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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:

Rev. Msgr. J. Robert Romero

SACRAMENTAL MINISTER:

Fr. Ed Degeyter

SECRETARY:

Kimberly Richard

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Polly Camacho

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COORDINATOR:

Amber Salsman

PASTORAL COUNCIL

PRESIDENT: *Andréé Schlicher*

RECONCILIATION:

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



Mass Intentions for the Week

Tuesday, May 27, 2025

5:30pm Nicholas Viator (liv bd), Janell Broussard

Wednesday, May 28, 2025

9:00am Henry & Noeda Gulotta, J. Roy Simon

Patty Babineaux Fontenot

Kathy Foret Gurney, Carroll Romero, Sr.

Neelis Saltzman (1st ann of death)

Theresa Tran (ann of death)

Enrique G. Escoto (2nd ann of death)

Thursday, May 29, 2025

5:30pm A Special Intention

Friday, May 30, 2025

6:30am United States of America

Saturday, May 31, 2025

4:00pm Fr. Tom Finley, Lynward Ransonet

Rachel R. Romero

Sunday, June 1, 2025

8:00am Parishioners, Carroll Aucoin, Donna M. Snoddy

10:00am Msgr. H.J. Barson, Fr. A.J. Boumans

Harvey & Joyce DeCourt, Donna M. Lanza

WHY DO WE DO THAT CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED Sunday Mass

Question: Why do Catholics need to go to Mass every Sunday?

Answer: The heart of the Church's instruction that we are to attend Mass on Sundays goes back to the Third Commandment: "Take care to keep holy the sabbath day as the LORD, your God, has commanded you" (Deuteronomy 5:12). Although the Jewish People celebrate the Sabbath on Saturday, the first generations of Christians began to observe the sabbath on Sunday, recognizing how important it is for Christians to celebrate the day that Jesus rose from the dead. As the United States Catholic Catechism for Adults observes, "Sunday extends the celebration of Easter throughout the year. It makes present the new creation brought about by Christ" (364).

The focus of our Sunday should be the celebration of the Eucharist in the Mass. This is our time to be formed by God's Word and nourished at the table of the Lord, becoming prepared to live out and share our faith in the week that follows. In his encyclical, *Dives in Misericordia*, Pope Saint John Paul II reminded us that Christians "cannot live their faith or share fully in the life of the Christian community unless they take part regularly in the Sunday Eucharistic assembly" (no. 81). This is why the Church teaches us that Sunday Mass is a non-negotiable part of being a Christian (see Catechism of the Catholic Church, no. 2192).

Beyond being a time of worship, we should also remember that Sunday is intended to be a day of rest, when we make time for recreation, for sharing meals, and enjoying the company of friends and family. Sunday is given to as a day to take stock of and enjoy the blessings that God has given us (see Catechism of the Catholic Church, no. 2187). Pope Francis reminds us, "The day of rest, centered on the Eucharist, sheds its light on the whole week, and motivates us to greater concern for nature and the poor" (*Laudato Si'*, no. 237).

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

OUR GIFTS TO GOD May 11, 2025

Loose	\$ 818.50
Envelopes.....	\$ 1,551.00
Total (collected).....	\$ 2,369.50
Online Giving offertory	\$ 788.00
Mailed in offertory	\$ 640.00
Total offertory (week)	\$ 3,797.50
Vacation Bible School	\$ 798.50

Thank you for your generosity!!!!

The Diocese of Long Xuyen Missionary Appeal

The population in Vietnam shifts from mostly countryside to industrialized cities and from the established regions to the much more isolated areas, the latter has caused our most concern. The people who have to move further into the most uncultivated land would have to start their lives from scratch. One thing they cannot bring with them to the new land is their church! Being away from the parish where they were born and grew up is tough enough. In many cases, they cannot return to those churches even for Sunday Mass. If people cannot go to church, then the church must go to them. That is why my bishop is sending priests, seminarians and religious sisters and brothers to those new communities. Currently my diocese has to build more chapels and many classrooms a year to accommodate these young mission churches at the cost of around 100 thousand dollars per mission community. Besides, it is also in urgent need in these areas: to train seminarians and to promote vocations to the priesthood; to support more than 1800 catechists for religious education program training; to support charity works such as orphanages, shelters, dispensaries to help the poor. For all of these projects, I turn to you. May I ask you for support in both prayer and financial help. I need your prayer, support and solidarity. People in Long Xuyen diocese are so strong in faith and so confident in God. They will be stronger in their faith, if they know that from outside of Vietnam, many sisters and brothers in Christ still pray for and support them. They need your financial help also. As you can see, the needs of my diocese are so immense. I believe that your parish is a generous community and you will respond generously, next weekend (5/31/25 -6/1/25), to the urgent needs of the diocese of Long Xuyen.

Blessings,
Father Joseph Do Hoang Trinh



Nativity of Our Lady Catholic Church

June 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Pray for Pope Leo XIV Memorial Book Missionary Appeal Our Lady's Altar Society Selling Raffle Tickets	2 Pray for Bishop Douglas Deshotel Nativity Building Fund Our Lady's Altar Society Sweet Sale K.C. Ladies Auxiliary Blood Drive Nativity Parking Lot	3 Pray for Bishop Emeritus Michael Jarrell Our Lady's Altar Society Selling Raffle Tickets	4 Pray for Fr. Emmanuel Fernandez Holy Hour 9:30am	5 Pray for Fr. Sam Fontana	6 Pray for Fr. David James Furka First Friday	7 Pray for Fr. Abelardo Gabriel First Saturday Our Lady's Altar Society Sweet Sale
8 Pray for Fr. William Gearheard Nativity Building Fund Our Lady's Altar Society Sweet Sale K.C. Ladies Auxiliary Blood Drive Nativity Parking Lot	9 Pray for Fr. Taj Glodd Our Lady's Altar Society Sweet Sale K.C. Ladies Auxiliary Blood Drive Nativity Parking Lot	10 Pray for Msgr. Richard Greene Patriotic Rosary 6pm - Church	11 Pray for Fr. Eric Groner Pro-Life Rosary K.C. & Ladies Aux. Supper & Meeting Parish & Barsey Hall	12 Pray for Fr. Mitchell Guidry Baptismal Class	13 Pray for Chaplain Capt. Brad Guillory	14 Pray for Fr. Joshua Guillory Ordination to Priesthood Mass St. John's Cathedral 10am
15 Father's Day Pray for Fr. Marvin Gyasie	16 Pray for Fr. Jude Halphen Bishop's Services Appeal	17 Pray for Fr. Brian Harrington Pro-Life Rosary	18 Pray for Msgr. Russell Harrington Pro-Life Rosary	19 Pray for Fr. David Hebert Hebert	20 Pray for Fr. Matthew Hebert	21 Pray for Fr. T.J. Hebert Baptisms
22 Pray for Fr. Gregory Heslip New Iberia Poor & Needy	23 Pray for Fr. Matthew Higginbotham Women's Ultreya 7pm Parish Hall	24 Pray for Fr. Brian Hoelzer	25 Pray for Fr. Patrick Hough Pro-Life Rosary	26 Pray for Fr. Francis Huete	27 Pray for Fr. Stephen Irudayasam	28 Pray for Fr. Salinger Istre Retirement Reception for Msgr. J. Robert Romero after 4pm Mass in Parish Hall
29 Pray for Fr. Ravi Jampangi Peter's Pence	30 Pray for Fr. Jonathan Janise Registration Closes for Vacation Bible School					



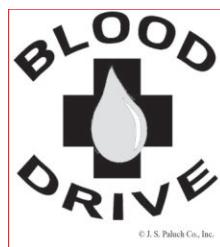
PRAYER & SICK LIST

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 Sheldon, 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 Trosclair, 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, The Babin Fly, Deacon John Sarkies, James & Doreen Norman, Pansy Landry, Melvin "Boo" & Brenda DeRouen

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



**Nativity of Our Lady
K. C. Ladies Auxiliary
Blood Drive
(The Gift of Life)**
Sunday, June 8, 2025
7:30AM-1:00PM
Church Parking Lot

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God makes His dwelling with those who love Him and keep His word. We must all make our lives places where God feels welcome to dwell. Our actions, our words, our decisions must all say in one voice: "Come, Holy Spirit!"

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REFLECTIONS Sixth Sunday of Easter - Jesus does not expect us to rely on ourselves to do what is right and good. He knows our weaknesses and limitations. He has given us the Holy Spirit to help us. All we need to do is be open to the prompting of the Spirit. Simple enough; but, it does require effort. We need to take time to pray and reflect on God's word. We need to seek the counsel of those who are more mature in the Spirit. How hard do you try to stay in touch with the Spirit?

May God have pity on us and bless us; may he let his face shine upon us. - Psalm 67:2
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GOSPEL MEDITATION

May 25, 2025

6th Sunday of Easter - John 14:23-29

Jonathan Haidt's 2024 book entitled "The Anxious Generation" argues that today's kids are marked by significant increases in anxiety, as the title suggests. Smartphones, social media, economic uncertainty, the chaos of a global pandemic, fear regarding climate change, and the so-called "meaning crisis" all contribute to strikingly high levels of anxiety in young people today. I'm a bit older than this generation, but I feel it, too. The world can be too much to handle.

The Gospel this week offers a stunning solution for troubled souls. To his overwhelmed and anxious disciples, the risen Jesus says, "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you" (John 14:27). His peace is that of the one who was overwhelmed on the cross and then conquered death by the power of his divinity, his bond of love with the Father. He offers us this unshakeable peace.

Of course, mental illness does not magically disappear because of the risen Jesus. But he does walk with us and offer us his peace in the midst of our suffering. The peace the world gives is not like his because it is weak, uncertain, and self-generated. Jesus' peace is strong, sure, and given as a gift from God. He gives it to us amid our anxiety. Will you receive it as a gift? I hope so. He wants to fill the hearts of this generation with his peace.

Father John Muir

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Our Ladies Altar Society will be selling Raffle Tickets the weekend of Saturday, May 31st and Sunday, June 1st, after all masses. Their annual "Sweet Sale" will be held the following weekend of Saturday, June 7th and Sunday, June 8th.



Save the Date
July 7-11, 2025
8:30-12:00
Nativity of Our Lady
Catholic Church
Vacation Bible School
True North Trusting Jesus In A Wild World
Registration now open
and closes on Monday, June 30th



TODAY'S READINGS

Sixth Sunday of Easter - May 25, 2025

Reading I: Acts 15:1-2, 22-29

We hear how the church in Jerusalem resolved their conflicts through dialogue and compromise. When has your faith community had to resolve a conflict?

Reading II: Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23

As John's final vision continues, he sees the splendor and glory of God lighting the city of Jerusalem. Can you think of a time when you felt really close to God?

Gospel: John 14:23-29

Jesus taught his disciples that the Holy Spirit will be sent to believers to teach them and remind them of his words. Can you share a time when you have felt inspired by the Holy Spirit?

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CURRENT EVENTS

Monday, May 26, 2025 - Memorial Day

Church Office Closed

Women's Ultreya Meeting - 7pm - Parish Hall

Tuesday, May 27, 2025

Mass at 5:30pm

Wednesday, May 28, 2025

Pro-Life Rosary - 8:20am

Mass at 9:00am

Thursday, May 29, 2025

Mass at 5:30pm

Friday, May 30, 2025

Mass at 6:30am

Saturday, May 31, 2025

Mass at 4pm

Missionary Appeal

OLAS Raffle Ticket Sale

Sunday, June 1, 2025

Masses at: 8am & 10am

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Memorial Day Prayer

God of power and mercy, you destroy war and put down earthly pride. Banish violence from our midst and wipe away our tears, that we may all deserve to be called your sons and daughters. Keep in your mercy those men and women who have died in the cause of freedom and bring them safely into your kingdom of justice and peace. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Catholic Household Blessings and Prayers

MASS SERVERS May 27 - June 1, 2025					
DAY DATE	TIME	CELEBRANT	READERS	LAY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION	ALTAR SERVERS
Tuesday 5/27/25	5:30pm	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	Kimberly Clay	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	Sacristan
Wednesday 5/28/25	9:00am	Fr. Ed Degeyter	Ginger Comeaux	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	Sacristan
Thursday 5/29/25	5:30pm	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	Pete Aucoin	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	Sacristan
Friday 5/30/25	6:30am	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	Chad Courtois	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	Sacristan
Saturday 5/31/25	4:00pm	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	Dona Schexnayder	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	Sophia Comeaux Allie Comeaux
Sunday 6/1/25	8:00am	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	<i>See Reader Schedule</i>	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	<i>See Altar Server Schedule</i>
	10:00am	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	<i>See Reader Schedule</i>	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	<i>See Altar Server Schedule</i>

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