

Nativity of Our Lady Catholic Church

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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

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Amber Salsman

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*)

First Saturday: 8:20 am



**6TH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME**

A leper came to him
and kneeling down begged him and said,
"If you wish, you can make me clean."
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February 11, 2024



Mass Intentions for the Week

Tuesday, February 13, 2024 - Mardi Gras

8:00am Murriel Trahan (ann of death)

Wednesday, February 14, 2024 - Ash Wednesday

6:30am Donna M. Snoddy, Gary & Judy Detwiler
United States of America

5:30pm Carrol Romero, Sr., Patricia Picard
Ralph Olmsted (liv)(bd)

Thursday, February 15, 2024

5:30pm Maudrey & Lloyd Landry

Friday, February 16, 2024

6:30am Mark Landry, II (liv)(bd)

Saturday, February 17, 2024

4:00pm Fr. Tom Finley, Rachel R. Romero
Lynward Ransonet, Donna M. Snoddy
Juliette C. Dubois

Sunday, February 18, 2024

7:00am Parishioners

9:00am Msgr. H. J. Barsen, Quang V. Nguyen
Agapito A. Castro, Gerald "Bick" Girouard
Clarence & Violet Lancon

11:00am Fr. A.J. Boumans, Harvey & Joyce DeCourt
Donna M. Lanza

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

OUR GIFTS TO GOD January 28th

Loose	\$ 1,202.10
Envelopes	\$ 2,007.00
Total (collected)	\$ 3,209.10
Online Giving offertory	\$ 593.00
Mailed in offertory	\$ 375.00
Total offertory (week)	\$ 4,177.10
New Iberia Poor & Needy	\$ 1,380.46

Thank you for your generosity!!!!



PARISH VOCATION CROSS

The Vocation Cross is taken by:

Linda L. Viator (February 18 - 24)

Linda L. Viator (February 25 - March 2)

Each week, a family or an individual from our parish receives the vocation cross. During the week they pray for vocations not only from our parish, but through the diocese for vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, religious & consecrated life. 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.

SANCTUARY LIGHT:

*In Honor of:
Robin Valverde (liv)*



LENT IS COMING! Join our faith community in a transformative Lenten journey through CRS Rice Bowl to meet people in Uganda, El Salvador and Indonesia who are working hard to overcome the challenges of hunger and the impact of climate change. Pick up your family's CRS Rice Bowl from the entrances of church on February 12, 2024. During the 40 days of Lent, we will reflect on our connectedness as one family in Christ and work together to ensure our sisters and brothers worldwide can thrive. Visit crsricebowl.org to learn more.



Mass on Mardi Gras Day: 8am

(no 5:30pm Mass)

Ash Wednesday Masses February 14th

6:30am and 5:30pm

No 9am Mass, No Pro-life Rosary

*Offering on Ash Wednesday has
2 Envelopes: 1 for Catholic Charities &
1 marked "Ash Wednesday" that will be
given to the New Iberia Poor & Needy.*

Coming Soon!

OUR NEW Directory!



It's time for a new church pictorial directory. It won't be our directory without you! Look for more information to follow.

BOOK NOW

Universal Church Directories

REFLECTIONS - Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Paul reminds the Corinthians that they should take care to avoid offending either Jews or Greeks. This may seem impossible. One cannot hope to please everyone all the time. But that is not what Paul is talking about. He is urging us to be respectful and considerate of others, especially those who do not share our beliefs. If we would imitate Christ, we must strive to accept and respect others as they are, where they are - not requiring them to meet our standards and view of what is right and proper. We should be focused on making others feel welcome, appreciated and valued.

"Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ." - 1 Corinthians 11:1

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“For I was hungry and you gave me food...” Mt 25:35

ASH WEDNESDAY COLLECTION Wednesday, February 14, 2024

As a diocese, we will soon participate in an Ash Wednesday collection for Catholic Charities of Acadiana. The focus of this year’s collection is preventing hunger.

No family or individual should experience hunger. Hunger is an emergency, one where our faith compels us to respond. With this core belief, Catholic Charities of Acadiana operates St. Joseph Diner and FoodNet Food Bank.

Through both core programs, Catholic Charities of Acadiana responds with compassion to thousands who experience hunger and food insecurity throughout the eight civil parishes of the Diocese of Lafayette.

Last year, St. Joseph Diner prepared and distributed over 186,918 meals. FoodNet Foodbank distributed over 41,152 food bags to neighbors in need through partner pantries across the region.

St. Joseph Diner and FoodNet Food Bank are largely donor-funded programs. Your generous support of the Ash Wednesday second collection will help us purchase food and provide immediate relief to someone in our community.

Please give generously to the Ash Wednesday collection to support Catholic Charities of Acadiana’s mission to provide for those experiencing hunger and food insecurity in our community.



Please give generously to the Ash Wednesday collection to support Catholic Charities of Acadiana in their mission to provide for those who are experiencing hunger and food insecurity in our community.

Make an impact today by visiting give.classy.org/ashwednesday or by scanning the code.



Gospel Meditation for the Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Recently I had a skin rash, and it was awful. (Please don’t tell anyone.) I am embarrassed to admit that I didn’t handle it well. Complaining, whining, begging for sympathy, and crying were my responses to the merciless itching and burning. In the aftermath, a silver lining emerged. I feel a new heartfelt sympathy for all those vexed with chronic skin problems. If you’ve ever had a seemingly unending skin problem, you know how that sympathy flows up from deep inside.

This gut-level compassion is something like what the Gospel describes in Jesus when the sore-covered leper says, **“If you will it, you can make me clean.”** At this, just before the healing, Jesus was **“moved with compassion.”** The Greek word used here is strong and earthy, closer to “his bowels and guts trembled with the deepest emotions of sadness, pity, and love.” In Jesus, God heals our infirmities not from a divine distance but by learning what it feels like to be us. He acquires first-hand experience of what it costs us to be afflicted and still be faithful to God. He sympathizes with the burning, itching, and blistering of human existence in the deepest, first-hand way. To discover that is to touch Jesus’ heart.

What in your life, right now, is breaking out like diseased skin? What is getting worse the more you try to soothe it? Perhaps only you feel it. Or maybe it’s exposed to all. A bad habit, broken relationship, loneliness, fear of failure, self-hatred? Name it, and then find a way to bring it confidently to Jesus who will feel what we are feeling, and thereby heal us.

Fr. John Muir

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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: Tracy Renard, Stacey Pellerin, Brenda Hebert, Daniel Bienvenu, Laura George, Elmae Picard, Pat Villermin, Billy Simon, Lynette Landry, Tommy Ronsonet, Michelle Frith, Lawrence Romero, Jimmy Simoneaux, Bernadine Williams, Laura LaBiche, Curtis Hulin, Julie Naquin, Morgan McMusson, Candice Clark, Kerry Romero, Todd D'Albor, Barrett Gardner, Delina Lafont, Sonny Broussard, Louis Boudreaux, Jr., Michelle Parrie, Raywood Buteaux, Scott Romero, Denise Hebert, Millard & Myrna Poché, Taylor Price, Betty Rogers, Ellen Barrilleaux Thomas, Clint Boudreaux, Carly Tajmir, Harold Martin, Laurie Delahoussaye, Kelly Boudreaux, Sr., Sid Richardson, Kathie Segura, Mary Taylor Broussard, Mazel Dwyer, Fran Jackson, David & Robin Viator family, Sheryl S. Bourque, Ronnie Landry, Elise C. Verret, Michael & Claire Landry Family, Dustin & Nicole V. Ortego family, Linda & Clint Trahan family, Mark Landry I, Josephine Delcambre, Ruth Bernard, Sirena Rogers, Jay McDonald, Gloria Comeaux, Shawntell Romero, Bea Romero, Jeanette Gonsoulin, Jacquie Gondran, Joylynn Trosclair, Alice Robicheaux, Sheri Arcement Darby, Caroline Dubois, Brenda Romero, Carrol Romero, Jr., Patrick Robicheaux, Walker Robicheaux, Catherine Bourdier, Denni Kinsey, Jeanne Dupre, Peggy Fitch, Hardy Jenkins, Corliss Ramirez, Jean-Paul Marceaux, Peggy Lancon, Rhonda Darden, Marnel Fremin, Yvonne Willis, Misty Geoffroy, Shirley Trahan, April Bashay

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

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Sin and Loneliness

When I was in high school, we read “The Metamorphosis” by Franz Kafka. It’s a depressing little novella about a man who (spoiler alert!) turns into a cockroach and dies of neglect, his family gradually ceasing to recognize the creature he has become.

“Never underestimate how badly human beings need touch,” our teacher told us. “Without each other, we curl up and die.”

Our need for communion with each other is written into our biology — breathing and heart rate of newborns regulates when they lie against the skin of their mothers, and we instinctively reach out to embrace someone who has been wounded. But it is also written into our souls. Consider the early days of the pandemic, and the emotional starvation we all experienced, prevented from gathering in groups to worship, to celebrate and to mourn. And when we did encounter other people, we kept a mutual distance. “I feel like a leper,” we grumbled to our families when we returned home, because we finally understood it: the real tragedy of leprosy is not pain and disfigurement. The real tragedy of leprosy is loneliness.

“If you wish, you can make me clean,” begged the leper as he knelt before Christ (Mark 1:40). He wasn’t begging for deliverance from pain and disfigurement. He was begging for deliverance from isolation.

“If you wish, you can make me clean,” we beg God in confession, not because we are physically withering and dying but because we are so desperate to once again be held in His embrace.

“Moved with pity, he stretched out his hand, touched him, and said to him, ‘I do will it. Be made clean.’” — Mark 1:41

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Supporting the Works of Christ



✠ 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 2024 Bishop’s Services Appeal.

✠ This weekend is Bishop’s Services Appeal Follow-up Weekend. Your personal sacrifice and generosity to the Appeal will mean so much to so many – not only the impoverished families but also the poor in spirit who seek the healing ministry services in our Diocese. May Nativity of Our Lady parish join in **Uniting as the Body of Christ** and respond generously.

TODAY'S READINGS

**Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 11, 2024**

Reading I: Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46

- We hear how ancient Israel was concerned about purity laws and the spread of disease, such as leprosy. How do you support people in your life who are suffering from disease or isolation?

Reading II: 1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1

- St. Paul encouraged the Corinthians to be selfless and kind to each other as a practical way of living out their faith. Is there a friend or co-worker who could benefit from your generosity toward them ?

Gospel: Mark 1:40-45

- The healed leper disobeyed Jesus' command to remain silent and as a result, Jesus had to stay outside towns and in "deserted places." How do you deal with people in your life who disappoint or frustrate you?

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2023 Contributions Statement

If you would like to have a copy of your 2023 Statement of Contributions mailed to you, please call the office at (337)364-8360 to request one.

CURRENT EVENTS

Monday, February 12, 2024

No Faith Formation this week

Tuesday, February 13, 2024 - *Mardi Gras*

Mass at 8:00am - no 5:30pm Mass

Nativity Church Office Closed

Wednesday, February 14, 2024 - *Ash Wednesday*

Masses with Distribution of Ashes:

6:30am & 5:30pm

Collection for Catholic Charities of Acadiana

Collection envelope for "Ash Wednesday"

- New Iberia Poor & Needy

No 9:00am Mass & No Pro-Life Rosary

NO Faith Formation this week

K.C. & Ladies Aux. Dinner & Meeting

Thursday, February 15, 2024

Mass at 5:30pm

Friday, February 16, 2024

Mass at 6:30am

Stations of the Cross - 5:30pm - Church

Saturday, February 17, 2024

Mass at 4pm

Sunday, February 18, 2024

Masses at: **7am, 9am & 11am**

2nd Collection - Black & Indian Mission

Congratulations

Deacon John Sarkies

Celebrating his
24th Year of Ordination
to the Permanent Diaconate on
Monday, February 12, 2024

MASS SERVERS February 13 - 18, 2024					
DAY DATE	TIME	CELEBRANT	READERS	LAY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION	ALTAR SERVERS
Tuesday 2/13/24	8:00am	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	Ellen Claudy	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	Sacristan
Wednesday 2/14/24	6:30am	Fr. Ed Degeyter	Ginger Comeaux	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	Sacristan
	5:30pm	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	June Jones	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	Morgan Salsman Madalynn Salsman
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Sunday 2/18/24	7:00am	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	Ellen Claudy	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	Serena Bedia Khoi Nguyen
	9:00am	Fr. Ed Degeyter	Nena Suit	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	Autum, Benjamin & Ephraim Trahan
	11:00am	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	Vincent Borne	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	Madalynn Salsman Morgan Salsman

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