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MASS SCHEDULE:

Saturday: 4:00 pm
Sunday: 7:00 am, 9:00 am, 11:00 am
Weekdays:
5:30 pm (Tuesday and Thursday)
9:00 am (Wednesday) 6:30 am (Friday)

OFFICE HOURS:

Monday: 9:00 am — 5:00 pm
Tuesday: 9:00 am — 5:00 pm
Wednesday: 9:30 am — 5:00 pm
Thursday: 9:00 am — 5:00 pm
Friday: 9:00 am — 12:00 pm
(Closed daily from 12:00 pm — 1:00 pm for Lunch)

PASTOR:

Rev. Msgr. J. Robert Romero

SACRAMENTAL MINISTER:

Fr. Ed Degeyter

BOOKKEEPER:

Linda L. Viator

SECRETARY:

Polly Camacho

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PASTORAL COUNCIL

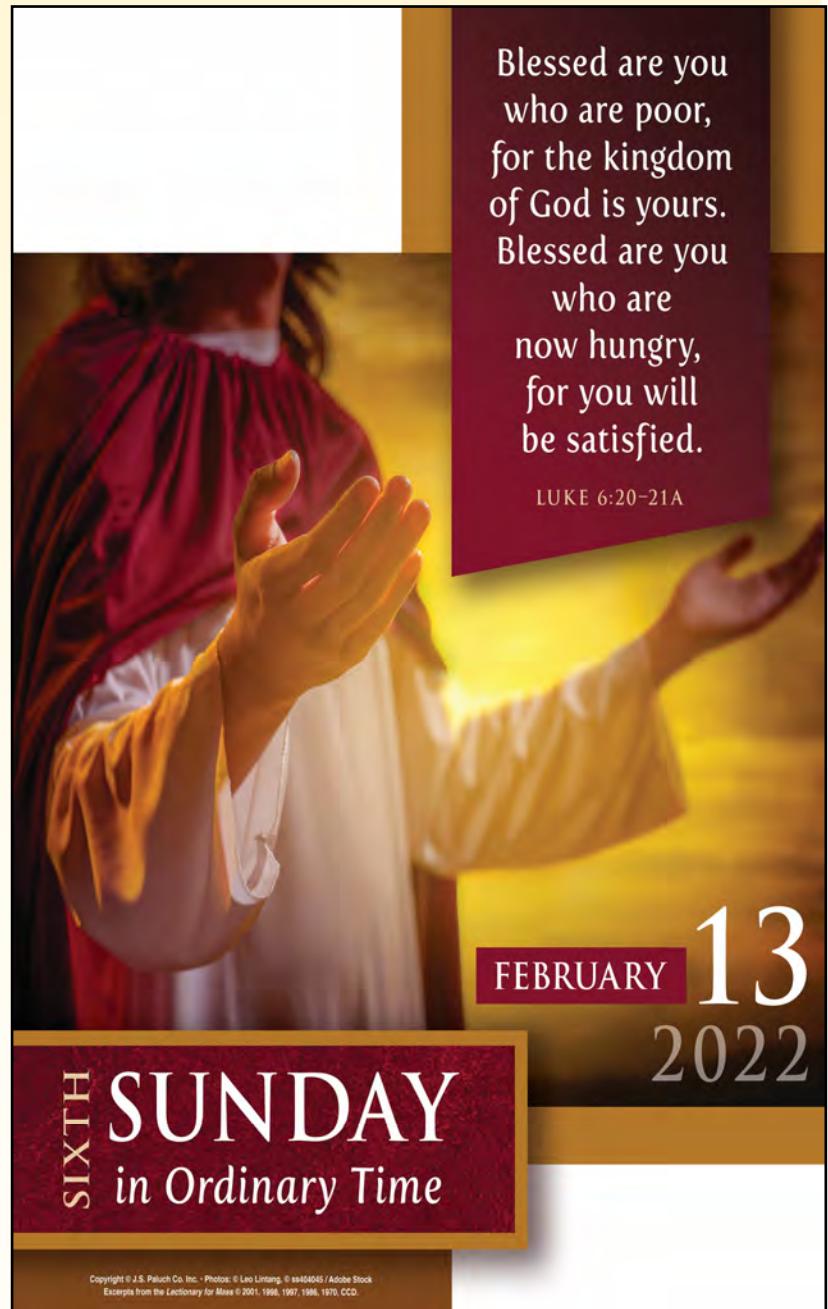
PRESIDENT: *Barbara Breaux*

RECONCILIATION:

Saturday: 3:00 pm — 3:45 pm and
30 minutes before weekday Masses

ROSARY:

Wednesday: 8:20 am (*Pro-Life*)
Thursday: 5:00 pm





Mass Intentions for the Week

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Tuesday, February 15, 2022

5:30pm Mitch & Bertha P. Delcambre

Wednesday, February 16, 2022

9:00am Patty Babineaux Fontenot, Joseph Viator
Patti Gagnard, Roman Paul Romero (liv)
Sarah Romero (liv), A Special Intention

Thursday, February 17, 2022

5:30pm Maudrey B. Durand (liv)(bd), Diane Moore

Friday, February 18, 2022

6:30am Jessica Allen (liv)(bd)

Saturday, February 19, 2022

4:00pm Harvey & Joyce DeCourt, Robert Baisden
Roy Flores, Stuart Guyote
Lynward Ransonet

Sunday, February 20, 2022

7:00am Parishioners, Mona B. Simon
Kimberly Ann Clements, Charles Froisy
9:00am Msgr. H. J. Barsen, Agapito A. Castro
Clarence & Violet Lancon, Melvin Petry
Gerald "Bick" Girouard, Quang V. Nguyen
Larry John Romero, Odelle Walker
Russell Barrilleaux
11:00am Fr. A.J. Boumans, Donna M. Lanza
A Special Intention

Retrouvaille Weekend

Matrimony: A calling to forgive! "Mercy is the force that reawakens us to new life and instills in us the courage to look to the future with hope." Retrouvaille offers a welcoming and loving space to couples who have been living with the misery of a failing marriage.

Retrouvaille offers hope: hope that it is not too late, hope of a different and better marriage. Retrouvaille helps couples to show each other mercy through the opportunities it provides to listen, to forgive, to be reconciled and to move into their futures believing that God loves them and with His help and their efforts, their marriages can be healed and restored. Retrouvaille provides help for marriage problems/difficulties/crises. For confidential information about our local

Retrouvaille Weekend program for couples (March 11-13, 2022), contact: Bill and Missie @ 985-232-5963 or visit our website: HelpOurMarriage.org

Congratulations Deacon John Sarkies

Celebrating his
22nd Year of Ordination
to the Permanent Diaconate on
Saturday, February 12, 2022

We are a sacrificial giving Parish,
giving of our Time, Talent and Treasure:

OUR GIFTS TO GOD February 6th

Loose.....	\$ 2,786.00
Envelopes	\$ 2,784.00
Total (collected).....	\$ 5,570.00
Online Giving offertory.....	\$ 1,161.00
Mailed in offertory.....	\$ 600.00
Total offertory (week)	\$ 7,331.00
Bishop's Services Appeal.....	\$ 298.00

Thank you for your generosity!!!!

Surviving Divorce Series

This 12-week program is designed to bring Hope and Healing to those who have experienced the pain and loneliness of a broken marriage. It is for the newly separated and divorced as well as those still struggling with issues many years later. Topics will include how to work through the emotional upheaval of separation and divorce, find personal healing and hope, discover a deeper understanding of God's love for you, gain wisdom and comfort from experts and others who share your experiences, navigate new concerns like custody, court hearings, and finances. For more information or to register for the 11 week February 20, 2022 class from 2:30 to 4:30 at St. Anne's in the Parish Hall, please contact our facilitator, Greg Broussard (337) 412-0349 or email gregbroussard@gmail.com.

SANCTUARY LIGHT:

*In Memory of:
David D. Viator*



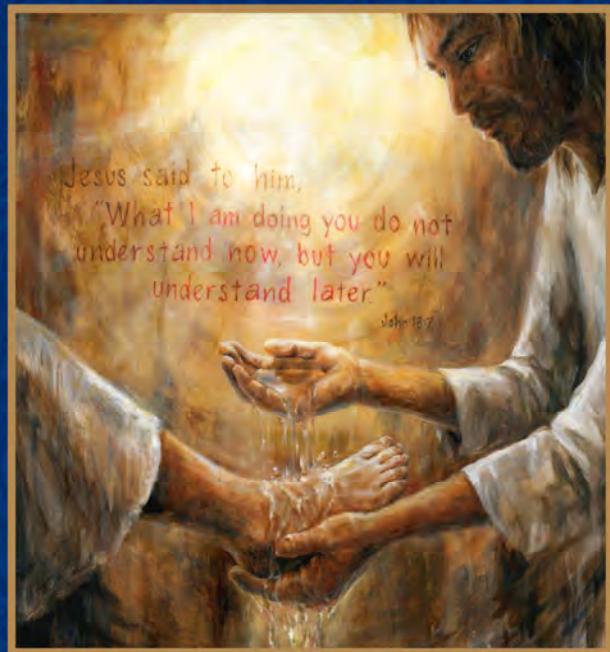
REFLECTIONS Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Jesus repeatedly said the poor, the hungry, and the outcasts were blest. No one wants to be poor, but the more we have, the less time we have for God. When we feel self-sufficient, where is there a need for God? Hunger gnaws at us until we are fed. Our bodies require food to function. Our souls also need to be fed - not just now and then, but daily. Through prayer and the Eucharist we can nourish our hungry souls. Following God's will and doing what is right is not always popular and it may even make us outcasts at times. Is it really more important to agree with others or to follow your own conscience? Reflect on the concerns that fill your days. Where is God in your life?

"Blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord, whose hope is in the Lord." - Jeremiah 17:7
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GROWING IN *Charity & Love*

The humble servanthood and gentle touch of Jesus ministers to our every need and worry. We follow his example when we serve one another in lowliness of heart and mind, seeking to build one another up in charity and love. Join the 2022 Bishop's Services Appeal and share the blessings of a servant's heart.

Pledge by mail, by phone (337-261-5641), online at diolaf.org/bsa, or by texting DIOCESE to 50155.



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The Mission of the Diocese of Lafayette involves the total restoration of humanity, the salvation of the whole person. Our response to this mission finds expression in the programs, ministries, and services supported by the Bishop's Services Appeal. The charity of God urges us, encourages us, and impels us to seek the needs of others, rather than self: This is the purpose of the Bishop's Services Appeal. Please prayerfully consider making a sacrificial gift or pledge to the Bishop's Services Appeal.

This weekend is Bishop's Services Appeal Follow-up Weekend. Live the way of the Last Supper—serving, giving, loving others, Growing in Charity and Love. May Nativity of Our Lady parish respond generously.

The Feastday of St. Katharine Drexel is Thursday, March 3, 2022. St. Katharine Drexel was born in 1858 and died on March 3, 1955. She was an heiress who devoted her life and fortune to serving the Eucharistic Christ through the Black and Native American people. She founded the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament who served throughout the country, but especially in Acadiana. At the time of her death, her Sisters were serving in 48 elementary schools (including St. Edward in New Iberia), 12 high schools and one college - Xavier University in New Orleans. She taught us how to live united in the Eucharistic Christ.

The Associates of the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament will host a Holy Hour on Sunday, February 27, 2022 at 3:00pm at St. Edward Church, 175 Ambassador LeMelle St., New Iberia. Before the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, a relic of St. Katharine will be venerated. Please join us in worshipping Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament and remembering St. Katharine who walked these holy grounds in New Iberia.

PRAYER & SICK LIST

The names on our prayer list will stay on for 90 days. If you want to add or delete a name, please call the office @ 364-8360:

Coty Lynn Romero, Rhonda Darden, Peggy Lancon, Art & Carmen Merryman, Nicole Guilbeau & Fly, Deacon John & Linda Sarkies, Fr. Eugene Tremie, Lester Simon, Gene Gonsoulin, Celia-Kate Williams, Jane Schaubert, Alexis Bourque, Alvin LeBlanc, Evan Garbarino, Stephanie Kelly, Harry Buteaux, Jovi Racca, Stephanie Trahan, Amber Gaspard, Rosetta Mouton, Keisha Castille, Irene Hebert, Tricia Estave, Christine Jumonville, Max Borres, Clifton Babin, Norvelle Belaire, Ace, Jenny & Jersii Mayeaux, J.R. Romero, Sr., Donna Snoddy, Raywood & Virginia Buteaux, Eric Simeon, Betty Romero, Juliette Dubois, Sarah Tabor Collette, Linda Bernard, Margaret Peltier, Xander Menard, Ellis Labat, Luis Aguilar, Lori Aguilar, Martha Lewis, Mardell Broussard, Fran Jackson, David & Robin Viator family, Sheryl S. Bourque, Ronnie Landry, Elise C. Verret, Michael & Claire Landry Family, Dustin & Nicole V. Ortego family, Gloria Landry, Linda & Clint Trahan family, Josephine Delcambre, Abby Musselwhite, Timmie Trahan, Alice Robicheaux, Enola Benoit, Jean-Paul Marceaux, Corliss Ramirez, John Ray, Farina Guidry, Glenn Mason, Mary Saltzman, Rachel Romero, Peyton Norwood, Nicholas Andrus, Neal Seago, Steven Meyers, Terry & Mary Broussard, Victor Bernard, Ruth Bernard, Sirena Rogers



WHY DO WE DO THAT? - CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

Q: How can a priest counsel people about marriage when he has never been married?

A: If a marriage counselor is in a bad marriage does that mean that he or she will be a bad counselor? If one's counseling ability depended upon first-hand experience, would that require counselors to be perfect before they can help others? Obviously not. Some of the skills necessary to help others do come out of personal life experience. But you don't need personal, first-hand experience in order to understand something. We would not think that a doctor, who is an oncologist, would not be able to treat cancer because he himself has never been sick. We also would not expect every doctor to treat cancer. It is the same with priests.

Essentially marriage is a relationship and we've all been involved in different kinds of relationships: in our family, with our friends, and with God. And so counseling people about marriage is really helping them to look at the issues that really are part of their relationship, finding ways to better understand themselves in relationship to one another and in relationship to God. In many ways a priest's training, background, and experience, as well as his personal knowledge of many different relationships in families and couples, gives him a broad background from which to draw upon. Most priests are quite capable of helping couples prepare for marriage and discussing the issues that are important as they begin their life together. And they do not do it alone. With the help of married couples and specially trained counselors, most parishes offer a very good preparation for the sacrament of marriage.

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Our Lady of the Oaks, Grand Coteau Upcoming Retreats:

New Iberia Retreat for Men

March 24 - 27, 2022

Contact Wayne Delcambre 519-0462 or
Paul Gulotta, Sr. 577-6377

May 19 - 22, 2022

Contact: Tommy Hebert 364-1003 or
Glenn Eldridge 519-0361

For more information, please contact Our Lady of the Oaks Retreat House in Grand Coteau at (337) 662-5410 or visit the website at www.ourladyoftheoaks.com.

Call Our Lady of the Oaks for the below retreats: Married Couples Retreats:

February 18 - 20, 2022 April 29 - May 1, 2022

Weekend Retreats for Women:

May 5 - 7, 2022 - Thursday - Saturday

May 12 - 15, 2022 - 3 day Weekend

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TODAY'S READINGS

**Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 13, 2022**

Reading I: Jeremiah 17:5-8

- The prophet Jeremiah speaks of the blessings and good fortunes one receives by trusting in the Lord. How have you seen this reward present in your life?

Reading II: 1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20

- St. Paul challenged those in Corinth who did not believe that Christ rose from the dead. In what ways do you defend the faith with unbelievers?

Gospel: Luke 6:17, 20-26

- In presenting both divine blessings and woes to his disciples, Jesus emphasizes a great reversal of these conditions in the future. What does this teach us about God's sense of justice?

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2021 Contributions Statement

If you would like to have a copy of your 2021 Statement of Contributions mailed to you, please call the office at (337)364-8360 to request one.

CURRENT EVENTS

Monday, February 14, 2022

Faith Formation 9, 10 & 11 - 6:30pm

Tuesday, February 15, 2022

Mass at 5:30pm

Faith Formation 5, 6, 7 & 8 - 6:30pm

Wednesday, February 16, 2022

Pro-Life Rosary - 8:20am - Mass - 9am

Faith Formation Grades 1, 2, 3 & 4 - 5:30pm

Thursday, February 17, 2022

Mass at 5:30pm

Pastoral Council Meeting - 6:00 - Church Office

Friday, February 18, 2022

Mass at 6:30am

Saturday, February 19, 2022

First Reconciliation - 10am - Church

Mass at 4pm

Sunday, February 20, 2022

Masses at: 7am, 9am & 11am

2nd Collection - New Iberia Poor & Needy

Community of Jesus Crucified Family Days

CJC monthly family days are located at Our Lady of Sorrows Retreat Center from 10am – 3:00pm. The next Family Day is February 19, 2022. For more information call 337-394-6550.

CJC also offers retreats for Men, Women, and Couples throughout the year. This is a great opportunity to not only help with individual growth but couple growth as well. <https://www.jesuscrucified.net/retreats-1>

MASS SERVERS February 15 - 20, 2022					
DAY DATE	TIME	CELEBRANT	READERS	LAY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION	ALTAR SERVERS
Tuesday 2/15/22	5:30pm	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	Pete Aucoin	Linda Viator	Sacristan
Wednesday 2/16/22	9:00am	Fr. Ed Degeyter	Ginger Comeaux	Agnes Castro, Bea Romero Curt Fontenot	Sacristan
Thursday 2/17/22	5:30pm	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	Madeline Domingues	Brenda Robicheaux	Sacristan
Friday 2/18/22	6:30am	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	Keith Comeaux	Mike Degeyter	Sacristan
Saturday 2/19/22	4:00pm	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	Kimberly Clay	Mike & Doris Degeyter	Judith Schlicher
Sunday 2/20/22	7:00am	Fr. Ed Degeyter	Janis Dugas	Brenda Oubre, Ricky Segura Percy Barrilleaux	Autum, Ephraim & Benjamin Trahan
	9:00am	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	Margo LeBlanc	Brenda Robicheaux Brenda Romero	Lexi Anderson Sophia Comeaux
	11:00am	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	Vincent Bourne	Peggy Fitch Melissa Dworaczyk	Luke Salsman



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