

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, AUGUST 29, 6:30 a.m.

The Passion of St. John the Baptist

1 Cor 2:1-5 / Mk 6:17-29

Julie Bradberry, Prestenbach family

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

Weekday in Ordinary Time

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

Julie Bradberry, Prestenbach family

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 31, 6:30 a.m.

Weekday in Ordinary Time

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

Julie Bradberry, Prestenbach family

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 6:30 a.m.

Weekday in Ordinary Time

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

Julie Bradberry, Prestenbach family, Sonny Baudry

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 12:10 p.m.

Weekday in Ordinary Time

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

Julie Bradberry, Prestenbach family, Reparation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, Elma Braus

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

First Saturday / St. Gregory the Great, Pope &

Doctor of the Church

1 Cor 4:6b-15 / Lk 6:1-5

8:00 a.m. Reparation for the offenses committed against the Immaculate Heart of Mary, Conversion of poor sinners

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wis 9:13-18b / Phlm 9-10, 12-17 / Lk 14:25-33

4:00 p.m. Joseph P. Russo fly. (L&D), Gerald Ohmer fly. (L&D), M/M George Fabre, Julie Bradberry, Jamie & Brittani Head, M/M Ivan Carline fly. (L&D), Miles Liner fly. (L&D), Lee Nini, Sr. fly. (L&D), Gary Melancon, Cody Cousins, Prestenbach family

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

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, Leroy Naquin, Tommy Naquin, Marcelite & Anatole Naquin, Prestenbach family, Reparation for sins of abortion, blasphemy & pornography

6:30 p.m. Ray Raspberry, Don Breaux

Quelques paroles de Monsieur le Cure

I recently met someone who is an alumnus of E. D. White High School in Thibodaux. In the course of the conversation, he mentioned that there was a Sister of Mount Carmel on the faculty when he was a student.

I assured him that I knew her. She was, moreover, the Sister of Mount Carmel who prepared me for my First Communion.

As I reflected later upon the conversation, I thought of the significant role that devotion to Our Lady of Mount Carmel and the tradition of Carmel is in my life.

The very first house I lived in was across from Mount Carmel School in Lafayette. My formal education began as a kindergarten student at Mount Carmel.

My exposure to the Carmelite Nuns began early on as well. Even as the family home was across from the Mount Carmel School, the original site of the Carmelite Monastery was a few blocks away, on the corner of College, now University, and St. John Street.

By the time I went to Immaculata Seminary, the Carmelites had long built and moved to a monastery next door. Our own well-regulated seminary days were accompanied by the sounds of the bells at the monastery next door.

Later, as a seminarian, I taught at a school staffed by Mount Carmel Sisters. As a young priest I taught at Mount Carmel High School in New Iberia and at Cathedral-Carmel in Lafayette. My first assignment as a deacon and priest was Immaculata Seminary, living once again next door to the Carmelites.

The chapel of the Carmelite Monastery remains one of my special places of prayer. I have had a strong devotion to St. Therese of Lisieux from my childhood.

St. Therese of Lisieux along with the reformers of the Order of Carmel, St. Theresa of Avila and St. John of the Cross, offer rich teachings about prayer. I have pondered their writings many times over the past forty years. These major writers offer such insights into prayer that I have read and reread some of these works at the different stages of my life. They never cease to nourish a hungry soul.

God's providence, his loving care for us, gives us these saints and others to enable us to seek ever-deeper union with Him. In my life, this providence gave me the gift of Carmel and its tradition. I am truly grateful for these and other great influences in my spiritual life.

The goodness of God that I have experienced up until now gives me great confidence that the same goodness will be here in the future. That is the real reason to hope.

(Msgr.) Courville

New Announcements

First Saturday: Saturday, September 3, is the First Saturday of the month of September. There will be a Mass at 8 on Saturday morning in addition to the evening Mass.

Rest In Peace

Verna Mary Crappell died on August 19, 2016.

Repeat Announcements

Confirmation: Bishop Deshotel will administer the sacrament of confirmation here on Wednesday evening, February 15, 2017, at 6:30. Practice for the ceremony is on Sunday, February 12, after the evening Mass. Candidates and their sponsors should attend the practice.

Choir: The choir will resume singing at the 10 a.m. Mass on Sunday, September 4. This would be a good time to have new members. A choir does add so much to the Mass. Please give this some thought.

Retreat Opportunities: The Jesuit Spirituality Center, Grand Coteau, offers silent, individually directed retreats of three, five, or eight days beginning on Monday, September 6, or Friday, September 9. 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.

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.

DATE / TIME	READERS	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER OF COMMUNION	ROSARY
September 3, 4:00 p.m.	Janea Giroir	Brian Giroir	Gloria Nini
September 4, 7:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 6:30 p.m.	Linda Thomas John Menard Monique Ratcliff	James Stewart Belinda Boudreaux	

Pilgrimage: Father Bennerfield, pastor of St. Joseph Church, Patterson, will lead a pilgrimage on October 8 in the Acadiana area. The places of pilgrimage are St. Peter Church, Carencro; St. John Berchmans Shrine, Grand Coteau; Charlene Richard grave, Richard; Immaculate Conception Church, Washington; St. Landry Church, Opelousas. For more information, telephone Angie Stelly, 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.

August 29, Msgr. Charles Mallet

August 30, Msgr. Curtis Mallet, JCL, VG

August 31, Rev. Jaison Mangalath, SVD

September 1, Pope Francis

September 2, Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI

September 3, Bishop J. Douglas Deshotel

September 4, Bishop Emeritus Michael Jarrell

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 Fangue, 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 Dosier, 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 Geoffrey, 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, Daniel Fromenthal, Jeana Francis, Julie Barrilleaux, Debby Morella

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