

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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Linda L. Viator

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Polly Camacho

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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

May 12, 2024





Mass Intentions for the Week

Tuesday, May 14, 2024

5:30pm Sandra C. Romero (liv)(bd)

Wednesday, May 15, 2024

9:00am Carrol Romero, Sr., Patrick J. Richard
Jeff Belaire, Nicole Gaspard (liv)(bd)
Jenna Boudoin (liv)(bd)

Thursday, May 16, 2024

5:30pm A Special Intention

Friday, May 17, 2024

6:30am Peggy & Francis Meyers (liv)

Saturday, May 18, 2024

4:00pm Fr. Tom Finley, Rachel R. Romero
Lynward Ransonet, Juliette C. Dubois
James Ramirez, Russell Ramirez
Waverly Field, Leo J. Fremin
Howard & Dola Segura, Roy Flores
Gateson & Mark Segura

Sunday, May 19, 2024

7:00am Parishioners, Don Corson

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

11:00am Fr. A.J. Boumans, Harvey & Joyce DeCourt



SAVE THE DATE

Coming soon!

Our vacation bible school will be the week of July 8th – 12th from 8:30am-12:30pm.

Registration will begin Monday, May 13th at 8am until Monday, July 1st

Use link below or call Mrs. Janet at 337-365-3759 for registering information!

<https://vbspro.events/p/6c5cc9>

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

OUR GIFTS TO GOD April 28th

Loose	\$ 1,257.50
Envelopes	\$ 2,716.00
Total (collected)	\$ 3,973.50
Online Giving offertory	\$ 613.00
Mailed in offertory	\$ 1,605.00
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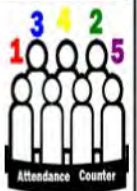
The Vocation Cross is taken by:

*Willie & Cynthia Elmer (May 12 - 18)
Roland & Faye Boudreaux (May 19 - 25)*

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 - The Ascension of the Lord - Jesus sent the apostles into the world to proclaim the good news. As their descendants in faith, we are also given this charge. What do you understand the "good news" to be? How does your life proclaim the good news? Take some time to prayerfully reflect on what this means and ask the Holy Spirit to help you. Pray to grow in wisdom and fortitude so that your life may be used to spread the good news to others.

"May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ grant you a spirit of wisdom and insight to know him clearly." - Ephesians 1:17

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

It's easy for me to get impatient with the Lord – to wonder why he makes me wait for an answer to a prayer or, worse, why his answer may be no. However, when I look back at the lessons of the Bible, it becomes clear that God works on his timetable, not mine. That same message comes through in today's first reading. The apostles ask Jesus whether he will be restoring the kingdom to Israel, and he is clear in his answer: "It is not for you to know the times or seasons that the Father has established by his own authority." And then, after saying this, he ascends to the Father. Forty days after his resurrection, Jesus has left his disciples again. But instead of leaving them to weep and mourn – as happened after his death – this time, our Lord left them with a mission. They were to "Go into the whole world and proclaim the gospel to every creature." They did, faithfully, and they traveled far and wide. Armed with the gift of the Holy Spirit which they received at Pentecost, they baptized countless people as they shared the Good News about Jesus and his gift of salvation.

PRAY We know the mission Jesus has given us and we know we have the Holy Spirit to help us carry it out. For prayer this week, meditate on Paul's words to the Ephesians and ask the Lord for "a Spirit of wisdom and revelation resulting in knowledge of him. May the eyes of [our] hearts be enlightened, that [we] may know what is the hope that belongs to his call."

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

After Jesus gives the disciples the command to go out and preach the Gospel, he says that "whoever believes and is baptized will be saved." He offers salvation for those who believe in him. And he says that the disciples, and us, will be his witnesses in the world. Sacred tradition tells us that Andrew and Philip preached in Asia Minor while Bartholomew and Thomas spent time in India. Others are said to have gone to Palestine, Persia, and Ethiopia. All died a martyr's death – except John who had been entrusted with the care of our Blessed Mother. We are his witnesses today, and we are also commissioned to go into the world and proclaim the Gospel. Today, as we celebrate his ascension into heaven, let us allow ourselves a moment to gaze upward and behold Jesus' power and glory. Let the Ascension renew our commitment to do the work he has asked us to do, and remind us of his presence here with us in all that we do.

*Gospel Meditation for the
The Ascension of the Lord*

When I was a kid, my parents took me to the circus, and I was mesmerized by the acrobats. I recall one show in which the trapeze artists would swoop down just above the ground and then launch up into the air, flinging their bodies seemingly to the top of the tent, all at dizzying speeds. It wasn't just their height but their dangerous proximity to the ground that thrilled me.

Perhaps that's a little how St. Mark wants us to feel as he describes the Ascension of Jesus. He tells us that Jesus "**sat down at table with them**" and then, just a few lines later, "**he ascended into heaven and took his seat at the right hand of God.**" He dies, he rises! He sits down, he ascends! What do these divine acrobatics teach us?

The depth and height on display are a show of his love for us. When Jesus "**sat down**" he "**upbraided them for their lack of faith and stubbornness of heart.**" He dangerously swoops down into our lowly place of fragmentation, disbelief, and death. When he ascends, he confirms their preaching with signs of powerful healing. The height of heaven is the place from which God brings wholeness, faith, and life. The point is the Ascension of Jesus is not about his departure. It is about the feat by which he unites the heavens and the earth, the highest and the lowest.

We are meant to relive this spiritually dizzying experience in every Mass, when Jesus sits down with us at his Eucharistic table and then offers himself up to the Father with and for us. Ladies and gentlemen, boys and girls: welcome to the great tent of the Church! Feast your eyes on the divine and human acrobat whose saving feat is the great thrill of our lives.

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 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, Garland Reed, Diane & Ronald Broussard

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.

Annual Baby Bottle Campaign

This weekend we kick-off our Baby Bottle Campaign to benefit The Unexpected Pregnancy Center, which serves Iberia, St. Mary and St. Martin parishes. Because of your generous donations, the center has been able to provide pregnancy testing consulting, ultrasound imaging, maternal-family education, as well as adoption information and other life-affirming services to the 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 available after all services today and may be returned to the collection area of the church next weekend with donation inside.

Online donations can be made using the QR code found in the bottles or the return box.



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Honoring Life and Preserving the Family

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(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman
The Ideal Candidate

The Ascension always makes me think of what a job listing on Indeed.com would look like for the position of Disciple of Jesus Christ.

“An exciting opportunity for the go-getter who loves a challenge. Multilingual skills a must. Animal handling experience preferred. The ideal candidate will have a strong stomach and an enthusiasm for travel.”

In all seriousness, I find the Ascension a little depressing, a little intimidating. This day forces me to confront how few are the qualifications I possess to carry out the Great Commission.

Proclaim the Gospel to every creature. Hold on — do I have to talk to people? I don't even really like calling my friends on their birthdays. Can I send a text instead?

Go into the whole world. All of it? Everywhere? Even the places where it's really, really humid? Could I possibly schedule a Zoom call? .

Speak new languages ... pick up serpents ... drink any deadly thing ... Okay, full disclosure: I have never even been camping. I don't think I'm the right fit for this job. Thank you for your consideration, but you can lose my resumé.

Of course, I know that in the year 2024 God does not expect me to pick up a serpent to proclaim the Gospel. But He might expect me to do something far more stomach-churning. He might expect me to talk about Him — in public, in front of strangers. He might expect me to take a stand against something that I know is sinful, even though it means I lose every friend I have. He might expect me to say “no” when everyone wants me to say “yes,” or “yes” when everyone wants me to say “no.”

He might expect me to be different. He *will* expect me to be different.

But on the Ascension, I also remember this: it's okay. No one who ever did the work of God was the ideal candidate. They were all scared. They were all ill-equipped. Every single one of them.

They did it anyway. And despite the weakness and hesitancy of my mortal flesh, despite everything that seems logical, despite the recommendations of any hiring committee this temporal world might make — I can, too.

“I am with you always, until the end of the world.” — Matthew 28:20

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TODAY'S READINGS

The Ascension of the Lord May 12, 2024

Reading I: Acts 4:1-11

- Luke closes his Gospel (24:50-53) and opens Acts of the Apostles with the Ascension of Jesus, indicating Luke saw this event as critically important to the early Church. Can you think of events that have shaped or defined your life?

Reading II: Ephesians 1:17-23 or 4:1-13

- St. Paul prays that the believers in Ephesus come to fully understand what God has accomplished in Jesus and in the Church. What do you find yourself praying for?

Gospel: Mark 16:15-20

- Mark tells us that even after Jesus ascended into heaven, he continued to work through those who believe in him. Have you ever felt Jesus at work through you?

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LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Jesus was taken into Heaven, but the work he leaves us is here on earth. Here on earth, we must speak the truth in every language and confront evil wherever we find it. Here on earth, we must get to work — remembering always that we do not work alone.

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CURRENT EVENTS

Tuesday, May 14, 2024

Retreat Group - 9am - Barsen Hall
Mass at 5:30pm
Patriotic Rosary - 6pm - Church

Wednesday, May 15, 2024

Pro-Life Rosary - 8:20am - Mass - 9am

Thursday, May 16, 2024

Mass at 5:30pm
Retreat Group - 6pm - Barsen Hall
OLAS Meeting - 6pm - Church Office

Friday, May 17, 2024

Mass at 6:30am

Saturday, May 18, 2024

Mass at 4pm
Honoring Graduating High School Seniors at 4pm Mass

Sunday, May 19, 2024

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

SANCTUARY LIGHT:

*In Memory Of:
Maudrey C. Landry &
Elise D. Viator*



ASCENSION



MASS SERVERS May 14 - 19, 2024					
DAY DATE	TIME	CELEBRANT	READERS	LAY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION	ALTAR SERVERS
Tuesday 5/14/24	5:30pm	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	Kimberly Clay	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	Sacristan
Wednesday 5/15/24	9:00am	Fr. Ed Degeyter	Ginger Comeaux	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	Sacristan
Thursday 5/16/24	5:30pm	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	Gaston Broussard	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	Sacristan
Friday 5/17/24	6:30am	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	Chad Courtois	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	Sacristan
Saturday 5/18/24	4:00pm	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	Emma Kirk	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	<i>See Altar Server Schedule</i>
Sunday 5/19/24	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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