

**MASSES FOR THE WEEK**

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 6:30 a.m.**

*Weekday in Ordinary Time*

*1 Cor 11:17-26, 33 / Lk 7:1-10*

Julie Bradberry, Helen Overturf

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 6:30 a.m.**

*Weekday in Ordinary Time*

*1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a / Lk 7:11-17*

Julie Bradberry, John L. Hollier, Raymond Nini fly. (L&D)

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 6:30 a.m.**

*Weekday in Ordinary Time*

*1 Cor 12:31 — 13:13 / Lk 7:31-35*

Julie Bradberry

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 6:30 a.m.**

*Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Priest, and Paul Chong*

*Ha-sang and Companions, Martyrs*

*1 Cor 15:1-11 / Lk 7:36-50*

Julie Bradberry, John L. Hollier

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 12:10 p.m.**

*St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist*

*Eph 4:1-7, 11-13 / Mt 9:9-13*

Julie Bradberry, Norman Hymel

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 22**

*Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

*Wis 2:12, 17-20 / Jas 3:16—4:3 / Mk 9:30-37*

**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, Gayle Arnould, Dana G. Robin, Wayne Vining

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 23**

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

**10:00 a.m.** M/M E.J. Lemoine fly. (L&D), AML, Myrvel Sons, Julie Bradberry, Dale Chaisson, Grant Hebert

**6:30 p.m.** John L. Hollier

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Catholic University \$317.21

**Quelques paroles de Monsieur le Cure**

Last night we began a new approach to handing on the faith to our children and young people. We inaugurated the Come Lord Jesus Program in the upper grades and in a few of the lower grades.

The formation of our children and young people, catechetics, is an important mission of our Church. It has also been a challenge for me personally over the last forty years.

For the sake of a broader understanding of the complex challenge of catechetics, let me state clearly that it is also a challenge in the Catholic schools as well. However, this reflection centers on the parish-based programs, like our own, designed for the overwhelming number of our children and young people who are not in Catholic schools.

The problems that constitute part of this challenge, moreover, do not arise from ill will, malice, or anything blatantly nefarious. On the contrary, the people involved in catechetics tend to be good natured and desirous of doing only good. It is not a question of incompetence. On the contrary, many involved are well educated, some quite expert in the field of education.

So, what are the problems? More importantly, what are the solutions?

I do not know, even after pondering these questions over the past forty years.

At the same time, I am not entirely clueless.

The model for the parish based catechetical effort tends to be school. The sessions are called classes and the term is referred to as the school year. The catechetical session, moreover, is usually coterminous with the academic year. How deeply engrained is the academic model? When a student is asked to repeat a grade at school, I am frequently asked if that child must repeat the year in religion class as well.

Hence my efforts at this time are to refer to catechetics rather than religion classes, to facilitators rather than to teachers.

The Come Lord Jesus Program allows for adults to share their faith with the children and young people and for the children and young people to share their faith with each other as well as with the adults. How effective will it be? We will know in a few months.

One element of the weekly meetings is on the following Sunday's Gospel passage. Before you read this, you will have heard the homily for Sunday. Reed made the suggestion last night for this week's sermon topic.

If nothing else, maybe the quality of preaching in this church will improve.

(Msgr.) Courville

**New Announcements**

**Catechetical Program:** Sessions for both the younger and older children began on Wednesday, September 12. The younger group, those in the 1st through the 5th grades in school, meet from 3:15 to 4:15 in the afternoon and the older children, those in grades 6th through 11th, from 6:30 to 7:30 in the evening. Note the change in time. It is never too late for children and young people to participate in the program.

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

**Sixth Annual Life Chain:** St. Joseph Parish in Patterson is sponsoring the Sixth Annual Life Chain on Sunday, October 7, from 2 to 3 in the afternoon at the corner of Highway 90 and Wise Street. All are invited to participate in this public witness against abortion.

**Newly Baptized**

Alice Rosalie Plaisance was baptized on September 9, 2018.  
Graham Michael Anderson was baptized on September 9, 2018.

**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 Thursday evenings from 6 to 7 at Fairview Treatment Center, 1101 Southeast Boulevard, Bayou Vista.

**St. Mary Excel:** This group, dedicated to the task of enabling economic growth in the area, has secured -through the generosity of civic, business, and private benefactors- the services of the Urban Land Institute to provide technical assistance in their endeavor. All are invited to attend an open house on Monday, September 17, at 6 p.m. at Shannon Elementary in Morgan City to meet the members of the Urban Land Institute as they begin their work here. Their findings will be released on Friday, September 21, at 9 a.m. at the Morgan City Municipal Auditorium. Refer to saintmaryexcel.net for more information.

| DATE / TIME                                        | READERS                                         | EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION | ROSARY              |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------|
| September 22, 4:00 p.m.                            | Kathy LaBouve                                   | Lonnie LaBouve                       | Mary Catherine Gray |
| September 23, 7:00 a.m.<br>10:00 a.m.<br>6:30 p.m. | Prissy Davis<br>Laura Dozar<br>Monique Ratchiff | Briant Dozar<br>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 17, Rev. Theodore "Ted" Broussard
- September 18, Rev. Keenan Brown
- September 19, Rev. Wilbur "Sonny" Brown
- September 20, Rev. James J. Callahan, SJ
- September 21, Rev. Floyd Calais
- September 22, Rev. Christopher Cambre
- September 23, Rev. Corey Campeaux

Please pray for the sick of our parish: Diane Bergeron, Reggie Sampey, 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, L.J. Chase, Chad Arnaud