

## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

**MONDAY, AUGUST 22, 6:30 a.m.**

*The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary*  
2 Thes 1:1-5, 11-12 / Mt 23:13-22

Julie Bradberry, For an end to abortion, Sarah Theriot

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 23, 6:30 a.m.**

*Weekday in Ordinary Time*  
2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17 / Mt 23:23-36

Julie Bradberry, AML

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 24, 6:30 a.m.**

*St. Bartholomew, Apostle*  
Rv 21:9b-14 / Jn 1:45-51

Julie Bradberry

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 25, 6:30 a.m.**

*Weekday in Ordinary Time*  
1 Cor 1:1-9 / Mt 24:42-51

Julie Bradberry, Michelle Denning, Fran Listi

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 26, 12:10 p.m.**

*Weekday in Ordinary Time*  
1 Cor 1:17-25 / Mt 25:1-13

Julie Bradberry, Mary Etta Taylor

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 27**

*Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29 / Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a /  
Lk 14:1, 7-14

**4:00 p.m.** Joseph P. Russo fly. (L&D), Gerald Ohmer fly. (L&D), M/M George Fabre, Julie Bradberry, Jamie & Brittani Head, M/M Ivan Carline fly. (L&D), Miles Liner fly. (L&D), Lee Nini, Sr. fly. (L&D), Gary Melancon, Cody Cousins, Ira & Lizetta LaCoste, Ira LaCoste fly. (L&D), Liz Judice

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 28**

**7:00 a.m.** Loretta Crouch, Hollier & Marks families

**10:00 a.m.** Julie Bradberry, M/M E.J. Lemoine fly. (L&D), Nila Nini, Grant Hebert, Dale Chaisson

**6:30 p.m.** Ray Raspberry

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## **Quelques paroles de Monsieur le Cure**

Is complaining helpful?

Sometimes complaining is helpful, sometimes not.

Complaining can be helpful when it is directed toward someone who is able to respond to the situation, done in a constructive and positive manner, and at the appropriate time.

Complaining at an inappropriate time to someone who can do nothing about the situation is not helpful. Complaints uttered disrespectfully and negatively are odious. Timing is significant.

As a people of faith, moreover, we should reflect carefully before unloosening our tongues to spew forth our displeasure.

Although I have been thinking about this for a few weeks, I was reluctant to address the issue because my comments may have been dismissed as idiosyncratic. On the very morning that I had decided not to write about complaining, this sermon from St. Augustine was part of the Office of Readings:

Whenever we suffer some affliction, we should regard it as a punishment and a correction. Our holy Scriptures themselves do not promise us peace, security, and rest. On the contrary, the Gospel makes no secret of the troubles and temptations that await us, but it also says that *he who perseveres to the end will be saved.*

(Sermon of St. Augustine, Liturgy of the Hours, vol. IV, Wednesday of the Twentieth Week in Ordinary Time)

We, however, acting from our self-centeredness, our false self, think that we have a right to have things our way, to come very close to a commercial slogan. When this self-created right is violated, we take umbrage and express our complaints, summoning all of our self-righteous indignation.

Does any good come from this? Does this benefit self, others, or God? Does it not rather contribute to the demise of the person, the destruction of community?

If we were to respond to the same situation in accord with our true self, we would see an opportunity to grow in virtue, in imitation of the Lord Jesus. Is there anyone who does not deserve some punishment for past or present offenses? Is there someone who does not need to be corrected?

Our participation in the Mass brings us into contact with the Mystery of the Death and Resurrection of the Lord. Part of that contact means that we unite our suffering with His. If we will not make the effort to embrace the minor inconveniences as part of that suffering, how can we ever think that we will be able to unite the significant suffering that will eventually be a part of our lives? Is not the adage practice makes perfect?

Embrace the inconveniences, control the tongue, and seize the opportunity, the grace of the moment.

If we do, we make our community a more Christian environment.

(Msgr.) Courville

## New Announcements

**Confirmation:** Bishop Deshotel will administer the sacrament of confirmation here on Wednesday evening, February 15, 2017, at 6:30. Practice for the ceremony is on Sunday, February 12, after the evening Mass. Candidates and their sponsors should attend the practice.

**Choir:** The choir will resume singing at the 10 a.m. Mass on Sunday, September 4. This would be a good time to have new members. A choir does add so much to the Mass. Please give this some thought.

**Retreat Opportunities:** The Jesuit Spirituality Center, Grand Coteau, offers silent, individually directed retreats of three, five, or eight days beginning on Monday, September 6, or Friday, September 9. To apply or register visit [jesuitspiritualitycenter.org](http://jesuitspiritualitycenter.org) or telephone 337 662-5251 on Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. until noon or 1 to 5 p.m.

**Pilgrimage:** Father Bennerfield, pastor of St. Joseph Church, Patterson, will lead a pilgrimage on October 8 in the Acadiana area. The places of pilgrimage are St. Peter Church, Carencro; St. John Berchmans Shrine, Grand Coteau; Charlene Richard grave, Richard; Immaculate Conception Church, Washington; St. Landry Church, Opelousas. For more information, telephone Angie Stelly, 985 759-3154.

## Repeat Announcements

**Religion Classes:** Religion classes for this academic year began on Wednesday, August 10. The lower grades meet at 3:15 p.m. and the upper grades at 6:15 p.m. If you have not yet registered your children, please do so.

DATE / TIME	READERS	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER OF COMMUNION	ROSARY
August 27, 4:00 p.m.	Kathy LaBouve	Lonnie LaBouve	Linda Thomas
August 28, 7:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 6:30 p.m.	Prissy Davis Ann Lombardo Anne Theriot	Debra Parker Brian Theriot	

**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.

August 22, Rev. Mark Ledoux  
August 23, Rev. Austin Leger  
August 24, Rev. Lambert Lein, SVD  
August 25, Rev. Roland Lesseps, SJ  
August 26, Rev. James Liprie, OSB  
August 27, Rev. Albert Louapre, SJ  
August 28, Rev. Thomas Madden, SJ

**Please pray for the sick of our parish:** Diane Bergeron, Reggie Sampey, Gayle Arnould, Floyd & Linda Robicheaux, Roxanne Colbert, Theresa Henry, Michael Keller, Wendell Chauvin, Anthony Rhodes, Sr., Paul Bower, Deborah Hernandez, Ken Macey, Vanessa Clements, Onesime Richard, Ada Fangué, Johnny Thomas, Rand Nini, Braxton Burch, Kim Beaver, Reese Grace Johnson, Roland Lege, Jr., Brooke Rhodes, Edna Alcina, Brevon & Brinlee Colbert, Shawn McClelland, John Czajka, Greg Cart, Jennifer Landry, Harold Adams, Jr., Tod Dossier, Jeff Brown, Beatrice Talbot, Karen Moore, David Berg, Bren Guillory, John Keenze, Sr., Frank Cavalier, Thomas LeBlanc, Samantha & Sammy Barker, Diane Bates, Travis Blanco, Marcelle Campbell, Lenora Ackman, Verdie Laws, Kristi Liner, Anna Rogers, Mary Geofroy, Mable LaCoste, Jerry Guillory, Gwen Tillman, Tammy Flirt, Engelle Borden, Kevin Theriot, Bridget Thibodeaux, Donovan LeBlanc, Donna Duplantis, Susan Price, David Gilmore, Jane Webster, Cheryl Williams, Ian Davis, Boyd Landry, Bobby Monceaux, Adeline Maddix, Valerie Bella, Cass Oubre, Clay Leonard, Donna Barrow Hoya, Tina Theriot, Gretchen & Lee Nini, Jr., Alli Keith, Gloria Landry, Mary Grace Rentrop, Marlene Cole, Brenda Dooley, Marilyn Simmons, Wayne Crappell, Jeanine Derise, Michelle Billiot Landry, Ginger Berryhill, Daniel Fromenthal