take classes with the first year students or freshman in high school. Parenthetically, this was also the first time that the bishop went to a Catholic school.

Having completed his initial seminary years at St. Ben's and a few years at St. Mary Seminary in Baltimore, the future bishop was sent to complete his studies for the priesthood in Rome.

After ordination in 1925, the then Fr. Schexnayder was sent to St. John the Evangelist in Plaquemine as an assistant pastor. He later was appointed the first chaplain to the Catholic students at Louisiana State University.

The significance of this assignment should be noted. Accustomed as we are to Catholic parishes or missions at all the state colleges in Louisiana, such was not the case in the early part of the Twentieth Century. Most, including priests, thought it a scandal to have a Catholic priest ministering at a state university.

Such was the outrage, that a certain Order of priests, not being named to protect the guilty, regularly denounced the then Fr. Schexnayder from the pulpit of their church located in the business district of a large, unnamed city in Louisiana. That particular Order, moreover, owned institutions of higher learning throughout the world, including Louisiana. They were obviously of the opinion that Catholics should send their children only to Catholic institutions. This young priest, in their learned opinion, was undermining the Catholic faith by his presence and ministry at a state university. This was tantamount, according to their thinking, to encouraging Catholic parents to send their children to a public institution.

Undaunted, young Fr. Schexnayder proceeded to organize his parish at LSU. He began by celebrating Sunday Mass in a borrowed classroom at the university. The rest is history.

As a young priest at the Cathedral, it was a joy for me to spend time with Bishop Schexnayder, by then retired. Although he was the Bishop of Lafayette for almost twenty years, attended Vatican II, and served in other parishes, Bishop Schexnayder obviously treasured his years at LSU more than the other experiences. He kept in touch with many of the students, then rather elderly themselves.

With the permission of his successor, Bishop Schexnayder remained at the official residence of the bishop next to the Cathedral. Although he himself celebrated Mass early in the morning in the chapel of the bishop's house, he attended Mass every day at the Cathedral. Held in deep and sincere affection by the priests and laity, especially this one, Bishop Schexnayder died peacefully on January 23, 1981.

(Msgr.) Courville

New Announcements

Special Collection: The second collection next weekend is for the financial support of the Church in Latin America.

March for Life: There will be a Eucharistic Procession from the grotto on Main Street in New Iberia to St. Peter Church on Tuesday, January 24, beginning at 6 p.m. Mass follows at the church. A five-day Rosary Conference follows this event, including 24-hour adoration for the five days and the recitation of the rosary on the hour. Telephone Renee Arabie, 337 256-6222, or John Manes, 337 247-0290 for more information or to volunteer.

Newly Baptized

Mason Lee Broussard was baptized on January 15, 2017.

Newly Confirmed

The following were confirmed on January 15, 2017:

Lee Michael Broussard
Kayla Nicole Pennison
Nikki Nicole Pennison Leonard
Teresa Ann Leonard

Repeat Announcements

Catholic Daughters of the Americas: The local organization of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Court Massabielle, number 1134, meets on the third Wednesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. in the cafeteria of Sacred Heart parish, 318 Third Street, Morgan City. The organization encourages the spiritual growth of its members and fosters service projects for the community. Court Massabielle is seeking new members. Ladies who are interested are invited to attend the meetings on February 15, or March 15.

Pilgrimage: Father Herb Bennerfield, pastor of St. Joseph parish in Patterson, will lead a Centennial Pilgrimage to Fatima from October 3-14. The itinerary includes Toulouse, Lourdes, Zaragoza, Madrid, and Avila, ending at Fatima. For more information, telephone Fr. Bennerfield, 985 395-3616.

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.

January 23, Rev. Ken Broussard
January 24, Rev. Patrick Broussard
January 25, Rev. Paul Broussard
January 26, Rev. Richard Broussard
January 27, Rev. Rex Broussard
January 28, Msgr. Ronald Broussard
January 29, Rev. Theodore Broussard

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, Verdie Laws, Kristi Liner, Ana Rogers, BHL, Mary Geoffroy, Mable LaCoste, Jerry Guillory, Gwen Tillman, Engelle Borden, Kevin Theriot, Bridget Thibodeaux, Donna Duplantis, Susan Price, David Gilmore, MIL, Jane Webster, Cheryl Williams, Ian Davis, Boyd Landry, Bobby Monceaux, Adeline Maddix, Cass Oubre, Clay Leonard, 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, Julie Barrilleaux, Jake Billiot, Steve Thorguson, Teresa Allbriton, Shirley Gilfour, BGL, Oliver Alfred, Angie Melancon, Dean Carrington, Archer Rogers

DATE / TIME	READERS	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER OF COMMUNION	ROSARY
January 28, 4:00 p.m.	Linda Beaubouef	Stan Beaubouef	Mary Catherine Gray
January 29, 7:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 6:30 p.m.	Blake Orgeron Sheli McGonagill Monique Ratcliff	James Stewart Brian Theriot	