

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

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PRESIDENT: *Barbara Breaux*

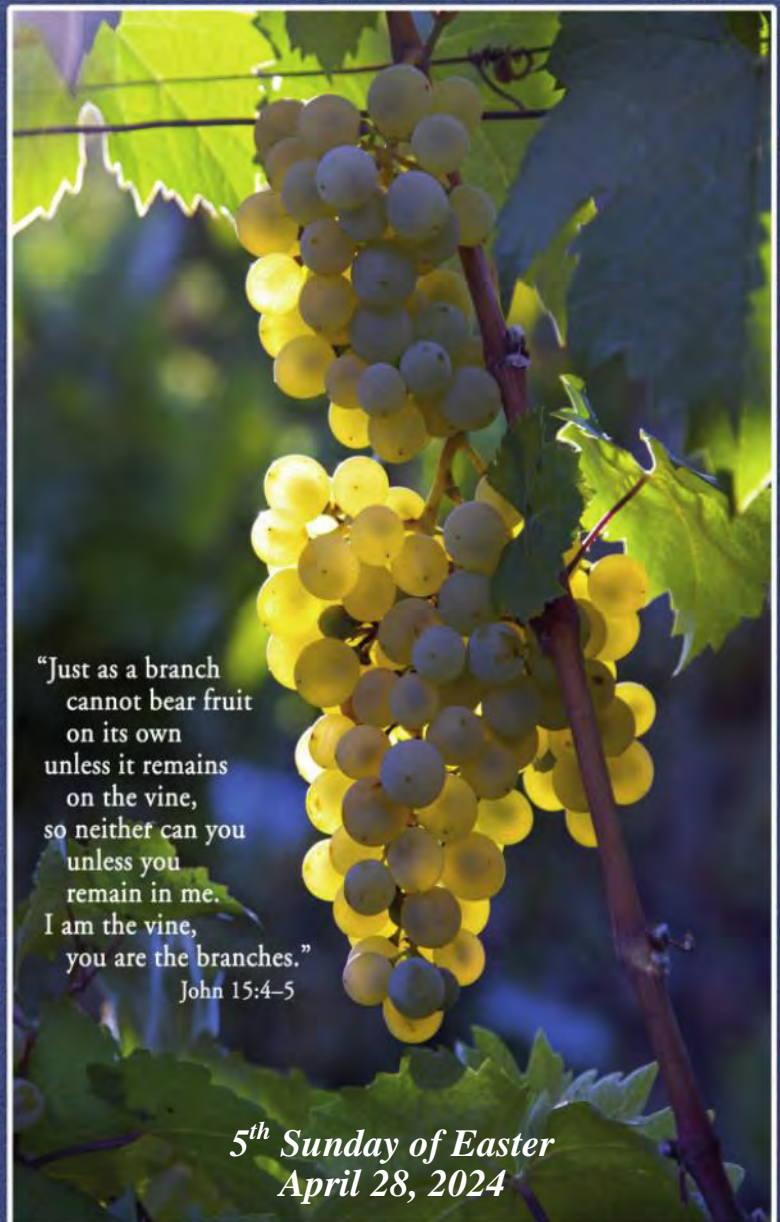
RECONCILIATION:

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 30, 2024

5:30pm A Special Intention

Wednesday, May 1, 2024

9:00am Clarence Lancon, Jeff Belaïre
Philip Saltzman (2yr ann of death)
Jay Trahan, Carrol Romero, Sr.

Thursday, May 2, 2024

5:30pm Joseph Breaux, Harvey Broussard (bd)

Friday, May 3, 2024 - First Friday

6:30am Peewee & Elaine Broussard, Don Taylor
Gloria & E.J. Segura, Janell Broussard
Lee Broussard, Carlyle Hebert Fly
JoJo Carlson, United States Military

Saturday, May 4, 2024 - First Saturday

9:00am Brother & Claire LaBauve
Quang V. Nguyen, M/M Raymond Landry
Special Intention, United States of America
4:00pm Fr. Tom Finley, Rachel R. Romero
Lynward Ransonet, Roy Flores
DeHart & Estilette Fly, Bill Ramirez
Dressel & Ransonet Fly

Sunday, May 5, 2024

7:00am Parishioners, Gus & Amanita Lamperez
Laura & Olan Broussard

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

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 April 14th

Loose	\$ 1,523.00
Envelopes	\$ 2,969.00
Total (collected)	\$ 4,492.00
Online Giving offertory	\$ 713.00
Mailed in offertory	\$ 562.00
Total offertory (week)	\$ 5,767.00

Thank you for your generosity!!!!



PARISH VOCATION CROSS

The Vocation Cross is taken by:

*Mike & Brenda Comeaux (April 28 - May 4)
Judith Schlicher (May 5 - 11)*

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.

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.

NATIVITY OF OUR LADY FAMILY FUN DAY Sunday, May 19th After 11AM Mass

**Sponsored by: Knights of
Columbus Council 12997**

Everyone is invited. Hamburgers, hot dogs, nachos, soft drinks, fun jump, games for kids and more. Free of charge! All provided by the Knights of Columbus. So just come and have fun.

Come Join Us!

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:

*In Memory Of:
Philip Saltzman*



REFLECTIONS - Fifth Sunday of Easter - "I am the vine, you are the branches." To bear fruit, we must be connected to the vine. Consider what it means to be connected to the vine. What do you do to stay connected? What role would study and reflection on the scriptures have in the effort? How does your connection to the vine influence and inform your choices and actions?

*"Let us love in deed and in truth and not merely talk about it." - 1 John 3:18
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May 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Pray for Pope Francis Pro-Life Rosary Holy Hour 9:30am	2 Pray for Bishop Douglas Deshotel Study Group - 6pm	3 Pray for Bishop Emeritus Michael Jarrell First Friday	4 Pray for Msgr. H.A. Larroque First Saturday
5 Pray for Fr. Korey Lavergne Memorial Book Nativity Building Fund Crowning of Mary Before 11am Mass	6 Pray for Fr. Steven LeBlanc	7 Pray for Fr. Mark Patrick Ledoux Study Group - 9am	8 Pray for Fr. Seth Lemaire Pro-Life Rosary K.C. & Ladies Aux. Dinner & Meeting	9 Pray for Fr. Jaime Lorenzo Baptismal Class Study Group - 6pm	10 Pray for Fr. Michael Luxbacher	11 Pray for Msgr. Charles Maltett Baptisms
12 Mother's Day Pray for Msgr. W. Curtis Meltett Vacation Bible School Baby Bottle Campaign	13 Pray for Fr. Edwan "Manie" Manuel	14 Pray for Fr. Arrockia Sebastian Mariasusai Study Group - 9am Patriotic Rosary 6pm	15 Pray for Fr. Charles "Billy" Massie Pro-Life Rosary	16 Pray for Fr. Suresh Mathangi Study Group - 6pm OLAS Meeting 6pm- Office	17 Pray for Fr. Kenneth Mayne	18 Pray for Fr. Louis McCabe Honoring Graduating High School Seniors - 4pm
19 Pray for Fr. Garrett McIntyre New Iberia Poor & Needy Nativity Family Fun Day	20 Pray for Fr. Glenn Meaux	21 Pray for Fr. Aaron Melancon Study Group - 9am	22 Pray for Fr. Bill John Melancon Pro-Life Rosary	23 Pray for Fr. Andre Metrejean Study Group - 6pm	24 Pray for Fr. Mark Miley	25 Pray for Fr. Thomas Montelaro
26 Pray for Fr. Michael Moody Church in Central & Eastern Europe	27 Memorial Day Pray for Fr. Randall Moreau Nativity Office Closed Women's Ultireya 7pm	28 Pray for Fr. Joseph Nasser Study Group - 9am	29 Pray for Fr. James Bam Nguyen Pro-Life Rosary	30 Pray for Fr. Theodore Nnabugo Study Group - 6pm	31 Pray for Fr. Albert Gayle Nunez	

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 Geofroy, Shirley Trahan, Mark Cormier, Brayson Willson, Lori Agiular, Elijah Hebert, Baby Guillory, Frank Onebane, Debbie Johnson & Fly, Cameron Alba, Mel & Stacey Boutte, Betty C. Champagne, Donna Francis, Farina Guidry, Betty Robichaux, Earline Estave, Viola Stevens, Chad Babineaux, Tammy Dore, Dillon Ducote, Ivy Delahoussaye, Judy & Alton Meyers, Jenny Mayeaux

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.

Gospel Meditation for the 5th Sunday of Easter

My friend and fellow pastor, Father Paul, noticed unsightly, overgrown trees near his parish church. He asked the maintenance crew to cut back the growth, which they happily did, telling him the trees would be much healthier and even fuller after a good pruning. A few days later, Father Paul received a letter from an irate man in the neighborhood who wrote, "Jesus would never prune trees like that. He loves trees, unlike you."

I suspect that the neighbor was not familiar with this week's Gospel in which Jesus says of his Father, "**He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit**" (John 15:2) I don't mean to pick too much on that fellow. He was perhaps ignorant of arboriculture. But I'd wager his main confusion was the pruning and removing quality of God's love. That confusion afflicts us all to some degree, doesn't it? It is just so darn easy to react negatively when God cuts something out of our lives and assume it's not his work at all. In the moment, all we see is the loss, and not the loving desire for future flourishing.

The cross is the great pruning of Christ's body. Jesus' rising is the brand-new growth. It is God's promise to us that all the painful pruning in life is leading us somewhere beautiful. What has been cut back or out in your life? A friend, an opportunity, a sense of certainty, a job, health, a relationship? This week, offer those dry branches to the one who lovingly prunes us in order to make our lives burst with verdant growth.

Fr. John Muir

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WHY DO WE DO THAT? - CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED **Canonized Saints**

Q: How does a person become a canonized saint?

A: It is important to remember that all the saints are people, real people who lived just as we do! The first saints of the Church were martyrs or theologians known for a holy life. Over time, the Church has established a set process to investigate the causes of saints.

After a holy person's death, the bishop of their diocese initiates the canonization process with the Vatican. Typically, they must wait five years to ensure any false enthusiasm has lessened. With Vatican approval, the process begins and the person receives the title "Servant of God." The first phase involves collecting information about the person's life and scrutinizing it carefully. One person has the specific role of raising doubts — this is the origin of the phrase "devil's advocate!" When it is clear the person truly lived a heroically holy life according to Church teaching, they are declared "Venerable."

If the person is a martyr for the faith, they will also be declared "Blessed." If the person is not a martyr, they must be credited with a miracle. This is also closely examined for authenticity. Once the miracle is authenticated as truly a miracle performed by God through the person or through their intercession, they are beatified. An additional authenticated miracle is required before canonization, and we can call them "Saint."

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TODAY'S READINGS

**Fifth Sunday of Easter
April 28, 2024**

Reading I: Acts 9:26-31

- The disciples were unwilling to trust that Saul (Paul) was a true believer until Barnabas offered support for Saul. How easily do you trust people you don't know well?

Reading II: 1 John 3:18-24

- St. John speaks of the importance of knowing in your heart that you believe in Jesus and truly love others. How does anyone know what is in their heart?

Gospel: John 15:1-8

- Using the metaphor of a vine and branches, Jesus speaks of the importance of staying connected to him and the Father. When do you feel close to Jesus?

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Every May and October, Nativity parish is asked to take a Mass attendance count for the Diocese of Lafayette. Our count will start next weekend and continue for every weekend Mass during the month of May.



CURRENT EVENTS

Tuesday, April 30, 2024

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

Wednesday, May 1, 2024

Pro-Life Rosary - 8:20am - Mass - 9am
Eucharistic Adoration Holy Hour -
9:30am - 10:30am - Church

Thursday, May 2, 2024

Mass at 5:30pm
Study Group - 6pm - Barsen Hall

Friday, May 3, 2024 - First Friday

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

Saturday, May 4, 2024 - First Saturday

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

Mass at 4pm

Sunday, May 5, 2024

Masses at: 7am, 9am & 11am

2nd Collection - Nativity Building Fund
Crowning of Mary - Before 11am Mass

Prayer of Fruitfulness

God in Heaven,
Your grace surrounds us every day
as we seek to live and move
and grow in You.
Prune the spaces in our lives that
distract us from You!
Plant Your word more deeply within us!
Amen.

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MASS SERVERS April 30 - May 5, 2024					
DAY DATE	TIME	CELEBRANT	READERS	LAY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION	ALTAR SERVERS
Tuesday 4/30/24	5:30pm	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	Kimberly Clay	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	Sacristan
Wednesday 5/1/24	9:00am	Fr. Ed Degeyter	<i>See Reader Schedule</i>	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	Sacristan
Thursday 5/2/24	5:30pm	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	<i>See Reader Schedule</i>	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	Sacristan
Friday 5/3/24	6:30am	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	<i>See Reader Schedule</i>	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	Sacristan
Saturday 5/4/24	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 5/5/24	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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