

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 6:30 a.m.

*St. Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs
Gn 1:1-19 / Mk 6:53-56*

Julie Bradberry

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 6:30 a.m.

*Weekday in Ordinary Time
Gn 1:20 — 2:4a / Mk 7:1-13*

Julie Bradberry, Fr. Richard Fabre

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 6:30 a.m.

*Weekday in Ordinary Time
Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17 / Mk 7:14-23*

Julie Bradberry

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 6:30 a.m.

*Weekday in Ordinary Time
Gn 2:18-25 / Mk 7:24-30*

Julie Bradberry, L.J.L.

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

*St. Scholastica, Virgin
Gn 3:1-8 / Mk 7:31-37*

Julie Bradberry, Barbara LeLeux, Melissa Rhodes

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11

*Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sir 15:15-20 / 1 Cor 2:6-10 / Mt 5:17-37*

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), Cody Cousins, Gary Melancon, Leroy Naquin, Matthew, Todd & Ellis Braus, Jr. & families

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12

7:00 a.m. Julie Barrilleaux

10:00 a.m. Julie Bradberry, M/M E.J. Lemoine fly. (L&D), Donovan LeBlanc, Matthew, Todd & Ellis Braus, Jr. & families, Monica Mancuso, Stephanie Baudry

6:30 p.m. Dr. Ed Cancienne

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Quelques paroles de Monsieur le Cure

Death is all around us.

Even though I did a quick search, I was unable to determine the origin of the phrase, but was struck by the many references to it.

One's first experience of death is of the greatest significance. The experience becomes formative for our basic responses to and attitude towards death.

Some people have a tremendous fear of death, very few have a cavalier attitude toward death.

Our society seems to encourage a cerebral approach to death. This is fueled by the funeral industry. Sincere and heart-felt efforts attempt to shield loved ones from the cold reality of death. An entire vocabulary exists to be euphemisms for the word death itself.

The Church exists in our society and offers her own cerebral approach to death. There is a clear, precise, and accurate teaching on the origin of death and its remedy.

This cerebral approach is important. Our very humanity searches for answers to the legitimate questions that flood our minds in the face of death.

It is not solely the mind that seeks answers to disturbing questions about death, so does the heart. The questions of the heart, moreover, are of a different nature. The affective dimension of our human nature is just as important as the intellectual dimension.

Simply expressed, we not only think, we also feel.

Sometimes we are most uncomfortable with those feelings. It is no surprise that we consequently cannot articulate our feelings. Is this a common dynamic? Some of the websites for funeral homes have a section to provide the individual with scripts to use when addressing the family. This is helpful, but does it reveal something about ourselves?

Have we become so uncomfortable with death because of a cerebral approach upheld by society that we no longer can simply say, "I am so sorry" that your loved one has died or "I feel for you at this time." Is it socially awkward to shed tears together and gather consolation from simple human warmth?

Have we so accepted this cerebral approach that we make it an expression of our faith? Does our belief in the resurrection of the dead mean that our aching hearts are to be rebuked or ignored? Are our tears of sorrow and loss a denial of our belief?

Our faith is not limited to the cerebral, nor does it denigrate our affect. We are human beings, persons who think and feel. With all integrity, we can believe that our dead are in the hands of a loving, merciful Lord and feel hopelessly heart-broken at the same time.

People who are detached from human suffering and need or who are emotionally arrested are not models of faith. A lack of affective development is not virtuous.

Want to challenge me on this?

Read John 11.

(Msgr.) Courville

New Announcements

Confirmation Practice: The confirmation candidates and their sponsors will practice for the confirmation ceremony after the evening Mass on Sunday, February 12.

Volunteers Needed: In order to continue the practice of perpetual adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, St. Bernadette parish, Bayou Vista, needs volunteers to sign up for an hour of prayer during the course of a week. To volunteer or for further information, telephone Jenny Jones, 395-2470, or Murray Duval, 395-7970 or 518-9145.

Retreat Opportunities: The Jesuit Spirituality Center, Grand Coteau, will have silent, individually directed retreats of three, five, or eight days duration beginning on Monday, February 13, or Thursday, February 16. For more information or to register, visit jesuitspiritualitycenter.org or telephone 337 662-5251.

Repeat Announcements

Reminder: Bishop Deshotel will administer the sacrament of confirmation here on Wednesday, February 15, at 6:30 p.m. Candidates and sponsors should attend the practice for the ceremony on Sunday, February 12, after the evening Mass.

Central Catholic High School: New student registration for Central Catholic High School is March 5-17. For more information, telephone 985 385-5372 or go to cchseagles.com

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.

February 6, Rev. Floyd Calais

February 7, Rev. Corey Campeaux

February 8, Rev. Joseph Campion, SSJ

February 9, Bishop Dominic Carmon, SVD

February 10, Rev. Clair Cazayoux, SJ

February 11, Rev. Michael Champagne, CJC

February 12, Rev. Gregory Chauvin

Please pray for the sick of our parish: Diane Bergeron, Reggie Sampey, Gayle Arnould, Floyd & Linda Robicheaux, Roxanne Colbert, Michael Keller, Wendell Chauvin, Anthony Rhodes, Sr., Paul Bower, Deborah Hernandez, Ken Macey, Vanessa Clements, Onesime Richard, 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, 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, Clay Leonard, Gretchen & Lee Nini, Jr., Mary Grace Rentrop, Marlene Cole, Brenda Dooley, Marilyn Simmons, Wayne Crappell, CJL, Michelle Billiot Landry, Ginger Berryhill, Daniel Fromenthal, Jeana Francis, Julie Barrilleaux, Jake Billiot, Steve Thorguson, Teresa Allbritton, Shirley Gilfour, BGL, Oliver Alfred, Angie Melancon, Dean Carrington, Archer Rogers, Jean Mitchell, Larry Aucoin, Betty Jacquet

DATE / TIME	READERS	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER OF COMMUNION	ROSARY
February 11, 4:00 p.m.	Lisa Russo	Alison Wilson	Alison Wilson
February 12, 7:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 6:30 p.m.	Prissy Davis Sheli McGonagill Luke Orlando	Donna Gisclair Belinda Boudreaux	