

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, JANUARY 15, 9:00 a.m.

Weekday in Ordinary Time
1 Sm 15:16-23 / Mk 2:18-22

Julie Bradberry, Antoinette LeBlanc

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

Weekday in Ordinary Time
1 Sm 16:1-13 / Mk 2:23-28

Julie Bradberry, Norman Hymel

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

St. Anthony, Abbot
1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51 / Mk 3:1-6

Julie Bradberry, Helen Overturf, Mary Tamporello

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

Weekday in Ordinary Time
1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7 / Mk 3:7-12

Julie Bradberry, Marcia Bergeron, Bonnie M. Martin

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

Weekday in Ordinary Time
1 Sm 24:3-21 / Mk 3:13-19

Julie Bradberry

SATURDAY, JANUARY 20

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Jon 3:1-5, 10 / 1 Cor 7:29-31 / Mk 1:14-20

4:00 p.m. M/M Ivan Carline fly. (L&D), M/M George Fabre, M/M Joseph P. Russo fly. (L&D), Julie Bradberry, Miles Liner fly. (L&D), Gary Melancon, Cody Cousins, Lee Nini fly. (L&D), Hazel Landry Roy, Lee Landry

SUNDAY, JANUARY 21

7:00 a.m. Andy Robichaux, Emile & Ivy Adams, Stephen E. Adams

10:00 a.m. Julie Bradberry, M/M E.J. Lemoine fly. (L&D), Onesime Richard, Cliff Watson fly. (L&D)

6:30 p.m. Beverly Comeaux fly. (L&D)

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Quelques paroles de Monsieur le Cure

You see, dear Mother, that I am far from being on the way of fear; I always find a way of being happy and of profiting from my miseries; no doubt this does not displease Jesus since He seems to encourage me on this road.

(Story of a Soul: The Autobiography of St. Therese of Lisieux, translated by J. Clarke, O.C.D., ICS Publications 1975, 1976, pg. 173)

I underlined this passage when I first read this translation in 1977. I was taken up with it again this past Sunday evening as I continue to re-read this work of St. Therese. The passage led me to reflect again on the meaning of happiness Sunday evening.

I did not intend to pursue the topic Monday, but when I turned to my stack of reading material a day or so later, there were several articles on happiness awaiting my attention. These remain unread as of now.

I am uncertain as to how to describe happiness, much less am I able to define it. Happiness is not an experience that I have pursued nor have I placed much importance in being happy. On the contrary, I have not experienced happiness for long periods of my life. That never really disturbed me. I simply accepted the reality.

The Baltimore Catechism was the textbook of my childhood and a significant influence on my formation. One of the questions in the catechism is, "Why did God make me?" The answer, as I recall, is, "God made me to show forth His love and goodness, to serve Him in this life, and to be happy with Him in the world to come."

I regret that I cannot provide a reference, but my copy of the catechism is somewhere in the house, I hope, but I do not have it at this moment.

From my childhood, I understood that happiness is a deferred experience. From that insight, I have long concluded that happiness is a by-product. Happiness is essentially a by-product of being faithful to God and obedient to the teachings of the Church.

Does this fidelity and obedience guarantee the by-product of happiness? Is there any guarantee of happiness in this life?

To be continued ...

(Msgr.) Courville

New Announcements

Federal Holiday: Monday, January 15, is the federal holiday in honor of Martin Luther King. The parish office will be closed to commemorate the occasion. As is the practice here, Mass will be at 9 a.m. that day and not at 6:30 a.m.

Aquinas Institute: The Aquinas Institute offers two courses this semester. Fr. Rene Pellessier offers a course in Church History on Mondays from 6 to 8:30 p.m. at Wisdom Catholic Student Center, Lafayette. Kim Anson offers a course on Theology of the Body on Wednesdays from 6 to 8:30 p.m. at John Paul the Great Academy, Lafayette. Both courses begin on January 24 and end on May 7. These classes may be taken for academic credit through the University of Holy Cross or audited. For more information or to register: telephone 337 394-6550, email frchampagne@yahoo.com, or visit www.aquinaslafayette.org

Rest In Peace

Ricardo Cortez, Sr. died on January 3, 2018.

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.

- January 15, Rev. Roland Lesseps, SJ
- January 16, Rev. James Liprie, OSB
- January 17, Rev. Albert Louapre, SJ
- January 18, Rev. Thomas Madden, SJ
- January 19, Msgr. Charles Mallet
- January 20, Msgr. W. Curtis Mallet, JCL, VG
- January 21, Rev. William Massie

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, Johnny Thomas, Braxton Burch, Reese Grace Johnson, Brooke Rhodes, Brevon & Brinlee Colbert, Shawn McClelland, John Czajka, Jennifer Landry, Harold Adams, Jr., Karen Moore, David Berg, Bren Guillory, John Keenze, Sr., Thomas LeBlanc, IJL, Diane Bates, Travis Blanco, A. Doiron, Marcelle Campbell, Verdie Laws, Kristi Liner, Ana Rogers, BHL, Mable LaCoste, Gwen Tillman, Engelle Borden, Kevin Theriot, Bridget Thibodeaux, MIL, David Gilmore, Jane Webster, Cheryl Williams, Ian Davis, Boyd Landry, Wy-anette Monceaux, 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, Mike Keith, Katherine (Kit) Guidroz, Patsy Henry, Sonny Gilmore, Laurie Hale, Theresa Henry, Connie Robichaux, Quinn Toups, Gloria Nini, Susan Cantrell, Denyse Millitello, Mike Taylor, Malisa Mayon, Linda DeHart, John Menard, Glenn Eues, J.C. Ratcliff, Aedan Jones

DATE / TIME	READERS	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION	ROSARY
January 20, 4:00 p.m.	Kathy LaBouve	Lonnie LaBouve	Mary Catherine Gray
January 21, 7:00 a.m.	Blake Orgeron		
10:00 a.m.	Sheli McGonagill	Debra Parker	
6:30 p.m.	Luke Orlando	Belinda Boudreaux	