

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, MAY 27, 9:00 a.m.

Easter Weekday

Acts 16:11-15 / Jn 15:26—16:4a

Julie Bradberry, Liz Judice

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

Easter Weekday

Acts 16:22-34 / Jn 16:5-11

Julie Bradberry, Calvin LeLeux

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

Easter Weekday

Acts 17:15, 22—18:1 / Jn 16:12-15

Julie Bradberry

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

Easter Weekday

Acts 18:1-18 / Jn 16:16-20

Julie Bradberry

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

The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Zep 3:14-18a / Lk 1:39-56

Julie Bradberry

SATURDAY, JUNE 1

First Saturday / St. Justin, Martyr

Acts 18:23-28 / Jn 16:23b-28

8:00 a.m. Calvin LeLeux

The Ascension of the Lord

Acts 1:1-11 / Eph 1:17-23 / Mk 16:15-20

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

SUNDAY, JUNE 2

7:00 a.m. Calvin LeLeux

10:00 a.m. M/M E.J. Lemoine fly. (L&D), Julie Bradberry, Zelda Fromenthal, Elma Braus, Anthony “Tony” Rhodes, Do Nghien family, Jimmy Stansbury

6:30 p.m. Fr. Bill Rogalla

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**Quelques paroles de Monsieur le Cure**

Last night I finished a contemporary novel and began reading Jude the Obscure by Thomas Hardy. The syntax between the two works is vastly different. The writing styles come from different eras. As I began reading Hardy, my thoughts turned to one of the high school students, a very bright student, who is presently reading Lord of the Flies by William Golding and not particularly enjoying it. Or, at least, not as much as I did reading it many years ago when I was the same age.

That thought led me to recall the annual hue and cry of the juniors assigned to read The Scarlet Letter by Nathaniel Hawthorne. Although having reread last year Brideshead Revisited by Evelyn Waugh and The Picture of Dorian Gray by Oscar Wilde, I am more sympathetic to their suffering, but undaunted in my belief that they absolutely have to read the classics and become familiar with a more complex syntax then exhibited by most contemporary writing. I am even so cruel as to believe that they should be required to write comprehensive and insightful essays on these classics.

At the same time, I do acknowledge the change in syntax and style of writing demonstrated in literature as well as that employed by newspapers and magazines. The trend seems to be in favor of simple declarative sentences, as I tend to use in this weekly reflection. I am not addressing texts and blogs because I wonder if these are not creating a new language.

These trends affect us as a people of faith because of the importance of the Bible in our lives. Most people, lacking facility in Hebrew and Greek, rely upon a translation. During the course of the centuries, several English translations have been available. Scholars propose arguments supporting the superiority of one translation over another. These arguments do have merit.

Even when one selects one of the better translations, there is still the challenge of understanding the text. It appears that many people do not readily understand what they are reading.

This problem is not unique to us today. In the 60s, some publishers produced an updated or relevant rendition of the New Testament. The words came easily to the reader, especially adolescents, but it simply could not be called the Bible with integrity. This was not a translation of the original language, but an interpretation that took too many liberties.

Should we just give up on reading the Bible because of the challenges? Given our belief that the Bible is a unique means through which the Lord speaks to us, not reading the Bible is not an option.

One good resource is the Eternal Word Television Network or EWTN. There are regular series on the Bible. Some of these are apparently available on video. The EWTN web site has all of the information readily available. In addition, someone here brings a big stack of the EWTN newsletters and places them in the vestibule.

Some may want to look into creating a Come Lord Jesus group. This program offers many insights into reading the Bible. Assistance is available to those wishing to form a group.

Ignoring the problem of not understanding the Bible benefits no one. On the contrary, it can create much harm.

(Msgr.) Courville

**New Announcements**

**Memorial Day:** Monday, May 27, is Memorial Day, a national holiday. Mass will be at 9 a.m. There will not be 6:30 a.m. Mass. The parish office will be closed.

**First Saturday:** Saturday, June 1, is the first Saturday of the month. There is Mass is at 8 a.m. in addition to the 4 p.m. Mass.

**Repeat Announcements**

**Homebound:** Recall that Monsignor does bring Holy Communion to the homebound on a regular basis. The individual or responsible family member need only telephone the rectory to make arrangements.

**Mass on the Web:** St. Mary, Mother of the Church, Parish, Lafayette, is streaming their Sunday 8 a.m. Mass. The homebound are able to watch the Mass live or see the video at any time during the week. Go to [www.stmarych.com/live](http://www.stmarych.com/live)

**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.

May 27, Rev. Gregory Chauvin

May 28, Rev. Durel Blaine Clement

May 29, Rev. Ugochukwu Cletus, SSJ

May 30, Rev. Nathan Comeaux

May 31, Rev. Gregory Cormier

June 1, Pope Francis

June 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, Paul Bower, Deborah Hernandez, Johnny Thomas, Braxton Burch, IJL, Brevon & Brinlee Colbert, John Czajka, Shawn McClelland, Jennifer Landry, Harold Adams, Jr., Karen Moore, David Berg, John Keenze, Sr., Thomas LeBlanc, 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, CJL, Marlene Cole, Clay Leonard, Mary Grace Rentrop, Brenda Dooley, Lee Nini, Jr., Marilyn Simmons, Michelle Billiot Landry, Ginger Berryhill, Jeana Francis, Jake Billiot, Steve Thorguson, Teresa Allbriton, Shirley Gilfour, BGL, Claudette Faulk, Archer Rogers, Laurie Hale, Quinn Toups, Susan Cantrell, 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, Peter Scaramella, Janet Lee Slaughter, Jonathan Wainwright, Eddie Bradberry, Dan Minter, Terence Donnelly, Nate Furette, Ryan Bowman, Catherine Landry, Elijah Landry, Bonnie Bass, Terri Moore, Joel Norton, David LaCoste, Brendan Kidder, Laura Magee Larive, Pearl Lyons, Oscar “Sonny” Landry

| DATE / TIME                                  | READERS                                      | EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION | ROSARY                        |
|----------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| June 1, 4:00 p.m.                            | Janea Giroir                                 | Brian Giroir                         | 3:30 p.m. Mary Catherine Gray |
| June 2, 7:00 a.m.<br>10:00 a.m.<br>6:30 p.m. | Blake Orgeron<br>Laura Dozar<br>Luke Orlando | Briant Dozar                         |                               |