

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, MARCH 27, 6:30 a.m.

Lenten Weekday

Is 65:17-21 / Jn 4:43-54

Julie Bradberry, Liz Judice

TUESDAY, MARCH 28, 6:30 a.m.

Lenten Weekday

Ez 47:1-9, 12 / Jn 5:1-16

Julie Bradberry, Gloria Landry

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29, 6:30 a.m.

Lenten Weekday

Is 49:8-15 / Jn 5:17-30

Julie Bradberry, Ruby Pete

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

Lenten Weekday

Ex 32:7-14 / Jn 5:31-47

Julie Bradberry

FRIDAY, MARCH 31, 5:30 p.m.

(Way of the Cross followed by Mass)

Lenten Weekday

Wis 2:1a, 12-22 / Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Julie Bradberry, Al Adams III fly. (L&D)

SATURDAY, APRIL 1

Lenten Weekday

Jer 11:18-20 / Jn 7:40-53

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

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Ez 37:12-14 / Rom 8:8-11 / Jn 11:1-45

4:00 p.m. M/M Ivan Carline fly. (L&D), Joseph P. Russo fly. (L&D), Gerald Ohmer fly. (L&D), Julie Bradberry, Jamie & Brittani Head, Miles Liner fly. (L&D), Lee Nini, Sr. fly. (L&D), Cody Cousins, Gary Melancon, Norman Hymel, Patrick Gray, Betty Jacquet, Sonny Baudry, Audrey Kaan, Albert Vaughn, Tommy Naquin, Mercedes & Leroy Naquin, Anatole & Marcelite Naquin

SUNDAY, APRIL 2

7:00 a.m. Emile & Ivy Adams, Stephen E. Adams, Andy Robichaux

10:00 a.m. Julie Bradberry, M/M E.J. Lemoine fly. (L&D), Donovan LeBlanc, Nila Nini, E.P. Barbier fly. (L&D)

6:30 p.m. Elma Braus, Isabella Braus

Offertory \$3893.00
Donation \$ 500.00

Quelques paroles de Monsieur le Cure

The game started out fiercely competitive, but ended with a 7 -2 loss.

The boys were visibly disappointed and discouraged. They are in a slump as of this writing.

As is customary, the two teams lined up after the game to engage in the ritual of the rapid, and at times most perfunctory, handshake, of sorts. Normally it is more of a quick brushing with the hand.

This is a practice that I have witnessed many times. But to my delight, I watched many of the boys not only exchange the handshake, but also give each other a warm embrace.

You might need to re-read the passage above. These boys, having just played an amazing and fiercely competitive game, with much riding on the outcome, embraced one another.

Although I share their disappointment, I could not be prouder of them for such a public display of outstanding sportsmanship. Even more, they exhibited the best in humanity itself, real hope for our future.

In 1950 Henry R. Sanders uttered the oft-repeated quote, "Winning isn't everything; it's the only thing."

Any entity, athletic or otherwise, that ascribes to that quote will destroy its very soul.

The secularists, and the anti-Catholic bigots, will undoubtedly take me to task for imposing Catholicism. The concept of the soul, however, comes from the philosophy of Socrates, Plato, and Aristotle.

The soul is fundamentally the principle of life. When an individual or a group espouses triumph as the essential and sole value, that life is diminished and weakened. Sincerity, integrity, and authenticity are destroyed. Death enters into the vacuum pathologically created by the "winning" mentality. This facilitates loss of respect for others, the losers all too often dismissed as being too weak for a fit society; destructive competition; and ultimate loss of a sense of self, with the consequent inability to relate to others in a meaningful way.

Is this an excessive exaggeration? You might want to think about it before dismissing it. Reflect on the collapse of Wall Street and the banking crisis. Think about leaders of countries who led their citizens into tragic loss of life. Think about coaches who use their players as fodder for their careers with no concern for their well-being.

Will I be at the re-match this afternoon? I will. Will I be pulling for our boys to win? I will. Have I been praying for them to win? Yes, I have, but do not tell Bishop Deshotel.

Most importantly, I want the boys to be true to themselves. They are gifted athletes, with superior physical prowess and mental acumen. As a group, they are also very loveable, good-natured, kind hearted. None of those qualities are mutually exclusive.

At the end of the game, regardless of the final score, let them walk off the field as the winners that they are: outstanding young athletes of impeccable character manifesting the highest standards.

They did this Tuesday afternoon. They will again on Thursday.

Yes, I admit, I also want the score to be in their favor.

(Msgr.) Courville

New Announcements

Special Collection: The second collection this weekend is for the financial support of Catholic Relief Services. This organization provides emergency assistance both here and abroad in moments of natural disasters or other dire needs.

Repeat Announcements

Retreat Opportunities: The Jesuit Spirituality Center, Grand Coteau, will have silent, individually directed retreats of three, five, or eight day duration beginning on Monday, April 3, or Thursday, April 6. For more information or to register, visit jesuitspiritualitycenter.org or telephone 337 662-5251.

Volunteers Needed: Parishioners have been volunteering to maintain the various areas of the yard for the past six years or so. Some are no longer able to keep up the work. Volunteers are needed to perform this very valuable service. If you are interested, please speak to Linda Thomas.

Hospice Volunteers: Notre Dame Hospice is looking for volunteers to provide companionship, caregiver relief, run errands, play music, or offer any talent that you have to share. For additional information, telephone Melissa Meyers, 504 920-8442, or email mmeyers@arch-no.org

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.

March 27, Rev. Brad Guillory
March 28, Bishop Curtis Guillory, SVD
March 29, Rev. Joshua Guillory, JCL
March 30, Rev. Jude Halphen
March 31, Rev. Brian Harrington
April 1, Pope Francis
April 2, Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI

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, Ken Macey, Vanessa Clements, Onesime Richard, Johnny Thomas, Braxton Burch, Kim Beaver, Reese Grace Johnson, Roland Lege, Jr., Brooke Rhodes, Edna Alcina, Brevon & Brinlee Colbert, Shawn McClelland, John Czajka, Jennifer Landry, Harold Adams, Jr., Jeff Brown, Beatrice Talbot, Karen Moore, David Berg, Bren Guillory, John Keenze, Sr., Frank Cavalier, Thomas LeBlanc, IJL, Diane Bates, Travis Blanco, A. Doiron, Marcelle Campbell, Verdie Laws, Kristi Liner, Ana Rogers, BHL, Mary Geoffroy, Mable LaCoste, Jerry Guillory, Gwen Tillman, Engelle Borden, Kevin Theriot, Bridget Thibodeaux, Donna Duplantis, Susan Price, David Gilmore, MIL, Jane Webster, Cheryl Williams, Ian Davis, Boyd Landry, Bobby Monceaux, Adeline Maddix, Clay Leonard, Gretchen & Lee Nini, Jr., Mary Grace Rentrop, Marlene Cole, Brenda Dooley, Marilyn Simmons, Wayne Crappell, CJL, Michelle Billiot Landry, Ginger Berryhill, Daniel Fromenthal, Jeana Francis, Julie Barrilleaux, Jake Billiot, Steve Thorguson, Teresa Allbriton, Shirley Gilfour, BGL, Oliver Alfred, Angie Melancon, Archer Rogers, Jean Mitchell, Bart Thibodeaux, Katherine (Kit) Guidroz, Patsy Henry

DATE / TIME	READERS	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER OF COMMUNION	ROSARY
April 1, 4:00 p.m.	Stan Beaubouef	Linda Beaubouef	Mary Catherine Gray
April 2, 7:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 6:30 p.m.	Susan Blanchard Sheli McGonagill Landon Broussard	Debra Parker Belinda Boudreaux	