

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

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

Lenten Weekday

Lv 19:1-2, 11-18 / Mt 25:31-46

Julie Bradberry, Tristan McGonagill

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

Lenten Weekday

Is 55:10-11 / Mt 6:7-15

Julie Bradberry, Gus Arnould, Fr. Richard Fabre

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

Lenten Weekday

Jon 3:1-10 / Lk 11:29-32

Julie Bradberry

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

Lenten Weekday

Est C: 12, 14-16, 23-25 / Mt 7:7-12

Julie Bradberry, LJJ

FRIDAY, MARCH 10, 5:30 p.m.

(Way of the Cross followed by Mass)

Lenten Weekday

Ez 18:21-28 / Mt 5:20-26

Julie Bradberry, Melissa Rhodes, Barbara LeLeux

SATURDAY, MARCH 11

Lenten Weekday

Dt 26:16-19 / Mt 5:43-48

8:00 a.m. In Thanksgiving

Second Sunday of Lent

Gn 12:1-4a / 2 Tm 1:8b-10 / Mt 17:1-9

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, Matthew, Todd & Ellis Braus, Jr. & families, Lori A. McIntyre

SUNDAY, MARCH 12

7:00 a.m. Emile & Ivy Adams, Stephen E. Adams, Andy Robichaux

10:00 a.m. Julie Bradberry, M/M E.J. Lemoine fly. (L&D), Donovan LeBlanc, Nila Nini, Dave Thomas, Matthew, Todd & Ellis Braus, Jr. & families

6:30 p.m. Stephanie Baudry, Monica Mancuso, Dr. Ed Cancienne

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**Quelques paroles de Monsieur le Cure**

Today is Ash Wednesday, the beginning of the Lenten Season and one of my favorite times of the year. Yes, I know it is a season of prayer and penance, fasting and abstinence, but I enjoy it nonetheless because it calls us to be our best selves.

The crucifixes and statues were covered on Monday morning. The somber atmosphere created by the purple coverings speaks to the soul. The deprivation of the familiar colors alerts the mind to something different from the rest of the year. It is an invitation to simplify our lives for a few weeks in order to reflect upon serious questions.

The readings at the daily and Sunday Masses during the Lenten Season enable us to prepare for a sincere, authentic, and integral renewal of our baptismal promises at the Easter Vigil and the Masses on Easter Sunday.

The Sunday readings this year are from Year A. The Gospel on the first two Sundays of Lent are always an account first of the Temptation of the Lord and then His Transfiguration.

The Gospel passages for the remaining Sundays are from St. John: the Samaritan woman, the man who was born blind, the raising of Lazarus. Each of these passages offers us deep insights into the Lord and ourselves.

The readings assigned to the weekdays are a refresher course in what constitutes a life of faith. The Lord calls us to a renewal of mind and heart, to a more faithful practice of charity and compassion.

Please make an effort to attend Mass at least on one weekday. Consider reflecting on the passages on the days you are not able to attend Mass. These daily readings are published in the weekly bulletin. (The weekly bulletin is the bi-fold that you ignore as you are leaving church after Sunday Mass.)

It is most advantageous for the soul to make a good confession during the Lenten Season. Be reminded that confessions are heard before all the Masses here, weekdays and weekends. Please feel free to call me to make arrangements for confession at another time.

The Way of the Cross devotion is on Friday afternoons during Lent. Parents may consider that it is possible that their children have never experienced this ancient practice. Will the children ever come to an appreciation of the death of the Lord if they have no knowledge of its importance?

Lent is a time of grace, a gift from God. Let us support one another during these weeks, praying for one another and assisting one another in becoming better people.

(Msgr.) Courville

**New Announcements**

**Lenten Regulations for Fasting and Abstinence:** Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fast and abstinence. The Fridays of the Lenten Season are obligatory days of abstinence. Abstinence means not eating meat. Fasting means eating one full meal a day with the other two meals consisting of half of what would ordinarily be eaten. Those from the age of fourteen and up are obliged to practice abstinence. Those between the ages of eighteen years old and fifty-nine are obliged to fast. Catholic are encouraged, when possible, to observe the Good Friday fast until the Easter Vigil.

**Special Collection:** The second collection this weekend is for the financial support of the Black and Indian Missions.

**Retreat Opportunities:** The Jesuit Spirituality Center, Grand Coteau, will have silent, individually directed retreats of three, five, or eight day duration beginning on Monday, March 20, or Thursday, March 23. For more information or to register, visit [jesuitspiritualitycenter.org](http://jesuitspiritualitycenter.org) or telephone 337 662-5251.

**Hospice Volunteers:** Notre Dame Hospice is looking for volunteers to provide companionship, caregiver relief, run errands, play music, or offer any talent that you have to share. For additional information, telephone Melissa Meyers, 504 920-8442, or email [mmeyers@arch-no.org](mailto:mmeyers@arch-no.org)

**Newly Baptized**

Kassidy Rhae Kelly was baptized on February 26, 2017.

**Repeat Announcements**

**St. Martha's Guild:** Parishioners have been volunteering to provide meals for families experiencing the death of a loved one. The last appeal for volunteers was six years ago. Since then, some have had to discontinue helping. There is a need for additional help. If you are interested in continuing this act of kindness, please telephone the office this week.

| DATE / TIME                                    | READERS                                            | EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER OF COMMUNION | ROSARY        |
|------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------|
| March 11, 4:00 p.m.                            | Christine Henry                                    | Alison Wilson                       | Alison Wilson |
| March 12, 7:00 a.m.<br>10:00 a.m.<br>6:30 p.m. | Susan Blanchard<br>Sheli McGonagill<br>Laura Dozar | Donna Gisclair<br>Briant Dozar      |               |

**Lenten Weekday Masses:** Weekday Masses from Monday through Thursday during the Lenten Season will be at 6:30 a.m. Mass on Fridays during the Lenten Season will follow the Way of the Cross devotion at 5:30 p.m. There will be no midday Mass on the Fridays of Lent.

**Confessions:** Be reminded that confessions are heard before all the Masses on both weekdays and weekends throughout the year. Appointments can also readily be made for confession apart from the scheduled times.

**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.

- March 6, Rev. Wayne Duet
- March 7, Rev. Willard Dugas
- March 8, Rev. Nicholas DuPre'
- March 9, Rev. Gilbert Dutel
- March 10, Rev. Luiz Dutra
- March 11, Rev. Dan Edwards
- March 12, Rev. Darren Eldridge

**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, 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, 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 Allbriton, Shirley Gilfour, BGL, Oliver Alfred, Angie Melancon, Archer Rogers, Jean Mitchell, Larry Aucoin, Bart Thibodeaux