

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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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, April 16, 2024

5:30pm Maudrey C. Landry (bd)

Wednesday, April 17, 2024

9:00am Carrol Romero, Sr., Remy & Yola Barras
Lloyd & Nina Geoffroy, Kevin Elmer
Donna Snoddy, Elise C. Verret (liv)(bd)
Joseph Viator, Patti Gagnard
Sean Krai (liv), Dale Ray David
Holy Souls in Purgatory

Thursday, April 18, 2024

5:30pm Mona Simon (ann of death)

Friday, April 19, 2024

6:30am Michael Dartez, Holy Souls in Purgatory

5:30pm Confirmation Students

Saturday, April 20, 2024

4:00pm Fr. Tom Finley, Rachel R. Romero
Lynward Ransonet, Roy Flores
Bill Smith, Tommy Breaux, Sr.
Madison Olivier, James Abadie

Sunday, April 21, 2024

7:00am Parishioners, Laura & Olan Broussard

9:00am Msgr. H. J. Barsen, Quang V. Nguyen
Agapito A. Castro, Gerald "Bick" Girouard
Clarence & Violet Lancon, Clark Romero
Bonnie L. Boudreaux (ann of death)
Holy Souls in Purgatory, Mae LaFont

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 31st

Loose	\$ 3,091.00
Envelopes	\$ 3,147.00
Total (collected)	\$ 6,238.00
Online Giving offertory	\$ 603.00
Mailed in offertory	\$ 615.00
Total offertory (week)	\$ 7,456.00
Good Friday/Holy Land Collection .	\$ 1,665.00

Thank you for your generosity!!!!



PARISH VOCATION CROSS

The Vocation Cross is taken by:

June Jones (April 14 - 20)

Linda L. Viator (April 21 - 27)

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.

If you are looking for a simple way to be spiritually renewed, develop a deeper relationship with Our Merciful Savior, and grow in holiness, join us for **33 Days to Morning Glory**. Two discussion groups are available: Tuesday, 9am (beginning April 23rd) and Thursday, 6:10pm (beginning April 25th), lasting 6 weeks. Call Janet Viator, 337-365-3759, if you are interested in attending.

2023 Contributions Statement

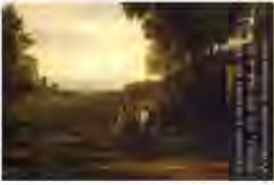
If you would like to have a copy of your 2023 Statement of Contributions mailed to you, please call the office at (337)364-8360 to request one.

It is with bittersweet feelings that Nativity of Our Lady is announcing the retirement of Linda L. Viator, our parish bookkeeper. Polly Camacho will be transferring from secretary/bulletin editor position to parish bookkeeper. So, we will have an opening in the church office for parish secretary/bulletin editor. The position requires a working knowledge of general office skills and basic computer skills, with a variety of duties, 31 hours a week with benefits. Please contact the church office if you would like an application.

REFLECTIONS - Third Sunday of Easter - Catholic tradition has not encouraged the laity to explore the Scriptures on their own. Sunday readings and the accompanying homily were deemed sufficient. Since Vatican II, the attitude has changed. More people are reading and reflecting on the Scriptures in groups and alone. There are many resources available to help us. Consider making an effort to use these resources and making time to reflect on the Scriptures. If you can, join with others who are interested in reflecting on the Scriptures. There is no particular order you must use but a good place to start might be Paul's letters to the Corinthians. Select what draws your attention and use a commentary too.

"O Lord, Let the light of your countenance shine upon us." - Psalm 4:6

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April 14, 2024 | Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 3:13-15, 17-19 | 1 Jn 2:1-5a | Lk 24:35-48

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

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

It's only been two weeks since Easter, but already the holiday can seem like another item checked off our to-do lists. It's easy to get complacent as we go about our busy lives - marking celebrations, important dates and gatherings on the calendar. Today's readings remind us that the Resurrection is not just a story or a metaphor about something ordinary that happened more than 2,000 years ago. It was so different and so shocking that it trembled the very earth, and nothing has been the same since! Luke describes the confusion the disciples felt when they first saw Jesus in his resurrected body. Here was their Lord and teacher, back from the dead, but not as a ghost or spirit as they might have expected: He was just as real as before. He was eating, speaking, touching, and interacting. And yet he was different. He could arrive in a locked room without using the door, pass among people unnoticed (as on the way to Emmaus), and give gifts of wisdom and insight directly to the disciples. Today's Gospel offers Jesus' explanation that these things were done to fulfill the promises God made to the prophets.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

The fulfillment of God's promises in Jesus, and his death and resurrection, was not meant to benefit only a few people. We, as his disciples, must spread the Good News that sin and death don't have the last word. St. Peter gives us an inspiring example today when he speaks to the people. Look at how different he is from the man who denied Jesus three times! He boldly goes into the crowd - the same crowd that condemned Jesus to death - and preaches on what a gift we all have been given by Jesus' sacrifice. Peter knows, and we know, that Jesus' defeat of death means everything. We are freely offered salvation through Christ's saving action. Like the members of that crowd, we're invited to be witnesses to this great act of love, and to re-align our lives with God's will. Like Peter, we can speak the Good News without fear.

ACCOMPANY How can we imitate Christ in the way he reached out to his disciples who were wracked with fear and doubt? Perhaps we know somebody who feels trapped by sin, or unworthy of good things, or a constant failure. Let's be honest, sometimes that person is us! We all need encouragement and accompaniment from time to time. Find a way to be that encouragement for someone this week who's having a tough time. You don't have to fix their problems; just listen, let them know you care, and offer a sincere and hopeful encouragement that brighter days lie ahead.

***Gospel Meditation for the
3rd Sunday of Easter***

When I was a kid, a friend at my home parish told me, "If you get to Mass by the Gospel reading, it counts!" As a lifelong late-arriver, it's something I have told myself many times, especially in my earlier years as a Catholic. If the "it counts" is justifiable on a pathetically minimal scale of liturgical legalism, then the Gospel reading today shows how insanely wrong-headed it is, and how helpful it is to re-think the Mass in its light.

The famous "Road to Emmaus" story recounts, on that first Sunday of the Resurrection, the basic two-fold structure of the Mass: *Word*, followed by *Eucharist*. Jesus spends a significant period of time with two dismayed disciples, as he connects a wide swath of the Hebrew scriptures with his own suffering, death, and resurrection. They would later report that this Liturgy of the Word touched their hearts with an inexplicable fire. This Word-induced flame alone is what leads the two disciples to discover Jesus' presence in the "breaking of the bread."

With this in mind, how can we possibly think that the Liturgy of the Word is unnecessary or incidental? The two disciples needed the Scriptures explained to them in order to experience Jesus alive in the eucharistic breaking of bread. Sure, we say, but they had the Risen Jesus. But that's precisely the point: Jesus is risen and accompanies us in both parts of the Mass. Imagine how much our experience of Jesus in the Eucharist would deepen if we (preachers and listeners) took even more seriously that Jesus himself sets our hearts ablaze with his Word *so that* we know him in the Eucharist. That Word-induced fire counts, too!

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., 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 Troscclair, 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, Betty C. Champagne, Donna Francis, Farina Guidry, Betty Robichaux, Earline Estave, Viola Stevens

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.

WHY DO WE DO THAT? - CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED Angels

Q: I've heard that we become angels when we die. Is this what the Church teaches?

A: As human beings, we are both spiritual and corporeal. We are body and soul. This makes us unique in all creation. No other physical creature — plant or animal — possesses an immortal soul made in God's image and likeness. Like the distinction with plants and animals, angels have an entirely different sort of existence. Angels are pure immortal spirit, and they have been so since the moment of their creation. While they may take on an appearance of a body in Biblical history, they are not a body like we are. Angels are neither male nor female, despite the art we often see.

As the result of the Fall, human beings experience death. Our souls are temporarily separated from our bodies. However, we do not become something other than human. Every Sunday in the Creed we profess "I believe in the resurrection of the body." As Jesus was united with his body on the third day, so too will we be united with our bodies at the end of time

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1 lb. Boiled Shrimp, Corn & Potato

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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.

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

The Twist Ending

Any reader of psychological thrillers will come across the "dead main character trope" fairly often. This is the famous Sixth Sense twist ending (I would say "spoiler alert," but the movie is older than most of the people who work in Youth Ministry at your archdiocese, so you've probably seen it by now) where the reader finds that the main character has been dead for all or most of the story.

I'm always a little disappointed when this happens. It delivers shock value, sure, but it also undermines everything that happens in the story. You've come on a journey with this character, only to find out that nothing you saw transpire was real in the way you thought it was. You feel a little stupid, because the whole time you only had part of the truth.

I suspect Jesus knows this about us. He knows we don't like to have the rug pulled out. It's why he is so up-front about his humanity following the resurrection. See how Jesus, resurrected, shows the disciples his feet, his hands. See how he asks them for food and lets them watch him eat it. See how this creates in them an understanding, a belief.

The humanity of Jesus Christ is absolutely crucial. It's what bridges the divide between the sons of Eve and the God she defied. Our reconciliation with God cannot happen unless human flesh pays the price that will balance the scales. Human flesh: skin that can tear and bleed, bones that can break, a mouth that can thirst, a stomach that can ache with hunger.

The passion and death of Jesus Christ is not a thriller with a twist ending: he was a ghost the whole time! The twist, if anything, is this: he was human the whole time.

"Touch me and see, because a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you can see I have." — Luke 24:39

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TODAY'S READINGS

**Third Sunday of Easter
April 14, 2024**

Reading I: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19

- St. Peter challenges the religious leaders of Jerusalem who put Jesus to death to repent of their sins and be converted. Have you ever seen someone have a conversion to the Faith?

Reading II: 1 John 2:1-5a

- St. John tells us that we should turn to Jesus, our Advocate, when we sin and fail to keep his commandments. Can you think of a time when you sought Jesus in a time of need?

Gospel: Luke 24:35-48

- The resurrected Jesus taught the disciples how they were witnesses to the Scriptures being fulfilled in his suffering, death, and resurrection and that forgiveness of sins was to be preached in his name. How might you share your faith this week at home or at work?

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SANCTUARY LIGHT:

*In Memory Of:
Maudrey C. Landry*



CURRENT EVENTS

Monday, April 15, 2024

Faith Formation - Grades 7 - 11
Confirmation Practice - 6:30pm - Church

Tuesday, April 16, 2024

Mass at 5:30pm
Finance Committee Meeting - 6pm - Office

Wednesday, April 17, 2024

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

Thursday, April 18, 2024

Mass at 5:30pm

Friday, April 19, 2024

Mass at 6:30am
Confirmation - 6:30pm

Saturday, April 20, 2024

Mass at 4pm

Sunday, April 21, 2024

Masses at: 7am, 9am & 11am
2nd Collection - Bishop's Services Appeal

Prayer in Times of Darkness

Dear Jesus,
When I feel troubled, alone, frightened,
be with me.
Be a flicker of flame in this darkness.
Help me to know you in the stark seasons
as I do in times of elation.
You are the light I seek.
Amen.

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MASS SERVERS April 16 - 21, 2024					
DAY DATE	TIME	CELEBRANT	READERS	LAY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION	ALTAR SERVERS
Tuesday 4/16/24	5:30pm	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	Kimberly Clay	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	Sacristan
Wednesday 4/17/24	9:00am	Fr. Ed Degeyter	Ginger Comeaux	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	Sacristan
Thursday 4/18/24	5:30pm	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	Gaston Broussard	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	Sacristan
Friday 4/19/24	6:30am	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	Keith Comeaux	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	Sacristan
Confirmation	6:30pm	Fr. Suire Msgr. Romero	Confirmation Students	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	<i>See Altar Server Schedule</i>
Saturday 4/20/24	4:00pm	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	Margo LeBlanc	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	<i>See Altar Server Schedule</i>
Sunday 4/21/24	7:00am	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	Paul Broussard	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	<i>See Altar Server Schedule</i>
	9:00am	Fr. Ed Degeyter	Michelle Moss	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	<i>See Altar Server Schedule</i>
	11:00am	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	Karl Boudreaux	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	<i>See Altar Server Schedule</i>

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