

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 6:30 a.m.

Lenten Weekday

Dn 9:4b-10 / Lk 6:36-38

Julie Bradberry, Cliff Watson, Mary Etta Taylor, Dianne Cremaldi

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 6:30 a.m.

Lenten Weekday

Is 1:10, 16-20 / Mt 23:1-12

Julie Bradberry, Special Intention, Liz Judice

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 6:30 a.m.

Lenten Weekday

Jer 18:18-20 / Mt 20:17-28

Julie Bradberry

THURSDAY, MARCH 1, 6:30 a.m.

Lenten Weekday

Jer 17:5-10 / Lk 16:19-31

Julie Bradberry, Remy Robichaux, Sonny Baudry

FRIDAY, MARCH 2, 5:30 p.m.

(Way of the Cross followed by Mass)

Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a / Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Julie Bradberry, Elma Braus

SATURDAY, MARCH 3

Lenten Weekday

Mi 7:14-15, 18-20 / Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

8:00 a.m.

Third Sunday of Lent

Ex 20:1-17 / 1 Cor 1:22-25 / Jn 2:13-25

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), Gerald Ohmer fly. (L&D), Jamie & Brittani Head, Gary Melancon, Cody Cousins, Lee Nini, Sr. fly. (L&D), Guy Gilmore, Jr., Dana G. Robin, Bobby Naquin, Anatole & Marcelite Naquin, Tommy Naquin, Beverly Comeaux fly. (L&D), Onesime Richard, Mercedes & Leroy Naquin

SUNDAY, MARCH 4

7:00 a.m. Arden Clair Adams & family (L&D)

10:00 a.m. M/M E.J. Lemoine fly. (L&D), Julie Bradberry

6:30 p.m. Loretta Crouch, Brandie Hollier

Offertory \$3648.56
Black & Indian Missions \$267.00

Quelques paroles de Monsieur le Cure

"When do we say, that's not acceptable, something has to change?"

David Hogg, 17, senior, Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School

I could not bring myself to say anything about the tragic shootings at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School at the Masses last weekend.

As I watched the television news in the days following the shootings, the tears flowed freely. To see the pictures of these young people brutally murdered was heartbreaking. The bravery of the two teachers who were killed was overwhelming, and my heart goes out to their families.

Seventeen people were killed, fourteen wounded, some seriously.

Although I am sure such statistics are available, I do not know if violence is escalating in our country. During the last presidential campaign, I was taken aback by the anger amongst the electorate. There is evidence of strong polarization in our nation.

Is there a connection between anger and violence? Is polarization connected to those two dynamics?

I think so.

The recent events at this high school in Parkland, Florida should compel every person of faith to look deeply into the heart.

Do we express our anger in a healthy way? Do we hold grudges? Do we seek revenge?

I do not know David Hogg, but I would like to meet him, shake his hand, maybe even give him a hug. I would like to tell him how sorry I am for what he and the others have experienced. I wish I could tell him that today is the day we, as a nation, proclaim that it is never acceptable to kill our children, young people, and adults.

Our hearts have to change.

Until then, my prayer for you, David, is that you never change, that you continue to be an articulate and powerful voice for an end to violence in our country too frequently given to destructive hatred.

(Msgr.) Courville

New Announcements

Centennial News: On March 3, 1955, Mother Katharine Drexel passed away at the age of 96. She and the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament, which she founded, would have a profound and lasting effect on the Diocese of Lafayette. With her Sisters and her financial support, the diocese founded many parishes and schools, particularly for the African American Catholics in Acadiana. Her support began in New Iberia in 1917 when she donated funds for a new church, school, and hall to be built. The parish was named after her recently deceased brother-in-law Edward. At the time of her death, Mother Drexel was donating \$20,000 a year to schools and churches in the diocese. In 2000 she was canonized a Saint by Pope St. John Paul II.

Day of Prayer for Women: Father Joe Tetlow, S.J. will present a Lenten day of prayer for women on the theme, "Finding an Attitude of Gratitude" on Tuesday, February 27, 2018, at Our Lady of the Oaks Retreat House, Grand Coteau beginning at 9 a.m. and ending with Mass at 2:15 p.m. For more information or to register, telephone 337 662-5410.

Rest In Peace

Ronald Anthony Blanco, Jr. died on February 16, 2018.

Repeat Announcements

Centennial Items: Centennial paperweights, yard signs, and history books can be purchased at the following locations: Immaculata Center, the Cathedral of St. John gift shop (both in Lafayette), St. Martin of Tours Church (St. Martinville), Queen of Angels (Opelousas), Crossroads Bookstore, and Acadian Religious Shop (both in Lafayette).

Lenten Regulations: We are invited to enter into this penitential season as a community (c. 1249). The Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence, that is, we do not eat meat. This applies to everyone from the age of fourteen on. Adults are obliged to the law of fasting until the age of sixty. Good Friday is a day of both abstinence and fasting. The purpose of abstinence and fasting is to foster a deeper experience of prayer, encourage pious devotions, emphasize acts of charity, and promote fulfilling our duties and responsibilities with greater diligence (c. 1249). In forming their children, parents should introduce them in accord with their age to the values of self-denial and the importance of making sacrifices.

DATE / TIME	READERS	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION	ROSARY
March 3, 4:00 p.m.	Lisa Russo	Alison Wilson	Alison Wilson
March 4, 7:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 6:30 p.m.	Prissy Davis Sandra LeBlanc Luke Orlando	Mary Etta Taylor Belinda Boudreaux	

Centennial Indulgence: An Indulgence granted by Pope Francis can be gained throughout this Centennial Year by all who visit the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist and pray the Centennial Prayer (with the usual conditions for an Indulgence). Please see the diocesan web page for more information. The Centennial Prayer is in the Cathedral or you may print it from the web page (available in various languages on the web page).

Lenten Daily Mass: During the Lenten Season, Mass on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday is at 6:30 a.m. Way of the Cross followed by Mass on Fridays begins at 5:30 p.m. There will be an additional Mass on Saturday mornings at 8. The Masses on Saturday afternoon and Sunday are at the usual times. Confessions will be heard before each weekday and weekend Mass.

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.

- February 26, Rev. Daniel Picard
- February 27, Rev. Mikel Polson
- February 28, Rev. Ruben Primor
- March 1, Pope Francis
- March 2, Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI
- March 3, Bishop J. Douglas Deshotel
- March 4, Bishop Emeritus Michael Jarrell

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, John Czajka, Brooke Rhodes, Brevon & Brinlee Colbert, Shawn McClelland, 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, Katherine (Kit) Guidroz, Patsy Henry, Laurie Hale, Theresa Henry, Connie Robichaux, Quinn Troups, Gloria Nini, Susan Cantrell, Delyse Millitello, Mike Taylor, Linda DeHart, John Menard, Glenn Eues, Aedan Jones, Tanika Short, Sawyer Allums, Johnny Orlando, Dawn Anslem, Dana Hart, Marie Dupre, Richard Burnham, Kenny Moore, Peggy Lovell, Elizabeth West Landry