

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

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

*The Holy Guardian Angels
Zec 8:1-8 / Mt 18:1-5, 10*

Julie Bradberry, Guy Pete, Elma Braus

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

*Weekday in Ordinary Time
Zec 8:20-23 / Lk 9:51-56*

Julie Bradberry

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

*St. Francis of Assisi
Neh 2:1-8 / Lk 9:57-62*

Julie Bradberry

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5, 6:30 a.m.

*Weekday in Ordinary Time
Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12 / Lk 10:1-12*

Julie Bradberry, Jamie Guidry

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6, 12:10 p.m.

*Weekday in Ordinary Time
Bar 1:15-22 / Lk 10:13-16*

Julie Bradberry, Reparation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus,
Anise & Richard Goodroe

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7

*First Saturday / Our Lady of the Rosary
Bar 4:5-12, 27-29 / 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
Is 5:1-7 / Phil 4:6-9 / Mt 21:33-43*

4:00 p.m. M/M Ivan Carline fly. (L&D), M/M George
Fabre, 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 Cous-
ins, Lee Nini fly. (L&D), Audrey Kaan, Fr. Richard Fabre,
Anatole & Marcelite Naquin, Mercedes & Leroy Naquin,
Tommy Naquin, Bobby Naquin, Lee Landry, Hazel Landry
Roy

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8

7:00 a.m. Bonnie Martin, Elise Vaughn

10:00 a.m. Julie Bradberry, M/M E.J. Lemoine fly. (L&D),
Donovan LeBlanc, Audrey Bileci

6:30 p.m. Special Intention

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Offertory \$3288.00

## Quelques paroles de Monsieur le Cure

October 1 is the feast day of St. Therese of Lisieux. Born in 1873, St. Therese died at the age of twenty-four in 1897. She entered the Carmel of Lisieux at the age of fifteen in 1888. She spent the final nine years of her life in this Carmel.

Twenty-five years after her death, 1925, St. Therese was canonized by Pope Pius XI.

People, however, had long before turned to St. Therese, seeking her intercession. The miracles were not lacking. By 1899, a mere two years after her death, there was evidence of favors having been received through the intercession of St. Therese as well as miraculous cures.

Like so many people in the Lafayette area, I have had a devotion to St. Therese from childhood. There is a custom amongst the Carmelites to bless roses in honor of St. Therese on her feast day. There is always a large crowd on hand.

Only the grace of God can explain the phenomenon of St. Therese. Her writings are relatively few. The most notable is the Story of a Soul, her autobiography that reveals her most extraordinary insights into the interior life. As St. Therese herself described the work to her sister, "It is the way of spiritual childhood, the way of trust and absolute surrender."

Fr. John Clarke, the Carmelite Friar who translated the 1973 edition of the work, expressed it most accurately in the Introduction to the edition:

What Therese was talking about and what she was closely associating with her "mission" and her "little way" was the publication of her writings. These contained her teaching as she had actually lived it out in her own human experience. We come across certain specific explanations of this "little way" in several places in her manuscripts, but the entire book is a lesson in how to live this "way of trust and absolute surrender." The book which you now hold in your hands contains this lesson.

Our lives pass by quickly. It is so easy to lose sight of what is important. The most important goal of life is to be united with God for all eternity. We lose sight of it easily as we busy our minds and hearts with other things, especially sin.

Periodically there is turmoil in our community, pettiness, jealousy, mean-spiritedness, viciousness, and hatred. Our church parish and the other Catholic parishes around us are not immune to this sinful behavior.

As individuals, we are sometimes plagued with feelings of discomfort, an uneasiness. Sometimes peace eludes us. Sometimes we are simply not happy. Sometimes the family falls apart.

Perhaps St. Therese has a timely message for us.

Warning: the writings of St. Therese are not intended for the weak of will or the hard of heart. She challenges some deeply held, and quite dysfunctional, thoughts and behaviors.

(Msgr.) Courville

## New Announcements

**Special Collection:** The second collection today is for the victims of Hurricane Irma. The destruction makes this collection urgent. If you are not prepared to donate today, please bring your contribution to the rectory as soon as possible so that the proceeds can be forwarded as soon as possible.

**World Mission Sunday:** The second collection next weekend is for the financial support of the missionary activity of the Church.

**Rosary Congress:** Our Lady of Fatima Church will hold a Rosary Congress from Friday, October 6, through Sunday, October 8. The observance includes a morning of recollection on Saturday October 7, from Mass at 8 a.m. until about 10:30 a.m. Fr. Andrew Apostoli and Donna Marie O'Boyle will give the talks. The congress will begin with the 5:30 p.m. Mass on Friday and end on Sunday. Note the fliers in the vestibule.

**Annual Life Chain:** This event, a public statement of prayer and witness against abortion, will be held from 2 to 3 on Sunday afternoon, October 1, at the corner of Highway 90 and Wise Street. Note the fliers in the vestibule.

## Newly Baptized

Layla Michelle Billiot was baptized on September 24, 2017.

## Repeat Announcements

**Retreat Opportunities:** The Jesuit Spirituality Center, Grand Coteau, offers silent, individually directed retreats of three, five, or eight day duration beginning on Monday, October 2, or Thursday, October 5. For more information or to register, visit [jesuitspiritualitycenter.org](http://jesuitspiritualitycenter.org) or telephone 337 662-5251.

**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 2, Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI  
October 3, Bishop J. Douglas Deshotel  
October 4, Bishop Emeritus Michael Jarrell  
October 5, Rev. Wilbur "Sonny" Brown  
October 6, Rev. Kenneth Buddendorff, SJ  
October 7, Rev. Edward Buvens, SJ  
October 8, Rev. Floyd Calais

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, Vanessa Clements, Onesime Richard, Johnny Thomas, Braxton Burch, Kim Beiver, Reese Grace Johnson, Roland Lege, Jr., Brooke Rhodes, Edna Alcina, Brevon & Brinlee Colbert, Shawn McClelland, John Czajka, Jennifer Landry, Harold Adams, Jr., 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, Mable LaCoste, Gwen Tillman, Engelle Borden, Kevin Theriot, Bridget Thibodeaux, MIL, David Gilmore, Jane Webster, Cheryl Williams, Ian Davis, Boyd Landry, Wyanette Monceaux, Adeline Maddix, Clay Leonard, Lee Nini, Jr., Mary Grace Rentrop, Marlene Cole, Brenda Dooley, Marilyn Simmons, Wayne Crappell, 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, Bart Thibodeaux, Mike Keith, Katherine (Kit) Guidroz, Patsy Henry, Stacy Giroir, Sonny Gilmore, Laurie Hale, Theresa Henry, Connie Robichaux, Quinn Troups, Gloria Nini, Susan Cantrell, Denyse Millitello

| DATE/TIME                                       | READERS                                       | EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION  | ROSARY      |
|-------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------|
| October 7, 4:00 p.m.                            | Christine Henry                               | Barbara LeLeux                        | Jean Beaugh |
| October 8, 7:00 a.m.<br>10:00 a.m.<br>6:30 p.m. | Linda Thomas<br>Sandra Watson<br>Luke Orlando | Carolyn Chaisson<br>Belinda Boudreaux |             |