

**MASSES FOR THE WEEK**

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 17, 6:30 a.m.**

*Advent Weekday*

*Gn 49:2, 8-10 / Mt 1:1-17*

Julie Bradberry, Helen Overturf

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 18, 6:30 a.m.**

*Advent Weekday*

*Jer 23:5-8 / Mt 1:18-25*

Julie Bradberry

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 19, 6:30 a.m.**

*Advent Weekday*

*Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a / Lk 1:5-25*

Julie Bradberry

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 20, 6:30 a.m.**

*Advent Weekday*

*Is 7:10-14 / Lk 1:26-38*

Julie Bradberry

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 21, 12:10 p.m.**

*Advent Weekday*

*Sg 2:8-14 / Lk 1:39-45*

Julie Bradberry, Grace Listi & family (L&D)

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 22**

*Fourth Sunday of Advent*

*Mi 5:1-4a / Heb 10:5-10 / Lk 1:39-45*

**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), Lee Landry, Hazel Landry Roy, Larry Bergeron

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 23**

**7:00 a.m.** Connie Robichaux, Luella Smith

**10:00 a.m.** M/M E.J. Lemoine fly. (L&D), Julie Bradberry, Mable Ann Rulf, AML, Dale Chaisson, Grant Hebert

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

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 Offertory \$4294.00  
 Retirement Fund for Religious \$248.00

**Quelques paroles de Monsieur le Cure**

This can be quite a stressful time of the year, as I know so well. Increasing demands upon one's time can lead to exasperation, as I know so well. Expressions of impatience flow easily from the lips, as I know so well.

Early morning prayer time is more important than usual, as I know so well.

Each year, moreover, I look forward to the Berwick High School Sound of Pride Christmas Concert to help me to focus on the importance of the Season.

The young people in the band spend many hours throughout the year in preparing for marching competition and concert performance. This does not include playing for football games and basketball games. And no sooner is marching competition over then they begin preparing for the Christmas Concert.

More important than what they do is who they are. They are a delightful group of young people. They bring joy and enthusiasm to the community. And they do not get much recognition. There is no Homecoming Court for the band members, nothing similar to the Prom. I doubt that they experience many expressions of gratitude. Yet they continue to practice and to perform wholeheartedly.

So I would like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude for the members of the band. I am grateful for their good nature and humor— some make me laugh. I am grateful for their skill— the music is delightful. I am grateful for their youth and enthusiasm— even when I feel so old in response.

I am grateful to Mrs. McCarter and Mr. LeMay. They are extremely competent professional music teachers, but they are so much more. They care about the students and show that care with great compassion and understanding. Besides, Mrs. McCarter has a quirky taste in music that is so refreshing.

Life is a pursuit of the good, the beautiful, and the true. This is even more so for people of faith. This Season commemorates the ultimate self-giving of our God. God became man, as the Fathers of the Church remind us, so that we could share in the Divine life, to be like Him.

The annual band concert, like so many moments in my life, reminds me of God's presence and activity in our community. Inspired by these young people and moved by the

beauty of their music, I find myself refreshed and ready to re-enter the more challenging moments of the Season. Hopefully I do so more peaceful, more resilient, and more patient. That hope is well founded in Christ Jesus.

Thank you, Sound of Pride.

(Msgr.) Courville

**New Announcements**

**Special Collection:** The second collection this weekend is for the Bishop's Services Appeal.

**Confession:** Please be reminded that confessions are heard before each weekday and Sunday Mass. In addition, anyone may schedule an appointment with Monsignor Courville for confession at a more convenient time.

**Newly Married**

Eriq Joseph Blanchard and Abigail Rose Bailey were married on December 8, 2018.

**Rest in Peace**

Wilson Bradberry died on December 5, 2018

**Repeat Announcements**

**Masses for the Solemnity of Christmas:** There will be two Masses on December 24, Christmas Eve: 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. There will be three Masses on December 25, Christmas Day: 7 a.m., 10 a.m., and 6:30 p.m.

**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.

| DATE / TIME                                       | READERS                                              | EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION | ROSARY              |
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| December 22, 4:00 p.m.                            | Lisa Russo                                           | Debby Morella                        | Mary Catherine Gray |
| December 23, 7:00 a.m.<br>10:00 a.m.<br>6:30 p.m. | Prissy Davis<br>Martha Boudreaux<br>Monique Ratcliff | Mary Etta Taylor<br>Ann Theriot      |                     |

**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 17, Rev. Charles Langlois  
 December 18, Rev. Msgr. H.A. Larroque, JCD  
 December 19, Rev. Korey LaVergne  
 December 20, Rev. Bernard Lebiedz, OSB  
 December 21, Rev. Clyde LeBlanc, SJ  
 December 22, Rev. Steven LeBlanc  
 December 23, Rev. Jerome LeDoux, SVD

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, Brevon & Brinlee Colbert, John Czajka, 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 Geoffrey, Charles L. Gowland, Peter Scaramella, Janet Lee Slaughter, Jonathan Wainwright, Eddie Bradberry