

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 6:30 a.m.

Weekday

Dn 1:1-6, 8-20 / Lk 21:1-4

Calvin LeLeux, Michelle Denning, John Menard, Julie Bradberry

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 6:30 a.m.

Weekday

Dn 2:31-45 / Lk 21:5-11

Julie Bradberry, Calvin LeLeux

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 6:30 a.m.

Weekday

Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28 / Lk 21:12-19

Julie Bradberry, Liz Judice, Al Adams III fly. (L&D)

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 9:00 a.m.

Weekday

Dn 6:12-28 / Lk 21:20-28

Julie Bradberry

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 12:10 p.m.

Weekday

Dn 7:2-14 / Lk 21:29-33

Julie Bradberry

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30

First Sunday of Advent

Is 2:1-5 / Rom 13:11-14 / Mt 24:37-44

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, Howard Thibodeaux, Sr., David LaCoste

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1

7:00 a.m. Calvin LeLeux, Mary Waguespack, Michael Naquin

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

6:30 p.m. Louis & Zelda Fromenthal

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Offertory \$3617.00

Campaign for Human Development \$392.00

Quelques paroles de Monsieur le Cure

I have never really warmed up to the holiday. It seems so Anglo. I am not a descendent of the people who arrived on the Mayflower, not a Puritan. I am from the Deep South, not New England. My ancestors either came to Louisiana because the British exiled them from Canada because of their Catholic faith in the Eighteenth Century or came here because it was a French colony.

Nonetheless, as a child, I dutifully colored the sheets depicting the First Thanksgiving and acted out that meal by dressing as Pilgrims or Native Americans, as was expected during the mid-Twentieth Century. And, of course, there was the delightful meal.

Or, I should say the meals. As a student and then as a teacher, there was the school Thanksgiving dinner, Thanksgiving dinner on the day itself, the school Christmas dinner, Christmas dinner on the day itself, and then New Year's Day dinner. Most enjoyable when I was younger, the meals began a serious assault on my waist. The results of the battle remain obvious to this very day.

Time has brought changes, not all of them good. The number of football games has increased as has the channels to watch them. The dynamic of many homes on that day are centered on the televisions, situated like the tabernacle in a church. The day has become an active prelude to the busiest shopping day of the calendar year as the emphasis shifts radically from the worship of the television to paying homage to the retailers.

Thanksgiving is a purely secular observance, a national holiday. But does it have some relevance to us as a people of faith? And I am not referring to the ridiculous texts found in the missalette that some liturgists fabricated. I am referring to something that is essential to our faith: giving thanks to God. As the priest exhorts the people about to enter the great Eucharistic Prayer: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. And the people respond: It is right and just.

It is the right and fair thing to do to give thanks to God and, as a consequence of that thanksgiving, to be a people of gratitude.

One of the all too many bad habits I have developed over the past fifteen years or so is my failure to express my gratitude for the many kindnesses and thoughtfulness I experience in such abundance. I regularly make resolutions to remedy this, but all too quickly get swept up again by one distraction or another.

Expressing one's gratitude, however, is an important part of the interior life. A posture of gratitude helps us to see the goodness of God and the goodness of others. This posture enables us to see that all is grace and encourages us to respond to that grace by ever closer conformity to Christ Jesus.

In any event, in the midst of the food and shopping, parade and games, may this Thanksgiving Day bring you closer to Him.

(Msgr.) Courville

New Announcements

Prayer Partners for Confirmation Candidates: The revised dates that messages will be shared are December 4, December 11, January 8, and the Confirmation Ceremony on January 25. Kindly remember, there are to be only messages of prayerful support, no gifts. If you have any questions, email monsignor@bellsouth.net at your convenience. You may also telephone the rectory and speak to Peggy.

National Holiday: The parish office will be closed on Thursday, November 28, in observance of Thanksgiving Day.

Mass Schedule: Mass on Thursday morning, November 28, will be at 9. There will be no other Mass that day.

Come Lord Jesus and Religion Classes: The Come Lord Jesus groups and the religion classes will not meet next week because of the Thanksgiving Holiday. Sessions and classes will resume Wednesday, December 4.

Repeat Announcements

A Day of Prayer for Women: Fr. Steve Kimmons, S.J. will present a day of recollection for women on "Advent: Standing on the Precipice of Eternity" on Tuesday, November 26, beginning at 8:30 a.m. and ending with Mass at 2:15 p.m. at Our Lady of the Oaks Retreat House, Grand Coteau. The fee is \$25. And pre-registration is required. Go to www.ourladyoftheoaks.com or telephone 337 662-5410 for registration or more information.

Perpetual Adoration Chapel: St. Bernadette Parish in Bayou Vista is in need of volunteers to be present in the chapel by committing to one hour of prayer every week. The following hours are presently not filled: Sunday at 5 a.m. and 11 a.m., Monday at 5 a.m. and 8 p.m., Wednesday at 6 p.m. and 7 p.m., Friday at 8 p.m., and Saturday at 1 a.m., 2 a.m., 6 a.m., 11 a.m., noon, and 2 p.m. For more information or to volunteer, please call the rectory at St. Bernadette, 395-2470.

DATE / TIME	READERS	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION	ROSARY
November 30, 4:00 p.m.	Janea Giroir	Brian Giroir	3:30 p.m. Linda Thomas
December 1, 7:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 6:30 p.m.	Blake Orgeron Laura Dozar Brian Theriot	Briant Dozar Anne 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.

- November 25, Rev. Charles Nicholas Trahan
- November 26, Rev. Clint Trahan
- November 27, Rev. Harold Trahan
- November 28, Rev. John Lan Tran, SJ
- November 29, Rev. Joseph Sai Tran, SVD
- November 30, Rev. Eugene Tremie
- December 1, Pope Francis

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, Brenda Dooley, Lee Nini, Jr., Marilyn Simmons, Michelle Billiot Landry, Ginger Berryhill, Jeana Francis, Jake Billiot, Steve Thorguson, Teresa Allbriton, Shirley Gilfour, BGL, 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, 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, Brendan Kidder, Laura Magee Larive, Pearl Lyons, Erin & Simon, Oscar "Sonny" Landry, Jerry Barrilleaux, Lonnie Michel, Mary Etta Race, Dr. Geoffrey Fleming, Shelby Baldree, David Peveto