

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 9:00 a.m.

*Weekday in Ordinary Time
1 Thes 4:13-18 / Lk 4:16-30*

Julie Bradberry

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 6:30 a.m.

*Weekday in Ordinary Time
1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11 / Lk 4:31-37*

Julie Bradberry, Jamie Guidry

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 6:30 a.m.

*Weekday in Ordinary Time
Col 1:1-8 / Lk 4:38-44*

Julie Bradberry

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 6:30 a.m.

*Weekday in Ordinary Time
Col 1:9-14 / Lk 5:1-11*

Julie Bradberry, Fr. Richard Fabre

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 12:10 p.m.

*The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Mi 5:1-4a / Mt 1:1-16, 18-23*

Julie Bradberry, Leroy Naquin

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

*Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Ez 33:7-9 / Rom 13:8-10 / Mt 18:15-20*

4:00 p.m. Ivan Carline fly. (L&D), M/M George Fabre, M/M Joseph P. Russo fly. (L&D), Julie Bradberry, Gerald Ohmer fly. (L&D), Jamie & Brittani Head, Miles Liner fly. (L&D), Dana G. Robin, Gary Melancon, Cody Cousins, Lee Nini fly. (L&D), L JL, Patrick Gray, Thelma Hartman, Bobby Monceaux

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

7:00 a.m. Paul Richard

10:00 a.m. Julie Bradberry, M/M E.J. Lemoine fly. (L&D), Beatrice Talbot, JPL, Barbara LeLeux, Melissa Rhodes, Donovan LeBlanc

6:30 p.m. Ray Rasberry, Patrick Gray

Offertory

\$3529.00

Quelques paroles de Monsieur le Cure

The effects of Hurricane Harvey have deeply affected the people of Texas and will have an effect on our entire country.

As a people of faith we offer all who are affected the support of our prayers, the sympathy of our concern, and perhaps some material support.

As I have read accounts over the years or heard personally from some these dreadful accounts of homes flooding, I cannot imagine what it is like to be standing at the doorway of your home and watching water come towards you, knowing that you can do nothing to stop the inevitable. How long does it take for the feelings of helplessness to become feelings of hopelessness?

The feelings of helplessness are inevitable and legitimate, but are the feelings of hopelessness also inevitable and legitimate?

I think not.

My response stems from the teachings of Christ as held in the tradition of the Church. As Pope Benedict XVI observed: there is no situation great or small that is beyond hope in Christ Jesus.

The prayer of the faithful at every Sunday Mass during the hurricane season contains a petition that we be delivered from all storms and inclement weather. As reasonable people we acknowledge that we have no control over the elements. We even know on the basis of our knowledge of science the exact cause of weather systems and use the same knowledge to predict certain scenarios. Unlike our ancestors we are masters of the knowledge of how, when and where we can expect danger from the elements. Like our ancestors we still know that we are powerless before the forces of nature.

Because of the latter we, like our ancestors, turn to the Lord in prayer. Like our ancestors we can find hope in prayer.

Our ancestors often expressed their prayers by engaging in solemn processions. The former book of rituals offers the following description of the procession:

The sacred public processions and solemn rites of petition used in the Catholic Church were instituted in very early times by the holy fathers. Their purpose is to arouse the faithful's devotion, to commemorate God's benefits to man and to thank Him for them, and to call upon Him for further assistance; hence they ought to be celebrated in a truly religious manner.

One of these ancient processions was the Procession for Averting Tempest. The concluding prayer acknowledged the goodness of God, sought pardon for the sins of the people, and asked for the calming of the storm. The hope expressed in this prayer and in the entire procession is firmly rooted in Christ Jesus, especially in the power of the cross.

This is a timely lesson as we face the uncertainties of this hurricane season.

(Msgr.) Courville

New Announcements

Special Collection: There will be a second collection next weekend for the financial support of the Catholic University of America.

Labor Day: The only Mass on Monday, September 4, Labor Day, is at 9 a.m. The office will be closed in observance of the national holiday.

Memorial Mass for Fr. Lafleur: Father Joseph Verbis Lafleur, ordained to the priesthood for the Diocese of Lafayette in 1938, served as an army chaplain during World War II. Taken prisoner by the Japanese, he was being transferred by ship to another POW camp when the boat was torpedoed. Refusing offers to leave the ship first, Fr. Lafleur chose to remain with the last of his men, sacrificing his life. There will be a Memorial Mass commemorating his life and death on Thursday evening, September 7, at 6:30 at St. Landry Church, Opelousas.

Retreat Opportunities: The Jesuit Spirituality Center, Grand Coteau, offers silent, individually directed retreats of three, five, or eight day duration beginning on Monday, September 18, or Thursday, September 21. For more information or to register, visit jesuitspiritualitycenter.org or telephone 337 662-5251.

Repeat Announcements

Confirmation: The Most Reverend Glen J. Provost, Bishop of Lake Charles, will administer the sacrament of confirmation on Saturday, January 27, 2018 during the celebration of the 4 p.m. Mass.

DATE/TIME	READERS	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION	ROSARY
September 9, 4:00 p.m.	Martha Boudreaux	Barbara LeLeux	Jean Beaugh
September 10, 7:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 6:30 p.m.	Linda Thomas Laura Dozar Luke Orlando	Briant Dozar 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.

September 4, Bishop Emeritus Michael Jarrell
September 5, Rev. Paul Bergeron
September 6, Rev. Conley Bertrand
September 7, Rev. Kenneth Bienvenu
September 8, Rev. Paul Bienvenu
September 9, Very Rev. William Blanda
September 10, Rev. Howard Blessing

Please pray for the sick of our parish: Diane Bergeron, Reggie Sampy, Gayle Arnould, Floyd & Linda Robicheaux, Roxanne Colbert, Michael Keller, Wendell Chauvin, Anthony Rhodes, Sr., Paul Bower, Deborah Hernandez, Vanessa Clements, Onesime Richard, Johnny Thomas, Braxton Burch, Kim Beiver, Reese Grace Johnson, Roland Lege, Jr., Brooke Rhodes, Edna Alcina, Brevon & Brinlee Colbert, Shawn McClelland, John Czajka, Jennifer Landry, Harold Adams, Jr., 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, Marble LaCoste, Gwen Tillman, Engelle Borden, Kevin Theriot, Bridget Thibodeaux, MIL, David Gilmore, Jane Webster, Cheryl Williams, Ian Davis, Boyd Landry, Wyanette Monceaux, Adeline Maddix, Clay Leonard, Lee Nini, Jr., Mary Grace Rentrop, Marlene Cole, Brenda Dooley, Marilyn Simmons, Wayne Crappell, 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, Bart Thibodeaux, Mike Keith, Katherine (Kit) Guidroz, Patsy Henry, Stacy Giroir, Sonny Gilmore, Laurie Hale, Theresa Henry, Connie Robichaux, Quinn Toups, Gloria Nini