

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, APRIL 1, 6:30 a.m.

Lenten Weekday

Is 65:17-21 / Jn 4:43-54

Julie Bradberry, Sonny Baudry

TUESDAY, APRIL 2, 6:30 a.m.

Lenten Weekday

Ez 47:1-9, 12 / Jn 5:1-16

Julie Bradberry, Elma Braus

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3, 6:30 a.m.

Lenten Weekday

Is 49:8-15 / Jn 5:17-30

Julie Bradberry

THURSDAY, APRIL 4, 6:30 a.m.

Lenten Weekday

Ex 32:7-14 / Jn 5:31-47

Julie Bradberry

FRIDAY, APRIL 5, 6:30 a.m.

Lenten Weekday

Wis 2:1a, 12-22 / Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Julie Bradberry

SATURDAY, APRIL 6

First Saturday / Lenten Weekday

Jer 11:18-20 / Jn 7:40-53

8:00 a.m. Wilson Bradberry

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Is 43:16-21 / Phil 3:8-14 / Jn 8:1-11

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 fly. (L&D), Dana G. Robin, Lee Landry, Hazel Landry Roy, Tommy Naquin, Bobby Naquin, Mercedes & Leroy Naquin, Anatole & Marcelite Naquin

SUNDAY, APRIL 7

7:00 a.m. Fr. Richard Fabre

10:00 a.m. M/M E.J. Lemoine fly. (L&D), Julie Bradberry, Special Intention, Zelda Fromenthal

6:30 p.m. Ray Rasberry

Offertory \$3294.25

Church in E. Europe/Africa \$440.00

Quelques paroles de Monsieur le Cure

“Ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Christ.”

(St. Jerome, Fifth Century)

Since Lent began I find myself returning again and again to the question of listening to the Word of God. The proclamation of the Word at Mass is a challenging experience for both the one reading aloud and the congregation. The reader has to appreciate the text, be familiar with it and communicate it in such a way that the congregation will also appreciate the text, listen to it with the heart, and incorporate it into their lives. The congregation has to be free of all interior as well as exterior distractions. This is not an easy task for reader or congregation.

The Word of God at Mass is not limited to the three readings and the responsorial psalm. Other parts of the Mass, the various prayers, are also taken from Scripture. For example, the Glory to God, the Our Father, the Lamb of God and other texts come from the Bible. Are these always effectively proclaimed?

Spiritual growth also requires that the Bible be read and reflected upon regularly, daily if possible. Is that experience being facilitated effectively?

I do not know the answer to these questions.

I do feel confident that I made the right decision last summer, thanks to the excellent advice I was given, in moving our formal religious instruction to the Come Lord Jesus program because the program is firmly rooted in and based on Scripture.

Bibles were firmly placed in the hands of both adults and children every week. Yes, the passages could have been downloaded or duplicated so as to make it easier. However, it is essential that our children learn how to look up a Scripture reference. Using a Bible also helped everyone to see the following Sunday’s Gospel passage in its proper context.

After reading the Sunday Gospel passage together, the participants, both adults and children, followed a set of questions based on the teachings of St. Ignatius of Loyola designed to bring out their understanding of the passage. Not all were comfortable with this approach because there were not necessarily single answers or even right answers. There is a considerable amount of subjective response in this situation. People who like certainty are usually very uncomfortable with this.

The rest of the hour, which tended to pass so quickly, was taken up with reflection and sharing on how we choose to live each day as a people of faith.

We are definitely on to something here. I believe we will continue to benefit as a parish from this experience with Scripture. We, adults and children, will be more comfortable with this dynamic next year.

There are adult groups of Come Lord Jesus in the area that meet regularly throughout the year. You may want to look into this.

(Msgr.) Courville

New Announcements

Come Lord Jesus and the Religion Program: The celebration of Mass last Wednesday marked the end of our formal religious instruction for the academic year. Gratitude is due to the many volunteers who made this possible. By the way, there were twice the number of volunteers for the upper grades in comparison to previous years.

Palm Sunday: Be advised that the parish will not provide palms this year. If you want a blessed palm, it is necessary that you bring one or more with you to Mass that weekend.

Triduum: The Mass of the Lord’s Supper, Holy Thursday, April 18, is at 6 p.m. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will hopefully continue after Mass until the services the next day. The Solemn Services of Good Friday, April 19, begin at 3 p.m. The Easter Vigil, Holy Saturday, April 20, begins at 8 p.m. Masses on Easter Sunday, April 21, will be at the usual times: 7 a.m., 10 a.m., and 6:30 p.m. Confessions will be heard during these days.

Rest in Peace

Alberta Sue Oncale died on March 22, 2019.

Troy Joseph Arceneaux died on March 23, 2019.

Repeat Announcements

A Day of Prayer for Women: Fr. Joe Tetlow, S.J. will present a day of prayer for women on Tuesday, April 2, from 8:30 a.m. until 2:15 p.m. at Our Lady of the Oaks Retreat House in Grand Coteau. The theme is “From Adam to Christ to the People of God.” Mass is included in the day. The cost is \$25 and preregistration is required. Visit www.ourladyoftheoaks.com and click on retreats to print a form. For more information, telephone 337 662-5410.

DATE / TIME	READERS	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION	ROSARY
April 6, 4:00 p.m.	Janea Giroir	Brian Giroir	3:30 p.m. Alison Wilson
April 7, 7:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 6:30 p.m.	Prissy Davis Lisa Russo Luke Orlando	James Stewart Michelle Boudreaux	

Spring Pilgrimage: Fr. Herb Bennerfield, pastor of St. Joseph in Patterson, will lead a pilgrimage along Mississippi River Road North on Saturday, May 11, leaving at 7 a.m. and returning at 8:30 p.m. The tour includes St. Gabriel Church in St. Gabriel, the National Hansen’s Disease Museum in Carville, St. John the Baptist Church in Brusley and St. John the Evangelist Church and Madonna Chapel in Plaquemine. The deadline for registration is April 8. For more information, telephone 985 759-3154.

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 1, Pope Francis
- April 2, Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI
- April 3, Bishop J. Douglas Deshotel
- April 4, Bishop Emeritus Michael Jarrell
- April 5, Rev. Thomas Vu
- April 6, Rev. Richard Wagner, SSJ
- April 7, Rev. Michael Wegenka, SJ

Please pray for the sick of our parish: Diane Bergeron, Reggie Sampy, Floyd & Linda Robicheaux, Roxanne Colbert, Michael Keller, Wendell Chauvin, Paul Bower, Deborah Hernandez, Johnny Thomas, Braxton Burch, IJL, Brevon & Brinlee Colbert, John Czajka, Shawn McClelland, Jennifer Landry, Harold Adams, Jr., Karen Moore, David Berg, John Keenze, Sr., Thomas LeBlanc, 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, Marlene Cole, Clay Leonard, Lee Nini, Jr., Mary Grace Rentrop, Brenda Dooley, Marilyn Simmons, CJL, Michelle Billiot Landry, Ginger Berryhill, Jeana Francis, Jake Billiot, Steve Thorguson, Teresa Allbriton, Shirley Gilfour, BGL, Claudette Faulk, Archer Rogers, Laurie Hale, Quinn Toups, Susan Cantrell, 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 Geoffrey, Peter Scaramella, Janet Lee Slaughter, Jonathan Wainwright, Eddie Bradberry, Dan Minter, Roger Busbice, Terence Donnelly, Nate Furlette, Ryan Bowman, Catherine Landry, Elijah Landry, Bonnie Bass, Terri Moore