

## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 18, 6:30 a.m.**

*Advent Weekday*

*Jer 23:5-8 / Mt 1:18-25*

Julie Bradberry, Marcia Bergeron, Bonnie M. Martin

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19, 6:30 a.m.**

*Advent Weekday*

*Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a / Lk 1:5-25*

Julie Bradberry

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20, 6:30 a.m.**

*Advent Weekday*

*Is 7:10-14 / Lk 1:26-38*

Julie Bradberry

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21, 6:30 a.m.**

*St. Peter Canisius, Priest and Doctor of the Church*

*Sg 2:8-14 / Lk 1:39-45*

Julie Bradberry

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 22, 12:10 p.m.**

*Advent Weekday*

*1 Sm 1:24-28 / Lk 1:46-56*

Julie Bradberry

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23**

*Fourth Sunday of Advent*

*2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16 / Rom 16:25-27 / Lk 1:26-38*

**4:00 p.m.** M/M Ivan Carline fly. (L&D), M/M George Fabre, M/M Joseph P. Russo fly. (L&D), Julie Bradberry, Gerald Ohmer fly. (L&D), Jamie & Brittani Head, Miles Liner fly. (L&D), AML, Gary Melancon, Cody Cousins, Lee Nini fly. (L&D), Patrick Gray, Hazel Landry Roy, Lee Landry, George Tyler, Bobby Monceaux

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24**

**7:00 a.m.** Norman Hymel

**10:00 a.m.** Julie Bradberry, M/M E.J. Lemoine fly. (L&D), Donovan LeBlanc, Dale Chaisson, Grant Hebert, Edna Alcina

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24**

*The Nativity of the Lord*

*Is 62:1-5 / Acts 13:16-17, 22-25 / Mt 1:1-25*

**4:00 p.m.** Aline Stewart, Onesime Richard, Troy Osburn, Craig Sehon, Gloria Landry, Evaine & Bernice Keller Aucoin, Deanna Wells, Lennora Ackman, Ali Rose Aucoin

**6:00 p.m.** Gus Arnould fly. (L&D), Lori A. McIntyre fly. (L&D), Patrick Gray

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## Quelques paroles de Monsieur le Cure

Does it really matter?

Although an interrogatory sentence, the expected reply is to be in the negative.

The scenario is as follows. Declaration: Does it really matter? Mandatory response: No, it does not.

Hence the subject of the conversation is dropped, presumably because it is irrelevant.

This may serve as an example. A couple of people watch the evening news together. There is a segment on the deportation of illegal immigrants. The segment causes a discussion about immigrants both legal and illegal. Each of the two people takes an opposing view on the topic. The discussion becomes heated. Shortly thereafter one says to the other, "Does it really matter?" The other person knows infallibly that the only answer to the question is, "No, it really does not."

One may substitute any controversial topic for immigration: abortion, same sex unions, the president, the supreme court, welfare, unemployment benefits, taxes, stem cell research, cloning, education, health insurance, terrorists, government subsidies to agriculture, OPEC, the United Nations. This is not a taxative list.

These and other issues are controversial, divisive, and complicated.

People may, in good conscience, have different opinions. However, not taking a position on most of these because "it really doesn't matter" is problematic. This response creates indifference.

If one is constantly avoiding important issues because of indifference, then the question arises as to what does matter.

If issues touching upon human dignity, fundamental rights, and justice are avoided, then evil will triumph.

Is this an exaggeration?

I have read two books recently about the diplomatic relations between the Vatican and Germany in the years leading to World War II. Deeply appreciating the complexity of the era, I nonetheless could not but see the useless efforts of good people to reason and compromise with those who eventually gained control of the government in Germany.

Good people chose not to take issue with the laws affecting Jews, those with special needs, and opposing political parties.

Germany was overwhelmingly Christian. Catholics, Lutherans, and other Protestants were devout, pious, highly moral. They chose, with few exceptions, not to challenge the ascending power about issues touching upon the sacredness of human life, the dignity of the human person, justice, and the rule of law.

We know the results of their decision.

The next time an important discussion is dismissed with "Does it really matter," we may want to respond with "Yes, it really does."

(Msgr.) Courville

## New Announcements

**Sunday Masses:** The Masses on Sunday morning, December 24, will be at the usual times of 7 and 10 and will be the Masses of the Fourth Sunday of Advent. The Sunday evening Masses will be the proper Mass of Christmas.

**Christmas Concert:** The choir will sing Christmas carols and sacred music on Christmas Eve, beginning at 3:30 p.m.

**The Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God:** Bishop Deshotel has dispensed the Catholics of the diocese from the obligation to attend Mass on the Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God, January 1, New Year's Day. The evening Mass on Sunday, December 31, will be that of the Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. There will nevertheless be a Mass on Monday, January 1, at 10 a.m. for the Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God.

## Rest In Peace

Sentive J. (S.J.) Landry, Jr. died on December 4, 2017.

Edna Alcina died on December 8, 2017.

## Repeat Announcements

**Christmas Mass Schedule:** There will be two Masses on Sunday, December 24, Christmas Eve: 4 and 6. There will be three Masses on Monday, December 25, Christmas Day: 7 a.m., 10 a.m., and 6:30 p.m. Confessions will be heard before each Mass.

DATE / TIME	READERS	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION	ROSARY
December 23, 4:00 p.m.	Kathy LaBouve	Lonnie LaBouve	Linda Thomas
December 24, 7:00 a.m.	Susan Blanchard	Debra Parker	
10:00 a.m.	Sheli McGonagill		
<b>Christmas Eve</b>			
December 24, 4:00 p.m.	Lisa Russo	James Stewart	
6:00 p.m.	Laura Dozar	Briant Dozar	
<b>Christmas Day</b>			
December 25, 7:00 a.m.	Blake Orgeron	Donna Gisclair	
10:00 a.m.	Christine Henry	Ann Theriot	
6:30 p.m.	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.

December 18, Rev. Rofinus Jas, SVD

December 19, Rev. Stanley Jawa, SVD

December 20, Rev. Raymond Jones, SVD

December 21, Rev. Ryszard Kalinowski, SVD

December 22, Rev. Andreas Kedati, SVD

December 23, Rev. Steven Kimmons, SJ

December 24, Rev. Andrew Kirschman, SJ

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, Vanessa Clements, Johnny Thomas, Braxton Burch, Reese Grace Johnson, Brooke Rhodes, Brevon & Brinlee Colbert, Shawn McClelland, John Czajka, Jennifer Landry, Harold Adams, Jr., Karen Moore, David Berg, Bren Guillory, John Keenze, Sr., Thomas LeBlanc, IJL, Diane Bates, Travis Blanco, A. Doiron, Marcelle Campbell, Verdie Laws, Kristi Liner, Ana Rogers, BHL, Mable LaCoste, Gwen Tillman, Engelle Borden, Kevin Theriot, Bridget Thibodeaux, MIL, David Gilmore, Jane Webster, Cheryl Williams, Ian Davis, Boyd Landry, Wyanette Monceaux, 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, Claudette Faulk, Archer Rogers, Mike Keith, Katherine (Kit) Guidroz, Patsy Henry, Sonny Gilmore, Laurie Hale, Theresa Henry, Connie Robichaux, Quinn Toups, Gloria Nini, Susan Cantrell, Denyse Millitello, Mike Taylor, Malisa Mayon, Linda DeHart, John Menard, Glenn Eues