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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

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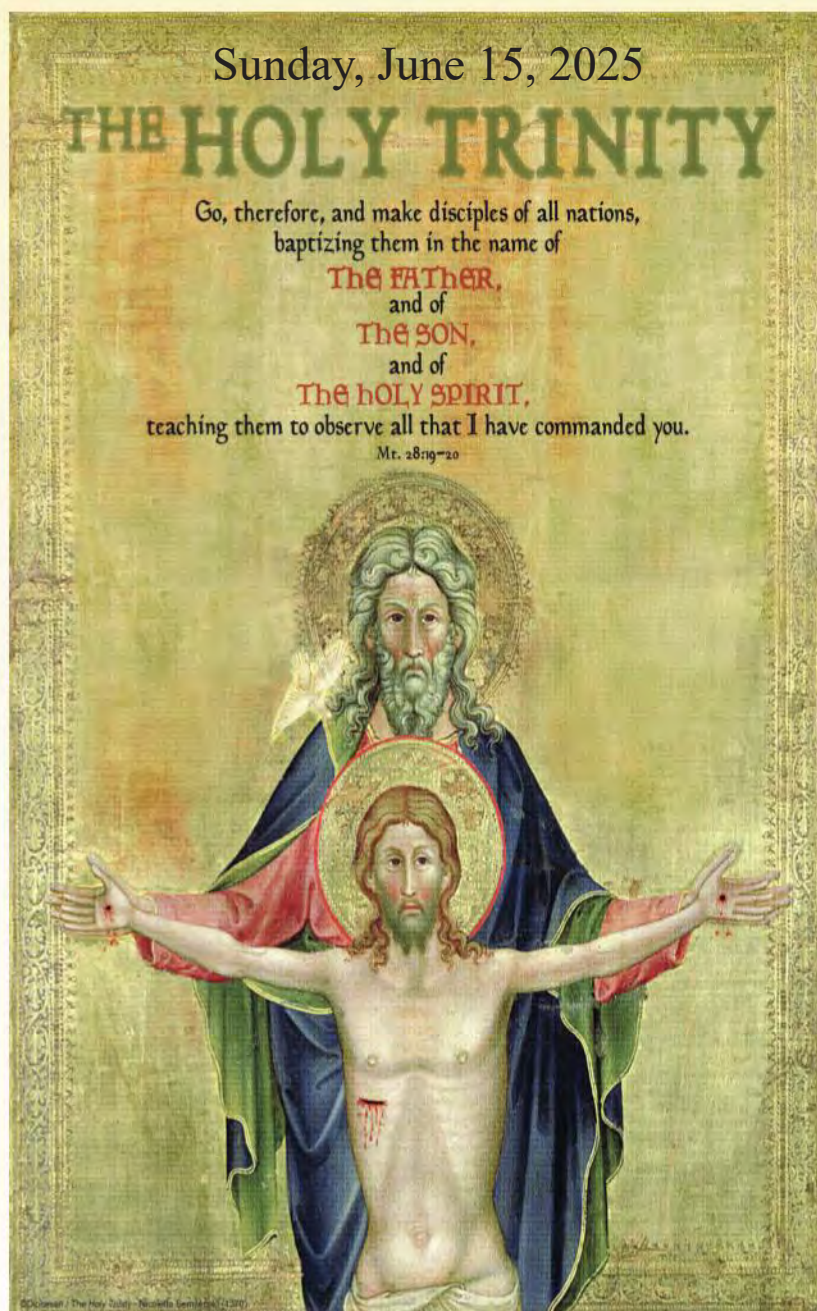
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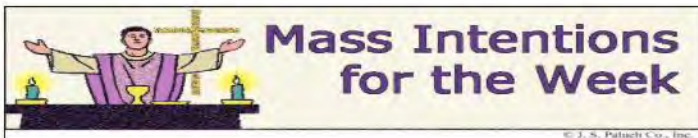
Saturday: 3:00 pm — 3:45 pm and
30 minutes before weekday Masses

ROSARY:

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

First Saturday: 8:20 am





Tuesday, June 17, 2025
5:30pm VBS Participants & Volunteers
Wednesday, June 18, 2025
9:00am Patrick J. Richard, Carrol Romero, Sr.
 Willie & Cynthia Elmer (liv), Kevin Elmer
 Bert Rogers (ann of death)
Thursday, June 19, 2025
5:30pm All Pastors of Nativity of Our Lady (liv & dec)
Friday, June 20, 2025
6:30am Purvis & Elmae Picard
Saturday, June 21, 2025
4:00pm Fr. Tom Finley, Lynward Ransonet
 Juliette C. Dubois, Collins Blanchard & Fly
 Romero & Walker Fly, Rachel R. Romero
Sunday, June 22, 2025
8:00am Parishioners, Carroll Aucoin
 Quang Nguyen
10:00am Msgr. H.J. Barsen, Fr. A.J. Boumans
 Harvey & Joyce DeCourt, Donna M. Lanza

Whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die. - John 11:26

SANCTUARY LIGHT:

In Memory Of
Patrick J. Richard



Note: The donation amount for the sanctuary light is \$8. Please call (364-8360) or come by the office to make arrangements.



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

OUR GIFTS TO GOD	June 1, 2025
Loose	\$ 1,731.00
Envelopes	\$ 1,536.00
Total (collected)	\$ 3,267.00
Online Giving offertory	\$ 733.00
Mailed in offertory	\$ 342.00
Total offertory (week)	\$ 4,342.00
Diocese Long Xuyen Mission Appeal \$	3,921.55

Thank you for your generosity!!!!

TODAY'S READINGS

Proverbs 8:22-31

Psalms 8:4-9

Romans 5:1-5

John 16:12-15

In today's Liturgy we're swept through time in glorious procession—from before earth and sky were set in place to the coming of the Spirit upon the new creation, the Church.

We begin in the heart of the Trinity, as we listen to the testimony of Wisdom in today's First Reading. Eternally begotten, the firstborn of God, He is poured forth from of old in the loving delight of the Father.

Through Him, the heavens were established, the foundations of the earth fixed. From before the beginning, He was with the Father as His "Craftsman," the artisan by Whom all things were made. And He took special delight, He tells us, in the crowning glory of God's handiwork—the human race, the "sons of men."

In today's Psalm, He comes down from heaven, is made a little lower than the angels, comes among us as "the Son of Man" (see Hebrews 2:6-10).

All things are put under His feet so that He can restore to humanity the glory for which we were made from the beginning, the glory lost by sin. He tasted death that we might be raised to life in the Trinity, that His name might be made glorious over all the earth.

Through the Son, we have gained grace and access in the Spirit to the Father, as Paul boasts in today's Epistle (see Ephesians 2:18).

The Spirit, the Love of God, has been poured out into our hearts—a Spirit of adoption, making us children of the Father once more (see Romans 8:14-16).

This is the Spirit that Jesus promises in today's Gospel.

His Spirit comes as divine gift and anointing (see 1 John 2:27), to guide us to all truth, to show us "the things that are coming," the things that were meant to be from before all ages—that we will find peace and union in God, share the life of the Trinity, and dwell in God as He dwells in us (see John 14:23; 17:21).

Scott Hahn

PARISH VOCATION CROSS

The Vocation Cross is taken by:

(June 15th - June 21st)

Cynthia & Willie Elmer



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.

WEEKLY READINGS AND OBSERVANCES

Readings for the week of June 15, 2025

Sunday: Prv 8:22-31/Ps 8:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 (2a)/Rom 5:1-5/Jn 16:12-15

Tuesday: 2 Cor 8:1-9/Ps 146:2, 5-6ab, 6c-7, 8-9a/Mt 5:43-48
Wednesday: 2 Cor 9:6-11/Ps 112:1bc-2, 3-4, 9/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: 2 Cor 11:1-11/Ps 111:1b-2, 3-4, 7-8/Mt 6:7-15

Friday: 2 Cor 11:18, 21-30/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mt 6:19-23

Saturday: 2 Cor 12:1-10/Ps 34:8-9, 10-11, 12-13/Mt 6:24-34

Next Sunday: Gn 14:18-20/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4 (4b)/1 Cor 11:23-26/Lk 9:11b-17

Observances for the week of June 15, 2025

Sunday: The Most Holy Trinity; Father's Day

Thursday: St. Romuald, Abbot

Friday: World Refugee Day

Saturday: St. Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious

Next Sunday: The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

The Most Holy Trinity / June 15, 2025

SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: (Prv 8:27)

"When the Lord established the heavens I was there, when he marked out the vault over the face of the deep; when he made firm the skies above, when he fixed fast the foundations of the earth.

Psalms: (Ps 8)

O Lord, our God, how wonderful your name in all the earth!

Second Reading: (Rom 5:1)

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel: (Jn 16:15)

Everything that the Father has is mine; for this reason I told you that he will take from what is mine and declare it to you."

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NEW WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

Beginning **July 1, 2025** Weekday Mass times will change to **7:00am** on **Tuesdays, Thursdays** and **Fridays**. There will no longer be a 5:30pm Mass on Tuesdays and Thursdays, and no longer a 6:30am Mass on Fridays. **Wednesday 9:00am Masses will remain the same.**

GOING ON VACATION?

For nationwide Mass times and locations, phone 1-410-676-6000 or visit www.Masstimes.org or download the Mass Times App on your smartphone.

PRACTICING CATHOLIC RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Mini Reflection: Why do we love mysteries so much? Because God is a mystery. And that's never as clear as it is today, on the Feast of the Most Holy Trinity, the mystery that boondoggles us all. Four relations. Three persons. One God.

The Best Kind of Mystery

If I've heard it once, I've heard it a hundred times. My daughter is obsessed with mysteries. It's not enough for her to read about them in the pages of every Nancy Drew book she can get her hands on. She wants more than that. She wants a real-life mystery. A puzzle that resists being solved. A question that eludes an answer. Something that isn't easy to wrap her head around.

And not surprisingly, she's not satisfied with the "mysteries" I can offer her. The Mystery of Mom's Missing Hair Tie (spoiler alert: it was in my purse). The Mystery of the Missing Lunch Ham (oops, Mom finished it).

Simple answers are so boring. "Will I ever have a real mystery?" she moans.

I get it. We're all this way, really. We are drawn to the mysterious, to the inscrutable. It's because we *know* that the answers to the really big questions are ones that can't be explained in a neat and tidy way. We know that the reality of life and love and the human condition is something we can't quite fit our heads around. We know that there is so much in this world, in this universe, that we can't...*understand*. So, in a way, mysteries are the only things that really make sense to us.

Why do we love mysteries so much? Because God is a mystery. And that's never as clear as it is today, on the Feast of the Most Holy Trinity, the mystery that boondoggles us all. Four relations. Three persons. One God.

Don't ask me to explain it. I could, but I don't have the word space, and frankly, it might not even make sense then. It's a mystery, you see. A real one. The best kind.

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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 Boutte, 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 Boudreaux, Jr., Gloria Comeaux, 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 Trosclair, Earline Romero, Jarrod Lege Jay Jacquemoud, Jody Ellen Hudson, Jim & Brenda Prejean, Toni Boudreaux, Rick Boudreaux, 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, Melvin "Boo" & Brenda DeRouen, Myrna & Millard Poche, Gloria K. Bonin, Daphne C. Lopez, Calvin Segura, Patricia Grosselle.

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 Rosaries as Decorations

Question: I've seen people hang rosaries over the rear-view mirrors in their cars and a few of them wear them around their necks. Is it OK to do that?

Answer: The practice of hanging a rosary or a religious medal off of the rearview mirror of one's car is a fairly popular custom across many cultures. While there is no particular rule approving or condemning this practice, we should also be mindful of the respect and reverence due to religious objects and devotional items (i.e. sacramentals).

An important point to consider would be the reason why one chooses to place a rosary or religious medal in our cars. Is it a reminder of the protection and intercession of Mary and the saints? Does it encourage us to be mindful of God's presence, even in such a mundane task as driving? Is it an outward expression of our more private devotions?

One advantage of having a rosary or religious medal in our cars is that it can also serve as a reminder to pray when we travel, asking for protection for ourselves and for other motorists or commuters. Certainly, invoking the protection and prayers of the saints is a wonderful practice for families, helping to reinforce our belief in the communion of saints and the care and concern we owe to one another. ©LPi

Prayer to the Holy Trinity

Glory be to God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit, who calls us into communion with Him, a life of grace and mystery, reconciliation and unity. Amen. @LPi

GOSPEL MEDITATION

June 15, 2025

The Most Holy Trinity

John 16:12-15

I am amazed at how my four siblings teach their many kids in age-appropriate ways. For example, now that my nephew Brandon is 24 years of age, they give him insights and freedoms that would have been positively confounding or even dangerous when he was a toddler. Imagine if they had taught him at age four how to drive a car, use a credit card online, or handle power tools. But eventually, they did, and he is a high functioning young man, I'm proud to say. They are good teachers.

This week we learn that Jesus teaches us in a similar way. He says to his Apostles, **"I have much more to tell you, but you cannot bear it now"** (John 16:12). How disappointing for them. But imagine at that moment, before his resurrection and ascension, if the Lord had started telling them about synods and sacraments, popes and parishes, martyrs and monasteries, rosaries and relics, catechisms and crucifixes? They would have been absolutely overwhelmed, confused, and discouraged. He tells them what they need to know, when it is time for them to know it.

So he does for us. Jesus has unceasingly taught the Church as she matures through the centuries, just as he teaches you and me through our lives in ways we can understand. Our task should be to learn what he is teaching us now, knowing that (although revelation per se is complete in him and his Apostles), he never ceases to teach us as we spiritually mature. Be confident: he knows what you are ready to learn now.

Father John Muir

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CURRENT EVENTS



Retirement Reception for Msgr. J. Robert Romero



The Knights of Columbus are hosting a Farewell Retirement Reception for Msgr. J. Robert Romero after the 4:00pm Mass on **Saturday, June 28, 2025** in the Parish Hall. Please come out and celebrate with Msgr. Romero and show him your love and appreciation for his years of service here at Nativity of Our Lady, and wish him well with his new adventures in his upcoming retirement. Thank you.



Nativity of Our Lady Catholic Church Vacation Bible School

True North Trusting Jesus In A Wild World

July 7-11, 2025 8:30am - 12:00 noon

Registration closes on Mon.6/30/2025

Register at: <https://vbspro.events/p/bc26fc>

VBS Monetary Donations are being accepted in the Church Office. VBS Donation Items on VBS Board (near Tabernacle) can be placed in boxes at Church Entrances or brought to the Church Office.

Thank you in advance for your generosity.



Tuesday, June 17, 2025

Mass at 5:30pm

Wednesday, June 18, 2025

Pro-Life Rosary - 8:20am

Mass at 9:00am

Thursday, June 19, 2025

Mass at 5:30pm

Friday, June 20, 2025

Mass at 6:30am

Saturday, June 21, 2025

Baptisms - 11am

Mass at 4pm

Sunday, June 22, 2025

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

2nd Collection - N.I. Poor & Needy

A Father's Day Prayer

God,
Bless all the fathers in the
world. Father, we ask that You
guide them to be good role
models and loving to their
children. We also ask that You
help them to be a father like
You are. Give them grace and
patience to handle situations
in a loving way.
Amen

MASS SERVERS June 17 - June 22, 2025					
DAY DATE	TIME	CELEBRANT	READERS	LAY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION	ALTAR SERVERS
Tuesday 6/17/25	5:30pm	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	Kimberly Clay	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	Sacristan
Wednesday 6/18/25	9:00am	Fr. Ed Degeyter	Ginger Comeaux	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	Sacristan
Thursday 6/19/25	5:30pm	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	Pete Aucoin	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	Sacristan
Friday 6/20/25	6:30am	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	Chad Courtois	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	Sacristan
Saturday 6/21/25	4:00pm	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	Brenda Prejean	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	Sacristan
Sunday 6/22/25	8:00am	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	Nena Suit	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	Serena Bedia Benjamin Trahan
	10:00am	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	Vincent Borne	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	Amari Romero

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