

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, AUGUST 12, 6:30 a.m.

Weekday

Dt 10:12-22 / M 17:22-27

Julie Bradberry, Calvin LeLeux, Stephanie Baudry, Monica Mancuso, Mary White

TUESDAY, AUGUST 13, 6:30 a.m.

Weekday

Dt 31:1-8 / Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

Julie Bradberry, Angélique LeLeux

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 14

St. Maximilian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr

Dt 31:1-8 / Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

6:30 a.m. Julie Bradberry

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2 / 1 Cor 15:54b-57 / Lk 11:27-28

4:00 p.m. Gayle Arnould fly. (L&D)

THURSDAY, AUGUST 15

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab / 1 Cor 15:20-27 / Lk 1:39-56

6:30 a.m. Julie Bradberry

12:10 p.m. Sadie Adams fly. (L&D)

5:30 p.m. Zeldia Fromenthal

FRIDAY, AUGUST 16, 12:10 p.m.

Weekday

Jos 24:1-13 / Mt 19:3-12

Julie Bradberry

SATURDAY, AUGUST 17

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jer 38:4-6, 8-10 / Heb 12:1-4 / Lk 12:49-53

4:00 p.m. Julie Bradberry, M/M Joseph P. Russo fly. (L&D), 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), Helen Overturf, Donovan LeBlanc

SUNDAY, AUGUST 18

7:00 a.m. Calvin LeLeux, Luella Smith & fly. (L&D)

10:00 a.m. M/M E.J. Lemoine fly. (L&D), Julie Bradberry, Onesime Richard, John B. Hover, Jimmy Stansbury

6:30 p.m. Rose Marie Beatty Fields, Jerwin P. Briggs

Offertory \$5755.00

Quelques paroles de Monsieur le Cure

Yesterday I picked up our usual order of hosts from the Sisters of the Most Holy Sacrament. Unlike the routine orders I have placed and picked up over the years, this one was different because it was the last time that I would do so. The Sisters, because of the continued decline in members, discontinued the service as of this summer.

Because I was caught in a drenching rain, I remained there for longer than usual. To describe it as a nostalgic moment is only the beginning because the nostalgia gradually gave way to increasing sadness as I began experiencing memories of some of the remarkable Sisters who were members of this community.

I recalled vividly Sr. Conception telling us back in the early sixties that there were so many young women entering the novitiate, so many novices making first vows and so many Sisters making their perpetual profession of vows that the Sisters had to move the ceremony from their rather spacious chapel at the Motherhouse to the church of Our Lady of Fatima- which seated a thousand people- to accommodate the families and friends of all of these future novices and those making profession.

A decade later, many of these Sisters would be dispensed from their vows, marking the tragic beginning of the demise of the community. As of today, only nine remain, the youngest over seventy years old. The Motherhouse was sold over twenty years ago. Their nursing home was sold recently. Only two of the Sisters remain in Lafayette, living in the last house that they own there.

There will be no new members. This is the end. By the time I drove away, my heart was heavy with sadness. Today, still feeling the sadness, I remembered the saying, “nothing lasts forever.”

This led me to brief research on the source of that saying. I found some speculation and claims, but no definitive source. Is the saying so based on human experience that it is simply a universal observation? Nature itself experiences death each fall. People die. Relationships die. Should I not be more accepting of the approaching end- the death- of the Sisters of the Most Holy Sacrament?

As a person of faith, should I not, rather than clinging to my sadness, be looking for the Lord Jesus in this situation? I do look for Him each fall in the death of nature, each time someone dies, each time a relationship fails. Each fall turns into the new life of spring. Each death is tolerable because of the victory of the resurrection. Every failed relationship can be accepted and the individuals can move on in their lives.

Do I always understand these events? Is my heart immediately consoled? Am I preserved from confusion and disappointment? My answer is no to each of these questions. My faith, my relationship with Christ Jesus leads me forward in confidence, courage, and conviction. My faith in Christ Jesus teaches me to walk in darkness, to coexist with fear and uncertainty, to tolerate doubt.

I will always remember the Sisters of the Most Holy Sacrament whom I respect, admire, appreciate, and love. I also renew my trust in God’s Providence. Christ Jesus will continue to call people, as He did these Sisters, to teach, to heal and comfort, to love and serve in His Name and in His power. I will struggle to accept that it is God’s plan and in accord with His timeline. This is not always easy, but it reestablishes hope and makes the sadness bearable.

(Msgr.) Courville

New Announcements

The Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary: Thursday, August 15, is the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary and is a holy day of obligation. There will be a vigil Mass for the solemnity on Wednesday afternoon at 4. There will be three Masses on Thursday: 6:30 a.m., 12:10 p.m., and 5:30 p.m.

Come, Lord Jesus and Religious Education: Our parish will again use the Come, Lord Jesus program this academic year for the instruction of grades three through eleven. The first and second grades will use another program. So we need facilitators and other volunteers. If you are able to help, please email Msgr. Courville, monsignor@bellsouth.net or just telephone him at the rectory. Sessions will begin on August 21.

Rest In Peace

Victor Joseph Gaudet died on July 29, 2019.

Repeat Announcements

Pilgrimage: Fr. Herb Bennerfield, pastor of St. Joseph Church in Patterson, will lead a pilgrimage to the passion play in Oberammergau, Germany, from September 30 to October 10, 2020. This pilgrimage will also include places associated with Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos, the devotion to the Infant Jesus of Prague, Our Lady of Czestochowa, the holocaust, St. Faustina, St. John Paul, II and other places of interest. Telephone Fr. Bennerfield for more information at 985 395-3616.

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 12, Rev. Andrew Kirschman, SJ
- August 13, Rev. Rodney Kissinger, SJ
- August 14, Rev. David Kluk, LC
- August 15, Rev. Clifton Labbe, SVD
- August 16, Rev. Donovan Labbe
- August 17, Rev. Paul LaFleur
- August 18, Rev. Jeremy Lambert, LC

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, Wyannette Monceaux, CJL, Marlene Cole, 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, Susan Cantrell, Linda DeHart, Glenn Eues, Aedan Jones, Sawyer Allums, Dana Hart, Marie Dupre, Hunter Chaisson, Cohen Callas, Debbie Zorn, Eddie Hamlett, Richard Clark, Chris Rodrigue, Kristi Liner, Chad Arnaud, Mary Jack Geoffrey, Peter Scaramella, Janet Lee Slaughter, Jonathan Wainwright, Eddie Bradberry, Terence Donnelly, Nate Furlette, Ryan Bowman, Catherine Landry, Elijah Landry, Terri Moore, Joel Norton, David LaCoste, Brendan Kidder, Laura Magee Larive, Pearl Lyons, Erin & Simon, Oscar “Sonny” Landry, Jerry Barrilleaux, Lonnie Michel, Mary Etta Race, Della Topham

DATE / TIME	READERS	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION	ROSARY
August 17, 4:00 p.m.	Janea Giroir	Brian Giroir	3:30 p.m. Mary Catherine Gray
August 18, 7:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 6:30 p.m.	Susan Blanchard Cliff Journey Chuck Boudreaux	James Stewart Michelle Boudreaux	