

**MASSES FOR THE WEEK**

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 9:00 a.m.**

*St. Gregory the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church*

*1 Cor 2:1-5 / Lk 4:16-30*

Julie Bradberry

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 6:30 a.m.**

*Weekday in Ordinary Time*

*1 Cor 2:10b-16 / Lk 4:31-37*

Julie Bradberry, John L. Hollier

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 6:30 a.m.**

*Weekday in Ordinary Time*

*1 Cor 3:1-9 / Lk 4:38-44*

Julie Bradberry, Rev. Peter Nha

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 6:30 a.m.**

*Weekday in Ordinary Time*

*1 Cor 3:18-23 / Lk 5:1-11*

Julie Bradberry, John L. Hollier

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 12:10 p.m.**

*Weekday in Ordinary Time*

*1 Cor 4:1-5 / Lk 5:33-39*

Julie Bradberry, Fr. Richard Fabre

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 8**

*Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time*

*Is 35:4-7a / Jas 2:1-5 / Mk 7:31-37*

**4:00 p.m.** M/M Ivan Carline fly. (L&D), M/M Joseph P. Russo fly. (L&D), M/M George Fabre, Julie Bradberry, Miles Liner fly. (L&D), Lee Nini, Sr. fly. (L&D), Gary Melancon, Cody Cousins, Dana G. Robin, Gayle Arnould, Leroy Naquin

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9**

**7:00 a.m.** Connie Robichaux

**10:00 a.m.** M/M E.J. Lemoine fly. (L&D), Julie Bradberry, LjL, Ferrel DeHart

**6:30 p.m.** Theresa Henry, John L. Hollier

Offertory \$3852.00

**Quelques paroles de Monsieur le Cure**

For a little over half a century I have diligently reflected upon the Bible. I entered the seminary soon after the completion of Vatican Council II. One of the decrees of Vatican II is the Dogmatic Constitution on Divine Revelation whose Latin title, more commonly used, is Dei Verbum, the Word of God in Latin. Seminary formation quickly embraced this renewed approach to the Bible.

Amongst the many pious practices that constituted a day for the seminarian at that time was a twenty-minute period of spiritual reading. The seminarian's spiritual director would usually recommend some book on prayer or the practice of virtue for the seminarian to read during that period. Soon after I began my seminary education spiritual directors recommended reading the Bible during spiritual reading time.

Meanwhile the use of Biblical readings for the celebration of the Mass was also being expanded. Eventually the lectionary, the collection of Biblical readings assigned to the various Mass texts, would be expanded to the present three-year Sunday cycle and the two-year weekday cycle. This means that basically if you attend Mass every Sunday over a three-year period you will have essentially read the entire Bible. The same would happen if you attended daily Mass for two years.

The last phase of seminary formation is the formal study of theology. During the course of studies the seminarian takes classes in Biblical studies.

Despite these years of exposure to the Bible and the years of formal study I know that I have hardly entered into the Bible, the Word of God. The Bible, the Word of God, is both familiar to me and ever new at the same time. This Tradition teaches: the same Holy Spirit Who inspired the authors of the Bible inspires the readers of the Bible.

This is especially true when the Bible is proclaimed during the celebration of Mass. Years ago a very slight but significant change was made at the conclusion of the readings. Formerly the reader or priest at the conclusion of the reading would say "This is the Word of the Lord" or "This is the Gospel of the Lord." Self-proclaimed liturgists, moreover, instructed the reader or priest to raise the lectionary from the podium when saying those words.

The change directed the reader or priest to say at the conclusion of the readings "The Word of the Lord" or "The Gospel of the Lord." The subsequent generation of liturgists pointed out that it is not proper to raise the lectionary when pronouncing the conclusion because the emphasis is on the proclamation not on the printed text.

Is this merely semantics? I think not.

The Bible remains a book, a most important book, but a book nonetheless, until we pick it up, open it, read it and make it a part of our lives by the action of the Holy Spirit.

When read at Mass, the passages from the Bible are words floating through the air unless and until we discipline ourselves to hear with our whole being, open our minds to its wisdom, and our hearts to conversion.

(Msgr.) Courville

**New Announcements**

**Religion Program:** Classes for both the upper and lower grades will begin on Wednesday, September 12, and not September 5. The delay of a week is to allow for additional preparation for the Come Lord Jesus Program. The lower grades will meet from 3:15 to 4:15 in the afternoon and the upper grades from 6:30 to 7:30 in the evening. Note the change in time. Facilitators for the groups will meet on September 5 at 3:15 p.m. or 6:30 p.m. for final preparations.

**Religion Program:** The Come Lord Jesus Program also needs volunteers to help set up for the meeting each week as well as someone to help prepare the recorded music. If you are able to help, please contact Monsignor Courville directly: [monsignor@bellsouth.net](mailto:monsignor@bellsouth.net) or text 337 303-2558.

**National Holiday:** Monday, September 3, is Labor Day. The only Mass here that day will be at 9 a.m. The office will be closed in observance of the national holiday.

**Special Collection:** The second collection next weekend is for the financial support of the Catholic University of America.

**Repeat Announcements**

**Al-Anon:** This is a support group for those who are seeking a healthy way of responding to family members or significant others who are experiencing addictions. A group, consisting of 18 year olds and older, meets on Tuesday evenings from 6 to 7 at the Bayou Vista Community Center.

**Lt. Fr. Joseph Verbis Lafleur Memorial Mass:** Bishop Deshotel will celebrate this Mass on Friday, September 7, at 6:30 p.m. at St. Landry Church, Opelousas, to commemorate the anniversary of the death of Fr. Lafleur, a priest of our diocese who died a heroic death while serving as a chaplain during World War II.

DATE / TIME	READERS	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION	ROSARY
September 8, 4:00 p.m.	Lisa Russo	Alison Wilson	Alison Wilson
September 9, 7:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 6:30 p.m.	Susan Blanchard Martha Boudreaux Luke Orlando	Mary Etta Taylor Belinda Boudreaux	

**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.

- September 3, Bishop J. Douglas Deshotel
- September 4, Bishop Emeritus Michael Jarrell
- September 5, Rev. James Brady, JCL
- September 6, Rev. Joseph Brasseaux, OSB
- September 7, Rev. John "Buddy" Breaux
- September 8, Rev. Allen Breaux
- September 9, Rev. O. Joseph Breaux

Please pray for the sick of our parish: Diane Bergeron, Reggie Sapey, Floyd & Linda Robicheaux, Roxanne Colbert, Michael Keller, Wendell Chauvin, Anthony Rhodes, Sr., Paul Bower, Deborah Hernandez, Johnny Thomas, Braxton Burch, John Czajka, Brevon & Brinlee Colbert, Shawn McClelland, Jennifer Landry, Harold Adams, Jr., Karen Moore, David Berg, John Keenze, Sr., Thomas LeBlanc, IJL, Diane Bates, Travis Blanco, A. Doiron, Marcelle Campbell, Ana Rogers, BHL, Mable LaCoste, Gwen Tillman, Engelle Borden, Kevin Theriot, Bridget Thibodeaux, MIL, David Gilmore, Jane Webster, Ian Davis, Boyd Landry, Wyannette Monceaux, Clay Leonard, Lee Nini, Jr., Mary Grace Rentrop, Marlene Cole, Brenda Dooley, Marilyn Simmons, 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, Laurie Hale, Quinn Toups, 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, Nicholas Wiggins, Hunter Chaisson, Gene Dreher, Cori Contreras, Cohen Callas, Debbie Zorn, Eddie Hamlett, Jahmarla Guidry, Mary Ashman, Richard Clark, Chris Rodrigue, Kristi Liner, Scott Rhodes, James Sauce, Cameron Webster