

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, OCTOBER 1, 6:30 a.m.

St. Therese of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church

Jb 1:6-22 / Lk 9:46-50

Julie Bradberry, Sonny Baudry

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 2, 6:30 a.m.

The Holy Guardian Angels

Jb 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23 / Mt 18:1-5, 10

Julie Bradberry, Elma Braus

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 3, 6:30 a.m.

Weekday in Ordinary Time

Jb 9:1-12, 14-16 / Lk 9:57-62

Julie Bradberry, John L. Hollier

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 4, 6:30 a.m.

St. Francis of Assisi

Jb 19:21-27 / Lk 10:1-12

Julie Bradberry

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 5, 12:10 p.m.

Weekday in Ordinary Time

Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5 / Lk 10:13-16

Julie Bradberry

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 6

Weekday in Ordinary Time / First Saturday

Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17 / Lk 10:17-24

8:00 a.m. John L. Hollier

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Gn 2:18-24 / Heb 2:9-11 / Mk 10:2-16

4:00 p.m. M/M Ivan Carline fly. (L&D), M/M Joseph P. Russo fly. (L&D), M/M George Fabre, Julie Bradberry, Miles Liner fly. (L&D), Lee Nini, Sr. fly. (L&D), Gary Melancon, Cody Cousins, Gayle Arnould, Dana G. Robin, Wayne Vining, Bobby Naquin, Onesime Richard, Anise & Richard Goodroe, Mercedes & Leroy Naquin, Anatole & Marcelite Naquin, Tommy Naquin, Eva Mae Nini

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 7

7:00 a.m. Connie Robichaux, John L. Hollier, Autry Gaspard

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

6:30 p.m. Theresa Henry

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**Quelques paroles de Monsieur le Cure**

Novenas for various occasions are part of my experience. My childhood was enriched by these times of fervent prayer. The model for the practice is the nine days of prayer between the Ascension of the Lord and the Coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. The Acts of the Apostles recounts that the Blessed Mother, the Apostles, and some other disciples spent those nine days in prayer (Acts 1:13-14).

Consequently the custom centers on the number nine: nine days or nine weeks of prayer. Over the centuries some novenas became perpetual. The novena may be centered principally on God or a Divine Attribute, the Blessed Mother, a saint, or one approved by the Church for public veneration.

The novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help, for example, is a weekly novena held throughout the year, usually on Tuesdays. Attendance at the novena and Mass on Tuesday evenings was simply a part of my childhood, as it was to many in Cecilia. It is still commonly observed on Tuesday evenings in more traditional parishes like the Cathedral and St. Martin of Tours.

An early recollection is the annual novena at the Carmelite Monastery in Lafayette in preparation for the feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel on July 16. In earlier days the novena consisted of prayers and reflection in the evenings led by a priest selected by the nuns. The novena ended on the feast itself with a Solemn Pontifical Mass celebrated by Bishop Schexnayder.

Later the celebration of Mass replaced the prayers and reflection. The attendance initially was not that significant. Much later, through the initiative and perseverance of the late Sister Mary Grace, people filled to overflowing the chapel and connected vestibule.

I have not attended the novena in many years. But last week I decided to make a private novena here in preparation for the feast of St. Therese of Lisieux on October 1. The idea came to me when I read the newsletter from the Carmel of Port Tobacco, Maryland. The nuns enclosed the prayer they were using in their novena as well as a prayer for priests.

I decided to join them in the prayers for these nine days, asking St. Therese to "help me to release my fears to you" and to "Open my heart to God's love," as well as to "send a 'shower of roses' to intercede for me in times of need."

Although I ask St. Therese to pray for me at least four times during a typical day, I thought it good to engage in these nine days of prayers at this time.

I have personally benefited from the intercession of St. Therese throughout my life, experiencing time and again the "shower of roses" she promised to send upon the world after her death. I continue to profit from her teaching and to be inspired by her example.

(Msgr.) Courville

**New Announcements**

**First Saturday:** Saturday, October 6, is the first Saturday of the month. In addition to the afternoon Mass, there will be a mass at 8 a.m.

**Absence:** Monsignor Courville will be away from the parish from Saturday, October 6, until Friday, October 12, attending the national canon law meeting. He will also be away from the parish from Monday afternoon, October 15, until Thursday afternoon, October 18, making his annual retreat.

**Housekeeping Position Available:** The position of housekeeper for the rectory is open. The job consists of general housekeeping, laundry, and some meal preparation. The salary is commensurate with experience and expertise. Interested applicants should contact Monsignor Courville at 985 385-1280.

**Received Into Full Communion**

Wayne Dilbert Munk was received into Full Communion on September 22, 2018.

**Repeat Announcements**

**Catechetical Program:** Sessions for both the younger and older children began on Wednesday, September 12. The younger group, those in the 1st through the 5th grades in school, meet from 3:15 to 4:15 in the afternoon and the older children, those in grades 6th through 11th, from 6:30 to 7:30 in the evening. Note the change in time. It is never too late for children and young people to participate in the program.

**Centennial Fest:** There will be a Youth Gathering at Parc International in Downtown Lafayette on Saturday, October 20, from 3 to 8 p.m. The event includes music, speakers, Mass, food and candlelight Eucharistic adoration with Bishop Deshotel. Young people, families, clergy and religious are invited.

**Pilgrimage to Washington, D.C.:** Fr. Bennerfield of St. Joseph parish in Patterson will lead a pilgrimage to Washington, D.C. for the annual Right to Life Rally and March from January 15-19, 2019. For further information contact Katie Borchert of Uniglobe Associated Travel at 337 769-4774 or Fr. Bennerfield at 985 395-3616.

| DATE / TIME                                     | READERS                                                   | EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION | ROSARY              |
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| October 6, 4:00 p.m.                            | Janea Giroir                                              | Brian Giroir                         | Mary Catherine Gray |
| October 7, 7:00 a.m.<br>10:00 a.m.<br>6:30 p.m. | Susan Blanchard<br>Martha Boudreaux<br>Michelle Boudreaux | Debra Parker<br>Chuck Boudreaux      |                     |

**St. Landry Cemetery Tours:** St. Landry Church and the Opelousas Little Theater will sponsor reenactment tours of the cemetery on the weekends of October 13-14 and 20-21. For more information telephone 337 942-6552 or 337 308-3474.

**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.

- October 1, Pope Francis
- October 2, Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI
- October 3, Bishop J. Douglas Deshotel
- October 4, Bishop Emeritus Michael Jarrell
- October 5, Rev. Robert Courville
- October 6, Rev. Angelo Cremaldi
- October 7, Rev. Barry Crochet

Please pray for the sick of our parish: Diane Bergeron, Reggie Sarnpey, Floyd & Linda Robicheaux, Roxanne Colbert, Michael Keller, Wendell Chauvin, Anthony Rhodes, Sr., Paul Bower, Deborah Hernandez, Johnny Thomas, Braxton Burch, John Czajka, Brevon & Brinlee Colbert, Shawn McClelland, Jennifer Landry, Harold Adams, Jr., Karen Moore, David Berg, John Keenze, Sr., Thomas LeBlanc, IJL, Diane Bates, Travis Blanco, A. Doiron, Marcelle Campbell, Ana Rogers, BHL, Mable LaCoste, Gwen Tillman, Engelle Borden, Kevin Theriot, Bridget Thibodeaux, MIL, David Gilmore, Jane Webster, Ian Davis, Boyd Landry, Wyanette Monceaux, Clay Leonard, Lee Nini, Jr., Mary Grace Rentrop, Marlene Cole, Brenda Dooley, Marilyn Simmons, 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, Laurie Hale, Quinn Toups, Susan Cantrell, Denyse Millitello, Mike Taylor, Linda DeHart, John Menard, Glenn Eues, Aedan Jones, Sawyer Allums, Dawn Anslem, Dana Hart, Marie Dupre, Nicholas Wiggins, Hunter Chaisson, Gene Dreher, Cori Contreras, Cohen Callas, Debbie Zorn, Eddie Hamlett, Jahmarla Guidry, Richard Clark, Chris Rodrigue, Kristi Liner, Scott Rhodes, James Sauce, Cameron Webster, L.J. Chase, Chad Arnaud, Mary Jack Geoffery