

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, APRIL 24, 6:30 a.m.

Easter Weekday

Acts 4:23-31 / Jn 3:1-8

Julie Bradberry, Edward & Meriam Dupont

TUESDAY, APRIL 25, 6:30 a.m.

St. Mark, Evangelist

1 Pt 5:5b-14 / Mk 16:15-20

Julie Bradberry, Fran Listi, Michelle Denning, Meriam LeBoeuf Dupont

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26, 6:30 a.m.

Easter Weekday

Acts 5:17-26 / Jn 3:16-21

Julie Bradberry, Mary Etta Taylor

THURSDAY, APRIL 27, 6:30 a.m.

Easter Weekday

Acts 5:27-33 / Jn 3:31-36

Liz Judice, Julie Bradberry

FRIDAY, APRIL 28, 12:10 p.m.

Easter Weekday

Acts 5:34-42 / Jn 6:1-15

Julie Bradberry

SATURDAY, APRIL 29

Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:14, 22-33 / 1 Pt 1:17-21 / Lk 24:13-35

4:00 p.m. Ivan Carline fly. (L&D), M/M Joseph P.

Russo fly. (L&D), Gerald Ohmer fly. (L&D), Jamie & Brittani Head, Miles Liner fly. (L&D), Dana G. Robin, Gary Melancon, Cody Cousins, Patrick Gray, Lee Nini fly. (L&D)

SUNDAY, APRIL 30

7:00 a.m. Emile & Ivy Adams, Stephen E. Adams, Andy Robichaux, Julie Prestenbach, Elise Vaughn

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

6:30 p.m. Ray Raspberry, Sadie & Roy Adams

Offertory \$3780.00

Donation \$1500.00

Quelques paroles de Monsieur le Cure

Today marks the middle of the Octave of Easter.

The custom of observing an octave, eight days of formal worship, goes back over a thousand years.

The Church at present observes only two Octaves: the Octave of Christmas and the Octave of Easter. The essential structure of the Octave involves the repetition of the great Mystery of the Lord, the Incarnation or the Resurrection, each day in the texts of the Mass and the Liturgy of the Hours.

The Gospel passage of each Mass during the Octave of Easter is an account of the Resurrection of the Lord. The Church invites us each day to reflect on the various aspects of this essential Mystery of the Lord.

The Liturgy of the Hours, the biblical readings and prayers that priests are obliged to pray every day, is similar. The readings and reflections center on the Resurrection.

In order to keep the Mystery in the minds and hearts of priests, Morning Prayer, formerly known as Lauds, and Evening Prayer, formerly known as Vespers, of the Liturgy of the Hours use the same hymns and psalms throughout the Octave. Night Prayer, formerly known as Compline, for the entire eight days is the Night Prayer of Sunday that expresses the theme of the Resurrection.

Admittedly, it is a challenge to celebrate these Masses on the weekdays with the same level of solemnity as a Sunday Mass.

The greater challenge by far is to observe the Liturgical seasons throughout the year.

The Octave of Easter, the final day of the eight, is this Sunday, April 23. The Easter Season, however, continues until Pentecost Sunday, June 4. Our society has long ended its observance of Easter.

The fact is that we live in a secular society, not in a monastery. A monastery, with its observance of some type of cloister, creates an environment that avoids the direct influence of the secular society. We have to live in the secular society around us, accepting the challenge of living our lives of faith with integrity.

This includes the Liturgical Season of Easter.

The readings at both weekday and Sunday Masses will enable us to continue reflecting on the meaning of the Resurrection in our lives.

I use Eucharistic Prayer I during the Easter Season because it is the oldest of the Eucharistic Prayers in the Missal, arguably fifteen hundred years old. It is important for us to always be firmly rooted in our traditions and customs.

Happy Easter!

(Msgr.) Courville

New Announcements

First Communion: The annual celebration of First Communion is Sunday, April 30, during the 10 a.m. Mass.

First Communion Practice: The children making their First Communion are asked to attend a short practice on Saturday, April 29, at 10 a.m.

Special Collection: The second collection next weekend is for the financial support of the Catholic Home Missions.

Retreat Opportunities: The Jesuit Spirituality Center, Grand Coteau, offers silent, individually directed retreats of three, five, or eight day duration beginning on Monday, April 24, or Thursday, April 27. For more information or to register, visit jesuitspiritualitycenter.org or telephone 337 662-5251.

Repeat Announcements

Spring Pilgrimage: Fr. Herb Bennerfield, pastor of St. Joseph parish in Patterson, will lead a pilgrimage on Saturday, May 13, to New Orleans. This will include the Mother Delille exhibit, St. Louis Cathedral, St. Louis cemetery, Our Lady of Guadeloupe and St. Jude Shrine. For more information, telephone Angie Stelly, 985 759-3154.

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.

April 24, Rev. Keith Landry

April 25, Rev. O'Neil Landry

April 26, Rev. Ralph Landry

April 27, Rev. Charles Langlois

April 28, Msgr. H.A. Larroque

April 29, Rev. Bernard Lebiez, OSB

April 30, Rev. Clyde LeBlanc

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, Susan Price, David Gilmore, MIL, Jane Webster, Cheryl Williams, Ian Davis, Boyd Landry, Bobby Monceaux, Adeline Maddix, Clay Leonard, Lee Nini, Jr., Mary Grace Rentrop, Marlene Cole, Brenda Dooley, Marilyn Simmons, Wayne Crappell, CJL, Michelle Billiot Landry, Ginger Berryhill, Jeana Francis, Jake Billiot, Steve Thorguson, Teresa Allbriton, Shirley Gilfour, BGL, Oliver Alfred, Angie Melancon, Archer Rogers, Jean Mitchell, Bart Thibodeaux, Katherine (Kit) Guidroz, Patsy Henry

DATE / TIME	READERS	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER OF COMMUNION	ROSARY
April 29, 4:00 p.m.	Sandra LeBlanc	Barbara LeLeux	Jean Beaugh
April 30, 7:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 6:30 p.m.	Linda Thomas Ann Lombardo Laura Dozar	Debra Parker Briant Dozar	