

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

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

*Weekday in Ordinary Time
Jb 1:6-22 / Lk 9:46-50*

Julie Bradberry, Mary Etta Taylor, Candace Givens fly. (L&D), Katie Dunn

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

*St. Vincent de Paul, Priest
Jb 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23 / Lk 9:51-56*

Julie Bradberry, Liz Judice, Lee Nini, Sr., Candace Givens fly. (L&D), Katie Dunn

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

*Weekday in Ordinary Time
Jb 9:1-12, 14-16 / Lk 9:57-62*

Julie Bradberry, Ruby Pete, Candace Givens fly. (L&D)

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 6:30 a.m.

*Sts. Michael, Gabriel & Raphael, Archangels
Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 / Jn 1:47-51*

Julie Bradberry, Candace Givens fly. (L&D)

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 12:10 p.m.

*St. Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church
Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5 / Lk 10:13-16*

Julie Bradberry

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1

St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church / First Saturday

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

8:00 a.m. Reparation for the offenses committed against the Immaculate Heart of Mary, Conversion of poor sinners

*Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
Hb 1:2-3; 2:2-4 / 2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14 / Lk 17:5-10*

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, Andrew J. Daigle, Ray Grow, Rosie Mickler, Iwilla Henry, Debra MacConnell, Sonny Baudry

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2

7:00 a.m. Loretta Crouch, Hollier & Marks families, Ida Mae Bergeron

10:00 a.m. Julie Bradberry, M/M E.J. Lemoine fly. (L&D), Nila Nini, Elma Braus, Guy Pete, Marcelite & Anatole Naquin, Leroy Naquin, Tommy Naquin

6:30 p.m. Ray Rasberry, Reparation for sins of abortion, blasphemy & pornography

Offertory \$4048.00

Quelques paroles de Monsieur le Cure

The future Bishop Schexnayder was appointed to St. John the Evangelist parish in Plaquemine for his first assignment after ordination to the priesthood.

As was the practice then, Father Schexnayder, as an assistant pastor, was expected to visit the classrooms of the Catholic school and give catechism lessons.

Soon after he began his ministry in Plaquemine, Father Schexnayder was completing his catechism lesson when the Angelus bell began sounding. The future bishop announced to the class that he did not know the Angelus in English and asked for a student to lead the class in the prayer.

After the class was dismissed for lunch, the Nun who taught the class told the future bishop that he should never tell children that he did not know something. The correct way for him to have responded, according to this Nun, was for him to have called on a student to lead the prayer as a test of their knowledge. Teachers should never, she said, admit that they did not know something.

Because Bishop Schexnayder shared this incident with me some fifty years later, I concluded that he took the Nun's admonition to heart.

When I began teaching, there were a few older Nuns who still held to that belief. The Nun who supervised me, in contrast, instructed me to be honest and admit that I did not know the answer to a question posed by a student, but also to tell the class that I would research the question and have an answer by next class.

What would Bishop Schexnayder say?

Not just teachers, but people in various positions of authority today more readily not only admit to not knowing everything, but also acknowledge making mistakes. Well, this is true of those in authority who also have integrity.

What would Bishop Schexnayder have thought as he heard his fellow bishops publicly acknowledge the mistakes they made? What would he have thought upon listening to Pope John Paul apologize for certain errors of the Church during various historical eras?

Apologies and acknowledgements of being wrong or making a mistake do not come easily for many. One bishop, upon being transferred to another diocese, told the priests as he was leaving that, if he offended anyone, it was only out of his zeal for the Gospel. This man obviously held himself in high esteem.

St. Benedict, in his Rule, provided a regular opportunity for the monks to share their faults with the community. This provided an opportunity for the monks to acknowledge their mistakes and to forgive one another.

Could families benefit from a similar practice? Could it be good for a family to gather together, acknowledge wrongdoing and experience forgiveness? Could the same be true for groups of friends or other social gatherings?

That kind of honesty, integrity and forgiveness prevents the devil from fostering hard feelings, division, and hatred.

Bishop Schexnayder would definitely approve.

(Msgr.) Courville

New Announcements

First Saturday Devotion: Saturday, October 1, is the first Saturday of the month. There will be a Mass on Saturday morning at 8 in addition to the regularly scheduled evening Mass.

Repeat Announcements

Retreat Opportunities: The Jesuit Spirituality Center, Grand Coteau, offers silent, individually directed retreats of three, five, or eight days beginning on Monday, October 3, or Thursday, October 6. To apply or register visit jesuitspiritualitycenter.org or telephone 337 662-5251 on Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. until noon or 1 to 5 p.m.

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.

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.

| DATE / TIME | READERS | EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER OF COMMUNION | ROSARY |
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| October 1, 4:00 p.m. | Lisa Russo | Alison Wilson | Alison Wilson |
| October 2, 7:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 6:30 p.m. | Susan Blanchard Ann Lombardo Monique Ratcliff | Donna Gisclair Belinda Boudreaux | |

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.

September 26, Rev. Jerome Neyrey, SJ
September 27, Rev. Leon Ngandu, SVD
September 28, Rev. James Nguyen
September 29, Rev. Thomas Nguyen
September 30, Rev. Gayle Nunez
October 1, Pope Francis
October 2, Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI

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 Fangue, 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., 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, Verdine 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, 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, Jeana Francis, Duval family, Julie Barrilleaux, Debby Morella, Jake Billiot, Steve Thorguson