

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

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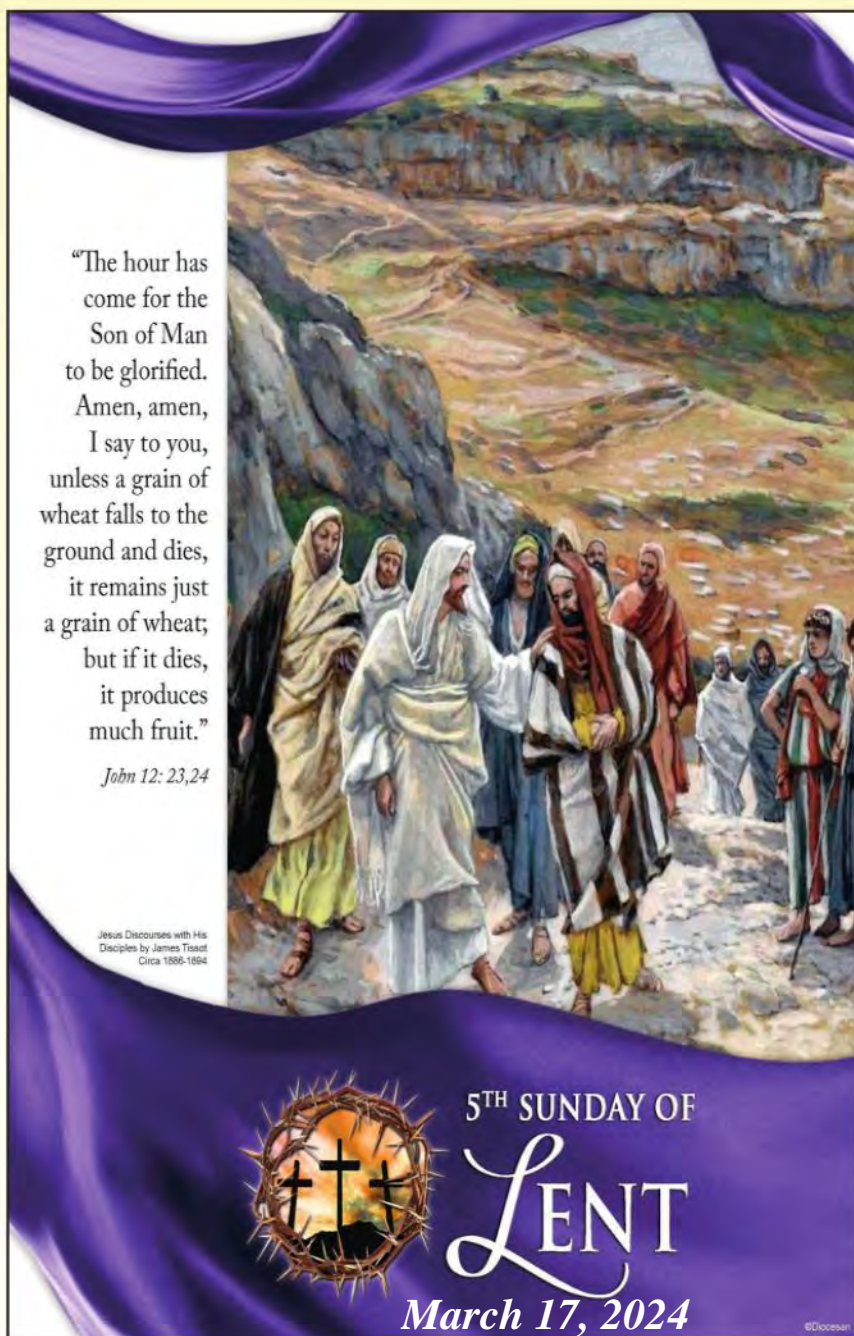
RECONCILIATION:

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



“The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Amen, amen, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit.”

John 12: 23,24

Jesus Discourses with His Disciples by James Tissot Circa 1886-1894

5TH SUNDAY OF
LENT
March 17, 2024

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Mass Intentions for the Week

Tuesday, March 19, 2024

5:30pm Patricia Picard, Stephan & Janet Viator (liv)

Wednesday, March 20, 2024

9:00am Carrol Romero, Sr., Special Intention
Rusty Simon, Joseph Viator
Patty Babineaux Fontenot, Gus Koch
Patti Gagnard

Thursday, March 21, 2024

5:30pm Robin L. Viator (liv)(bd)

Friday, March 22, 2024

6:30am Kate Elise Ortego (liv)(bd)

Saturday, March 23, 2024

4:00pm Fr. Tom Finley, Rachel R. Romero
Lynward Ransonet, Roy Flores

Sunday, March 24, 2024

7:00am Parishioners, Phyllis C. LeBlanc
Donna M. Snoddy

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 March 3rd

Loose	\$ 1,639.00
Envelopes	\$ 7,130.00
Total (collected)	\$ 8,769.00
Online Giving offertory	\$ 928.00
Mailed in offertory	\$ 665.00
Total offertory (week)	\$ 10,362.00
Nativity Building Fund	\$ 2,004.00

Thank you for your generosity!!!!



PARISH VOCATION CROSS

The Vocation Cross is taken by:

Cliff & Laura Schlicher (March 17 - 23)

Ross & Cindy Landry (March 24 - 30)

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.

EMBODYING THE LOVE OF CHRIST BY CARING FOR ONE ANOTHER

Reflect on your Lenten journey thus far: What have you learned from our global family members in Uganda, El Salvador and Indonesia? How does the Eucharist unite us with our sisters and brothers around the world? Consider how Christ is present in Adolf and Florence, Sandra and Santos, and Evita. Visit crsricebowl.org to learn more and read this week's Story of Hope.



PICTORIAL *Directory*

We still have photography appointments available for the directory! Every family receives a FREE 8x10 family portrait and a printed directory!

*It won't be
OUR
directory without
YOU!*



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.

SANCTUARY LIGHT:

Provided by:

Our Lady's Altar Society



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.

REFLECTIONS - Fifth Sunday of Lent - Knowing God's will is not always easy. It is tempting to allow others to tell us what to do. According to Jeremiah, God has said, "I will place my law within them and write it upon their hearts." The more we seek the guidance of the Holy Spirit, the easier it becomes to know God's will. Others can help guide us in this; but ultimately, we must make our own choices. How do you try to learn God's will? Do you seek the Spirit's help in little everyday things or only in major decisions? How might you become more attuned to God's will?

"A clean heart create for me, O God, and a steadfast spirit renew within me." - Psalm 51:10

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March 17, 2024 | Fifth Sunday of Lent

Jer 31:31-34 | Heb 5:7-9 | Jn 12:20-33

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

As we quickly approach Easter, we're reminded of the reason why we are celebrating. God's chosen people stumbled quite a bit throughout the Old Testament, so God intervened time, and time, and time again to set them back on the straight and narrow. Whereas we would likely give up on someone over time, God has remained steadfast in his grace, and always will. He created a new covenant with Israel that wrote his law upon the hearts of Jews and Gentiles alike. This new covenant was realized through Jesus Christ, who was born into our flesh and crucified on the cross. He suffered death in perfect obedience to God the Father. By being born into flesh, Jesus united humanity and divinity; through his crucifixion and resurrection, Christ "became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him." He is the law of love that lives within us, and through him "all, from least to greatest, shall know [the Father.]"

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Jesus didn't suffer the cross for his sake or for his own glory. No, our Savior came to preach the kingdom of heaven to us before sacrificing himself for our sins. Notice how in today's Gospel he even admitted he was troubled! It can be terrifying to do God's will for our lives, and Christ himself was troubled by what he was called to do. Yet, in love and trust in the Father, Jesus was obedient, saying "but it was for this purpose that I came to this hour. Father, glorify your name." All Christians are called to a life of self-sacrifice, each to the degree it serves God's purpose. We are all called to give up our lives for the sake of love to glorify God. Without Christ's sacrifice, we would not have been saved; without our willingness to pursue God's call upon our life, the kingdom of God cannot be realized on this earth.

REFLECT The Lord placed his law upon your heart the moment you were conceived, but how do you allow him to shine through your life? How do you serve and glorify the Lord? Take a moment today to reflect on your words and actions and consider how you show the world that God is Lord over your life for all time, not only during Lent.

*Gospel Meditation for the
Fifth Sunday of Lent*

Any good teacher or parent will tell you that once a lesson is really learned it doesn't need to be taught again. When we internalize things we have learned, they become a part of who we are and influence how we perceive and interact with our world. The same is true for the law God has written upon our hearts. Once humanity learns this lesson, we will simply know it to be true and act accordingly. Sometimes, it is hard to get people to learn the lessons they need to learn. They are often distracted, disinterested, conflicted, misdirected, or just too stubborn and unable or unwilling to see what is right before their eyes. Understanding that God is in a loving and committed relationship with those fashioned and formed in God's own image, seems like such a simple lesson to learn. But history and experience has proven that it is not.

We struggle with faith, especially when that faith asks us to learn something very particular about ourselves. We must, like a grain of wheat, fall to the ground and die. Because God's DNA is at the very core of who we are, there are specific pearls of wisdom that must be acquired before we can live a full life. One very powerful lesson is that it is not the task of the world to tell us who we are and what has meaning, but God. For many, death is not an opportunity for greater life but a permanent ending to the life they have known. Jesus knew every dimension to what it means to be fully human because he was! He knows the joys, limitations, sorrows, frustrations, wonders, suffering, opportunities, and joys of the human experience. Jesus can teach us a wealth of knowledge and life's lessons from his example, especially obedience.

When we accept the law God has placed in our hearts and gain wisdom from it, then when we suffer we learn to listen more attentively to the Voice behind that law. We naturally flee to our Creator for inspiration, consolation, hope, direction, and comfort as we navigate through this time of darkness. We will not need to run from it, subdue it, fight it, or be overcome by it because we will know, having internalized this profound lesson before, that God will bring new life. God's law is love and love never fails. Even in the moments of Jesus' deepest despair, he glorified the name of his Father. What he learned allowed him to put everything in perspective and be obedient to the tender, loving Voice that echoed within. As Lent quickly winds down, may we learn the same! Then, may we gain the fortitude and wisdom to help others see what is right before their eyes.

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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., 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, Mel & Stacy Boutte

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.

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John L. Indest
Executive Director



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Prayer of Bold Ask

God in heaven,

Hear me as I call to you!

Pour new life into me! Renew my heart in Your word! Help me to know You! Help me to glorify You, worship You, and trust You.

Amen.

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LIVE THE LITURGY

How do we convince people that God's law is written upon their hearts? God is wedded to God's people. This is a simple and fundamental fact of life. Yet, many ignore this truth and carry on as if they, or humanity as a whole, are the center of the universe. As a grain of wheat has to fall to the ground and die in order to become what it really is, we too must die to our secular images and ideas of ourselves so that we can become who God really made us to be. If all of us kept our focus on God's deep bonded love with human beings, indeed with our very self, then there would be no need to teach others this fundamental life lesson. They would simply know this truth, as Jeremiah tells us. Somehow, perhaps through original and personal sin, we have lost sight of this reality. We have lost our way and our axis. It is time to find our way back, to learn the virtue of obedience, to pay attention to what God is saying and become aware of the Divine Love that is the reason for all creation. Then, even in our darkest hour when all may seem to be lost, we can say as did Jesus, the model of obedience, "Father, glorify your name," By this perseverance, people can come to know the Lord and what God has done.

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TODAY'S READINGS

Fifth Sunday of Lent
March 17, 2024

Reading I: Jeremiah 31:31-34

- Around 600 BC, Jeremiah prophesied that God would establish a new, unbreakable covenant with his people, one written “upon their hearts.” In what ways is your faith heart-felt?

Reading II: Hebrews 5:7-9

- The author of Hebrews teaches us that Jesus learned “obedience” from his suffering. What have been some fruits from the suffering in your life?

Gospel: John 12:20-33

- We hear today of Jesus’ own struggle with his impending death. During this Lenten season, what has been a struggle for you?

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CURRENT EVENTS

Monday, March 18, 2024

- Faith Formation - Grades 7 - 11
- Bible Study - 6pm - Barsen Hall - *Thursday Group*

Tuesday, March 19, 2024

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

Wednesday, March 20, 2024

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

Thursday, March 21, 2024

- Pictorial Appointments*
- Mass at 5:30pm
- Our Lady’s Altar Society Meeting - 6pm - Church Office

Friday, March 22, 2024

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

Saturday, March 23, 2024

- Pictorial Appointments*
- Mass at 4pm

Sunday, March 24, 2024

- Masses at: **7am, 9am & 11am**
- 2nd Collection - Bishop’s Service Appeal

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.



MASS SERVERS March 19 - 24, 2024					
DAY DATE	TIME	CELEBRANT	READERS	LAY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION	ALTAR SERVERS
Tuesday 3/19/24	5:30pm	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	Kimberly Clay	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	Sacristan
Wednesday 3/20/24	9:00am	Fr. Ed Degeyter	Ginger Comeaux	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	Sacristan
Thursday 3/21/24	5:30pm	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	Pete Aucoin	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	Sacristan
Friday 3/22/24	6:30am	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	Chad Courtois	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	Sacristan
Saturday 3/23/24	4:00pm	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	Jenny Gonsoulin Margo LeBlanc	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	Allie Comeaux Sophia Comeaux
Sunday 3/24/24	7:00am	Fr. Ed Degeyter	Paul Broussard Carmen Nicholson	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	Jesse Clay
	9:00am	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	Michelle Moss Lloyd Verret	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	Autum, Benjamin & Ephraim Trahan
	11:00am	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	Vincent Borne June Jones	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	Madalynn Salsman Morgan Salsman

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Sunday Bulletin

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