

**MASSES FOR THE WEEK**

**MONDAY, MAY 7, 6:30 a.m.**

*Easter Weekday*

*Acts 16:11-15 / Jn 15:26 — 16:4a*

Julie Bradberry, Fr. Richard Fabre

**TUESDAY, MAY 8, 6:30 a.m.**

*Easter Weekday*

*Acts 16:22-34 / Jn 16:5-11*

Julie Bradberry, Nila Nini fly. (L&D)

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 9, 6:30 a.m.**

*Easter Weekday*

*Acts 17:15, 22 — 18:1 / Jn 16:12-15*

Julie Bradberry, LJL

**THURSDAY, MAY 10, 6:30 a.m.**

*Easter Weekday*

*Acts 18:1-8 / Jn 16:16-20*

Julie Bradberry, Melissa Rhodes, JPL, Barbara LeLeux, Norman Hymel

**FRIDAY, MAY 11, 12:10 p.m.**

*Easter Weekday*

*Acts 18:9-18 / Jn 16:20-23*

Julie Bradberry

**SATURDAY, MAY 12**

*The Ascension of the Lord*

*Acts 1:1-11 / Eph 1:17:23 / Mk 16:15-20*

**4:00 p.m.** M/M Ivan Carline fly. (L&D), M/M George Fabre, Julie Bradberry, Miles Liner fly. (L&D), Lee Nini, Sr. fly. (L&D), Dana G. Robin, Hazel Landry Roy, Lee Landry, Cody Cousins, Gary Melancon, Monica Mancuso, Stephanie Baudry, Nila Nini fly. (L&D), Beverly Comeaux

**SUNDAY, MAY 13**

**7:00 a.m.** Bobby Monceaux, Arden Adams, Terry Blanco

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

**6:30 p.m.** Theresa Henry

Offertory \$3494.00

Home Missions \$ 465.00

**Quelques paroles de Monsieur le Cure**

Bring flowers of the rarest  
bring blossoms the fairest  
from garden and woodland and hillside and dale;  
our full hearts are swelling  
our glad voices telling  
the praise of the loveliest flower of the vale!

O Mary we crown thee with blossoms today!  
Queen of the Angels and Queen of the May.  
O Mary we crown thee with blossoms today.  
Queen of the Angels and Queen of the May.

The above is the first verse and the refrain from the hymn "Bring Flowers of the Rarest" by Mary E. Walsh and first published in 1871. This morning when I woke up, May 1, this old hymn came to my mind, bringing back memories of my childhood and days as a young priest.

The month of May has historically been dedicated to the Blessed Mother. In the 1950s when I began school at Mt. Carmel in Lafayette, devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary was popular and widespread. Because Mount Carmel was a school of the Sisters of Mount Carmel, an order especially dedicated to the Blessed Mother, May devotions in honor of the Blessed Mother were simply part of our lives.

The rosary, as should be expected, was a major part of these devotions. We were encouraged to carry a rosary with us, although most of us elected to keep a rosary hanging from our desks. May marked a time when we would recite a decade of the rosary in class. May also included at least one living rosary. It was an honor to lead in the recitation of the rosary or to be a part of the living rosary.

But the most unique May devotion was the crowing of the statue of the Blessed Mother. At times a single class would participate, at other times the entire school.

When I returned to the school twenty years later, the May devotions were unchanged. The school, now called Cathedral-Carmel, maintained these practices faithfully. The children participated in the same devotions that I had.

The hymn quoted above accompanied the crowning of the statue. There is a good reason then that the hymn remains alive in my heart and soul. And I still usually have a rosary in my pocket.

This month I will also recall with deep affection the Sisters of Mount Carmel who initiated my education so effectively. I will pray for the two Sisters who are still living and for the intercession of the others who now look upon the face of God, undoubtedly in the company of the Blessed Mother, Queen of Carmel, Queen of the Angels, Queen of the May.

(Msgr.) Courville

**New Announcements**

**Centennial News:** This month of May during the centennial year recalls the early devotion to the Blessed Mother in the history of the diocese. Bishop Jeanmard and many people of the diocese had a deep devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary. Bishop Jeanmard's motto, "Under Thy Protection," is taken from a prayer to the Blessed Mother. In 1953, Bishop Jeanmard asked for all families to pray the rosary, "We do not place all our confidence in the atomic bomb or other lethal weapons of war, but in Jesus Christ and the intercession of our Blessed Mother to whom this Diocese owes so much." Bishop Schexnayder, the second Bishop of Lafayette, also had a deep devotion to the Blessed Mother. His episcopal motto, "To Thee Do We Cry," is also taken from a Marian prayer.

**Directed Retreats:** The Jesuit Spirituality Center in Grand Coteau offers silent, individually-directed retreats of three, five, or eight day duration beginning on Monday, May 28, or Thursday, May 31. To register or for more information, visit [jesuitspiritualitycenter.org](http://jesuitspiritualitycenter.org) or telephone 337 662-5251 on Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to noon or 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

**May Devotion:** The rosary will be recited every day during the month of May at Sacred Heart Church, Morgan City, in the area of the grotto from Monday through Friday at 4 p.m., Saturdays at 5:30 p.m., and Sundays at 5:15 p.m.

**Rest In Peace**

Jamey Lynn Grizzaffi died on April 25, 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.

- May 7, Rev. Lloyd Benoit
- May 8, Rev. Paul Bergeron
- May 9, Rev. Conley Bertrand
- May 10, Rev. Kenneth Bienvenu
- May 11, Rev. Paul Bienvenu
- May 12, Very Rev. William Blanda, VF
- May 13, Rev. Howard Blessing

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, Connie Robichaux, Quinn Touns, Gloria Nini, Susan Cantrell, Denyse Millitello, Mike Taylor, Linda DeHart, John Menard, Glenn Eues, Aedan Jones, Tanika Short, Sawyer Allums, Dawn Anslem, Dana Hart, Marie Dupre, Richard Burnham, Kenny Moore, Peggy Lovell, Elizabeth West Landry, Nicholas Wiggins, Hunter Chaisson, Gene Dreher, Cori Contreras, Cohen Callas, Julia West

DATE / TIME	READERS	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION	ROSARY
May 12, 4:00 p.m.	Kathy LaBouve	Lonnie LaBouve	Mary Catherine Gray
May 13, 7:00 a.m.	Blake Orgeron		
10:00 a.m.	Sheli McGonagill	Donna Gisclair	
6:30 p.m.	Michelle Boudreaux	Chuck Boudreaux	