

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, APRIL 16, 6:30 a.m.
Easter Weekday
Acts 6:8-15 / Jn 6:22-29

Julie Bradberry

TUESDAY, APRIL 17, 6:30 a.m.
Easter Weekday
Acts 7:51 — 8:1a / Jn 6:30-35

Julie Bradberry, Helen Overturf, Mary Tamporello

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18, 6:30 a.m.
Easter Weekday
Acts 8:1b-8 / Jn 6:35-40

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

THURSDAY, APRIL 19, 6:30 a.m.
Easter Weekday
Acts 8:26-40 / Jn 6:44-51

Julie Bradberry

FRIDAY, APRIL 20, 12:10 p.m.
Easter Weekday
Acts 9:1-20 / Jn 6:52-59

Julie Bradberry

SATURDAY, APRIL 21
Fourth Sunday of Easter
Acts 4:8-12 / 1 Jn 3:1-2 / Jn 10:11-18

4:00 p.m. M/M Ivan Carline fly. (L&D), M/M George Fabre, Julie Bradberry, Miles Liner fly. (L&D), Lee Nini, Sr. fly. (L&D), Dana G. Robin, Hazel Landry Roy, Lee Landry, Cody Cousins, Gary Melancon, Guy Gilmore, Jr., Gerald Ohmer fly. (L&D), Jamie & Brittani Head, Adeline Carlino, Al Adams III fly. (L&D), Arden Adams

SUNDAY, APRIL 22

7:00 a.m. Adeline Carlino

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

6:30 p.m. Theresa Henry, Beverly Comeaux, Brandi Hollier, Loretta H. Crouch

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Quelques paroles de Monsieur le Cure

This week's Gospel passages have been from the Gospel of St. John, chapter 3, the encounter with Nicodemus.

The structure of the dialogue is typical of St. John. Our Lord makes a statement, Nicodemus does not understand Him. Our Lord then clarifies His statement, leading Nicodemus to the truth, raising him beyond the limitations of humanity to the very heights of knowledge of God.

The incident takes place at night. There stands Our Lord, however, in the darkness, radiating His Light.

Our Lord speaks to us as He did to Nicodemus. He speaks to us through His written Word, the Bible. He speaks to us in the Liturgy, the official worship of the Church. He speaks to us through the magisterium, the official teaching authority of the Church. He speaks to us in the ordinary circumstances of our lives and in the secrecy of our souls.

He speaks, but do we listen? He speaks, but do we understand? The Lord wishes to raise us beyond our limitations to the Mystery of God.

Our faith needs to be the most important element of our lives as well as the foundation for all that we are. Faith is our personal, intimate relationship with the Lord Jesus. Like any relationship, our faith has to be fostered and nourished if it is to develop and deepen.

Setting time aside regularly for prayer is essential for the growth and development of faith. The amount of time that one spends in regular prayer is based according to one's life.

To reference St. Francis de Sales, a married person cannot devote the same amount of time to prayer as a monk. Thanks to your generous support, I am able to spend a significant time in prayer daily. People who are retired and have only adult children can spend more time in prayer than a couple raising children and working.

The prayer, nonetheless, has to be a set time.

This prayer can be experienced only in silence. Steeped in silence, we are alone with the Lord.

It does take effort to create this silence. We live in a noisy society, even some churches do not provide us with the opportunity for silence. The more difficult challenge by far is to create the interior silence that we need to silence the distracting thoughts and still the troublesome emotions.

It is difficult, yes, but possible because the Gospel assures us that all things are possible with God.

(Msgr.) Courville

New Announcements

Second Collection: The second collection this weekend is for the Bishop's Services Appeal.

The Sacrament of Confirmation

With the permission of Bishop Deshotel, Monsignor Courville administered the sacrament of confirmation on April 8, 2018 to Zackery J. Girard, Crystal B. Hicks, and Maria A. Marcell.

Repeat Announcements

Centennial News: On April 9, 1682, Robert Sieur de la Salle claimed the lower Mississippi Valley for France and for God by planting the cross on Louisiana soil. Spanish explorers had traveled the area over 150 years before, but made no claims to the territory. It was April 1793 when the Archdiocese of New Orleans was created. Its original title was "The Diocese of Louisiana and the Floridas." It was on April 13, 1918 that the announcement of the creation of the Diocese of Lafayette was made public by the administrator of the Archdiocese of New Orleans, Fr. Jules Jeanmard.

Centennial Deanery Mass: Bishop Deshotel will offer Mass at 6:30 p.m. on April 13 at St. Mary Magdalen Church in Abbeville as part of the centennial celebration. A reception follows the Mass. This date commemorates the beginning of the future Bishop Jeanmard's work towards establishing the new diocese.

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.

- April 16, Rev. Richard Vidrine
- April 17, Very Rev. Thomas Voorhies, VF
- April 18, Rev. Thomas Vu
- April 19, Rev. Richard Wagner, SSJ
- April 20, Rev. Arthur Warren
- April 21, Rev. Derrick Weingartner, SJ
- April 22, Rev. Travis Abadie

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, Johnny Thomas, Braxton Burch, Reese Grace Johnson, John Czajka, Brooke Rhodes, Brevon & Brinlee Colbert, Shawn McClelland, Jennifer Landry, Harold Adams, Jr., Karen Moore, David Berg, Bren Guillory, John Keenze, Sr., 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, 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, Katherine (Kit) Guidroz, Patsy Henry, Laurie Hale, Connie Robichaux, Quinn Toups, Gloria Nini, Susan Cantrell, Denyse Millitello, Mike Taylor, Linda DeHart, John Menard, Glenn Eues, Aedan Jones, Tanika Short, Sawyer Allums, Dawn Anslem, Dana Hart, Marie Dupre, Richard Burnham, Kenny Moore, Peggy Lovell, Elizabeth West Landry, Nicholas Wiggins, Hunter Chaisson, Gene Dreher, Cori Contreras, Cohen Callas, Julia West

DATE / TIME	READERS	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION	ROSARY
April 21, 4:00 p.m.	Christine Henry	Barbara LeLeux	Jean Beaugh
April 22, 7:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 6:30 p.m.	Linda Thomas Sandra Watson Michelle Boudreaux	Carolyn Chaisson Chuck Boudreaux	