

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

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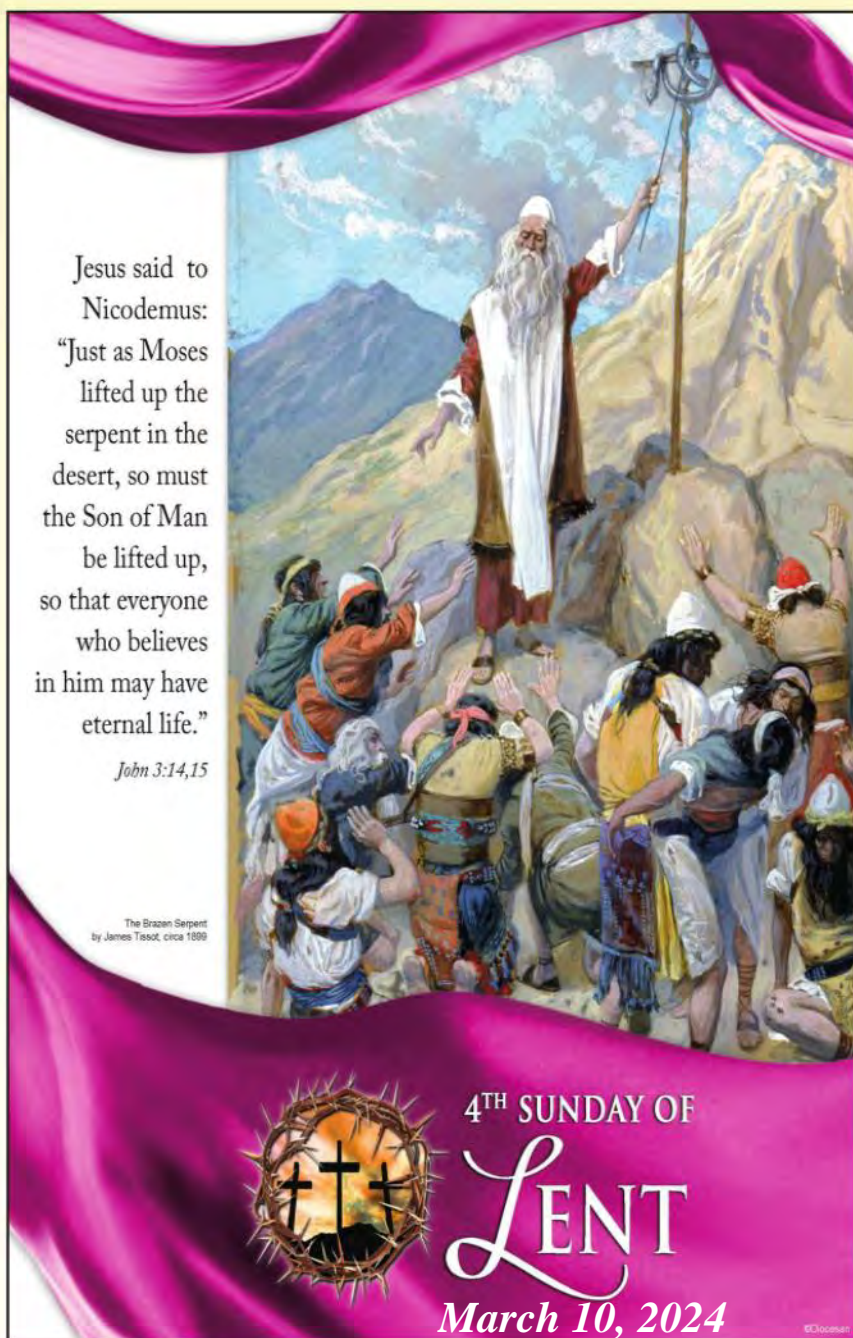
RECONCILIATION:

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



Jesus said to Nicodemus: "Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life."

John 3:14,15

The Brazen Serpent
by James Tissot, circa 1890

4TH SUNDAY OF
LENT
March 10, 2024



**Mass Intentions
for the Week**

Tuesday, March 12, 2024

5:30pm Carolyn C. Fuselier (bd)

Wednesday, March 13, 2024

9:00am Carrol Romero, Sr., Violet Lancon
Ronnie J. Landry (liv)(bd), Joyce Barras
Bonnie L. Boudreaux (bd)
Gersie & Rodney Bienvenu
Patty Babineaux Fontenot

Thursday, March 14, 2024

5:30pm Fr. Cornelius Nolan

Friday, March 15, 2024

6:30am In Thanksgiving

Saturday, March 16, 2024

4:00pm Fr. Tom Finley, Rachel R. Romero
Lynward Ransonet, Juliette C. Dubois
Leona & Jules Broussard
Ginger Comeaux (liv)(bd)
Louis & Hazel (ann of death) Broussard

Sunday, March 17, 2024

7:00am Parishioners

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

11:00am Fr. A.J. Boumans, Harvey & Joyce DeCourt
Donna M. Lanza, Pat Jardell
Leroy & June Aucoin, Cliff Aucoin
JoAnn Cangemi, Bobby Norris

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.

1 lb. Boiled Shrimp, Corn & Potato

Knights of Columbus

Council #12997 Fundraiser

Sunday, April 14, 2024

Pickup is under the Carport behind the Church Office (behind Church) from 10AM - 12:30PM

Tickets are \$15.00 each. Tickets will be sold after each weekend Mass and are available from any KC member.

Also, the Ladies K.C. Auxiliary members will be selling treats.

REFLECTIONS - Fourth Sunday of Lent - It is easy to fall into the trap of thinking that everything depends upon us. If we follow God's laws and the Church's teachings then everything will be fine and our heavenly reward is assured. Nothing could be further from the truth. Our deeds do not earn us a ticket to heaven; nor do our misdeeds condemn us to hell. Salvation is God's gift to us. It is already ours if we choose to accept it. Realizing God's unending love for us should make us want to share this love. We should not need a list of rules to tell us to treat one another with kindness and compassion. A focus on "keeping the rules" makes us accountants and judges of others. All the Lord wants us to do is accept his love and share it with others.

"This (Salvation) is not your own doing, it is God's gift." - Ephesians 2:8

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

OUR GIFTS TO GOD February 25th

Loose	\$ 1,237.03
Envelopes	\$ 2,589.00
Total (collected)	\$ 3,826.03
Online Giving offertory	\$ 613.00
Mailed in offertory	\$ 3,590.00
Total offertory (week)	\$ 8,029.03
New Iberia Poor & Needy	\$ 1,393.00

Thank you for your generosity!!!!



PARISH VOCATION CROSS

The Vocation Cross is taken by:

Ellen Claudy (March 10 - 16)

Cliff & Laura Schlicher (March 17 - 23)

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.

INCREASING DISASTERS, INCREASING RESILIENCE

Located in Southeast Asia between the Pacific and Indian Oceans, Indonesia has beautiful beaches, diverse cultures and the world's fourth largest population. Many of the country's more than 17,000 islands are in the Ring of Fire, where volcanic eruptions and earthquakes are common. Climate-related disasters such as cyclones are also becoming more frequent and destructive. Find out how—with the support of Catholic Relief Services and generous communities like yours—Evita and her disaster preparedness group are working to keep their community safe. Visit crsricebowl.org to learn more and read this week's Story of Hope.



Prayer of Laetare Sunday

Dear Jesus,

We've been in this season of Lent for a few weeks now. I want to re-commit myself in this time — renew and strengthen my resolve. Help me to use these last few weeks to grow closer to you. Amen. ©LPi

Waiting for Eli & Erasing Effeminacy

March 11-12, 2024 @6:30-7:45PM

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March 11, 2024 - Waiting for Eli: A Father's Journey from Fear to Faith - Night 1 Mission Topic

"In Waiting for Eli, Chad Judice chronicles his spiritual journey from fear of one's personal limitations to self-abandonment to the divine mercy of God's providence. The story of his spiritual progression, as he prepares for the birth of his son Eli, functions as a profound testimony to the Gospel of Life and to the underlying truth that faith is perfected through trial and suffering. The author takes the universal pro-life message of the sanctity of human life and uses it to illustrate how the life of one child can sanctify the lives of the community of believers who witness to the power of prayer. It is always a singular grace when God inspires us to be courageous and hopeful through the lives and sacrifices of others who perseveres, especially one as young as Eli Judice."

-Daniel Cardinal DiNardo, Archbishop of Galveston-Houston, Chair of Committee for Pro-Life Activities, U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops 2009 – 2012

March 12, 2024 - Erasing Effeminacy : From Spiritual Infancy to Adulthood - Night 2 Mission Topic

In his classical published work, *The Three Conversions in the Spiritual Life*, Father Reginald Garrigou Lagrange maps out the progression of every Christian from spiritual infancy to adulthood through the lens of the three conversions of the Apostles in the gospels. This journey is echoed in the life of each Christian as they embrace their specific role within the domestic church through participation in the common priesthood of Jesus Christ received in baptism. In this presentation, Chad Judice, Director of the Office of Catechetics for the Diocese of Lafayette, lays out a blueprint for Christians to develop virtues that can only come through embracing one's cross and allowing the Holy Spirit to Father them from spiritual infancy into adulthood. Erasing effeminacy, defined by St. Thomas Aquinas, is an aversion to doing difficult things because of a disordered addiction to pleasure and empowering them to conquer the greatest enemy of discipleship and friend to vice and habitual sin in the twenty-first century.

The National Eucharistic Congress is this summer, July 17-21 in Indianapolis. It is the crowning experience of the ongoing Eucharistic Revival and the first one in 83 years. It will feature top-notch speakers from around the country and a wonderful chance to see the breadth of faith across our country. The diocese is providing scholarships to help with costs. The form simply needs to be filled out and signed by Msgr. Romero, then sent to the diocesan Office of Worship. Please visit diolaf.org/worship to find the forms and more information or use this QR code.



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., 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, 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, Frank Onebane, Debbie Johnson & Fly, Cameron Alba

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 Fourth Sunday of Lent

God asks a rhetorical and slightly sarcastic question to Samuel, the prophet: **“How long will you grieve for Saul, whom I have rejected as king of Israel?”** Like us, Samuel is depressed that the old king failed. It’s painful to admit that the old regime is done. But God won’t let us wallow our pity-party forever. **“I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem,”** announces the Lord, **“for I have chosen my king from among his sons.”** Samuel finally goes and anoints the young David as the new king. And his kingdom is glorious; it’s the golden age of Israel’s earthly history.

How discouraging to see that my own selfish ego is no longer in charge! How long will I grieve that money, power, pleasure, and reputation have been rejected as the ruler of my life? How wonderful that God has a new future in store for you and me. He is sending us to Bethlehem to anoint the new David as our king. His kingdom won’t fail us. He’ll slay our goliaths, unite our dispersed energies, and build a Temple where God himself will dwell.

So how long will you grieve? How long?

Fr. John Muir

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(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman
Not as Man Sees

I don’t know Fr. Stu personally, but I’ve heard a fair number of his homilies. I think it is safe to assume that if he and I were to get into a discussion on any number of things, from church history to liturgical music to stand-up comedy, each of us would cringe at the opinions of the other. But Fr. Stu happens to offer just about the only confession time within 20 miles of me that consistently works with my schedule. That means that, quite by accident, Fr. Stu is my regular confessor. For years now, he’s sat patiently on the other side of the grille, listening to me pour out the details of my transgressions, from the pathetic to the embarrassing, and he absolves me of my sins.

In the Gospel, Christ links vision with humility and pride with blindness. We see again and again in Scripture how God delights in surprising us, in revealing himself through people, places, and experiences we not only didn’t expect but perhaps had totally written off. We are right to be proud of the truth, but we are wrong if the truth causes us to be proud of ourselves. The truth no more belongs to the one who believes it than sight belongs to the blind man in the Gospel. A gift does not reflect on the recipient. It reflects on the giver.

After a great deal of thought, I’ve decided to be grateful that God contrived to give me a confessor whom I strongly disagree with on so many things. It’s a powerful reminder of how much I must receive from other people, even those I may think are wrong. In that confessional, Fr. Stu is only a priest, and I am only a sinner.

“Not as man sees does God see.” — 1 Samuel 16:7 ©LPi

TODAY'S READINGS

Fourth Sunday of Lent
March 10, 2024

Reading I: 2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23

- The author of 2 Chronicles reflects on how historically God's fidelity and mercy was often met with Israel's disobedience and arrogance. How does the Lenten journey provoke an examination of conscience for you and your faith life?

Reading II: Ephesians 2:4-10

- St. Paul speaks of our faith and our salvation as "the gift of God" to us. In what ways do you show appreciation for God's grace?

Gospel: John 3:14-21

- Jesus taught Nicodemus that God sent His only Son into the world to offer eternal life to believers. Who in your life needs to hear this message? ©LPi

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Directory

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CURRENT EVENTS

Monday, March 11, 2024

Faith Formation - Grades 7 - 11
Lenten Mission - 6:30-7:45pm Church

Tuesday, March 12, 2024

Bible Study - 9am - Barsen Hall
Mass at 5:30pm
Patriotic Rosary - 6pm - Church
Lenten Mission - 6:30-7:45pm Church

Wednesday, March 13, 2024

Pro-Life Rosary - 8:20am - Mass - 9am
Faith Formation - Grades 1-6
K.C. & Ladies Auxiliary Dinner & Meeting

Thursday, March 14, 2024

Msgr. Romero's 49th Anniversary of Ordination
Mass at 5:30pm
Baptismal Seminar - 6:30pm - Church Office

Friday, March 15, 2024

Mass at 6:30am
Stations of the Cross - 5:30pm - Church

Saturday, March 16, 2024

First Communion Retreat 8:45am
Baptisms
Mass at 4pm

Sunday, March 17, 2024

Masses at: 7am, 9am & 11am
2nd Collection - New Iberia Poor & Needy



SANCTUARY LIGHT:

*In Memory of:
Bonnie L. Boudreaux*



MASS SERVERS March 12 - 17, 2024					
DAY DATE	TIME	CELEBRANT	READERS	LAY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION	ALTAR SERVERS
Tuesday 3/12/24	5:30pm	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	Kimberly Clay	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	Sacristan
Wednesday 3/13/24	9:00am	Fr. Ed Degeyter	Ginger Comeaux	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	Sacristan
Thursday 3/14/24	5:30pm	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	Pete Aucoin	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	Sacristan
Friday 3/15/24	6:30am	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	Keith Comeaux	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	Sacristan
Saturday 3/16/24	4:00pm	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	Dona Schexnayder	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	<i>See Altar Server Schedule</i>
Sunday 3/17/24	7:00am	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	Janis Dugas	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	<i>See Altar Server Schedule</i>
	9:00am	Fr. Ed Degeyter	Lloyd Verret	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	<i>See Altar Server Schedule</i>
	11:00am	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	June Jones	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	<i>See Altar Server Schedule</i>

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