

**MASSES FOR THE WEEK**

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 2, 6:30 a.m.**

*Advent Weekday  
Is 4:2-6 / Mt 8:5-11*

Elma Braus, Julie Bradberry, Calvin LeLeux

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3, 6:30 a.m.**

*St. Francis Xavier, Priest  
Is 11:1-10 / Lk 10:21-24*

Julie Bradberry, Calvin LeLeux

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4, 6:30 a.m.**

*Advent Weekday  
Is 25:6-10a / Mt 15:29-37*

Julie Bradberry, Calvin LeLeux

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5, 6:30 a.m.**

*Advent Weekday  
Is 26:1-6 / Mt 7:21, 24-27*

Julie Bradberry, Calvin LeLeux

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6, 12:10 p.m.**

*Advent Weekday  
Is 29:17-24 / Mt 9:27-31*

Julie Bradberry, Calvin LeLeux

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7**

*First Saturday / St. Ambrose, Bishop & Doctor of the Church  
Is 30:19-21, 23-26 / Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8*

**8:00 a.m.** Fr. Richard Fabre

*Second Sunday of Advent  
Is 11:1-10 / Rom 15:4-9 / Mt 3:1-12*

**4:00 p.m.** 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, John Menard, Tommy Naquin, Mercedes & Leroy Naquin, Bobby Naquin, Anatole & Marcelite Naquin, Calvin LeLeux

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8**

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

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

**6:30 p.m.** Louis & Zelda Fromenthal

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**Quelques paroles de Monsieur le Cure**

I went to a store the other day and Christmas carols were being played. Should I have been surprised?

Marketing is a significant factor in our economy. People have to be reminded to spend money and the seasons provide a convenient time for that reminder. How many shopping days until Christmas?

It is best to accept this as the way of the world. As a matter of fact, this morning while at the supermarket, I calmly listened to the Christmas carols being piped in through the system.

But I did not hum along.

That is my silent protest against this excessive anticipation of the holy season. I will wait until Christmas Eve for Christmas music. I make an exception only for the Berwick High School band's Christmas concert. And the concert is close to Christmas Eve.

I really want to give Advent its due: preparation for the Second Coming and for the Christmas solemnities.

On second thought, society's practices may actually help to prepare for the Second Coming and for the annual commemoration of the Birth of the Savior. As we look around, we see the Christmas banners on the light posts, Christmas trees and wreaths. We do indeed hear the music of the season. If we go to the supermarket at a certain time, we can smell the seasonal delicacies coming out of the oven.

Advent practices, in contrast, are interior, centered on our very souls. These Advent practices are directed towards our personal, intimate relationship with Christ Jesus.

Are we prepared to greet Him when He comes in glory at the end of time? Are we prepared to meet Him at the moment of our death? How do I prepare to greet Him when I receive Holy Communion? How do I greet Him upon entering the church?

What do I do to celebrate the anniversary of the Birth of our Lord? The Incarnation is our belief that God, the Second Person of the Blessed Trinity, truly became Man. Do I reflect regularly upon this Mystery? Do I daily make an effort to conform my life to the life of Christ?

Am I attentive to the Bible, the Word of God? Do I receive the sacraments with reverence, faith, and devotion? When was the last time I went to confession? Am I truly sorry for my sins? Am I really resolved to avoid sin and do good?

With the grace of God, the anticipation of society outside ourselves may help us to experience greater depth within and enable us to have a grace-filled Advent.

(Msg.) Courville

**New Announcements**

**March for Life:** The South Deanery is sponsoring a silent Eucharistic procession, Mass, and a five day Rosary Congress beginning on Tuesday, January 21, at 6 p.m. at the grotto on Main Street, in New Iberia. The procession will move from the grotto to the church for Mass. The Eucharistic adoration will begin after the Mass. For more information, telephone 337 369-3816.

**Come Lord Jesus and Religion Classes:** The Come Lord Jesus groups and the religion classes resume this week, Wednesday, December 4.

**Baptized Into Christ**

Ty James Leonard was baptized on November 24, 2019.

**Repeat 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](mailto:monsignor@bellsouth.net) at your convenience. You may also telephone the rectory and speak to Peggy.

**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
December 7, 4:00 p.m.	Lisa Russo	Debby Morella	3:30 p.m. Mary Catherine Gray
December 8, 7:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 6:30 p.m.	Susan Blanchard Donna Gisclair Chuck Boudreaux	James Stewart Michelle Boudreaux	

**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 2, Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI
- December 3, Bishop J. Douglas Deshotel
- December 4, Bishop Emeritus Michael Jarrell
- December 5, Rev. Stephen Ugwu
- December 6, Rev. Gregory Usselmann, LC
- December 7, Rev. Jason Vidrine
- December 8, Rev. Richard Vidrine

Please pray for the sick of our parish: Diane Bergeron, Reggie Sapey, 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, Wesley Burnham