

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, MAY 22, 6:30 a.m.

Easter Weekday

Acts 16:11-15 / Jn 15:26 — 16:4a

Julie Bradberry, For an end to abortion, Sarah Theriot

TUESDAY, MAY 23, 6:30 a.m.

Easter Weekday

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

Julie Bradberry, A.M.L.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 24, 6:30 a.m.

Easter Weekday

Acts 17:15, 22 — 18:1 / Jn 16:12-15

Julie Bradberry, Heloise Hymel Becnel

THURSDAY, MAY 25, 6:30 a.m.

Easter Weekday

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

Julie Bradberry, Fran Listi, Michelle Denning

FRIDAY, MAY 26, 12:10 p.m.

St. Philip Neri, Priest

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

Julie Bradberry, Mary Etta Taylor

SATURDAY, MAY 27

The Ascension of the Lord

Acts 1:1-11 / Eph 1:17-23 / Mt 28:16-20

4:00 p.m. Ivan Carline fly. (L&D), M/M Joseph P. Russo fly. (L&D), Julie Bradberry, Gerald Ohmer fly. (L&D), Jamie & Brittani Head, Miles Liner fly. (L&D), Dana G. Robin, Gary Melancon, Cody Cousins, Patrick Gray, Lee Nini fly. (L&D), Liz Judice, Thelma Hartman

SUNDAY, MAY 28

7:00 a.m. Julie P. Barrilleaux

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

6:30 p.m. Ray Raspberry

Offertory	\$2529.00
Donation	\$ 500.00

Quelques paroles de Monsieur le Cure

"Made like him, like him we rise; Alleluia!"

(Text by Wesley and music by Williams, Eighteenth Century)

As a people of faith, we believe in the Incarnation: the Second Person of the Blessed Trinity, the Son, joined a human nature to His Divine Nature. Our Lord Jesus Christ, true God and true man, is one Divine Person with a Divine Nature and a human nature.

The Pascal Mystery, to which there are multiple references in the Masses of the Easter Season, is the Passion, Death, Resurrection, and Ascension of the Lord Jesus. The Gospels emphasize that Our Lord Jesus entered fully into human life, truly experienced suffering and death, and that the same Body that was placed in the tomb is the Body that also rose from the dead in the Glory of God, and that the glorified Resurrected Christ ascended into heaven.

Aware of the Fall of Man as described in the Book of Genesis, we understand that Christ Jesus, true God and true man, is the only means by which reparation could be made for the sins of humanity. As we hear frequently during the Easter Masses, the suffering of the Lord, the wounds He endured, becomes the means by which we are healed of our own deeply rooted sinfulness. The same texts remind us that if we participate in His Passion and Death, we will also share in His Resurrection.

We are reconciled to God through the Death and Resurrection of the Lord Jesus.

In prayer, we come to know ourselves. Prayer enables us to see the areas in our lives that we need to change. Self-centeredness and selfishness are not easily overcome. Far too many people delude themselves into thinking that their selfishness is a desirable way to live. They rationalize and justify their actions, self-righteousness becomes their way of life. This is a sure path to self-destruction.

We can only uproot our self-centeredness with the help of grace. We also have to want to change, freely choosing to nail our selfishness to the cross so as to become more authentically the son or daughter of God. Acts of self-denial also assist us in our movement to be more like the Lord Jesus, as do acts of penance.

If we choose the "royal way of the cross," to use a phrase from St. John of the Cross, we will die with the Lord Jesus and rise with Him to new life. Leaving behind us our old selves, we become day by day the people that we are called to be.

"Made like him, like him we rise." If we learn this, we will also know the eternal joy of "Alleluia."

(Msgr.) Courville