

# 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*

## SECRETARY:

*Polly Camacho*

## RECEPTIONIST:

*Sheryl S. Bourque*

## DIRECTOR OF FAITH FORMATION:

*Janet Viator — 337-365-3759*

## YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT COORDINATOR:

*Amber Salsman*

## PASTORAL COUNCIL

**PRESIDENT:** *Barbara Breaux*

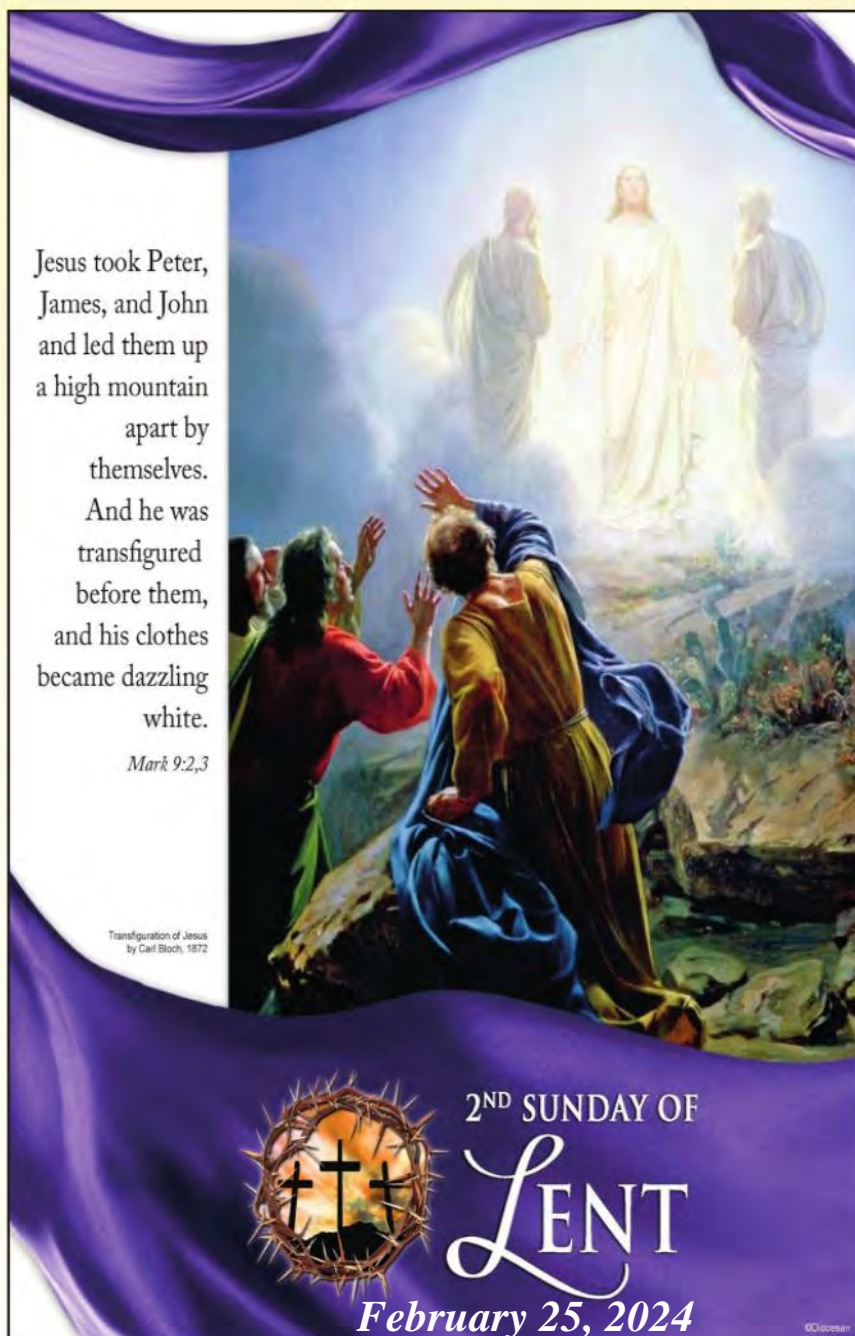
## RECONCILIATION:

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



**Mass Intentions for the Week**

**Tuesday, February 27, 2024**  
**5:30pm** M/M Wilton David, Sr., Wilton David, Jr.  
**Wednesday, February 28, 2024**  
**9:00am** Carrol Romero, Sr., M/M Allen Dupre  
 Johnny Viator (bd)  
 Liv. & Dec. Fly of Carrol & Brenda Romero  
**Thursday, February 29, 2024**  
**5:30pm** Jessica Allen (liv)(bd)  
**Friday, March 1, 2024 - First Friday**  
**6:30am** Gus & Amanita Lamperez, Janell Broussard  
 Peewee & Elaine Broussard, Don Taylor  
 Gloria & E.J. Segura, Lee Broussard  
 Carlyle Hebert Fly, Kevin Krai (liv)  
 JoJo Carlson, United States Military  
**Saturday, March 2, 2024 - First Saturday**  
**9:00am** Brother & Claire LaBauve  
 M/M Raymond Landry, Quang V. Nguyen  
 United States of America  
 Elmer & Corinne Wenker, Special Intention  
**4:00pm** Fr. Tom Finley, Rachel R. Romero  
 Lynward Ransonet, DeHart & Estilette Fly  
 Dressel & Ransonet Fly  
**Sunday, March 3, 2024**  
**7:00am** Parishioners, Rita Stevens  
**9:00am** Msgr. H. J. Barsen, Quang V. Nguyen  
 Agapito A. Castro, Gerald "Bick" Girouard  
 Clarence & Violet Lancon  
 Sheryl Bourque (liv)(bd)  
 Ernest & Theonie Breaux  
**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 February 11<sup>th</sup>**

Loose .....	\$ 1,801.00
Envelopes .....	\$ 2,012.00
Total (collected) .....	\$ 3,813.00
Online Giving offertory .....	\$ 688.00
Mailed in offertory .....	\$ 415.00
Total offertory (week) .....	\$ 4,916.00
Nativity Building Fund.....	\$ 1,504.00

**Thank you for your generosity!!!!**


**PARISH VOCATION CROSS**  
*The Vocation Cross is taken by:*

*Linda L. Viator (February 25 - March 2)*  
*Cynthia & Willie Elmer (March 3 - 9)*



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.

**OVERCOMING HUNGER**



In Akwangagwel, Uganda, the climate is very hot and dry. Farmers in this region depend heavily on the rainy season for a successful harvest. But lately—due to the changing climate—the rain has been coming later than it used to and is more inconsistent. Sometimes, when it does rain, it causes flooding and ruins the crops. Learn how Adolf and Florence have taken the matter into their own hands, implementing new farming techniques they learned from a Catholic Relief Services program to improve their farm and fight against hunger in their community. Visit [csr-rice-bowl.org](http://csr-rice-bowl.org) to learn more and read this week's Story of Hope.

**Safe Environment for the Protection of Children:**  
**For All Grades Faith Formation Classes:**  
 All students and their parents are to attend this Safe Environment Class on **Monday, February 26<sup>th</sup>** and **Wednesday, February 28<sup>th</sup>** at the normal class times in the Parish Hall. We will be showing the children an age-appropriate film on child abuse and neglect as part of our program to help keep our children safe. If you have questions, or need additional information, please call Janet Viator at 337-365-3759

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 - Second Sunday of Lent - "If God is for us, who can be against us?"** Perhaps, the better question would be: Are we for God? It is understandable that those who see themselves as Christians, assume that God is on their side and therefore they must be in the right. The Pharisees also thought this way but they were roundly criticized by Jesus. We are not all knowing and just - that is God. We are trying to learn how to be more like God, our Father. We need to develop a humble spirit and an open heart so that we may learn how to be on God's side rather than insisting that God support our ideas and plans.

*"To you will I offer sacrifice of thanksgiving, and I will call upon the name of the Lord." - Psalm 116:17*  
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## March 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Pray for Pope Francis First Friday Stations of the Cross 5:30pm - Church	2 Pray for Bishop Douglas Deshotel First Saturday
3 Pray for Bishop Emeritus Michael Jarrell  Memorial Book Nativity Building Fund	4 Pray for Fr. Kenneth Domingue	5 Pray for Fr. Michael Doolley Bible Study - 9am Pictorial Appointments	6 Pray for Fr. Dustin Dought Pro-Life Rosary Holy Hour 9:30am Pictorial Appointments	7 Pray for Fr. Gregory Todd Downs Bible Study - 6pm Pictorial Appointments	8 Pray for Fr. Blake Dubroc Stations of the Cross 5:30pm - Church	9 Pray for Fr. Wayne Duet
10 Pray for Fr. Casey Dugas  Catholic Relief Services	11 Pray for Fr. Willard Dugas Lenten Mission - 6:30 - 7:45pm - Church	12 Pray for Fr. Edward Duhon Bible Study - 9am Patriotic Rosary Lenten Mission - 6:30 - 7:45pm - Church	13 Pray for Fr. Nicholas Dupre Pro-Life Rosary K.C. & Ladies Aux. Meeting	14 Pray for Fr. Gilbert Dutel Baptismal Seminar Msgr. Romero's 49 <sup>th</sup> year Anniversary of Ordination	15 Pray for Fr. Darren Eldridge Stations of the Cross 5:30pm - Church	16 Pray for Fr. Peter Emusa Baptisms First Communion Retreat - 8:45am
17 Pray for Fr. Charles Estaiako  New Iberia Poor & Needy K.C. Shrimp Boil Dinner	18 Pray for Fr. Cyprian Eze Bible Study - 6pm (Thursday Group)	19 Pray for Fr. Richard Fabre Bible Study - 9am	20 Pray for Fr. James Fallon Pro-Life Rosary	21 Pray for Fr. Joel Faulk OLAS Meeting 6pm- Office Pictorial Appointments	22 Pray for Fr. Emmanuel Fernandez Stations of the Cross 5:30pm - Church Pictorial Appointments	23 Pray for Fr. Sam Fontana Pictorial Appointments
24 Pray for Fr. David James Furka  Bishop's Services Appeal	25 Pray for Fr. Abelardo Gabriel Women's Ultreya 7pm - Parish Hall	26 Pray for Fr. William Gearheard	27 Pray for Fr. Taj Glodd Pro-Life Rosary	28 Pray for Msgr. Richard Greene  Holy Thursday Mass at 7pm Nativity Office Closed	29 Pray for Fr. Mitchell Guindy  Good Friday Service at 3pm Nativity Office Closed	30 Pray for Chaplain Capt. Brad Guillery  Easter Vigil Mass at 8pm
31 Pray for Fr. Joshua Guillery  Happy Easter						

## 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, Mark Cormier, Brayson Willson, Lori Agiular, Elijah Hebert, Baby Guillory

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.

### **Disch-DeClouet Annual Campaign**

The Disch-DeClouet Social Service Center is a non-profit organization with an all volunteer staff. The Center has served the poor and needy of Iberia Parish providing for critical and basic human needs (food, clothing, utility and rent assistance, and other help) for 48 years. We service approximately 400 families a month.

We are conducting our Annual Campaign which will run through the Lenten Season, and we need your help. We ask that you prayerfully consider investing in those less fortunate by sharing your gifts. Without additional financial support we cannot maintain the level of service that we have been giving for many years.

Please use the campaign envelope for your tax-deductible donation and see the brochure for more information. May God bless you for your generosity. Thank you!

John L. Indest  
Executive Director

## *Gospel Meditation for the Second Sunday of Lent*

As a college student, my prized possession was an after-market car stereo. It was my pride and joy: glorious audio, eye-catching display screen, and multi-disc CD changer. It drained my hard-earned dollars, but it was totally worth it. It drenched me in music everywhere I drove. On Ash Wednesday of my senior year of college, Father Tom, the Jesuit priest at my university said, "Pray for God to tell you what he wants you to sacrifice for Lent." I did. In my heart, the answer came: "Give up listening to your car stereo for forty days." I winced. Not possible, I thought. Can't do it. I made other plans. The next morning, I was stunned to find that my car had been broken into, and my fancy stereo ripped out and stolen.

God's command to sacrifice what we love is no joke. This week in Genesis 22, God says: "**Abraham!**" "**Here I am,**" he replied. **Then God said, "Take your son, your only son, whom you love — Isaac — and go to the region of Moriah. Sacrifice him there as a burnt offering on a mountain I will show you."** Believe me, I know. We like to be in control. It chaffs us that *God sets the terms* of what we must sacrifice, and how. But this is no impersonal, tyrannical process. Remember that God uses their names, Abraham and Isaac. God knows each one of us and the precious gifts He commands us to offer. Finally, our sacrifices are for our own good. Do we trust this enough to do what Father Tom asked me to do?

**Lenten challenge:** This week, I dare you to ask God: "What do you want me to give up?" He may ask for that which you love most. It will be something precious to you: time, money, a relationship, a dream, an opportunity. What matters is we trust Him and act sacrificially in line with His command. Whatever we sacrifice will of course come back to us as surely as the Risen Jesus — but that doesn't make it easy.

*Fr. John Muir*

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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.

### **SANCTUARY LIGHT:**

*Provided by:  
Our Lady's Altar Society*



## TODAY'S READINGS

**Second Sunday of Lent  
February 25, 2024**

**Reading I: Genesis 22:1-2, 9a, 10/13, 15-18**

- Abraham passed God's test to offer his beloved son, Isaac, as a sacrifice. Have you ever felt tested by God?

**Reading II: Romans 8:31b-34**

- St. Paul speaks of God's generous love and affection for us, ever willing to defend and protect us. As we continue the Lenten journey, to whom might you offer some comfort and care this week?

**Gospel: Mark 9:2-10**

- After witnessing Jesus' transfiguration, hearing God's voice, and commanded to silence, Peter, James, and John must have been spiritually and emotionally drained. What helps energize you spiritually?

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### Prayer of Trust

Dear Lord,

Your ways confuse me sometimes. Often, I don't fully understand what You are doing. But I believe that You are working in a way that will one day make sense. Until then, keep me close to You, trusting blindly in the ways You lead me. Amen.

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## CURRENT EVENTS

**Monday, February 26, 2024**

Faith Formation - Grades 7 - 11  
Women's Ultreya - 7pm - Parish Hall

**Tuesday, February 27, 2024**

Bible Study - 9am - Barsen Hall  
Mass at 5:30pm

**Wednesday, February 28, 2024**

Pro-Life Rosary - 8:20am - Mass - 9am  
Faith Formation - Grades 1-6

**Thursday, February 29, 2024**

Mass at 5:30pm  
Bible Study 6:10pm - Barsen Hall

**Friday, March 1, 2024 - First Friday**

OLAS, K.C. Ladies Auxiliary & K.C. Members to attend 6:30am Mass

Stations of the Cross - 5:30pm - Church

**Saturday, March 2, 2024 - First Saturday**

OLAS, K.C. Ladies Auxiliary & K.C. Members to attend 9:00am Mass

Mass at 4pm

**Sunday, March 3, 2024**

Masses at: **7am, 9am & 11am**  
2<sup>nd</sup> Collection - Nativity Building Fund

Iberia Homeless Shelter is one of the recipients of the *New Iberia Poor & Needy Collection* we take up this weekend. The Homeless Shelter clients served January 1 - December 15, 2023 total 107 people. 65 of which were people in families, with 27 individuals, 7 chronically homeless individuals, 3 veterans & 5 unaccompanied youth. Thank you to Nativity Parishioners for helping serve the Needy in our area, as we are called as Catholics to do.

MASS SERVERS February 27 - March 3, 2024					
DAY DATE	TIME	CELEBRANT	READERS	LAY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION	ALTAR SERVERS
Tuesday 2/27/24	5:30pm	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	Kimberly Clay	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	Sacristan
Wednesday 2/28/24	9:00am	Fr. Ed Degeyter	Ginger Comeaux	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	Sacristan
Thursday 2/29/24	5:30pm	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	Pete Aucoin	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	Sacristan
Friday 3/1/24	6:30am	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	<i>See Reader Schedule</i>	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	Sacristan
Saturday 3/2/24	9:00am	Fr. Ed Degeyter	<i>See Reader Schedule</i>	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	<i>See Altar Server Schedule</i>
	4:00pm	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	<i>See Reader Schedule</i>	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	<i>See Altar Server Schedule</i>
Sunday 3/3/24	7:00am	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	<i>See Reader Schedule</i>	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	<i>See Altar Server Schedule</i>
	9:00am	Fr. Ed Degeyter	<i>See Reader Schedule</i>	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	<i>See Altar Server Schedule</i>
	11:00am	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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