

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, JANUARY 22, 6:30 a.m.

Weekday

2 Sm 5:1-7, 10 / Mk 3:22-30

Julie Bradberry

TUESDAY, JANUARY 23, 6:30 a.m.

Weekday

2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19 / Mk 3:31-35

Julie Bradberry, AML

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24, 6:30 a.m.

St. Francis de Sales, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

2 Sm 7:4-17 / Mk 4:1-20

Julie Bradberry

THURSDAY, JANUARY 25, 6:30 a.m.

Conversion of St. Paul, Apostle

Acts 22:3-16 / Mk 16:15-18

Julie Bradberry, Fran Listi, Michelle Denning

FRIDAY, JANUARY 26, 12:10 p.m.

Sts. Timothy and Titus, Bishops

2 Tm 1:1-8 / Mk 4:26-34

Julie Bradberry, Mary Etta Taylor, Anise & Richard Goodroe, Dianne Cremaldi

SATURDAY, JANUARY 27

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dt 18:15-20 / 1 Cor 7:32-35 / Mk 1:21-28

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, Miles Liner fly. (L&D), Gary Melancon, Cody Cousins, Lee Nini fly. (L&D), Hazel Landry Roy, Lee Landry, Special Intention, Liz Judice

SUNDAY, JANUARY 28

7:00 a.m. Andy Robichaux, Emile & Ivy Adams, Stephen E. Adams

10:00 a.m. Onesime Richard, M/M E.J. Lemoine fly. (L&D), Gloria Landry, Raymond Nini fly. (L&D)

6:30 p.m. Julie Bradberry

Offertory \$3178.00

Quelques paroles de Monsieur le Cure

Readily do I admit that this reflection on the meaning of happiness is a work in progress. As I reflect and write, I am attempting to come to a better appreciation for the experience called happiness.

How would one describe the experience of happiness? Is it a sense or feeling of well-being or satisfaction? Is it euphoria or contentment? Is it all that and more?

Each of us would probably describe our experience of happiness uniquely, that is, what is it that makes me happy.

From that perspective, I return to the quote from St. Therese.

You see, dear Mother, that I am far from being on the way of fear; I always find a way of being happy and of profiting from my miseries; no doubt this does not displease Jesus since He seems to encourage me on this road.

(Story of a Soul: The Autobiography of St. Therese of Lisieux, translated by J. Clarke, O.C.D., ICS Publications 1975, 1976, pg. 173)

What is it that made St. Therese happy?

St. Therese openly described the source of happiness in her life in her autobiography: her deep and profound love for Christ Jesus. It is this love that helped her to overcome her faults, shortcomings, and limitations and to embrace the challenges in her life.

The image of a religious, a nun or sister, being a bride of Christ was standard at that time and until recently. On the day that a young woman was given the habit of her congregation, that is, the beginning of the novitiate or formal training in religious life, she first dressed as a bride and entered the church for the ceremony. Then she left the church, put aside the bridal gown, and returned wearing the habit that she would wear for the rest of her life.

For her profession of vows, St. Therese composed an invitation to her espousal to Christ Jesus. Although written when she was quite young, remember she died at the age of twenty-four, the wording reveals the depth of her love for Christ and her intention to serve Him with her life.

Experts state that knowing one's purpose or having a goal in life is a significant contribution to a life of happiness.

St. Therese knew what she wanted in life but this did not preserve her from hardships and difficulties.

To be continued ...

(Msgr.) Courville

New Announcements

Confirmation: The Most Reverend Glen J. Provost, Bishop of Lake Charles will administer the sacrament of confirmation to our young people on Saturday afternoon, January 27, during the Mass at 4. Please make an effort to attend this special event as a sign of your personal support for our young people.

Special Collection: The second collection next weekend is for the financial support of the Church in Latin America.

Hanson-St. John Schools: Hanson Memorial and St. John Schools will have registration from February 1-28. For inquiries, appointments, and campus tours, telephone 337 828-3487 for Hanson Memorial or 337 828-2648 for St. John. Scholarships are available.

Newly Baptized

Jada Theresa Daigle was baptized on January 14, 2018.

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.

January 22, Rev. Kenneth Mayne
 January 23, Rev. Louis McCabe, SJ
 January 24, Rev. Garrett McIntyre
 January 25, Rev. Bert Mead, SJ
 January 26, Rev. Glenn Meaux, SOLT
 January 27, Rev. Aaron Melancon
 January 28, Rev. Bill Melancon

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, 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, Wy-anette 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, Linda DeHart, John Menard, Glenn Eues, J.C. Ratcliff, Aedan Jones, Tanika Short, Sawyer Allums

DATE / TIME	READERS	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION	ROSARY
January 27, 4:00 p.m.	Janea Giroir	Brian Giroir	Jean Beagh
January 28, 7:00 a.m.	Linda Thomas		
10:00 a.m.	Martha Boudreaux	James Stewart	
6:30 p.m.	Laura Dozar	Briant Dozar	