

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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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

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Tuesday, May 7, 2024

5:30pm Matthew Boudreaux (liv)(bd)

Wednesday, May 8, 2024

9:00am A Special Intention, Joseph Viator
Patti Gagnard, Carrol Romero, Sr.
Jeff Belaire

Liv & Dec. Fly of Carrol & Brenda Romero

Thursday, May 9, 2024

5:30pm A Special Intention

Friday, May 10, 2024

6:30am Special Intention

Saturday, May 11, 2024

4:00pm Fr. Tom Finley, Rachel R. Romero
Lynward Ransonet, Elizabeth Delahoussaye
Leona & Jules Broussard, Mabel Smith
Gertrude Derise, Mona Simon
Hope Ramirez, June Guyote
Eugenia Rutland, James Abadie
Sirena Rogers (liv)

Sunday, May 12, 2024

7:00am Parishioners, Laura & Olan Broussard
Donna M. Snoddy, Doralisse Hebert
Janell Broussard

9:00am Msgr. H. J. Barsen, Quang V. Nguyen
Agapito A. Castro, Gerald "Bick" Girouard
Clarence & Violet Lancon, Patricia Picard
L.E. & Barbara Dugas, Loretta Trahan
L.J. & Edna Mae Begnaud, Olive Darte
Larry Delcambre, Pearl & Joe Jabbia
Dayton "Larry" Schmidt, Eve Crochet
Romero & Walker Fly, Yvonne Gagnard
Clark Romero, Terry Berard
Maudrey C. Landry, Elise Viator
Bonnie L. Boudreaux, Susan M. Trahan
Holy Souls in Purgatory
Antoinette S. Breaux, Dola H. Segura
Jeanne B. Clifton, Effie B. Delcambre

11:00am Fr. A.J. Boumans, Harvey & Joyce DeCourt
Donna M. Lanza, June Aucoin
JoAnn Cangemi, Senora Aucoin
Viola LeGendre, Rosa Cangemi
Marion Dennis, Nedia Comeaux
Pauline Simon, Mable Pennison
Mercedes B. Viator, Ruth Vizinat
Jeanne Picou

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

OUR GIFTS TO GOD April 21st

Loose	\$ 1,484.00
Envelopes	\$ 2,319.00
Total (collected).....	\$ 3,803.00
Online Giving offertory.....	\$ 663.00
Mailed in offertory.....	\$ 495.00
Total offertory (week).....	\$ 4,961.00
Bishop's Service's Appeal.....	\$ 416.29
CRS Rice Bowls.....	\$ 448.15

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PARISH VOCATION CROSS

The Vocation Cross is taken by:

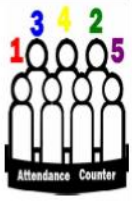
Judith Schlicher (May 5 - 11)

Willie & Cynthia Elmer (May 12 - 18)

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.

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



REFLECTIONS - Sixth Sunday of Easter - The key message and command that Jesus has given to us is that we must love one another as he has loved us. What does it mean to truly love others? Do you have to have warm, fuzzy feelings to affirm that you "love" someone? Can anyone be excluded from our love? Read and reflect on the passage from First Corinthians, Chapter 13, verses 4 through 7. Consider how lovingly you treat others whether they are friend, foe, or stranger.

"As the Father has loved me; so I have loved you. Live on in my love." - John 15:9

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Eucharistic Revival - For May 5, 2024

Msgr. J. Robert Romero

The National Eucharistic Revival has (1) National Eucharistic Pilgrimage from May 17 - July 16, 2024 and (2) National Eucharistic Congress from July 17 - 21, 2024 in Indianapolis, Indiana.

The pilgrimage coming to the Diocese of Lafayette is the South one starting in Brownsville, Texas. It is named the ST. JUAN DIEGO ROUTE. Each of the four National Eucharistic Pilgrimages are from May 17 - July 16, 2024. These Pilgrimages are made up of young adult pilgrims who are walking/processing/driving from their starting point all the way up to Indianapolis. We in the Diocese of Lafayette are privileged to welcome the Eucharistic Pilgrimage on Wednesday, June 5th. We have a full day lined up for them:

- ✠ Mass at Our Lady of Wisdom Wed, June 5th at 8:30am
- ✠ Eucharistic Procession from Wisdom to St. Paul's on Washington St (by St. Joseph Diner) 9am-11am
- ✠ Pilgrimage walk (public invited to walk with the pilgrims) through neighborhoods from Holy Cross Church to St. Pius X 2pm-4pm
- ✠ Farewell supper at Catholic High, New Iberia 5-7pm. RSVP required, limited to 500 people RSVP for the supper here: <https://forms.gle/E9GQN6EWFhosk7wz7> I encourage parishioners to welcome the pilgrims to New Iberia.

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

As I Love You

This week my children were learning about energy. We set up an experiment with toy cars — one was placed in front of another, and a third was pushed into the two stationary ones.

The forward motion caused the front car to move, but not much. “Most of the energy goes into the car in the middle, not the car on the end,” my daughter concluded.

I asked her why she seems to have so much energy, and I seem to have so little.

“Because you’re old,” she replied confidently.

Most days I feel like that first car, barreling at life with all my energy and love and good intentions, only to have it almost entirely absorbed by the proverbial middle car. It’s so easy to be discouraged. The devil so badly wants us to feel discouraged.

But the law of love is not unlike the law of conservation of energy. Love is neither created nor destroyed. It is only transferred from one form to another. And yes, sometimes it certainly seems like it disappears. It appears to get lost between my hands and the plate of dinner that goes uneaten or evaporates off of my lips as words I fear are never heard. It is spat upon as a commandment the world would prefer I do not keep.

But we are not called to simply love one another — to love when it seems effective and productive and appreciated. We are called to love as Christ loved: recklessly, selflessly, and yes, even without logic. We are called to love with a love that doesn’t give up and is never withdrawn. A love that doesn’t fear death or the world’s hatred. A love that stands willing to argue, to be reviled, to be dismissed.

We are called to be that first car, hurtling ourselves against a world that isn’t ready to accept or understand us. And we trust that, even when we can’t see how, the love that seems to disappear simply changes forms.

“This is my commandment: love one another as I love you.” — John 15:12

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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 & Stacey Boutte, Betty C. Champagne, Donna Francis, Farina Guidry, Betty Robichaux, Earline Estave, 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 6th Sunday of Easter

Once a man came to the Vatican and asked to see Pope St. John Paul II, claiming that they had been friends in Poland. When told of the man, the Pope said, "He is mistaken about our friendship. I don't recall ever having suffered with him." As it turned out, the man had never known the Pope. Now, I'm not sure if the story is totally factual. But doesn't the juxtaposition of *suffering* with *friendship* sound exactly like JP II? He understood that the deepest and most lasting friendships are forged in the fires of shared suffering. No suffering, no friendship. Amazing.

This week we hear Jesus say to the apostles and to us, "**You are my friends if you do what I command you**" (John 15:14). In Jesus' life, death, and resurrection, God entered the world of human suffering and transformed it into an avenue of friendship with Himself. Following His command — to love, to lay down our lives for others — will always entail suffering. But this suffering only deepens our friendship with Him. His suffering is ours; ours is His. We have become friends of God.

This week, how might you share your suffering with the Risen Jesus? How might he be sharing his suffering with you, in the lives of those around you? Be attentive to that, and you'll find that you are indeed a friend of God, because you've suffered together a great deal.

Fr. John Muir

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SANCTUARY LIGHT:

*In Memory Of:
Mike, Sr., Mike, Jr. &
Jeff Belaire*



WHY DO WE DO THAT? - CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED Catholic Faith

Q: My neighbor is just beginning to explore the Catholic faith but was raised agnostic. I grew up believing in God, praying, and attending Mass. How does one start from scratch as an adult to develop a relationship with God?

A: Start on a personal level! How did you and your neighbor become friends? How did you begin to discuss such a personal topic as faith? Communication, spending time together, and getting to know each other are essential to forming the bonds of a relationship. Personal prayer is essential to our relationship with God. We can't be close to someone we don't know! Invite your friend to explore the stories of Jesus in the Bible. Introduce them to the lives of the saints, especially ones you think they might be interested in.

Your neighbor might also have questions about the Catholic faith that you don't know how to answer. If your friend hasn't yet enrolled in OCIA classes, invite them to Mass at your parish. Introduce your friend to the faith formation director to make a connection. Personal support can be helpful as well, especially if few of your neighbor's current friends are practicing their faith. Connect your neighbor to other people in your parish living their faith well. The good examples of other faithful people could help your neighbor to feel welcomed and supported. Our Church is vibrant and alive!

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TODAY'S READINGS

**Sixth Sunday of Easter
May 5, 2024**

Reading I: Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48

- The Jewish believers who accompanied Peter to the house of Cornelius were “astonished” that Gentiles who had faith in Jesus also received the gift of the Holy Spirit. Have you ever been surprised by what God has done in your life?

Reading II: 1 John 4:7-10

- St. John teaches us that the essence of God is love and we are called to love one another. Who might you work on loving this week?

Gospel: John 15:9-17

- Jesus taught his disciples that loving him and loving each other brings “complete joy.” What brings you joy in your life?

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Annual Baby Bottle Campaign

A fundraising campaign will be held next weekend to benefit The Unexpected Pregnancy Center which serves Iberia, St. Mary, and St. Martin parishes. Because of your generous donation in the past, the center has been able to provide pregnancy testing, consulting, ultrasound imaging, maternal-family education, as well as adoption options and other services to pregnant women in need, all free of charge. Since opening in 2018, the center has served hundreds of women in our community. Also, we have had over 100 abortion-prone women who had a change of heart and who decided to choose life after visiting The Unexpected Pregnancy Center.

**Baby bottles will be distributed after all services next week
to fill and return to the collection area of the church the following week.
Online donations can be made using the QR code found in the bottles or the return box.**



*Please join us in
Honoring Life and Preserving the Family*

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CURRENT EVENTS

Tuesday, May 7, 2024

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

Wednesday, May 8, 2024

Pro-Life Rosary - 8:20am - Mass - 9am
K.C. & Ladies Auxiliary Dinner & Meeting

Thursday, May 9, 2024

Mass at 5:30pm
Retreat Group - 6pm - Barsen Hall
Baptismal Class - 6:30pm - Church Office

Friday, May 10, 2024

Mass at 6:30am

Saturday, May 11, 2024

Baptisms
Mass at 4pm

Sunday, May 12, 2024

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!

Masses at: 7am, 9am & 11am

2nd Collection - Vacation Bible School

Baby Bottle Campaign - Bottle Distribution

Prayer of Love

God the Father,

You created me in love.

Jesus, your love for me compelled
you to come to earth to die for me.

Holy Spirit, love between God and Jesus,
now you surround me with
the love of the Father and the Son.

Help me to live out this reality,
today and always.

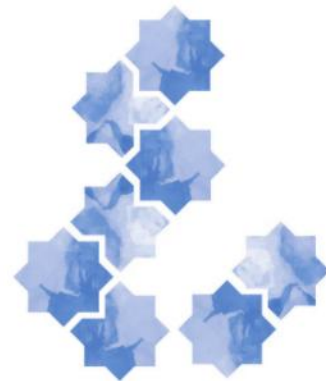
Amen.

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MASS SERVERS May 7 - 12, 2024					
DAY DATE	TIME	CELEBRANT	READERS	LAY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION	ALTAR SERVERS
Tuesday 5/7/24	5:30pm	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	Kimberly Clay	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	Sacristan
Wednesday 5/8/24	9:00am	Fr. Ed Degeyter	Ginger Comeaux	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	Sacristan
Thursday 5/9/24	5:30pm	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	Pete Aucoin	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	Sacristan
Friday 5/10/24	6:30am	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	Keith Comeaux	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	Sacristan
Saturday 5/11/24	4:00pm	Fr. Ed Degeyter	Margo LeBlanc	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	<i>See Altar Server Schedule</i>
Sunday 5/12/24	7:00am	Fr. Ed Degeyter	Ellen Claudy	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	<i>See Altar Server Schedule</i>
	9:00am	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	Lan Nguyen	<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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