

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, MAY 1, 6:30 a.m.

Easter Weekday

Acts 6:8-15 / Jn 6:22-29

Julie Bradberry, Sonny Baudry

TUESDAY, MAY 2, 5:30 p.m.

St. Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Acts 7:51 — 8:1a / Jn 6:30-35

Julie Bradberry, Elma Braus, Robert P. LeBoeuf, Craig Sehon

WEDNESDAY, MAY 3, 6:30 a.m.

Sts. Philip and James, Apostles

1 Cor 15:1-8 / Jn 14:6-14

Julie Bradberry

THURSDAY, MAY 4, 6:30 a.m.

Easter Weekday

Acts 8:26-40 / Jn 6:44-51

Liz Judice

FRIDAY, MAY 5, 12:10 p.m.

Easter Weekday

Acts 9:1-20 / Jn 6:52-59

Julie Bradberry, Jamie Guidry, Reparation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

SATURDAY, MAY 6

Easter Weekday

Acts 9:31-42 / Jn 6:60-69

8:00 a.m. Reparation for sins committed against the Immaculate Heart of Mary, Conversion of poor sinners

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:14a, 36-41 / 1 Pt 2:20b-25 / Jn 10:1-10

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), Mercedes & Leroy Naquin, Tommy Naquin, Anatole & Marcelite Naquin, Audrey Kaan, Stephen Arceneaux

SUNDAY, MAY 7

7:00 a.m. Julie Prestenbach

10:00 a.m. Julie Bradberry, M/M E.J. Lemoine fly. (L&D), Donovan LeBlanc, Nila Nini, Dave Thomas fly. (L&D), Reparation for sins of abortion, blasphemy & pornography

6:30 p.m. Ray Raspberry, Fr. Richard Fabre

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Offertory \$5572.00

**Quelques paroles de Monsieur le Cure**

The Berwick High School Band, named the Sound of Pride, received the highest possible scores in all categories during the statewide competition held last week.

They certainly merited the high scores: their performance was truly inspired.

Congratulations are in order to the director, Mrs. B.J. McCarter, and to all of the band members, many of whom are our own parishioners.

Schools are not immune to the effects of the economic crisis deeply affecting our area. Extracurricular activities of necessity are a tempting area for budget cuts. This is not unreasonable. When funds are limited, the core academic programs have to be the highest priority.

Those responsible for extracurricular activities have to find the funds needed for their programs. The Sound of Pride falls into this category.

Mrs. McCarter, the staff, and the parents of the band members work very hard work to raise the funds necessary to sustain such an admirable musical program.

Although I am unaware of all the fund raising activities, I have witnessed the parents of band members work very hard in the concession stand at all of the home football games over the past six years. They come early and leave late.

The stunning achievements of their children this school year makes the hard work worth it.

Although the local paper will probably not highlight the success of the Sound of Pride, as it probably will not highlight the successes of the students in the art class, music and art are important not only for the children, but also for the entire community.

The utilitarian has been, is, and always will be an essential element for human existence.

Human existence nonetheless needs more. We need to see and hear beautiful things.

Music and art touch our very souls. Would it be an exaggeration to state that music and art nourish our souls? Do our souls need to be nourished?

As a people of faith, we respond in the affirmative.

When we hear and see beautiful things, we tend to create lofty and noble thoughts. When we hear and see beauty, our imaginations are fired to heights of creativity. Beauty inspires us to go beyond our limitations, to overcome our inadequacies, and to touch the very Mystery of God.

Pity an academic institution without music or art.

Thank you, Mrs. McCarter and staff for your dedication. Thank you parents for your sacrifices. Thanks band members for using and sharing your talents. Thanks for nourishing our souls, too often parched in a world of indifference.

(Msgr.) Courville

**New Announcements**

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

**Change of Mass Time:** The Mass this Tuesday, May 2, will be at 5:30 p.m. There will be no morning Mass that day. The change is only for this week.

**Retreat Opportunities:** The Jesuit Spirituality Center, Grand Coteau, offers silent, individually directed retreats of three, five, or eight day duration beginning on Monday, May 15, or Thursday, May 18. For more information or to register, visit [jesuitspiritualitycenter.org](http://jesuitspiritualitycenter.org) or telephone 337 662-5251.

**Rest In Peace**

Waddell C. Thibodaux, Jr. died on April 22, 2017.

**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.

- May 1, Pope Francis
- May 2, Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI
- May 3, Bishop J. Douglas Deshotel
- May 4, Bishop Emeritus Michael Jarrell
- May 5, Rev. Steven LeBlanc
- May 6, Rev. Louis Ledoux
- May 7, Rev. Jerome Ledoux, SVD

**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 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, 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        |
|---------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------|
| May 6, 4:00 p.m.                            | Lisa Russo                                           | Alison Wilson                       | Alison Wilson |
| May 7, 7:00 a.m.<br>10:00 a.m.<br>6:30 p.m. | Blake Orgeron<br>Christine Henry<br>Monique Ratcliff | Mary Etta Taylor<br>Anne Theriot    |               |