

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

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Sheryl S. Bourque

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Janet Viator — 337-365-3759

YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT COORDINATOR:

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PRESIDENT: *Barbara Breaux*

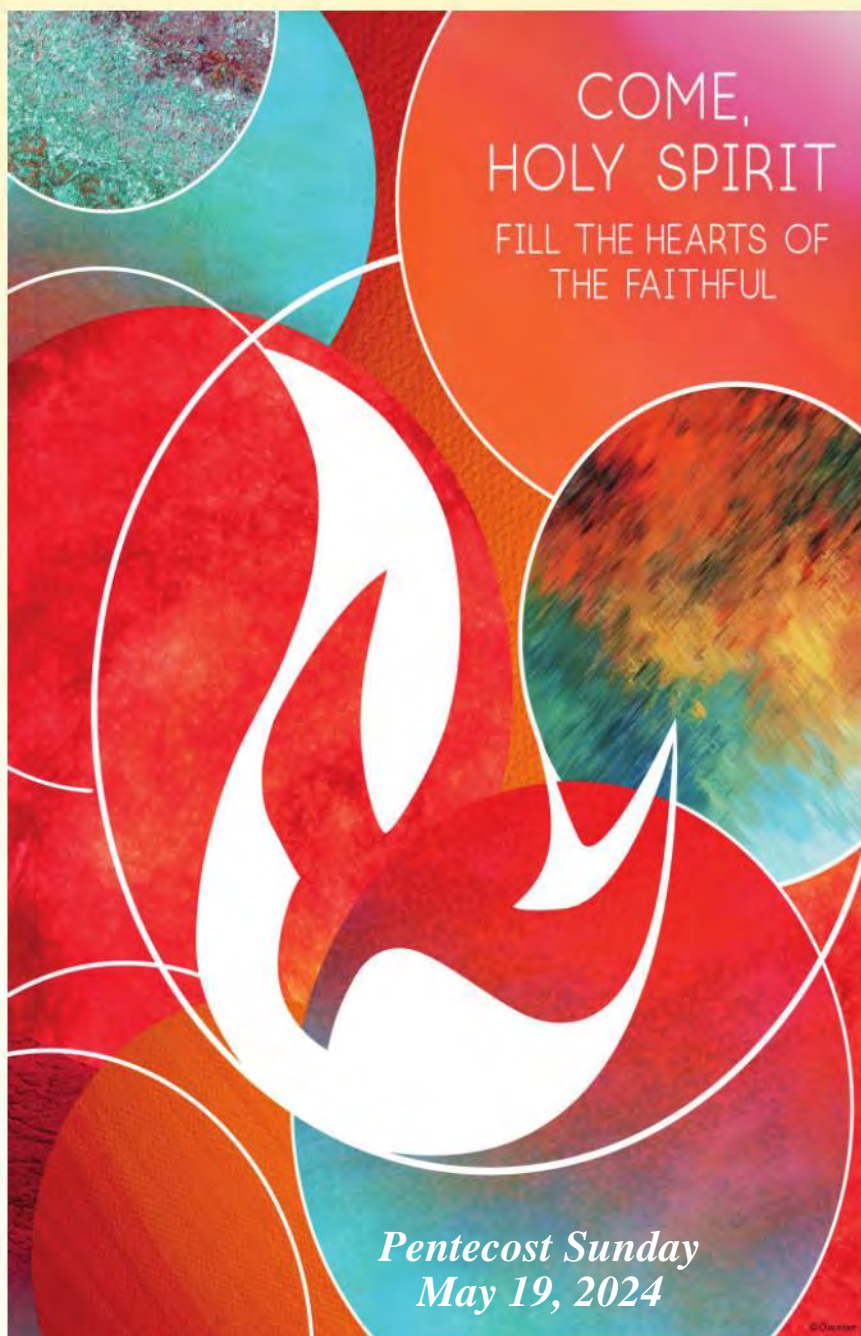
RECONCILIATION:


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 21, 2024

5:30pm Edmia D. Landry (bd)
Earline Navarre (ann of death)

Wednesday, May 22, 2024

9:00am Carrol Romero, Sr., Juanita Winkle
Kevin Elmer, Margie Poché
Jeff Belaire, Howard Bourque, Jr.

Thursday, May 23, 2024

5:30pm A Special Intention

Friday, May 24, 2024

6:30am Lloyd J. Landry (3yr ann of death)

Saturday, May 25, 2024

4:00pm Fr. Tom Finley, Rachel R. Romero
Lynward Ransonet, Larry Guyote

Sunday, May 26, 2024

7:00am Parishioners, United States of America
Laura & Olan Broussard, Mrs. Terry Borel

9:00am Msgr. H. J. Barsen, Quang V. Nguyen
Agapito A. Castro, Gerald "Bick" Girouard
Clark Romero, Holy Souls in Purgatory
Nicholas Viator (bd)

11:00am Fr. A.J. Boumans, Harvey & Joyce DeCourt
Donna M. Lanza (bd), David Paul Comeaux
James Elwood Comeaux



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 May 5th

Loose	\$ 2,812.00
Envelopes	\$ 2,598.00
Total (collected)	\$ 5,410.00
Online Giving offertory	\$ 988.00
Mailed in offertory	\$ 190.00
Total offertory (week)	\$ 6,588.00
Nativity Building Fund.	\$ 1,114.60

Thank you for your generosity!!!!



PARISH VOCATION CROSS

The Vocation Cross is taken by:

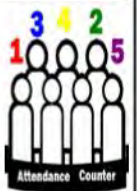
Roland & Faye Boudreaux (May 19 - 25)

Cynthia Elmer (May 26 - June 1)

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 - Pentecost Sunday - The Pentecost story gives us a vivid picture of the Holy Spirit filling the apostles with the grace to go forth and spread the Good News. That was then, but what about now? Do you see yourself as being sent by the Spirit to bring the Good News to others? We are all called to this mission. Some in very direct, overt ways; but most of us are called to fulfill this mission in our ordinary lives doing the ordinary things of life. Consider how you are allowing the Spirit to speak through your life.

"As the Father has sent me, so I send you." - John 20:21

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May 19, 2024 | Pentecost Sunday

Acts 2:1-11 | 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Gal 5:16-25 | Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 15:26-27; 16:12-15

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

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

Pentecost Sunday is here! If ever there was a day in the Church calendar to celebrate the transformational power of Christianity, this is it. We know from the first reading how the disciples go from being huddled and afraid in a locked room to stepping out boldly in the streets, loudly proclaiming the Good News of Jesus. What changed them so suddenly? It was the coming of the Holy Spirit, the third divine person of the Trinity, into their hearts and lives. Jesus calls the Spirit an Advocate, “the Spirit of truth,” who will remain with the apostles after he has left. That same Spirit is promised to us, continuing the Easter joy. It is only through the power and grace of the Holy Spirit that we have the knowledge, ability, and courage to proclaim Jesus as our Lord. Only in this way can we belong to Jesus and be in relationship with the Father. The very same God who created all things is here to help us become the sons and daughters he always envisioned us to be.

PRAY The Holy Spirit is with us to be our guide and advocate. Today, we pray, “Come, Holy Spirit,” and witness the power of that first Pentecost which set the world on fire with God’s love and truth. This week, spend some time reflecting on the joy you have as a Christian – and show that joy to the world!

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

“Peace be with you,” Jesus says, twice, to his disciples today. He approaches them with gentleness and a calming demeanor. He is aware of their fear and their anxiety, and that they would be confused and unsure upon seeing him in his resurrected body. Jesus offers us the same words: “peace be with you.” For he knows we, too, can be afraid and unsure about what living out his words will mean to our lives. But we need not be worried! The Holy Spirit, that helper and advocate who came to the first disciples, is here to help us fill our hearts with love and joy and speak our beliefs without fear. When we open our hearts to God’s love, Jesus tells us, the Holy Spirit “will guide [us] to all truth.” In other words, he will be there to help us. As Paul states in the reading from Corinthians, we all have different gifts of the Spirit, and the important thing is that we use those gifts and talents to model ourselves after Jesus.

Gospel Meditation for the Pentecost Sunday

When I was twenty-two years of age in August of 2000, I experienced World Youth Day in Rome. As for many of my generation, the event was life-changing for me. Surrounded by joyful, hope-filled young people from seemingly every nation and tongue, we were gathered around the Pope, sharing a common Faith and love. The Pope spoke to us of our shared family bond in the Church and invited us to give our lives in service to others. Now twenty-four years later, my life as a priest, like that of so many others from those special days, continues on that same path of love and unity — despite my many weaknesses. What makes that continuation possible?

This week’s feast gives the answer: the Holy Spirit. The gift of God — His very life — the third person of the Trinity, is the Spirit who animates the entire Church and each member of it. He makes us one-in-love in a way that utterly exceeds human capacity. For example, he makes the apostles speak with tongues of fire, and everyone hears them in his own native tongue. The Holy Spirit is the means by which Jesus establishes a new family, one that crosses all possible boundaries of time, space, and culture. The Holy Spirit never tires in en- thusing us for mission.

Aren’t we longing to experience the Holy Spirit in a fresh way? Today we celebrate this untiring flame, once ignited on earth and burning still. So, we humbly cry out: Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful, and enkindle in us the fire of your love!

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



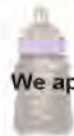
@ 337-364-8360: Tracy Renard, Stacey Pellerin, Brenda Hebert, Daniel Bienvenu, Laura George, Elmae Picard, Pat Villermin, Billy Simon, Lynette Landry, Tommy Ronsonet, Michelle Frith, Lawrence Romero, Jimmy Simoneaux, Bernadine Williams, Laura LaBiche, Curtis Hulin, Julie Naquin, Morgan McMusson, Candice 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

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.



Baby Bottle Collection

Please return your filled baby bottles this week to the collection area of the church. Also, return any unused bottles so that they may be re-used for other campaigns.



We appreciate your prayerful contribution and generosity!

Thank you for joining us in
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

Talk to any couple who are devoted to one another. Ask them when they realized they were in love — call-me-in-a-crisis love, face-the-day-to-day-with-me love — and the answer will probably not be “When I realized he was only dating me to win a bet with his boss.”

If you know what movie that references, you and 12-year-old me would have been great friends.

Like any other self-respecting American tween of the early 2000s, I used to watch a lot of romantic comedies. I forget how old I was when I realized that romantic comedies are actually ... really boring. Not because they're about love — true love is *fascinating*. I could watch real-life people talk about who they love for *hours*.

Because when we say we love someone — truly love them — what we mean is we love their spirit. We love what they are. We love the qualities that escape description, the attributes we have to talk around or reduce to cliché in order to define. We cannot love a body alone. We cannot love a name or a reputation. We cannot love a story that we've built around a relationship.

To be in love with someone you need to know their spirit. Intimately. And that knowledge cannot help but change everything about you. It changes your goals, your understanding of the world. It changes the amount of courage you have to face the life ahead of you. It changes your ability to be who God wants you to be.

The disciples lived and ate and walked with Jesus for three whole years before they really knew his spirit. They didn't know it on Good Friday when they scattered and hid and wept. They didn't know it on Easter Sunday, when they couldn't believe what they saw. They thought they loved him, but when push came to shove their love failed.

But by the end of their lives, the disciples knew the kind of love that sustained them even in the face of martyrdom.

What was it that changed? It was the Spirit. They finally knew the Spirit.

“No one can say, ‘Jesus is Lord,’ except by the Holy Spirit.” — 1 Corinthians 12:3

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SANCTUARY LIGHT:

In Memory Of:
Howard & Dale Segura
Gateson & Mark Segura



TODAY'S READINGS

Pentecost Sunday
May 19, 2024

Reading I: Acts 2:1-11

- We hear how the Holy Spirit allowed the mighty acts of God to be heard by people of all languages in every nation. Where do you see God at work in the world or in your workplace?

Reading II: Galatians 5:16-25

- St. Paul encouraged believers in Galatia to be guided by the fruit of the Spirit (joy, peace, self-control) rather than by the works of the flesh (immorality, lust, idolatry) in order to inherit the kingdom of God. How might you practice the fruits of the Spirit this week?

Gospel: John 15:26-27; 16:12-15

- Jesus taught his disciples he would send the Advocate, the Spirit of truth, to guide them and offer them divine gifts. What guidance are you seeking from the Lord? ©LPi

Nativity of Our Lady Bishop's Services Appeal Update

As of March 31, 2024 Year to Date: \$ 13,697.20
Goal : \$ 25,533.00 Percentage of Goal Met: 54%

*Don't Forget to mail your pledge donation
to the Bishop Service Appeal!*

*We pray that our parishioners continue
to fulfill their pledges.*

Thank you for supporting the Works of Christ!

CURRENT EVENTS

Tuesday, May 21, 2024

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

Wednesday, May 22, 2024

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

Thursday, May 23, 2024

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

Friday, May 24, 2024

Mass at 6:30am

Saturday, May 25, 2024

Mass at 4pm

Sunday, May 26, 2024

Masses at: 7am, 9am & 11am
2nd Collection - Church in Central
& Eastern Europe



NATIVITY OF OUR LADY FAMILY FUN DAY

Sunday, June 2nd
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!

MASS SERVERS May 21 - 26, 2024					
DAY DATE	TIME	CELEBRANT	READERS	LAY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION	ALTAR SERVERS
Tuesday 5/21/24	5:30pm	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	Kimberly Clay	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	Sacristan
Wednesday 5/22/24	9:00am	Fr. Ed Degeyter	Ginger Comeaux	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	Sacristan
Thursday 5/23/24	5:30pm	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	Pete Aucoin	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	Sacristan
Friday 5/24/24	6:30am	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	Keith Comeaux	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	Sacristan
Saturday 5/25/24	4:00pm	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	Jenny Gonsoulin	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	Sophia Comeaux Allie Comeaux
Sunday 5/26/24	7:00am	Fr. Ed Degeyter	Janis Dugas	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	Jesse Clay
	9:00am	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	Lloyd Verret	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	Autum, Benjamin & Ephraim Trahan
	11:00am	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	Dona Schexnayder	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	Madalynn Salsman Amari Salsman

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