

**MASSES FOR THE WEEK**

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 3, 6:30 a.m.**

*St. Francis Xavier, Priest  
Is 2:1-5 / Mt 8:5-11*

Julie Bradberry, Special Intention

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 4, 6:30 a.m.**

*Advent Weekday  
Is 11:1-10 / Lk 10:21-24*

Julie Bradberry

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 5, 6:30 a.m.**

*Advent Weekday  
Is 25:6-10a / Mt 15:29-37*

Julie Bradberry, Michael Watson

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6, 6:30 a.m.**

*Advent Weekday  
Is 26:1-6 / Mt 7:21, 24-27*

Julie Bradberry

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7, 4:00 p.m.**

*The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin  
Mary*

*Gn 3:9-15, 20 / Eph 1:3-6, 11-12 / Lk 1:26-38*

Julie Bradberry, Fr. Richard Fabre, Reparation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, Marilyn Falgout

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8**

*The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin  
Mary*

**6:30 a.m.** Special Intention

**10:00 a.m.** John Warren

*Second Sunday of Advent*

*Bar 5:1-9 / Phil 1:4-6, 8-11 / Lk 3:1-6*

**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, John Warren, M/M D.J. Tranchina fly. (L&D), Mercedes & Leroy Naquin, Anatole & Marcelite Naquin, Tommy Naquin, Carla & Irvin Loupe fly. (L&D), Lee Landry, Hazel Landry Roy

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9**

**7:00 a.m.** Connie Robichaux, William Theriot, Luella Smith, Julie Prestenbach, Roland Prestenbach

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

**6:30 p.m.** John L. Hollier, Chris LeBlanc

Offertory (11/18/18) \$2684.00

Offertory (11/25/18) \$4325.00

**Quelques paroles de Monsieur le Cure**

The yearlong observance of the centennial of the diocese comes to its conclusion next month.

With the planned celebration of the Mass on December 12 in Lafayette, each of the four deaneries in the diocese will have had a Mass celebrating the occasion. You have undoubtedly noticed the banner commemorating the centennial in our church and will recall the yard signs that were distributed earlier this year.

The diocese purchased a statute to recall the tragic abuse of children. In addition to this purchase, the centennial committee commissioned paperweights, lapel pins, and other items to recall this anniversary.

The same committee produced historical material to be reprinted in the parish bulletins, which we did. One of the two annual study days for priests centered on presentations on the history of the diocese.

One would have thought that the observance would have been marked by experiences of some depth or a unique reflection by a people of faith, some purification of the memory.

Banners, paperweights, lapel pins, or listings of past events cannot bring about such a dynamic.

That which transpired here over the past hundred years cannot be interpreted by recounting the deeds of the eight bishops who have governed thus far. Recalling the dates of the establishment of various parishes, schools, and other institutions does not reflect the lives of the generations of Catholics and others in society. Trinkets cannot begin to unfold the mystery of grace and the mystery of evil, to capture the struggles of men and women with varying depths of faith, or to assess triumph and failure.

Reading the signs of the times, to make a clear reference to the opening of Vatican II by St. Pope John XXIII, through the prism of the Word of God and the Tradition of the Church and with the invocation of the Holy Spirit would have enabled that purification of the memory of which we have such a great need in our day.

There is much hurt and anger, frustration and disappointment, feelings of loss and alienation in our Church at this moment. All of it is legitimate and warranted. Dwelling upon and immersing ourselves in these negative emotions prevent seeking the reconciliation that brings healing and wholeness. We need to be reconciled to our God and to one another.

This reconciliation will not begin until we let go of the hurt and anger, frustration and disappointment, feelings of loss and alienation.

Advent could be a good time to begin this process by reading the signs of the times, as St. Pope John XXIII would counsel us today.

(Msgr.) Courville

**New Announcements**

**The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception:** Saturday, December 8, is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception and is a holy day of obligation. Mass on Friday, December 7, the vigil of the solemnity is at 4 p.m. There will be no noon Mass that day. There will be two Masses on Saturday, the Solemnity: 6:30 a.m. and 10 a.m. The Saturday Mass for the Sunday remains at 4 p.m.

**Religion Classes and Come Lord Jesus:** The religion classes and Come Lord Jesus groups will meet on Wednesday, December 5.

**Special Note to Parents:** You are asked to attend Mass on Wednesday, December 12, with your children in the religion program and the Come Lord Jesus groups. The lower grades will have Mass at 3:15 p.m. and the older students at 6:30 p.m.

**Second Collection:** The second collection next weekend is for the Retirement Fund for Religious.

**Holy Communion for the Homebound:** Please be reminded that Monsignor Courville brings Holy Communion to the homebound on a regular basis. If you are confined to home and would like to receive Holy Communion, please telephone Monsignor.

**Newly Baptized**

Noelle Katherine Montgomery was baptized on November 24, 2018.

**Rest In Peace**

Luella Mae Smith died on November 13, 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.

- December 3, Bishop J. Douglas Deshotel
- December 4, Bishop Emeritus Michael Jarrell
- December 5, Rev. Ryszard Kalinowski, SVD
- December 6, Rev. Darrell Kelly, SVD
- December 7, Rev. Steven Kimmons, SJ
- December 8, Rev. Andrew Kirschman, SJ
- December 9, Rev. Rodney Kissinger, SJ

Please pray for the sick of our parish: Diane Bergeron, Reggie Sapey, 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, Linda DeHart, John Menard, Glenn Eues, Aedan Jones, Sawyer Allums, Dana Hart, Marie Dupre, Hunter Chaisson, Gene Dreher, Cori Contreras, Cohen Callas, Debbie Zorn, Eddie Hamlett, Jahmarla Guidry, Richard Clark, Chris Rodrigue, Kristi Liner, Chad Arnaud, Mary Jack Geoffery, Charles L. Gowland

DATE / TIME	READERS	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION	ROSARY
December 8, 4:00 p.m.	Janea Giroir	Brian Giroir	Jean Beagh
December 9, 7:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 6:30 p.m.	Linda Thomas Christine Henry Luke Orlando	James Stewart Brian Theriot	