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MASS SCHEDULE:

Saturday: 4:00 pm
Sunday: 8:00 am, 10:00 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:

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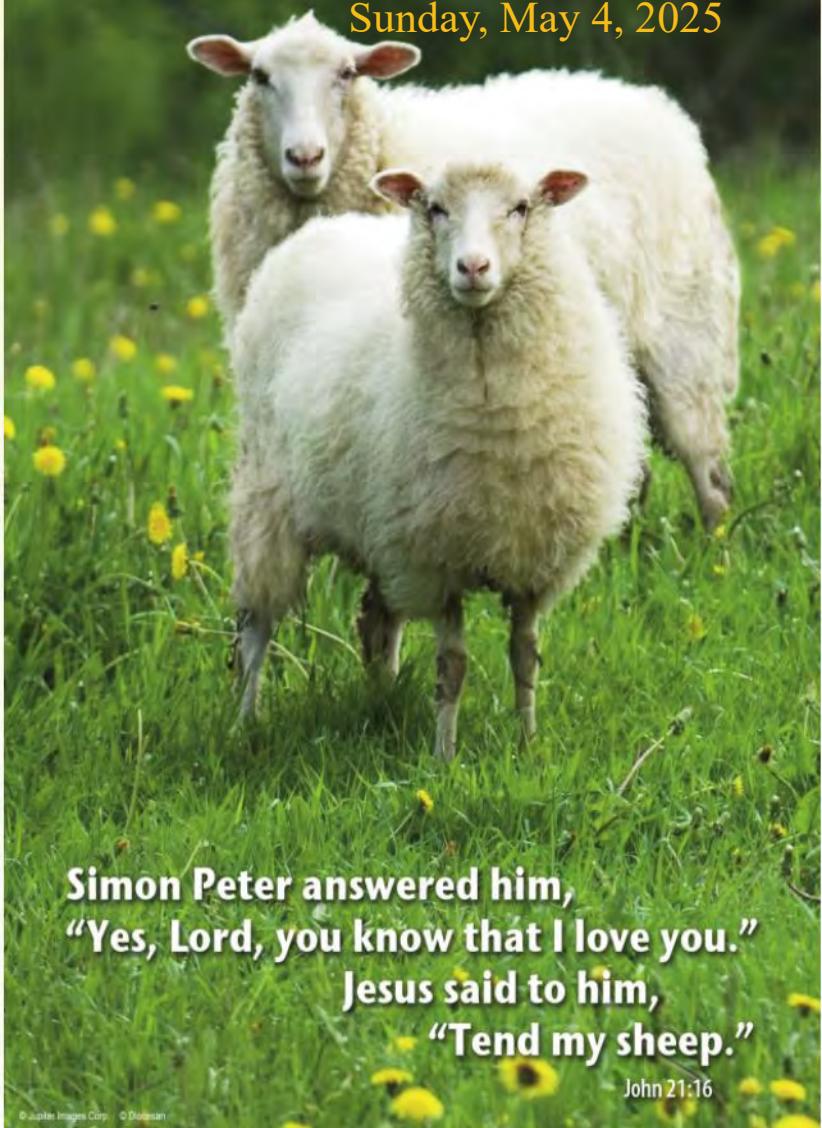
Saturday: 3:00 pm — 3:45 pm and
30 minutes before weekday Masses

ROSARY:

Wednesday: 8:20 am (*Pro-Life*)
First Saturday: 8:20 am

**Jesus said to Simon Peter,
“Simon, son of John, do you love me?”**

Third Sunday of Easter
Sunday, May 4, 2025



**Simon Peter answered him,
“Yes, Lord, you know that I love you.”**

**Jesus said to him,
“Tend my sheep.”**

John 21:16

Mass Intentions for the Week

Tuesday, May 6, 2025

5:30pm Dorothy Gilbert

Wednesday, May 7, 2025

9:00am M/M Allen Dupre, Madison Claire Olivier
Kathy Foret Gurney, Carroll Romero, Sr.
Patty Babineaux Fontenot

Thursday, May 8, 2025

5:30pm Louis Boudreax & Fly

Friday, May 9, 2025

6:30am Ethan & Lenora Hintze

Saturday, May 10, 2025

4:00pm Fr. Tom Finley, Jules & Leona Broussard
Roy Flores, Elizabeth Delahoussaye
Una St. Pierre, Elaine Watson
Rachel R. Romero, Gertrude Derise
Lynward Ransonet, Mabel Smith
Jill Bourque Reed, Agnes G. Bourque

Sunday, May 11, 2025

8:00am Parishioners, Carroll Aucoin
Clark Romero, Donna M. Snoddy
Ida K. Snoddy, Mona Simon
Quang Nguyen

10:00am Msgr. H.J. Barson, Fr. A.J. Boumans
Rosa Cansemi, June Aucoin
Joann Cansemi, Donna M. Lanza
Viola LeGendre, Senora Aucoin
Harvey & Joyce DeCourt
Liv & Dec Fly of Hadley & Geri Babin
Purvis & Elmae Picard, Marion Dennis

DEVOTIONS, EXPLAINED! CONNECT WITH TRADITION AND GROW YOUR FAITH

The Rosary – May 4, 2025

Mini Explanation — Christians have used beads to mark the recitation of prayers since ancient times, but in the 12th century, the Rosary emerged as a meditative devotion centering on significant moments in the lives of Jesus and Mary.

The Rosary, Explained - Christians have used beads to mark the recitation of prayers since ancient times. In the 12th century, the Rosary emerged as a meditative devotion centering on significant moments in the lives of Jesus and Mary. In the words of St. Leo XIII, “there is no more excellent way of praying.”

The Rosary is traditionally attributed to a Marian vision received by St. Dominic de Guzman (1170-1221). Though scholarship on this point is uncertain, the Dominican Order was undoubtedly crucial in establishing and evangelizing the Rosary as a devotional prayer.

Over the centuries, the formula of the devotion eventually took the shape of 50 Hail Marys divided into five “decades,” with each decade focused on a different mystery. The Church has defined the Joyful Mysteries (to be recited on Saturdays and Mondays), the Glorious Mysteries (Sundays and Wednesdays), the Sorrowful Mysteries (Tuesdays and Fridays), and most recently the Luminous Mysteries (to be recited on Thursdays). @LPi

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

OUR GIFTS TO GOD April 20, 2025

Loose	\$ 2,381.00
Envelopes.....	\$ 2,656.00
Total (collected).....	\$ 5,037.00
Online Giving offertory	\$ 698.00
Mailed in offertory	\$ 830.00
Total offertory (week)	\$ 6,565.00
Good Friday Collection	\$ 926.00

Thank you for your generosity!!!!

Annual Baby Bottle Campaign

This weekend we kick off our Baby Bottle Campaign to benefit The Unexpected Pregnancy Center, which serves Iberia, St. Mary, and St. Martin parishes. Because of your generous donations, the center has been able to provide pregnancy testing, consulting, ultrasound imaging, maternal-family education, adoption information and other life-affirming services to pregnant women in need, all free of charge. Since opening in 2018, the center has served hundreds of women in our community. Also, we have had many women who had a change of heart and decided to choose LIFE for their baby after visiting The Unexpected Pregnancy Center. Please join us in Honoring Life and Preserving the Family.

Baby bottles will be available after all services today and may be returned to the collection area of the church next weekend with donation inside.

Iberia Homeless Shelter

As we celebrate 20 years of service, we encourage you to be a part of this life-changing work. Your prayers and contributions have helped us keep our doors open and provide shelter and support to those in need. Will you help us continue this mission of love and service? Donations can be mailed to: P.O. Box 13364 New Iberia, LA 70562-3364 or dropped off at 307 Robertson St. New Iberia, LA 70560. Thank you.

Stephen Etienne - Shelter Director

To truly hear God, we need to come with open hearts.



PARISH VOCATION CROSS

The Vocation Cross is taken by:

(May 4th - May 10th)

Dona Schexnayder

Each week, a family or an individual from our parish receives the vocation cross. If you or your family would like to receive the vocation cross, please sign-up on the sign-up sheet near the tabernacle in church. We appreciate the prayers. Thank you.



Statement on Pope Francis' Death

Bishop Douglas Deshotel has released the following statement as we mourn the passing of our Holy Father, Pope Francis, who died on Monday, April 21, 2025, at the age of 88 at his residence in the Vatican's Casa Santa Marta:

With faith and confidence in the promise of Jesus Christ of resurrection to everlasting life, we commend the soul of Pope Francis to Almighty God. As the successor of St. Peter, he fulfilled the mission given by Jesus Christ to St. Peter, the first Pope, "Feed my sheep and strengthen the faith of the brothers." For this, Jesus promised special prayers for St. Peter.

Among the constant teachings of Pope Francis was that the mercy of God is extended to everyone. "Be not afraid, come to me all you who labor and are heavily burdened."

He also called all of us to reach out to all who are marginalized. The human person is not disposable. All are created in the image and likeness of God and are called to share in His life forever. The child in the womb, the sick, the imprisoned, migrants, sinners and the dispossessed. All are children of God.

He called out the futility of war and urged nations to look for peaceful ways to resolve their differences.

He also called us to be good stewards of creation and to see in the beauty of creation the hand of God, the creator of our common home.

Let's pray for Pope Francis and reflect on his extraordinary life. May he rest in peace.

Bishop Douglas Deshotel

Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace. Amen.

PRACTICING CATHOLIC RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Mini Reflection: Love — again, even when it doesn't make sense. Forgive — again, even when it doesn't make sense. Believe — again, even when it doesn't make sense. To follow the risen Christ, you must be willing to do what makes no sense.

The Witnesses of What Makes No Sense

It never fails to amuse me that the disciples in today's Gospel don't recognize Jesus until he asks them to do something that makes absolutely no logical sense.

He's just some random stranger on the shore — until he gives them an order that, in any other circumstances, would have them rolling their eyes into the backs of their head: Drop the nets again. I know you haven't caught anything all night. I know you're tired. Just do it one more time. Trust me. Again. That's when they recognize him.

The disciples display such poor recognition of Jesus after the resurrection. I'm sure there's a good, theologically sound reason for it, one I am not smart enough to explain. Whatever that reason is, it's very clear that God was carefully orchestrating these moments of realization. He is trying to tell us something about how we recognize the risen Christ — the one who has conquered sin, the one whose love was stronger than death. The one who never made any sense, and never will, because his kingdom is not of this world, and to understand him — to recognize him — you have to detach from the priorities, the expectations, the limitations of this present world.

You have to be willing to do what makes no sense. Love — again, even when it doesn't make sense. Forgive — again, even when it doesn't make sense. Believe — again, even when it doesn't make sense. "We are the witnesses of these things," Peter tells the Sanhedrin (Acts 5:32). Peter, who was so full of joy when he recognized Jesus that he leapt into the sea, fully clothed, desperate to be near him.

It makes no sense, and that's okay. That's kind of our whole thing, as Christians. We are the witnesses of the things that make no sense.

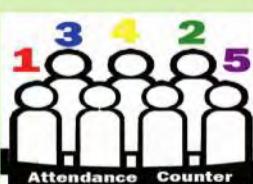
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Mass for 2025 Graduates

At the 4:00pm Mass on Saturday, May 17, 2025, Nativity of Our Lady will be honoring all 2025 High School & College Graduates. We would like to celebrate your accomplishments. If you would like to participate, please contact Janet Viator at 337-365-3759.



Every May and October, Nativity parish is asked to take a Mass attendance count for the Diocese of Lafayette. Our count begins this weekend and will continue for every weekend Mass during the month of May.





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
337-364-8360.**



Lena Lopez, Debbie Johnson & Fly, Cameron Alba, Mel & Stacey Boute, Betty C. Champagne, Donna Francis, Farina Guidry, Betty Robichaux, Earline Estave, Chad Babineaux, Tammy Dore, Dylan Ducote, Judy Meyers, Garland Reed, Carly Tajmir, Diane & Ronald Broussard, Lance Castille, Grace Armendariz, Hardy Jenkins, Louis Boudreux, Jr., Gloria Comeaux, Larry Romero, Scotty Champagne, Sirena Rogers, Monica Harrington, Janis & Nathan Dugas, Billy Simon, Edward Simon, Lynette Landry, Janet Viator, Ronnie Landry, Betty B. Leblanc, Barbara Martin, Michael "Tee" Theriot, Elise C. Verret, Phyllis S. Bourque, Doris Scheldon, Ovide Buteaux, David Spelly, Dean Delahoussaye, Patsy & Percy Barrilleaux, Patsy Thibodeaux, Tom Stowe, Tim & Staci Stowe, John & NeCole Babin, Fran Jackson, Reed Michael & Cody Lynn Romero, David & Robin Viator Fly, Sheryl S. Bourque, Michael & Claire Landry Fly, Dustin & Nicole V. Ortego Fly, Linda & Clint Trahan Fly, Ruth Bernard, Bridget Aitken, Norvelle Belaire, Caroline Dubois, Norrie B. Kenner, Josephine Delcambre, Mary Saltzman, Zachary Richard, Sarah Richard, Duppy Duplantis, Joylynn Troclair, Earline Romero, Jarrod Lege Jay Jacquemoud, Jody Ellen Hudson, Jim & Brenda Prejean, Toni Boudreux, Rick Boudreux, Steve Chambers, Mike Degeyter, Gloria Trahan, Dickie Broussard, Bill Lasseigne, Jessica Gary Dubois, Joni Gullotta, Fisher Whitaker.

Please also pray for those individuals who, although in need of your prayers, have requested that their names not be publicized for privacy reasons.

WHY DO WE DO THAT? - CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

Responding to God

Question: I can't explain it. I feel a nudge from God to something out of the ordinary. How do I respond?

Answer: You're in good company! Abraham was asked to leave all he knew and loved for a strange land, with only abstract divine assurance that such a sacrifice would be worth it. Plenty of prophets protested against God's call, whether it was claiming they were too young (Jeremiah) or running away entirely, only to end up in a whale's belly (Jonah). St. Joseph was asked to do something very strange. He was asked to believe — on the word of an angelic appearance in a dream — that his betrothed was pregnant not from another man, but by a miraculous intervention of God. Then he was called to marry her.

Author Flannery O'Connor once wrote, "You shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you odd." Sometimes God's invitation might seem strange or challenging. It might require sacrifices we never expected to make. Our life might look different than we had always imagined. But as we all know, life throws its own curveballs, regardless of whether or not we're listening for God's will. Better, one would think, to be open to the promptings of God and to follow along the strange trails that they lead. We have the assurance that, eventually, we will find green pastures. @LPi

REFLECTIONS **Third Sunday of Easter** - There are times when we know we have really made a mess of things. We have done or not done something that we know was a very bad choice. It can be very easy to slide into depression and self-loathing and even despair. At these times, it is good to reflect on Peter's story. He denied Christ three times! But, look at how Christ treated him. He did not focus on Peter's failure but on his strength. He asked Peter, "Do you love me?" In reaffirming his love for Christ, Peter was renewed and was able to continue his mission for Christ - "Feed my sheep." The Lord asks us the same question - What will you answer?

You changed my mourning into dancing; O Lord, my God, forever I will give you thanks. - Psalm 30:11-12

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GOSPEL MEDITATION

May 4, 2025

3rd Sunday of Easter - John 21:1-19 or 21:1-14

I eat breakfast. If I don't have something substantial, I'm fading by midmorning. Breakfast is my key meal because it sets up my physical wellbeing for the rest of the day.

Spiritually speaking, we need sustenance to get us going. This is true for the Apostles in this Sunday's remarkable Gospel reading. The risen Jesus makes his third appearance to them in the early morning light and calls, "Come, have breakfast" (John 21:12). The exhausted and cold fishermen sit, and he feeds them bread and fish as the dawn breaks. They are overwhelmed by his presence to the point of awestruck silence. As they eat, their bodies and their hearts come alive. Once refreshed by their morning meal, they will be ready to feed others — indeed, the whole world — with the love of the risen Jesus. But first, they need breakfast from him.

Do you realize how essential early morning prayer is? Jesus desires to refresh us every morning with his word of love, with his grace-filled presence. This week, hear Jesus calling to you: "Come, have breakfast!" Embrace some form of spiritual, meditative practice each morning for spiritual strength to get you going.

Father John Muir

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Prayer of Belief

Lord,
Help me to see You and to recognize what I see.
Help me to hear Your invitation and to respond.
Help me to join You where and when You call.

Amen.

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TODAY'S READINGS

Third Sunday of Easter May 4, 2025

Reading I: Acts 5:27-32, or 40b-41

The Apostles "rejoiced" when they suffered public dishonor for preaching that Jesus rose from the dead. Have you ever found joy amid your own suffering?

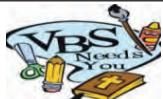
Reading II: Revelation 5:11-14

John has a vision of the whole created order worshipping and praising Jesus as the slain and risen Lamb. In what ways will you praise and worship Jesus this week?

Gospel: John 21:1-19 or 21:1-14

The resurrected Jesus reveals to Peter that the cost of following him and leading the disciples will be his own martyrdom. How are you sometimes challenged in following Jesus?

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Save the Date
July 7-11, 2025
8:30-12:00



Nativity of Our Lady Catholic Church
Vacation Bible School
This years theme:
True North Trusting Jesus In A Wild World

LIVE THE LITURGY

Jesus bids the disciples to bring their bounty of fish to the fire, to gather around it, to be warmed and fed. God's invitation is for all of us: come to the fire of His love. Be warmed. Be fed. Then, go forth, and feed the sheep.

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CURRENT EVENTS

Tuesday, May 6, 2025

Mass at 5:30pm

Wednesday, May 7, 2025

Pro-Life Rosary - 8:20am

Mass at 9:00am

Holy Hour - 9:30am - 10:30am

Thursday, May 8, 2025

Mass at 5:30pm

Baptism Class - 6:30pm - Church Office

Friday, May 9, 2025

Mass at 6:30am

Saturday, May 10, 2025

Baptisms - 11am - Church

Mass at 4:00pm

Sunday, May 11, 2025 - Mother's Day

World Day of Prayer for Vocations

Masses at: **8am & 10am**

Second Collection - Vacation Bible School



SANCTUARY LIGHT:

In Memory Of
Phillip Saltzman

NATIVITY OF OUR LADY FAMILY FUN DAY

Sunday, May 25th - After 10AM Mass

Sponsored by: Knights of Columbus Council 12997

Everyone is invited. Hamburgers, hot dogs, nachos, soft drinks, fun jump, games for kids and more. Free of charge! All provided by the Knights of Columbus.

So just come and have fun.

Women's Praise & Worship

Nativity of Our Lady Church

Wednesday, May 21, 2025

6:00pm - 8:00pm

MASS SERVERS May 6 - May 11, 2025					
DAY DATE	TIME	CELEBRANT	READERS	LAY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION	ALTAR SERVERS
Tuesday 5/6/25	5:30pm	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	See Reader Schedule	See Signup Sheet Inside Church	Sacristan
Wednesday 5/7/25	9:00am	Fr. Ed Degeyter	See Reader Schedule	See Signup Sheet Inside Church	Sacristan
Thursday 5/8/25	5:30pm	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	See Reader Schedule	See Signup Sheet Inside Church	Sacristan
Friday 5/9/25	6:30am	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	See Reader Schedule	See Signup Sheet Inside Church	Sacristan
Saturday 5/10/25	4:00pm	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	See Reader Schedule	See Signup Sheet Inside Church	Khoi Nguyen Serena Bedia
Sunday 5/11/25	8:00am	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	See Reader Schedule	See Signup Sheet Inside Church	Ephraim Trahan Benjamin Trahan
	10:00am	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	See Reader Schedule	See Signup Sheet Inside Church	Madalyn Salsman Amari Romero

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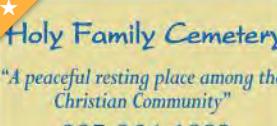
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