

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

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

Holy Week

Is 42:1-7 / Jn 12:1-11

Julie Bradberry, Melissa Rhodes, Matthew, Todd & Ellis Braus, Jr. & families, Barbara LeLeux, Kent Patureau

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

Holy Week

Is 49:1-6 / Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

Julie Bradberry, Kent Patureau, Matthew, Todd & Ellis Braus, Jr. & families

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

Holy Week

Is 50:4-9a / Mt 26:14-25

Julie Bradberry, Matthew, Todd & Ellis Braus, Jr. & families, Dr. Ed Cancienne, Monica Mancuso, Stephanie Baudry, Kent Patureau, Angeliq LeLeux

THURSDAY, APRIL 13, 6:00 p.m.

Holy Thursday

Ex 12:1-8, 11-14 / 1 Cor 11:23-26 / Jn 13:1-15

FRIDAY, APRIL 14, 3:00 p.m.

Good Friday

Is 52:13 - 53:12 / Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9 / Jn 18:1 - 19:42

SATURDAY, APRIL 15, 8:00 p.m.

Holy Saturday

SUNDAY, APRIL 16

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

Acts 10:34a, 37-43 / Col 3:1-4 / Jn 20:1-9

7:00 a.m. Emile & Ivy Adams, Stephen E. Adams, Andy Robichaux, Kent Patureau, Joseph P. Russo fly. (L&D), Bill Reiners, Norman Hymel, Julie Prestenbach, Gus Arnould, Lori McIntyre

10:00 a.m. Julie Bradberry, M/M E.J. Lemoine fly. (L&D), Donovan LeBlanc, Dana G. Robin, Nila Nini, Miles Liner fly. (L&D), Patrick Gray, Gary Melancon, Cody Cousins, Dean Carrington, Maddi McGonagill, Gerald Ohmer fly. (L&D), Jamie & Brittani Head, Lee Nini, Sr. fly. (L&D), Deanna Wells

6:30 p.m. Antoinette LeBlanc, M/M Ivan Carline fly. (L&D)

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**Quelques paroles de Monsieur le Cure**

Every year I witness the wailing and the gnashing of teeth as the juniors are assigned The Scarlet Letter by Nathaniel Hawthorne.

Every year I am amazed that the students do not enjoy reading the book.

Until recently, I understood the students' response as another example of our society drifting away from reading. This is not a welcome drift.

Recently, however, I re-read Brideshead Revisited by Evelyn Waugh. I am now reading The Picture of Dorian Gray by Oscar Wilde. I saw the movie years ago, but never read the book.

I think I understand, however, the challenge the juniors face in reading Hawthorne.

The Scarlet Letter was published in 1850, The Picture of Dorian Gray in 1890, and Brideshead Revisited in 1945.

The writing styles are vastly different from contemporary authors.

I read just about everything published by James Lee Burke, Jonathan Kellerman, John Grisham and a few other writers. Their writing styles are exceptional, but tend toward the simple declarative sentence: subject, verb, object.

Hawthorne, Wilde, and Waugh tend to use more complex structures and have steady references to other literary works, philosophy, history, and other allusions. Their works are quite challenging. I did not appreciate that until now. To read these earlier authors is a challenge. It is worth the effort nonetheless.

Approaching the Bible is no different. People have told me over the years that they have tried to read the Bible but gave up in frustration. This is especially true for those who began with Genesis.

The Bible is not so much a book as it is a collection of books composed by many authors from different cultures, employing various literary styles and devices, written over centuries: history, prose, poetry, fiction. All of it inspired by God.

The challenge of reading the Bible should invigorate us, not discourage us. Help is available. Fr. Conley Bertrand, founder of the Come, Lord Jesus program, has written several commentaries. Telephone his office and place an order for a commentary on a book of the Bible that interests you. EWTN has regular series on the various parts of the Bible. Consult the listings, available on the Internet, and note the various offerings. Pick a series that catches your attention and follow it regularly.

If you persevere, the Bible will come alive.

And if those juniors persevere, they may well be overwhelmed by the sheer beauty and power of the written word.

For all I know, a future Hawthorne, Wilde, Waugh, Burke, Grisham, or Kellerman may be among them.

(Msgr.) Courville

**New Announcements**

**Special Collection:** The second collection this weekend is for the financial support of the Church in Eastern Europe and Africa.

**Special Collection:** The collection taken up during the Good Friday Solemn Service is for the financial support of the shrines in the Holy Land.

**Newly Baptized**

Phillip Quy Tran was baptized on April 2, 2017.

**Rest In Peace**

Ronald Anthony Blanco, Sr. died on March 27, 2017.

**Repeat Announcements**

**Confessions During the Triduum:** Confessions will be heard from 4:30 to 5 on Holy Thursday afternoon and after the Mass. Confessions will be heard from noon to 1 p.m. on Good Friday and after the Services. Confessions will be heard from 4 to 5 p.m. on Holy Saturday afternoon. Appointments can be arranged for other times.

**Way of the Cross:** The Way of the Cross begins at 5:30 on Good Friday afternoon.

**Easter Sunday:** The Masses on Easter Sunday are at the usual times, including the evening Mass: 7 a.m., 10 a.m., and 6:30 p.m. Confessions will be heard as usual before each Mass.

**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 10, Rev. Godwin Imoru
- April 11, Bishop Sam Jacobs
- April 12, Rev. Thomas James, SVD
- April 13, Rev. Johnathan Janise
- April 14, Rev. Rofinus Jas, SVD
- April 15, Rev. Stanley Jawa, SVD
- April 16, Rev. Raymond Jones, SVD

**Please pray for the sick of our parish:** Diane Bergeron, Reggie Sampey, Gayle Arnould, Floyd & Linda Robicheaux, Roxanne Colbert, Michael Keller, Wendell Chauvin, Anthony Rhodes, Sr., Paul Bower, Deborah Hernandez, Ken Macey, Vanessa Clements, Onesime Richard, Johnny Thomas, Braxton Burch, Kim Beaver, Reese Grace Johnson, Roland Lege, Jr., Brooke Rhodes, Edna Alcina, Brevon & Brinlee Colbert, Shawn McClelland, John Czajka, Jennifer Landry, Harold Adams, Jr., Jeff Brown, Beatrice Talbot, Karen Moore, David Berg, Bren Guillory, John Keenze, Sr., Frank Cavalier, Thomas LeBlanc, IJL, Diane Bates, Travis Blanco, A. Doiron, Marcelle Campbell, Verdie Laws, Kristi Liner, Ana Rogers, BHL, Mary Geoffroy, Mable LaCoste, Jerry Guillory, Gwen Tillman, Engelle Borden, Kevin Theriot, Bridget Thibodeaux, Donna Duplantis, Susan Price, David Gilmore, MIL, Jane Webster, Cheryl Williams, Ian Davis, Boyd Landry, Bobby Monceaux, Adeline Maddix, Clay Leonard, Gretchen & Lee Nini, Jr., Mary Grace Rentrop, Marlene Cole, Brenda Dooley, Marilyn Simmons, Wayne Crappell, CJL, Michelle Billiot Landry, Ginger Berryhill, Daniel Fromenthal, Jeana Francis, Jake Billiot, Steve Thorguson, Teresa Allbriton, Shirley Gilfour, BGL, Oliver Alfred, Angie Melancon, Archer Rogers, Jean Mitchell, Bart Thibodeaux, Katherine (Kit) Guidroz, Patsy Henry

| DATE / TIME                                    | READERS                                     | EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER OF COMMUNION |
|------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| April 13, 6:00 p.m.                            | Christine Henry                             | Belinda Boudreaux                   |
| April 14, 3:00 p.m.                            | Linda Thomas                                | Mary Etta Taylor                    |
| April 15, 8:00 p.m.                            | Janea Giroir                                | Brian Giroir                        |
| April 16, 7:00 a.m.<br>10:00 a.m.<br>6:30 p.m. | Prissy Davis<br>Laura Dozar<br>Anne Theriot | Donna Gisclair<br>Brian Theriot     |