

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, AUGUST 27, 6:30 a.m.

St. Monica

2 Thes 1:1-5, 11-12 / Mt 23:13-22

Julie Bradberry, Liz Judice, Eugene Baudry fly. (L&D), Al Adams III fly. (L&D)

TUESDAY, AUGUST 28, 6:30 a.m.

St. Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17 / Mt 23:23-26

Julie Bradberry, John L. Hollier, Eugene Baudry fly. (L&D)

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

The Passion of St. John the Baptist

2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18 / Mk 6:17-29

Julie Bradberry, Bobby Monceaux, Bobby Naquin, Eugene Baudry fly. (L&D)

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

Weekday in Ordinary Time

1 Cor 1:1-9 / Mt 24:42-51

Julie Bradberry

FRIDAY, AUGUST 31, 12:10 p.m.

Weekday in Ordinary Time

1 Cor 1:17-25 / Mt 25:1-13

Julie Bradberry, John L. Hollier

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

First Saturday / Weekday in Ordinary Time

1 Cor 1:26-31 / Mt 25:14-30

8:00 a.m. John L. Hollier

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dt 4:1-2, 6-8 / Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27 /

Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

4:00 p.m. M/M Ivan Carline fly. (L&D), M/M Joseph P. Russo fly. (L&D), M/M George Fabre, Julie Bradberry, Miles Liner fly. (L&D), Lee Nini, Sr. fly. (L&D), Dana G. Robin, Cody Cousins, Gary Melancon, Gayle Arnould, Lee Landry, Hazel Landry Roy, Bobby Naquin, Onesime Richard, Tommy Naquin, Mercedes & Leroy Naquin, Anatole & Marcelite Naquin, Sonny Baudry

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

7:00 a.m. Arden Adams, Connie Robichaux

10:00 a.m. M/M E.J. Lemoine fly. (L&D), Julie Bradberry, Ferrel DeHart, Madge Nini Courtney fly. (L&D), Jerry Nini, Elma Braus

6:30 p.m. Theresa Henry, John L. Hollier

Offertory \$3344.00
Bishop's Services Appeal \$264.00

Quelques paroles de Monsieur le Cure

The varsity members of last year's baseball team presented me with a state championship ring last Thursday.

I was humbled by the kindness. I did nothing to earn this ring and do not deserve it in any way. The boys made the sacrifices, engaged in regular practices, embraced self-discipline, listened to their coaches, and played with all their hearts. The coaches did an outstanding job, of course. All I did was watch them play, as I have been watching some of them play since they were in junior high and even younger.

Even though I do not deserve the ring, I will treasure it because it is a reminder of an extraordinary group of kids. I hope to find an appropriate something within which to display it, probably next to the photograph of the winning team that Lucas Hatch so kindly gave me.

If you walked around the rectory, you would see the photographs of the various teams that were given to me over the past seven years. Although I cannot imagine forgetting these kids, the photographs bring back wonderful memories.

At the award ceremony for Spring sports seven years ago, I remarked to Dr. Fegenbush how remarkable the baseball team was that year. I have felt the same way about every team since then, just remarkable kids.

I was chided once a few years ago for talking about baseball when greeting the students during religion classes. This person was apparently of the opinion that I should have been talking about religion when visiting the students.

I think I was talking about religion. If these kids cannot find God on the baseball field, where will they find Him? If they do not see God in each other, where will they see Him? If they do not turn to God when they are having a rough time at practice or during a game, when will they turn to Him?

The Lord Jesus does come to us in the sacraments and in the Bible. He is present under the appearance of a tiny piece of bread in tabernacles throughout the world and every day of the year. There is no doubt about that.

The same Lord Jesus is present to us in others; especially in the poor, the sick, prisoners, immigrants, and the lonely (See Matthew 25:31ff). This is not a taxative list. The message is clear: If we do not see Him in others, we will not see Him in Word or sacrament.

If I refuse to see Him in the high school baseball player in front of me, I cannot claim to see Him in the Eucharist. If I do not believe that Christ is present at a baseball game, I cannot claim to see Him at all.

By the way, someone wrote a book about the search for God and baseball. I forgot the author's name and could not find it online.

Why didn't I think of writing such a book first?

And to the 2018 varsity team, especially the graduates: thanks, guys. Although I am conscious of the fact that I do not deserve this gift, I am as deeply touched by your kindness as I am enriched because of knowing you and those who came before you.

(Msgr.) Courville

New Announcements

Religion Program: As announced at all the Masses this weekend, volunteers are needed for the restructured religion program for the upper grades on Wednesday evenings. Interested parties, individuals or pairs, are asked to contact Monsignor Courville directly at monsignor@bellsouth.net or text him at 337 303-2558 or telephone 385-1280. Mary Ann Hebert from the Come Lord Jesus program will meet with all of the volunteers for this year's religion program on Tuesday evening, August 28, at 6:30 in the parish hall. Classes for both the upper and lower grades will begin on Wednesday, September 5. The lower grades will meet from 3:15 to 4:15 in the afternoon and the upper grades from 6:30 to 7:30 in the evening.

Al-Anon: This is a support group for those who are seeking a healthy way of responding to family members or significant others who are experiencing addictions. A group, consisting of 18 year olds and older, meets on Tuesday evenings from 6 to 7 at the Bayou Vista Community Center.

Lt. Fr. Joseph Verbis Lafleur Memorial Mass: Bishop Deshotel will celebrate this Mass on Friday, September 7, at 6:30 p.m. at St. Landry Church, Opelousas, to commemorate the anniversary of the death of Fr. Lafleur, a priest of our diocese who died a heroic death while serving as a chaplain during World War II.

Newly Baptized

Bradley Mark Chauvin was baptized on August 19, 2018.

Newly Confirmed

Elizabeth Gayle Chauvin received the sacrament of confirmation on August 19, 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.

- August 27, Very Rev. William Blanda
- August 28, Rev. Howard Blessing
- August 29, Rev. Kevin Bordelon
- August 30, Rev. Millard Boyer
- August 31, Rev. James Bradley, SJ
- September 1, Pope Francis
- September 2, Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI

Please pray for the sick of our parish: Diane Bergeron, Reggie Sampey, Floyd & Linda Robicheaux, Roxanne Colbert, Michael Keller, Wendell Chauvin, Anthony Rhodes, Sr., Paul Bower, Deborah Hernandez, Johnny Thomas, Braxton Burch, John Czajka, Brevon & Brinlee Colbert, Shawn McClelland, Jennifer Landry, Harold Adams, Jr., Karen Moore, David Berg, John Keenze, Sr., Thomas LeBlanc, IJL, Diane Bates, Travis Blanco, A. Doiron, Marcelle Campbell, Ana Rogers, BHL, Mable LaCoste, Gwen Tillman, Engelle Borden, Kevin Theriot, Bridget Thibodeaux, MIL, David Gilmore, Jane Webster, Ian Davis, Boyd Landry, Wyanette Monceaux, Clay Leonard, Lee Nini, Jr., Mary Grace Rentrop, Marlene Cole, Brenda Dooley, Marilyn Simmons, Wayne Crappell, C.J.L, Michelle Billiot Landry, Ginger Berryhill, Jeana Francis, Jake Billiot, Steve Thorguson, Teresa Allbriton, Shirley Gilfour, BGL, Oliver Alfred, Angie Melancon, Claudette Faulk, Archer Rogers, Katherine (Kit) Guidroz, Laurie Hale, Quinn Toups, Susan Cantrell, Denyse Millitello, Mike Taylor, Linda DeHart, John Menard, Glenn Eues, Aedan Jones, Tanika Short, Sawyer Allums, Dawn Anslem, Dana Hart, Marie Dupre, Richard Burnham, Elizabeth West Landry, Nicholas Wiggins, Hunter Chaisson, Gene Dreher, Cori Contreras, Cohen Callas, Julia West, Debbie Zorn, Eddie Hamlett, Jahmarla Guidry, Mary Ashman, Richard Clark, Chris Rodrigue, Kristi Liner, Scott Rhodes, James Sauce

DATE / TIME	READERS	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION	ROSARY
September 1, 4:00 p.m.	Sandra LeBlanc	Barbara LeLeux	Jean Beaugh
September 2, 7:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 6:30 p.m.	Linda Thomas Donna Gisclair Brian Theriot	Debra Parker Ann Theriot	