

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, AUGUST 15

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/ 1 Cor 15:20-27/ Lk 1:39-56
6:30 a.m. Julie Bradberry
5:30 p.m. Matthew, Todd & Ellis Braus, Jr. & families

TUESDAY, AUGUST 16, 6:30 a.m.

Weekday in Ordinary Time
Ez 28:1-10 / Mt 19:23-30
 Julie Bradberry, Matthew, Todd & Ellis Braus, Jr. & families

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 17, 6:30 a.m.

Weekday in Ordinary Time
Ez 34:1-11 / Mt 20:1-16
 Julie Bradberry, Helen Overturf, Mary Tamporello, Matthew, Todd & Ellis Braus, Jr. & families

THURSDAY, AUGUST 18, 6:30 a.m.

Weekday in Ordinary Time
Ez 36:23-28 / Mt 22:1-14
 Julie Bradberry, Matthew, Todd & Ellis Braus, Jr. & families, Joseph Courville, Marcia Bergeron

FRIDAY, AUGUST 19, 12:10 p.m.

Weekday in Ordinary Time
Ez 37:1-14 / Mt 22:34-40
 Julie Bradberry, Matthew, Todd & Ellis Braus, Jr. & families

SATURDAY, AUGUST 20

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time
Is 66:18-21 / Heb 12:5-7, 11-13 / Lk 13:22-30
4:00 p.m. Joseph P. Russo fly. (L&D), Gerald Ohmer fly. (L&D), M/M George Fabre, Julie Bradberry, Jamie & Britanni Head, M/M Ivan Carline fly. (L&D), Miles Liner fly. (L&D), Lee Nini, Sr. fly. (L&D), Gary Melancon, Cody Cousins, Deanna Wells, Ira & Lizetta LaCoste, Ira LaCoste fly. (L&D), Robert Ayres, Thelma Hartman

SUNDAY, AUGUST 21

7:00 a.m. Loretta Crouch, Hollier & Marks families, Ida Mae Bergeron
10:00 a.m. Julie Bradberry, M/M E.J. Lemoine fly. (L&D), Nila Nini, Sadie & Roy Adams
6:30 p.m. Ray Rasberry, Joseph Courville

Offertory \$4330.00

Quelques paroles de Monsieur le Cure

What's with the rocks?

A parishioner had to point out the first rock that appeared in front of the church. I found a rather large rock at the door of the rectory a few mornings later. This one is very beautifully painted. Someone spent a lot of time on it. I found another one, much smaller, that same morning at the front door of the church. Since then, another one has found its way to the small planter in front of the rectory.

Each rock has been beautifully decorated and usually has a motivational message. I am not sure who is doing this, but there was something in the local paper about this being a project of the Berwick Junior High Student Council.

St. Mary Rocks is the name of this movement.

The rocks are a welcome balm as this difficult summer comes to an end. The violence that we see in other parts of the world and our country took on a more personal and immediate dimension with the tragic events in Baton Rouge.

These events encourage us to search our hearts and examine our consciences. We cannot honestly reflect upon the violence of others without reflecting upon our own behavior.

Do we contribute to the violence by our own mean spiritedness or pettiness? Do we injure others by our words?

Too many of the acts of violence in the world and in our country are attributed to politics or religion. The perpetrators often justify their violence by stating that they are doing this because of religion or politics.

Do we try to rationalize our own actions? Sometimes we engage in despicable behavior out of self-righteousness. We convince ourselves that we are acting for a good cause and noble reasons. We tell ourselves that we are upholding our rights or protecting family. This cloak of self-righteousness is a sham.

There is no cause that can be labeled good if it inflicts harm upon another. Nothing can be determined to be reasonable if it is sinful.

Hopefully the inspirational messages that our young people are distributing, as well as their taking the time to paint these rocks, will remind all of us to search our hearts and to seek healing and forgiveness from the Lord Jesus if we have chosen to follow the path of violence or mean spiritedness.

May I also take this opportunity to thank our young people for reminding us by their enthusiasm and hopefulness that we are always capable of so much more.

(Msgr.) Courville

New Announcements

Solemnity of the Assumption: Monday, August 15, is the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Although it is a holy day of obligation, the bishops of this country have dispensed Catholics from the obligation to attend Mass this year because it is on a Monday. For those who would like to honor the solemnity nonetheless, there will be two Masses on Monday, August 15, one at 6:30 a.m. and the other at 5:30 p.m.

Religion Classes: Religion classes for this academic year began on Wednesday, August 10. The lower grades meet at 3:15 p.m. and the upper grades at 6:15 p.m. If you have not yet registered your children, please do so.

Office of Catholic Charismatic Renewal: The annual conference will be held from August 19-21 at the Ramada Inn Conference center, North Evangeline Throughway, Lafayette. The sessions begin on Friday, August 19, at 6:30 p.m. A brochure is available on the website, www.diola.org/Catholic-Charismatic-Renewal or telephone 337 265-3773.

Repeat Announcements

Retreat Opportunities: The Jesuit Spirituality Center, Grand Coteau, offers silent, individually directed retreats of three, five, or eight days beginning on Monday, August 22, or Thursday, August 25. To apply or register visit jesuitspiritualitycenter.org or telephone 337 662-5251 on Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. until noon or 1 to 5 p.m.

Eucharistic Procession: There will be a boat procession with the Blessed Sacrament on Bayou Teche from Leonville to St. Martinville on Monday, August 15. Bishop Deshotel will celebrate Mass at the church of St. Leo, Leonville, at 8 a.m. The boat procession will begin after Mass and will include several stops along the Teche: Arnaudville, Cecilia, Breaux Bridge, and Parks. The procession will end in St. Martinville. For more information, telephone Fr. Michael Champagne at 337 394-6550 or visit fetediuduteche@gmail.com or www.facebook.com/pages/Fete-Dieu-du-Teche.

DATE / TIME	READERS	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER OF COMMUNION	ROSARY
August 20, 4:00 p.m.	Sandra LeBlanc	Barbara LeLeux	Mary Catherine Gray
August 21, 7:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 6:30 p.m.	Blake Orgeron Martha Boudreaux Landon Broussard	Donna Gisclair 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.

August 15, Rev. Ralph Landry
 August 16, Rev. Charles Langlois
 August 17, Msgr. H.A. Larroque, JCD
 August 18, Rev. Bernard Lebiez, OSB
 August 19, Rev. Clyde LeBlanc, SJ
 August 20, Rev. Steven LeBlanc
 August 21, Rev. Louis Ledoux

Please pray for the sick of our parish: Diane Bergeron, Reggie Sampey, Gayle Arnould, Floyd & Linda Robicheaux, Roxanne Colbert, Theresa Henry, Michael Keller, Wendell Chauvin, Anthony Rhodes, Sr., Paul Bower, Deborah Hernandez, Ken Macey, Vanessa Clements, Onesime Richard, Ada Fanguie, Johnny Thomas, Rand Nini, Braxton Burch, Kim Beaver, Reese Grace Johnson, Roland Lege, Jr., Brooke Rhodes, Edna Alcina, Brevon & Brinlee Colbert, Shawn McClelland, John Czajka, Greg Cart, Jennifer Landry, Harold Adams, Jr., Tod Dossier, Jeff Brown, Beatrice Talbot, Karen Moore, David Berg, Bren Guillory, John Keenze, Sr., Frank Cavalier, Thomas LeBlanc, Samantha & Sammy Barker, Diane Bates, Travis Blanco, Marcelle Campbell, Lenora Ackman, Verdie Laws, Kristi Liner, Anna Rogers, Mary Geofroy, Mable LaCoste, Jerry Guillory, Gwen Tillman, Tammy Flirt, Engelle Borden, Kevin Theriot, Bridget Thibodeaux, Donovan LeBlanc, Donna Duplantis, Susan Price, David Gilmore, Jane Webster, Cheryl Williams, Ian Davis, Boyd Landry, Bobby Monceaux, Adeline Maddix, Valerie Bella, Cass Oubre, Clay Leonard, Donna Barrow Hoya, Tina Theriot, Gretchen & Lee Nini, Jr., Alli Keith, Gloria Landry, Mary Grace Rentrop, Marlene Cole, Brenda Dooley, Marilyn Simmons, Wayne Crappell, Jeanine Derise, Michelle Billiot Landry, Ginger Berryhill