

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, MARCH 20, 6:30 a.m.

*St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary
2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16 / Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22 /
Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a*

Julie Bradberry, Robert Ayres

TUESDAY, MARCH 21, 6:30 a.m.

*Lenten Weekday
Dn 3:25, 34-43 / Mt 18:21-35*

Julie Bradberry

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22, 6:30 a.m.

*Lenten Weekday
Dt 4:1, 5-9 / Mt 5:17-19*

Julie Bradberry, For an end to abortion, Sarah Theriot

THURSDAY, MARCH 23, 6:30 a.m.

*Lenten Weekday
Jer 7:23-28 / Lk 11:14-23*

Julie Bradberry, AML

FRIDAY, MARCH 24, 5:30 p.m.

*(Way of the Cross followed by Mass)
Lenten Weekday
Hos 14:2-10 / Mk 12:28-34*

Julie Bradberry

SATURDAY, MARCH 25

*The Annunciation of the Lord
Is 7:10-14; 8:10 / Heb 10:4-10 / Lk 1:26-38*

8:00 a.m. Fran Listi, Michelle Denning

Fourth Sunday of Lent

1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a / Eph 5:8-14 / Jn 9:1-41

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, Norman Hymel, Patrick Gray, Sadie & Roy Adams, Betty Jaquet

SUNDAY, MARCH 26

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, Mary Etta Taylor, Dale Chaisson, Grant Hebert

6:30 p.m. Thelma Hartman

Offertory \$3216.00

Quelques paroles de Monsieur le Cure

It is a hymn that I know, or thought I knew, as well as the Hail Mary. Last weekend, however, I could not remember the line correctly at any of the Masses that I celebrated. The line that I wanted to quote is:

Mother dear, o pray for me, whilst far from heaven
and thee.
I wander in a fragile bark,
O'er life's tempestuous sea.

The hymn was sung at the weekly novena in honor of Our Lady of Perpetual Help.

This weekly novena was part of a number of devotions in honor of the Blessed Mother that constituted the spiritual life of my childhood. October was the month devoted to the rosary, May dedicated to Our Blessed Mother. The Catholic elementary school that I attended, now named Cathedral-Carmel Elementary, had weekly devotions to the Blessed Mother in May that included the crowning of her statue with a crown of flowers. This practice was still taking place when I was assigned to the parish as a young priest. I hope it continues.

Marian devotion also included the Masses in honor of the Blessed Mother celebrated on most Saturday mornings throughout the year. The only Saturday mornings that did not include this Mass was the Saturdays of Advent and Lent, along with a few other Saturdays dedicated to some other cause.

For the most part, the devotions have long been set aside. Saturday morning Masses, although still in honor of the Blessed Mother at times, are, for the most part, relegated to the past because of the vigil Mass on Saturday afternoons. I think there are only two places in the city of Lafayette that still have a regularly scheduled Saturday morning Mass.

Perhaps, however, we could add an element of devotion to the Blessed Mother to our observance of Lent.

For a people of faith, the goal of Lent is to prepare us to renew our baptismal promises at the Easter Vigil and the Masses of Easter Sunday. That is, to renew the experience in which we put off our old self so as to put on the life of Our Lord Jesus, to make a reference to St. Paul. Lent, calling us to prayer and penance, provides us with the opportunity to reflect upon our daily lives- especially our attitudes and actions- to see if we are living lives worthy of our God and our true selves. Where we are lacking, we seek the grace to help us to change.

The Blessed Mother gives us an example of that integrity of life, that holiness, to which we are called. From the moment she expressed her intention to be the Mother of the Savior, the Blessed Mother sought only to do the will of God. She was not only the Mother of the Lord Jesus, she was also His first and most faithful disciple, standing near and suffering with Him at the crucifixion.

Reflecting upon her example, we also ask her intercession so that we may have the courage and the strength to share in the cross of the Lord.

(Msgr.) Courville

New Announcements

Special Collection: The second collection next weekend is for the financial support of Catholic Relief Services. This organization provides emergency assistance both here and abroad in moments of natural disasters or other dire needs.

Retreat Opportunities: The Jesuit Spirituality Center, Grand Coteau, will have silent, individually directed retreats of three, five, or eight day duration beginning on Monday, April 3, or Thursday, April 6. For more information or to register, visit jesuitspiritualitycenter.org or telephone 337 662-5251.

Newly Baptized

Nolan Kenneth Theriot was baptized on March 12, 2017.

Repeat Announcements

Volunteers Needed: Parishioners have been volunteering to maintain the various areas of the yard for the past six years or so. Some are no longer able to keep up the work. Volunteers are needed to perform this very valuable service. If you are interested, please speak to Linda Thomas.

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

DATE / TIME	READERS	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER OF COMMUNION	ROSARY
March 25, 4:00 p.m.	Lisa Russo	Barbara LeLeux	Jean Beaugh
March 26, 7:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 6:30 p.m.	Linda Thomas Sandra Watson Anne Theriot	Carolyn Chaisson Brian Theriot	

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 20, Rev. Samuel Fontana
March 21, Rev. Brian Garry, SJ
March 22, Rev. Taj Glodd
March 23, Rev. James Goeke, SJ
March 24, Msgr. Richard Greene
March 25, Rev. Michael Guidry
March 26, Rev. Mitchell Guidry

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, 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, Bart Thibodeaux, Katherine (Kit) Guidroz, Patsy Henry