

**MASSES FOR THE WEEK**

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 6:30 a.m.**

*Weekday in Ordinary Time  
Prv 3:27-34 / Lk 8:16-18*

Julie Bradberry, John L. Hollier

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 6:30 a.m.**

*Weekday in Ordinary Time  
Prv 21:1-6, 10-13 / Lk 8:19-21*

Julie Bradberry, Michelle Denning

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 6:30 a.m.**

*Weekday in Ordinary Time  
Prv 30:5-9 / Lk 9:1-6*

Julie Bradberry, John L. Hollier

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 6:30 a.m.**

*St. Vincent de Paul, Priest  
Eccl 1:2-11 / Lk 9:7-9*

Julie Bradberry, Norman Hymel, Liz Judice

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 12:10 p.m.**

*Weekday in Ordinary Time  
Eccl 3:1-11 / Lk 9:18-22*

Julie Bradberry, Al Adams III fly. (L&D)

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 29**

*Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Nm 11:25-29 / Jas 5:1-6 / Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48*

**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), Gary Melancon, Cody Cousins, Gayle Arnould, Dana G. Robin, Wayne Vining

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 30**

**7:00 a.m.** Connie Robichaux, Special Intention

**10:00 a.m.** M/M E.J. Lemoine fly. (L&D), Julie Bradberry, Myrvel Sons

**6:30 p.m.** John L. Hollier

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Offertory \$3536.00  
Bishop's Services Appeal \$337.00

**Quelques paroles de Monsieur le Cure**

"The fault ... is not in our stars,  
But in ourselves..."  
(Shakespeare, Julius Caesar Act I, Scene 2)

Bad things happen, catastrophes occur, mistakes are made, things go wrong.

Pick your favorite phrase to rationalize the difficult events in life.

It's the teachers' fault, my parents' fault, the church's fault, the government's fault.

Select the person, persons, or entity you prefer to blame.

The last thing we want to do is to accept responsibility for our difficult situations.

Blaming others for our problems, however, only increases negative emotions and compounds ill will.

In order to reach maturity, children and adolescents need to recognize and respond to the shortcomings or worse of their parents. Sympathy is due to children and adolescents who have not received a nurturing and healthy upbringing. Parents who swoop in to protect or defend their children do not really give due thought to the harm they inflict upon their children. Self-righteousness is destructive and toxic.

At the same time, maturity requires that at some point we stop blaming our parents for our problems and accept responsibility for our lives. Maturity also requires that we recognize our personal contribution for some of the difficulties we experience. To be one's own worst enemy is a common occurrence.

In the Shakespeare quote above, Cassius is telling Brutus that problems do not arise because human beings are doomed to fate or compelled to be pawns of the gods. Cassius encourages looking within, recognizing challenges and acting reasonably.

We should carefully search our hearts, examine our consciences, and evaluate our behavior before we blame others for problems. Taking personal responsibility will serve us better by leading us into integrity of life. With integrity comes great peace.

If I may go from Shakespeare to Walt Kelly: we have met the enemy and he is us. (Walt Kelly, Pogo, ca. 1970)

(Msgr.) Courville

**New Announcements**

**Centennial Fest:** There will be a Youth Gathering at Parc International in Downtown Lafayette on Saturday, October 20, from 3 to 8 p.m. The event includes music, speakers, Mass, food and candlelight Eucharistic adoration with Bishop Deshotel. Young people, families, clergy and religious are invited.

**Pilgrimage to Washington, D.C.:** Fr. Bennerfield of St. Joseph parish in Patterson will lead a pilgrimage to Washington, D.C. for the annual Right to Life Rally and March from January 15-19, 2019. For further information contact Katie Borcherchert of Uniglobe Associated Travel at 337 769-4774 or Fr. Bennerfield at 985 395-3616.

**St. Landry Cemetery Tours:** St. Landry Church and the Opelousas Little Theater will sponsor reenactment tours of the cemetery on the weekends of October 13-14 and 20-21. For more information telephone 337 942-6552 or 337 308-3474.

**Rest In Peace**

Mable Folse died on September 16, 2018.

**Repeat Announcements**

**Catechetical Program:** Sessions for both the younger and older children began on Wednesday, September 12. The younger group, those in the 1st through the 5th grades in school, meet from 3:15 to 4:15 in the afternoon and the older children, those in grades 6th through 11th, from 6:30 to 7:30 in the evening. Note the change in time. It is never too late for children and young people to participate in the program.

**Sixth Annual Life Chain:** St. Joseph Parish in Patterson is sponsoring the Sixth Annual Life Chain on Sunday, October 7, from 2 to 3 in the afternoon at the corner of Highway 90 and Wise Street. All are invited to participate in this public witness against abortion.

**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 Thursday evenings from 6 to 7 at Fairview Treatment Center, 1101 Southeast Boulevard, Bayou Vista.

**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 24, Rev. Michael Champagne, CJC, STD
- September 25, Rev. Gregory Chauvin
- September 26, Rev. Blaine Clement
- September 27, Rev. Jerome Cletus, SSJ
- September 28, Rev. Nathan Comeaux
- September 29, Rev. Gregory Cormier
- September 30, Rev. Msgr. J. Douglas Courville, JCL

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, 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, 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, Nicholas Wiggins, Hunter Chaisson, Gene Dreher, Cori Contreras, Cohen Callas, Debbie Zorn, Eddie Hamlett, Jahmarla Guidry, Mary Ashman, Richard Clark, Chris Rodrigue, Kristi Liner, Scott Rhodes, James Sauce, Cameron Webster, L.J. Chase, Chad Arnaud

DATE / TIME	READERS	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION	ROSARY
September 29, 4:00 p.m.	Christine Henry	Sandra LeBlanc	Jean Beaugh
September 30, 7:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 6:30 p.m.	Linda Thomas Sheli McGonagill Ann Theriot	James Stewart Brian Theriot	