

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, APRIL 30, 6:30 a.m.
Easter Weekday
Acts 14:5-18 / Jn 14:21-26

Julie Bradberry

TUESDAY, MAY 1, 6:30 a.m.
Easter Weekday
Acts 14:19-28 / Jn 14:27-31a

Julie Bradberry, Sonny Baudry

WEDNESDAY, MAY 2, 6:30 a.m.
St. Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Acts 15:1-6 / Jn 15:1-8

Julie Bradberry, Elma Braus, Craig Sehon

THURSDAY, MAY 3, 6:30 a.m.
Sts. Philip and James, Apostles
1 Cor 15:1-8 / Jn 14:6-14

Julie Bradberry

FRIDAY, MAY 4, 12:10 p.m.
Easter Weekday
Acts 15:22-31 / Jn 15:12-17

Julie Bradberry

SATURDAY, MAY 5
First Saturday / Easter Weekday
Acts 16:1-10 / Jn 15:18-21

8:00 a.m. Raymond LaHoste

Sixth Sunday of Easter
Acts 10:25-26, 34-45, 44-48 / 1 Jn 4:7-10 / Jn 15:9-17

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., Onesime Richard, Lilly Stephens, Ray Guarisco, Bobby Naquin, Tommy Naquin, Mercedes & Leroy Naquin, Anatole & Marcelite Naquin, Gerald Ohmer fly. (L&D), Jamie & Brit-tani Head

SUNDAY, MAY 6

7:00 a.m. Arden Adams

10:00 a.m. M/M E.J. Lemoine fly. (L&D), Julie Bradberry, Mill Fontenot

6:30 p.m. Theresa Henry

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**Quelques paroles de Monsieur le Cure**

The methods by which children are taught certainly change through the years. As I am preparing to attend the continuing education workshop for priests of the diocese, I find myself returning to the topic of one of the study days, catechetics.

I taught as a newly ordained priest at Teurlings High School, Mt. Carmel of New Iberia, Cathedral Carmel and St. Thomas More. If I had had the choice, I would have remained in teaching for many more years.

The content of catechetics was in a period of transition when I first started teaching at the high school level. Previously the content centered on the Baltimore Catechism. This was true for the texts used in both catholic schools and in parish religion programs. The Baltimore Catechism based textbooks were abandoned after 1965. A variety of texts of uneven value were then used for instruction in both schools and parishes.

There was no uniform curriculum in this country. The content of the instruction varied from one school or parish to another. It would be almost twenty years before this changed. Eventually competent authority, with the assistance of people with expertise in the field, developed comprehensive curricula and promoted solid textbooks.

This is where we are today.

There are nonetheless two challenges that I have consistently experienced in the various parishes to which I have been assigned. The religion programs, including this one, depend on volunteers. The volunteers do not always have a grasp of theology nor are they necessarily educators. Most parishes do not have personnel to help the volunteers with these two areas.

What is the response to these challenges?

I have no idea.

I have thought for decades that something radical has to replace what we are doing now, but I have never found the courage to try something. Although I remain current in theological developments, I know that my knowledge of pedagogy is obsolete. I am reminded of the latter during my visits to the schools.

I nonetheless offer these few thoughts as a means of initiating some kind of conversation. There are exceptionally capable educators amongst our parishioners and in the broader community. I would welcome some suggestions to further the pedagogical development of the religion program.

If we work together, good things will happen. God's grace is not lacking so neither should our efforts be lacking.

(Msgr.) Courville

**New Announcements**

**Special Collection:** The second collection this weekend is for the financial support of the Catholic Home Missions.

**Directed Retreats:** The Jesuit Spirituality Center in Grand Coteau offers silent, individually-directed retreats of three, five, or eight day duration beginning on Monday, May 14, or Thursday, May 17. To register or for more information, visit [jesuitspiritualitycenter.org](http://jesuitspiritualitycenter.org) or telephone 337 662-5251 on Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to noon or 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

**First Saturday:** Saturday, May 5, is the first Saturday of the month. There will be an additional Mass on Saturday morning at 8.

**Centennial News:** Archbishop Blenk of New Orleans blessed the newly constructed Holy Rosary Institute in Lafayette on April 26, 1914. Fr. Philip Keller and St. Katharine Drexel made possible the opening of this school for Black girls. The Holy Family Sisters were entrusted with the administration of the new school. The school admitted boys in 1947. Holy Rosary Institute, which also housed boarders, attracted students from all over the country. Because of declining enrollment, the school closed in 1993, after almost eighty years of service.

**Newly Confirmed**

Aubrey John Dupree, III received the sacrament of confirmation on April 22, 2018.

**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 30, Rev. Emmanuel Awe, SSJ
- May 1, Pope Francis
- May 2, Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI
- May 3, Bishop J. Douglas Deshotel
- May 4, Bishop Emeritus Michael Jarrell
- May 5, Rev. Matthew Barzare
- May 6, Rev. Herbert Bennerfield

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, Wy-anette 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        |
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| May 5, 4:00 p.m.                            | Lisa Russo                                            | Alison Wilson                        | Alison Wilson |
| May 6, 7:00 a.m.<br>10:00 a.m.<br>6:30 p.m. | Susan Blanchard<br>Sandra LeBlanc<br>Monique Ratcliff | Debra Parker<br>Belinda Boudreaux    |               |