

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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Janet Viator — 337-365-3759

YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT COORDINATOR:

Amber Salsman

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




**11TH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME**

This is how it is with the kingdom of God;
it is as if a man were to scatter seed on the land...
and the seed would sprout and grow, he knows not how.

1Th 4:26-27



June 16, 2024



Mass Intentions for the Week

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Tuesday, June 18, 2024

5:30pm Jimmy & Charlene Trahan

Wednesday, June 19, 2024

9:00am Carrol Romero, Sr., Jeff Belaire
Patty Babineaux Fontenot, Alton Barras
Willie & Cynthia Elmer (liv), Gene Lopez
Joseph Viator, Dcn. Wade Broussard
Patti Gagnard, Wade Broussard, Sr.

Thursday, June 20, 2024

5:30pm Lupe Camacho

Friday, June 21, 2024

6:30am Richard Guidry (liv)

Saturday, June 22, 2024

4:00pm Fr. Tom Finley, Phero Tien Van Nguyen
Lynward Ransonet, Collins Blanchard Fly
June C. Guyote (bd), Jerry Dooley

Sunday, June 23, 2024

7:00am Parishioners, Lupe Camacho
Carroll Aucoin

9:00am Msgr. H. J. Barsen, Holy Souls in Purgatory
Agapito A. Castro, Gerald "Bick" Girouard
Quang V. Nguyen, Laura & Olan Broussard
Victoria Solano, Justin P. Angelle (liv)(bd)

11:00am Fr. A.J. Boumans, Harvey & Joyce DeCourt
Donna M. Lanza, Jerry Trahan

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

OUR GIFTS TO GOD June 2nd

Loose	\$ 2,806.65
Envelopes	\$ 2,059.00
Total (collected)	\$ 4,865.65
Online Giving offertory	\$ 1,028.00
Mailed in offertory	\$ 50.00
Total offertory (week)	\$ 5,943.65
Nativity Building Fund	\$ 1,079.00

Thank you for your generosity!!!!



PARISH VOCATION CROSS

The Vocation Cross is taken by:

Linda L. Viator (June 16 - 22)

Karl & Sara Boudreaux (June 23 - June 29)

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.

Prayer for God's Increase

Dear God,

Work here! Bring growth and increase to the work we are doing in Your name. Bless us as we follow where You invite, and work where You direct. *Amen.*

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WHY DO WE DO THAT? - CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

Gospel Differences

Q: Why do the Gospels differ in their details? I was surprised to learn that not all of the Gospels tell the same stories, for example, the Nativity. Doesn't this take away from their credibility?

A: Take any event that happens, from family trips to national politics and ask two or three different people to explain what happened. You will get a different version of the same story. People tend to tell the story from their perspective, and past experience shades what we recall and how we recall it. Our choice of words and what details we leave in or out is also influenced by the audience who is listening to our tales.

The Gospel writers are no different. Each one tells the story of Jesus from their own perspective. Versions differ in some details, not because one is true and the other is not, but because each Gospel writer, or Evangelist, has a different theological point to communicate as well as a different audience for whom he is writing. He picks and chooses the details of his Gospel based on what message he is preaching, what his audience may already know, and what message they need to hear. The various details of the Gospels point more to their authenticity as a record of the church's experience and understanding of Jesus. In a good study Bible, the background notes for each Gospel contain a lot of information that helps us better understand each Evangelist and his message.

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REFLECTIONS - Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time - Each day we are planting seeds in our hearts and minds that will grow and bear fruit in the future. They will influence our behavior and affect those we come in contact with. What kind of seeds are you planting? Are you nurturing seeds of resentment or forgiveness - of hate or love - of discouragement or hope? They may be very small things; but they establish ways of thinking and acting that affect how we respond to people and events in our lives. What kind of seeds are you nurturing in your heart?

"It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praise to your name; Most High." - Psalm 92:2

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

If we walk through the woods on a beautiful spring day, we'll see the signs of life bursting forward. Green shoots coming up from the ground, leaf buds poking out from the branches of a tree - even the birds and animals are busily scampering. Life, growth, and new beginnings are all around. Today's readings have a common theme of nature as one of the ways we can experience God's design. Like the crowds Jesus taught, we may not know the exact cause of what makes a plant grow from a tiny seed to a towering tree, but that's OK - we don't have to know. As St. Paul writes, "we walk by faith, not by sight." We trust the Lord to lead and guide us. And, like the harvester in the parable, we can observe, tend, and act when the time is right to bring in the harvest, for, as Paul continues in his letter: "We aspire to please [God]."

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

What does it look like to play an active role in bringing in the harvest? Faith is a lifelong journey, and everyone is in a different place. The delicate shoot needs different care than the full-grown tree. In prayer, God can speak to us to help us discern the best way to help the people he has put in our lives. Perhaps we offer encouragement, or a shoulder to lean on. Maybe someone needs a friend to converse with. No matter where or who we are, each one of us can be like the harvester that Jesus references, observing and acting as appropriate, helping support the seed of faith God plants in each person. And as we heard in the Gospel today, the smallest seed can become the largest of plants; therefore, our work is plentiful as laborers working to help build God's kingdom here on earth.

PRAY Pray for the wisdom to recognize where you are in your journey, what you need to keep growing, and how you can offer to help others.

Lord God, fill me with your gifts and put your words in my mouth, that through them, others may be filled with the power and warmth of your love. Amen.

***Gospel Meditation for the
Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time***

My mother and father fell in love with each other rather quickly. It was only a span of two months between their first meeting and quiet betrothal. They waited for a significant period of time before going public with the happy news. It simply wasn't time. Love's strength and speed can sprout scandal in public. Until the big reveal, they gave the outside world only little hints, gestures, and riddles.

Something like this — but even more wonderful — is at play when Mark says of Jesus, **"he did not speak to them without a parable, but to his disciples in private he explained everything."** Jesus is the long-awaited messiah-king, but his identity as the Lord and Son of God is so new, surprising, and scandalous to human ears that the big reveal would have to wait. Thus, his parables are riddles, meant to conceal more than reveal. Even the disciples — who hear things explained directly — barely grasp what he is up to. It's only at the cross that Jesus' love for Israel and the world is explicitly revealed. Until then, much stays hidden and comes in riddles.

So it goes with us, too. I wonder at times why doesn't the Lord just speak to us directly in prayer about what we should do, or how to fix our problems. Or why doesn't he reveal himself directly to powerful leaders who are slow to act? Why does he allow life so often to be confounding, contradictory, and crazy? Because it simply isn't time yet. One glorious day, it will be. Until then, he teaches us in riddles, and only sometimes explains them.

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, Laura LaBiche, Curtis Hulin, Julie Naquin, Morgan McMusson, Candice Clark, Kerry Romero, Todd D'Albor, Barrett Gardner, Delina Lafont, Sonny Broussard, Michelle Parrie, Raywood Buteaux, Scott Romero, Denise Hebert, Millard & Myrna Poché, Taylor Price, Betty Rogers, Ellen Barrilleaux Thomas, Clint Boudreaux, 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 & Jimmy 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 Lanson, 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, Carly Tajmir, Diane & Ronald Broussard, Lance Castille, Grace Armendariz, Louis Boudreaux, Jr., David Guidry

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.

***Nativity of Our Lady Catholic Church
is Celebrating its 60th Anniversary!!
Msgr. Romero will celebrate with a special
Mass at 6:30pm on
Wednesday, June 19th
Reception will follow Mass at
Nativity Parish Hall.
Everyone is Invited!***



(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Living Parables

Whenever someone begins a sentence with, "This parable means..." I roll my eyes. (Sometimes I do this inwardly, to be polite. But I still do it.)

We have a tendency to treat the parables like our mom's favorite casserole recipe. Ah yes, we think as we sit down to dinner, smiling as we inhale the aroma of childhood. *Good ol' mushy-chicken-rice-thing. I recognize you. I know exactly what you are. I don't even have to think about you.*

Parables are often presented as an example of how God stoops to meet the limits of human understanding: truth, but in a cute little story! And while it's certainly true that the parables of Christ — each word, each detail, each character — are painstakingly crafted to suit the imagination and intelligence of man, we need to be careful how we think about that.

Sometimes we have a tendency to think of parables as simple and formulaic. We consign them to the genre of bedtime stories, whose point is to soothe, to lull. But these are stories that are meant to keep us awake. They are meant to keep us wondering.

When Christ spoke of the mustard seed, he was speaking the truth in words that his disciples needed to hear two thousand years ago. But he was also speaking to you today. And he was speaking to you tomorrow, and next year, and three years from now, and on your deathbed. If you read this parable on each of those occasions, you will hear something different each time. The parable, you see, is something alive.

It doesn't change, exactly, because the truth never changes. But people change, and what they need to hear changes too.

Don't ever make the mistake of thinking you can finish Jesus' sentences.

"With many such parables he spoke the word to them as they were able to understand it."

— Mark 4:33

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Coming soon!

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

Registering Now until Monday, July 1st

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

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

TODAY'S READINGS

**Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
June 16, 2024**

Reading I: Ezekiel 17:22-24

- During their captivity and exile in Babylon, God assured the Israelites He would restore them into a mighty majestic cedar tree. How do you find comfort in times of despair?

Reading II: 2 Corinthians 5:6-10

- St. Paul teaches the Corinthians to aspire to please the Lord, no matter your present circumstances. What could you do this week at home or at work to please the Lord?

Gospel: Mark 4:26-34

- We hear how Jesus often spoke in parables about the kingdom of God, stretching people's thinking and imaginations. Where do you see the kingdom of God at work?"

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CURRENT EVENTS

Tuesday, June 18, 2024

Mass at 5:30pm

Wednesday, June 19, 2024

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

Nativity of Our Lady's 60th Anniversary

Mass - 6:30pm - Reception to follow

Thursday, June 20, 2024

Mass at 5:30pm

Friday, June 21, 2024

Mass at 6:30am

Saturday, June 22, 2024

Mass at 4pm

Sunday, June 23, 2024

Masses at: 7am, 9am & 11am

2nd Collection - New Iberia Poor & Needy

SANCTUARY LIGHT:

*In Memory Of:
Nicholas Viator &
Lloyd J. Landry*



Update on the Mass count of May 2024

The Mass count gives us an average attendance per weekend of 437 parishioners. We invite parishioners to reach out to each other in love and care so that we can help each other be faithful to our call of holiness. Especially, those of us who are able to participate at

Mass	May 4/5	May 11/12	May 18/19	May 25/26
Saturday 4pm	83	148	94	94
Sunday 7am	52	112	60	106
Sunday 9am	189	160	202	117
Sunday 11am	103	84	69	71

Mass, let us in our offering of the bread and wine at Mass, offer these parishioners who are not with us. We pray they can love and trust in Jesus. *“O Jesus, King of Love, I put my trust in your merciful goodness.” (Yvonne Beauvais)*

MASS SERVERS June 18 - 23, 2024

DAY DATE	TIME	CELEBRANT	READERS	LAY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION	ALTAR SERVERS
Tuesday 6/18/24	5:30pm	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	Kimberly Clay	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	Sacristan
Wednesday 6/19/24	9:00am	Fr. Ed Degeyter	Ginger Comeaux	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	Sacristan
Thursday 6/20/24	5:30pm	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	Pete Aucoin	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	Sacristan
Friday 6/21/24	6:30am	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	Chad Courtois	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	Sacristan
Saturday 6/22/24	4:00pm	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	Emma Kirk	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	<i>See Altar Server Schedule</i>
Sunday 6/23/24	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	June Jones	<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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Nativity of Our Lady's
Sunday Bulletin

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