

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, DECEMBER 10, 6:30 a.m.

Advent Weekday

Is 35:1-10 / Lk 5:17-26

Julie Bradberry, Barbara LeLeux, Abby Cefalu

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 11, 6:30 a.m.

Advent Weekday

Is 40:1-11 / Mt 18:12-14

Julie Bradberry

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12, 6:30 a.m.

Our Lady of Guadalupe

Zec 2:14-17 / Lk 1:26-38

Julie Bradberry, Stephanie Baudry, R.G., Monica Mancuso, Mary White

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13, 6:30 a.m.

St. Lucy, Virgin and Martyr

Is 41:13-20 / Mt 11:11-15

Julie Bradberry, Myra Lynn Gregory, Angelique LeLeux, Aline Adams

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 14, 12:10 p.m.

St. John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church

Is 48:17-19 / Mt 11:16-19

Julie Bradberry, Julie Hepler

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15

Third Sunday of Advent

Zep 3:14-18a / Phil 4:4-7 / Lk 3:10-18

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, John Warren, M/M D.J. Tranchina fly. (L&D), Lee Landry, Hazel Landry Roy, Donovan LeBlanc, Bobby Monceaux, Larry Bergeron

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16

7:00 a.m. Connie Robichaux, Luella Smith

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

6:30 p.m. John L. Hollier, Chris LeBlanc, Ray Rasberry

Offertory \$3584.00

Quelques paroles de Monsieur le Cure

The Berwick High School Drama Club performed their annual musical, *Back to 80's Party*, last weekend. The performance was quite creative, involving audience participation. I enjoyed it.

It is heartening to see students exploring their talents and developing their skills. For those who are shy, timid or uncertain to pursue a part in the production and to perform a role on stage is quite an adventure. By the time the last performance is over, their success brings satisfaction and a sense that the effort was worth it, I hope.

One of the leading performers was Julius, an exchange student from Germany who is at the high school for the academic year. A sixteen year old who leaves family and country to attend school in another country for a year is certainly to be admired for his sense of adventure.

He has a remarkable ability to navigate social situations and the personality to accompany it. I was not really surprised to see him in a major role in the musical. Homecoming week found Julius playing flag football for the first time, even catching a pass for a touchdown.

Julius seemingly readily leaves his comfort zone. Few people, adolescent or adult, find that easy to do.

On the contrary, few people are willing to forsake their comfort zone. Most of us become quite defensive and even aggressive when our comfort zone is challenged.

As a people of faith, motivated by the ideals of authenticity and integrity, we are compelled by these very ideals to ask ourselves if that comfort zone enables our growth in faith or impedes it.

If our comfort zone isolates us from people who are marginal and makes us indifferent to their needs, it will destroy our faith. If our comfort zone insulates us from having to face the difficult challenges of life, it will destroy our faith.

The motivation for leaving behind our comfort zone with its false sense of safety and well-being is the Lord Jesus "Who," as St. Paul writes, " though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God something to be grasped. Rather, he emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, coming in human likeness;" (Phil 2:6-7).

Like Our Lord, in obedience to God the Father, we, too, should listen to the Word of God as He calls us to leave the false security of our comfort zone and enter daily more deeply into the Mystery of God. When we do so, we have a different perspective on life and new opportunities. We especially experience a deep satisfaction that we made the change.

(Msgr.) Courville

New Announcements

Religion Classes and Come Lord Jesus: The religion classes and Come Lord Jesus groups will meet on Wednesday, December 12, the last sessions before the Christmas break. Parents are asked to attend Mass on that Wednesday with their children in the religion program and the Come Lord Jesus groups. The lower grades will have Mass at 3:15 p.m. and the older students at 6:30 p.m.

Second Collection: The second collection this weekend is for the Retirement Fund for Religious.

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

Masses for the Solemnity of Christmas: There will be two Masses on December 24, Christmas Eve: 4 and 6. There will be three Masses on December 25, Christmas Day: 7 a.m., 10 a.m., and 6:30 p.m.

Repeat Announcements

Holy Communion for the Homebound: Please be reminded that Monsignor Courville brings Holy Communion to the homebound on a regular basis. If you are confined to home and would like to receive Holy Communion, please telephone Monsignor.

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.

- December 10, Rev. Clifton Labbe, SVD
- December 11, Rev. Donovan Labbe
- December 12, Rev. Keith LaBove
- December 13, Rev. Paul LaFleur
- December 14, Rev. Jeremy Lambert, LC
- December 15, Rev. Michael Keith Landry
- December 16, Rev. Oneil Landry

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, Wyanette 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, Linda DeHart, John Menard, Glenn Eues, Aedan Jones, Sawyer Allums, Dana Hart, Marie Dupre, Hunter Chaisson, Gene Dreher, Cori Contreras, Cohen Callas, Debbie Zorn, Eddie Hamlett, Jahmarla Guidry, Richard Clark, Chris Rodrigue, Kristi Liner, Chad Arnaud, Mary Jack Geoffery, Charles L. Gowland

DATE / TIME	READERS	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION	ROSARY
December 15, 4:00 p.m.	Kathy LaBouve	Lonnie LaBouve	Linda Thomas
December 16, 7:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 6:30 p.m.	Susan Blanchard Sheli McGonagill Michelle Boudreaux	Debra Parker Chuck Boudreaux	