

**MASSES FOR THE WEEK**

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 25**

*The Nativity of the Lord*

*Is 52:7-10 / Heb 1:1-6 / Jn 1:1-18*

**7:00 a.m.** William Theriot fly. (L&D), Norman Hymel, Roland Prestenbach fly. (L&D), Bobby Monceaux

**10:00 a.m.** Julie Bradberry, Paul Businelle

**6:30 p.m.** Fran Listi, Michelle Denning

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 26, 6:30 a.m.**

*St. Stephen, The First Martyr*

*Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59 / Mt 10:17-22*

Julie Bradberry, Mary Etta Taylor, Dianne Cremaldi

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 27, 6:30 a.m.**

*St. John, Apostle and Evangelist*

*1 Jn 1:1-4 / Jn 20:1a, 2-8*

Julie Bradberry, Special Intention, Liz Judice, Troy Osburn fly. (L&D)

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 28, 6:30 a.m.**

*The Holy Innocents, Martyrs*

*1 Jn 1:5 — 2:2 / Mt 2:13-18*

Julie Bradberry, Loupe fly. (L&D), In Thanksgiving

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 29, 12:10 p.m.**

*Octave of Christmas*

*1 Jn 2:3-11 / Lk 2:22-35*

Julie Bradberry, Corinne Villard, Mitzi Vaughn

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30**

*The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph*

*Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 / Col 3:12-21 / Lk 2:22-40*

**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), Gary Melancon, Cody Cousins, Lee Nini fly. (L&D), Patrick Gray, Hazel Landry Roy, Lee Landry, Bobby Monceaux, Florence LeBlanc LeBoeuf

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31**

**7:00 a.m.** Al Adams III fly. (L&D), Andy Robichaux, Emile & Ivy Adams, Stephen E. Adams

**10:00 a.m.** Julie Bradberry, M/M E.J. Lemoine fly. (L&D), Edna Alcina, Craig Sehon, Gloria Landry

**6:30 p.m.** Patrick Gray

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**Quelques paroles de Monsieur le Cure**

By the time you read this, it will either be Saturday afternoon or Sunday morning. The church will be decorated for Christmas, the Advent wreath will be back in storage, the mood should be pronouncedly festive.

It will be Christmas 2017.

Some of us remember well New Year's Day 2000.

There were such dire predictions for that day: the electrical grid would fail, elevators would hurl down to the bottom floors, airplanes would fall from the sky, a lack of food and water.

I remember waking up that morning, a Saturday, turning on the bedside lamp. There was electricity. I turned on the television to watch the news. There were no reports of electrical failures, no elevator accidents, no airplane crashes. On the other hand, those who had stockpiled food and water had plenty of extra food that day and for many following.

The New Millennium entered full of promise and hope.

This seems like yesterday to me. Or, it used to feel like yesterday. Not so much anymore.

The senior class, great group of kids that they are, were born in the year 2000. They are for me a living reminder that the years are passing so quickly.

These young people also remind me not to live in the past. Most importantly, they remind me that God's goodness continues to unfold year after year, "His mercies are not exhausted."

I was a little surprised when preparing a homily last weekend when the Holy Spirit seemingly led me to preach about gratitude, inspired by the first Letter to the Thessalonians, "In all circumstances give thanks, for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus."

As I delivered the homily over the four Masses, I realized just how grateful I am for so many wonderful people, so much kindness, so much love. The sentiments remain with me as we celebrate the last few days of Advent.

Be assured that I will remember you with renewed gratitude during this Christmas Season.

I try to use Eucharistic Prayer I during this time because there are pauses to commemorate the living and the dead. As I get older, the pauses are longer because I have so many more to remember at prayer.

As we pause, please know that I am praying for you, your loved ones, and the deceased members of your families.

I know of no better way to respond to your goodness or of expressing my gratitude.

(Msgr.) Courville

**New Announcements**

**Sunday Masses:** The Masses on Saturday and Sunday, December 30 and 31, will be at the usual times and will be the Mass of the Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph.

**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. There will nevertheless be a Mass on Monday, January 1, at 10 a.m. for the Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God.

**Christmas Holidays:** Although the parish office will be closed on Christmas Day, it will be open on Tuesday, December 26, at the usual hours.

**Newly Baptized**

Cohen Lee Callas was baptized on December 17, 2017.

**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 25, Rev. Rodney Kissinger, SJ

December 26, Rev. Clifton Labbe

December 27, Rev. Donovan Labbe

December 28, Rev. Keith LaBove

December 29, Rev. Paul LaFleur

December 30, Rev. Keith Landry

December 31, Rev. O'Neil Landry

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, J.C. Ratcliff, Matthew LeJeune

DATE / TIME	READERS	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION	ROSARY
December 30, 4:00 p.m.	Janea Giroir	Brian Giroir	Jean Beaugh
December 31, 7:00 a.m.	Linda Thomas		
10:00 a.m.	Martha Boudreaux	Carolyn Chaisson	
6:30 p.m.	Luke Orlando	Belinda Boudreaux	