

**MASSES FOR THE WEEK**

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 6:30 a.m.**

*St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest  
Ezr 1:1-6 / Lk 8:16-18*

Julie Bradberry, AML

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

*Weekday  
Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20 / Lk 8:19-21*

Julie Bradberry

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

*Weekday  
Ezr 9:5-9 / Lk 9:1-6*

Julie Bradberry, Michelle Denning, John Menard

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

*Weekday  
Hg 1:1-8 / Lk 9:7-9*

Julie Bradberry

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 12:10 p.m.**

*St. Vincent de Paul, Priest  
Hg 2:1-9 / Lk 9:18-22*

Julie Bradberry, Liz Judice

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28**

*Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Am 6:1a, 4-7 / 1 Tm 6:11-16 / Lk 16:19-31*

**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, Al Adams III fly. (L&D)

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29**

**7:00 a.m.** Calvin LeLeux, Lee Landry, Hazel Landry Roy, Bonnie Agnelly, M/M Robert Duffy & family, Souls in Purgatory, Kate Masek

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

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

Offertory \$4206.00

**Quelques paroles de Monsieur le Cure**

I cannot imagine my interior life, my life of prayer, without a relationship with the saints.

Customarily references to the saints center on their ability to intercede or pray for us and the example they provide for us. I have great confidence in both. Several times a day, I ask for the intercession of the Blessed Mother, St. Joseph, St. Benedict, St. Therese of Lisieux, St. Teresa of Calcutta, St. John Paul II, St. Gregory, St. John Vianney, St. John XXIII, St. Teresa of Avila, and St. John of the Cross. I also ask my Guardian Angel to protect me.

Each of these saints teaches, inspires, and challenges me. There is some quality in each of them which I not only admire, but also want to incorporate in my own life.

The Carmelite Saints- St. Teresa of Avila, St. John of the Cross, St. Therese of Lisieux- for example, I turn to for insights into prayer. I have read and continue to read the writings of all three saints.

I look to Mother Teresa of Calcutta for inspiration in serving the needy, especially those who suffer from spiritual poverty or who have no one to love them. One of the great graces in my life is my personal experience of her along with her words of wisdom and insight into the Mystery of the Eucharist.

Pope St. Gregory- the monk, Hildebrand- inspires me to ever greater integrity of life. He maintained that integrity even though he was persecuted for his fidelity to the Lord Jesus. Driven out of Rome by the powers of the moment, Pope Gregory died in exile. His last words were, "I have loved justice and hated iniquity, therefore I die in exile." Having taken stands against those in power a few times, I am no stranger to exile myself. But, reflecting on St. Gregory, how could I have done otherwise? I ask his intercession as I struggle to preserve integrity.

These relationships with the saints do not diminish my central and exclusive relationship with the Lord Jesus. On the contrary, each of these saints had a deep and abiding relationship with Christ. After all, Who else could provide them with the help needed to become the holy people that they are? The saints actually help us by their prayer and example to be more intimately united with the Lord Jesus.

Should some kind of relationship with the saints be a part of the interior life?

This devotion, far from distracting us from union with Christ, adds another dimension to our spiritual life. With the exception of the Blessed Mother and St. Joseph, the saints to whom I have a devotion are priests and religious. There are, however, other saints who are married and had secular professions.

A search of the internet or some other source may help in discovering some saint whose life or writings attracts our attention and may help us to draw closer to the Lord Jesus.

(Msgr.) Courville

**New Announcements**

**Lighthouse Festival:** The Berwick Historical Society announces that The Brown House Museum on Third Street will be open on Saturday and Sunday, October 5 and 6, during the Lighthouse Festival. There are three new exhibits at the museum: the history of the Atchafalaya Bay lighthouse, the orphan train and its influence on Berwick, and the early history of Berwick- the 1700s, From Wilderness to Statehood. Admission is free.

**Seventh Annual Patterson Life Chain:** This pro-life activity is scheduled for Sunday, October 6, from 2 to 3 in the afternoon at the intersection of highway 90 and Wise Street in Patterson. Please telephone Ann Picou at 985 518-6374 for more information.

**Pilgrimage Opportunity:** Fr. Mikel Polson will lead a pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico from November 23 to 28. Please call 337 291-1933 to register.

**Rest in Peace**

Bonnie N. Agnelly died on September 10, 2019.

**Repeat Announcements**

**Benefit Performance:** The delightful comedy, Nonsense, will be performed on Friday, September 27, at 7 p.m.; Saturday, September 28, at 7 p.m.; and Sunday, September 29, at 2 p.m. at Maria Immacolata Church Gathering Center, 246 Corporate Drive in Houma. Tickets are \$25 and are available from Maria Immacolata Catholic School, 324 Estate Drive, Houma 70364. The proceeds from the performances will be contributed to the school. For more information, telephone 985 876-1631.

**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 23, Rev. Michael Moody, SVD
- September 24, Rev. Randall Moreau
- September 25, Rev. Jason Mouton
- September 26, Rev. Joseph Nasser, SJ
- September 27, Rev. James Bam Nguyen
- September 28, Rev. Thomas Nguyen
- September 29, Rev. A. Gayle Nunez

Please pray for the sick of our parish: Diane Bergeron, Reggie Sappey, 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, 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 Furette, 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, Dr. Geoffrey Fleming, Shelby Baldree, Michael Naquin

DATE / TIME	READERS	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION	ROSARY
September 28, 4:00 p.m.	Linda Thomas	Barbara LeLeux	3:30 p.m. Linda Thomas
September 29, 7:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 6:30 p.m.	Prissy Davis Laura Dozar Monique Ratcliff	Briant Dozar Belinda Boudreaux	