

# *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*

## **SECRETARY:**

*Kimberly Richard*

## **BOOKKEEPER:**

*Polly Camacho*

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*Sheryl S. Bourque*

## **DIRECTOR OF FAITH**

### **FORMATION:**

*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

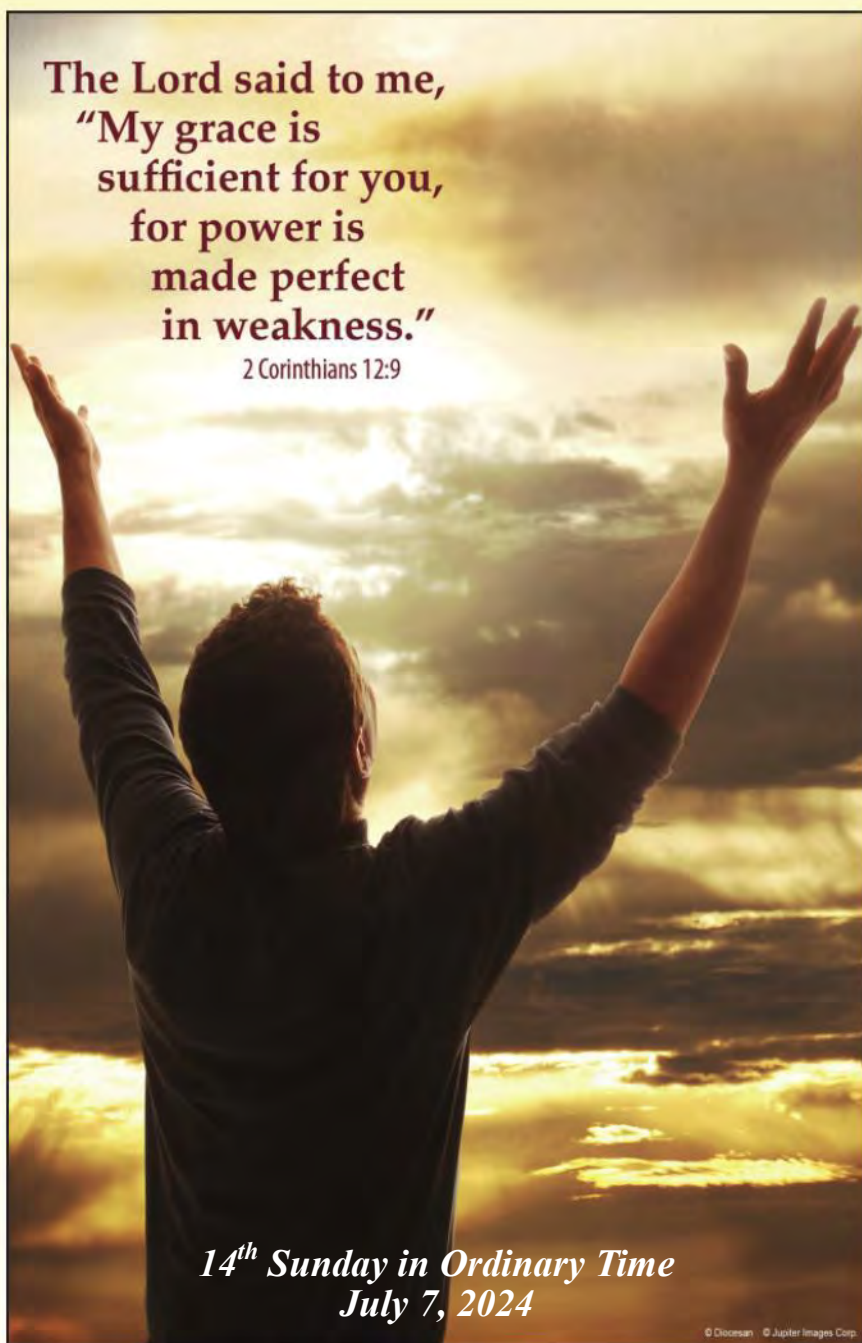
## **ROSARY:**

Wednesday: 8:20 am (*Pro-Life*)

First Saturday: 8:20 am

The Lord said to me,  
"My grace is  
sufficient for you,  
for power is  
made perfect  
in weakness."

2 Corinthians 12:9



*14<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time  
July 7, 2024*

## Mass Intentions for the Week

**Tuesday, July 9, 2024**

**5:30pm** Michael J. Landry (liv)(bd)

**Wednesday, July 10, 2024**

**9:00am** Carrol Romero, Sr., Joseph Viator  
Patty Babineaux Fontenot, Jeff Belaire  
Lloyd & Nina Geoffroy, Patti Gagnard

**Thursday, July 11, 2024**

**5:30pm** Lupe Camacho, Patricia Picard

**Friday, July 12, 2024**

**6:30am** John Duplantis (ann of death)

**Saturday, July 13, 2024**

**4:00pm** Fr. Tom Finley, Rachel R. Romero  
Lynward Ransonet, Leo J. Fremin  
Leona & Jules Broussard, Roy Flores  
John Ramirez (9yr ann of death)  
Ralph & Lorraine Breaux, Judy Ramirez  
Emmet & Marguerite Conery

**Sunday, July 14, 2024**

**7:00am** Parishioners, Lupe Camacho  
Carroll Aucoin, Laura & Olan Broussard

**9:00am** Msgr. H. J. Barsen, Holy Souls in Purgatory  
Agapito A. Castro, Gerald "Bick" Girouard  
Quang V. Nguyen, Romero & Walker Fly  
Phero Tien Van Nguyen, Loretta Trahan  
L.E. & Barbara Dugas, Clark Romero  
L.J. & Edna Mae Begnaud  
Donna M. & Robert (liv) Snoddy  
Dustin P. Ortego (liv)(bd)

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

### "Journey to Redemption through the Holy Spirit"

When: Saturday, July 20<sup>th</sup>, 9:00-11:00  
Where: at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church Life Center, 1303 St. Jude Ave.  
Speakers: Father Garrett Savoie, Mrs. Natalie Dunigan, and Steubenville Retreat Participants  
Sponsored by the Catholic Daughters Court Blessed Mother Teresa #2550  
Contact Paula Foret 337-519-0128 for more information

**REFLECTIONS - Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time** - Some would have us believe that a good disciple does not want for anything and has no troubles in life. A reading of the Scriptures tells us that this is untrue. Even Jesus had his problems. Not everyone thought he was a good person and some even plotted to kill him. Paul clearly points out that he was given a "thorn in the flesh" that he had to learn to accept so that he might rely on God's grace. We all have things we must struggle with; but, we also have God's grace to help us. The problems in our lives are not a sign of God's displeasure. They are an opportunity to invite God to become more present in our lives. They teach us how limited we are and how much we need God's grace. Reflect on those things that trouble you. Consider how open you are to receiving God's grace to help you.

*"When I am powerless, it is then that I am strong." - 2 Corinthians 12-10*

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

### OUR GIFTS TO GOD June 23<sup>rd</sup>

Loose .....	\$ 1,458.73
Envelopes .....	\$ 2,550.00
Total (collected) .....	\$ 4,008.73
Online Giving offertory .....	\$ 563.00
Mailed in offertory .....	\$ 2,205.00
Total offertory (week) .....	\$ 6,776.73
New Iberia Poor & Needy .....	\$ 1,204.00

**Thank you for your generosity!!!!**

Nativity of Our Lady church office welcomes our new church secretary. Ms. Kim Richard will be joining our office in July. We are very excited to have her as an addition to the church office family as we strive to serve the family of God.

### SANCTUARY LIGHT:

*In Memory of:  
Mike Belaire, Sr. & Jr.*



**VBS starts this week  
July 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>.  
8:30am-12:30pm.**

Thank you to everyone for supporting our youth by purchasing items, by donations, and by prayers. Please keep all campers and volunteers in your prayers this week, as they dive deep into a friendship with God.

## Eucharistic Revival - For July 7, 2024 Msgr. J. Robert Romero

**As the Eucharistic Congress is on July 17-27, 2024 - this month - I offer for your reflection the words of Bishop Saint Hilary of Poitiers:**

From the treatise on the Trinity by Saint Hilary of Poitiers [Hilary of Poitiers (Latin: Hilarius Pictaviensis; c. 310 – c. 367) was Bishop of Poitiers and is a Doctor of the Church.] [Taken From - Wednesday of Fourth Week of Easter Office of Readings] (Lib. 8, 13-16: PL 10, 246-249)

### The unity of the faithful in God through the incarnation of the Word and the sacrament of the Eucharist

If the Word has truly been made flesh and we in very truth receive the Word made flesh as food from the Lord, are we not bound to believe that he abides in us naturally? Born as a man, he assumed the nature of our flesh so that now it is inseparable from himself, and conjoined the nature of his own flesh to the nature of the eternal Godhead in the sacrament by which his flesh is communicated to us. Accordingly we are all one, because the Father is in Christ and Christ in us. He himself is in us through the flesh and we in him, and because we are united with him, our own being is in God.

He himself testifies that we are in him through the sacrament of the flesh and blood bestowed upon us: *In a short time the world will no longer see me; but you will see me, because I live and you will live. On that day you will understand that I am in my Father and you in me and I in you.* If he wanted to indicate a mere unity of will, why did He set forth a kind of gradation and sequence in the completion of that unity? It can only be that, since he was in the Father through the nature of Deity, and we on the contrary in him through his birth in the body, he wishes us to believe that he is in us through the mystery of the sacraments. From this we can learn the perfect unity through a Mediator; for we abide in him and he abides in the Father, and while abiding in the Father he abides in us as well – so that we attain unity with the Father. For while Christ is in the Father naturally according to his birth, we too are in Christ naturally, since he abides in us naturally.

He himself has told us how natural this unity is: *He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood lives in me and I live in him.* No one can be in Christ unless Christ is in him, because the only flesh which he has taken to himself is the flesh of those who have taken his.

He had earlier revealed to us the sacrament of this perfect unity: *As I, who am sent by the living Father, myself draw life from the Father, so whoever eats me will draw life from me.* He lives because of the Father, and as he lives because of the Father so we live because of his flesh.

Every comparison is chosen to shape our understanding, so that we may grasp the subject concerned by help of the analogy set before us. To summarise, this is what gives us life: that we have Christ dwelling within our carnal selves through the flesh, and we shall live because of him in the same manner as he lives because of the Father.

### ***Gospel Meditation for the Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time***

Recently I watched a bunch of YouTube videos on how to optimize willpower in the face of weakness. The message was: do not accept your weakness. Crush it. Dominate it. In one video, however, at the end of a rant by a willpower coach, the muscular stoic admitted, “You’ll never actually get what you want, no matter how hard you try.” Amazingly, he admitted that willpower alone is not sufficient for us weak-willed humans,

What does God want us to do with our weaknesses, if crushing them with willpower won’t work? For example, what should I do with my tendency to arrogance and self-isolation? Or my procrastination? Or my intellectual and physical limitations? Or my selfishness.

The counter-intuitive answer is clear in this week’s words from St Paul, **“I will rather boast most gladly of my weaknesses in order that the power of Christ may dwell in me (2 Cor. 12:9).”** Boast of our weaknesses? Paul isn’t promoting weak-mindedness or laziness. Rather, he perceives that Jesus loves us not despite our weaknesses but because of them. Boasting of our weakness means claiming human will is not all we have. It means turning to God whenever we feel weak, which—let’s face it—is almost all the time. When we do, we learn to love our weaknesses, because it’s there that we meet the strength of Christ. This week, I challenge us to find ways to boast not in willpower but in weakness.

**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, Morgan McMussen, Candice Clark, Todd D'Albor, Barrett Gardner, Delina Lafont, Sonny Broussard, Michelle Parrie, 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, Josephine Delcambre, Ruth Bernard, Sirena Rogers, Jay McDonald, Gloria Comeaux, Shawntell Romero, Bea & Jimmy Romero, Jeanette Gonsoulin, Jacquie Gondran, Joylynn Trosclair, Alice Robicheaux, Sheri Arceement Darby, Caroline Dubois, 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, Judy & Alton Meyers, Garland Reed, Carly Tajmir, Diane & Ronald Broussard, Lance Castille, Grace Armendariz, Louis Boudreaux, Jr., David Guidry, Gloria Comeaux, Larry Romero, Scotty Champagne

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.



### **PARISH VOCATION CROSS**

*The Vocation Cross is taken by:*

*Brenda Romero (July 7 - 13)*

*Ross & Cindy Landry (July 14 - 20)*

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.

## **(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS**

**By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman  
A Prophet and His Native Place**

“A prophet is not without honor except in his native place.” It could be the slogan of high school reunions everywhere.

I speak from experience — I didn't go to my high school reunion, but I do live in the same area in which I grew up. Ghosts from the past lurk in every grocery aisle and gas station. Former classmates fill my prescriptions at the pharmacy. I am always sure to see an old teacher or two at the Fourth of July parade.

If my teenage self knew that this was her future, she would be horrified. She wanted to grow up and move away, not because she didn't like living in this town, but because she wanted to reinvent herself. And you can't reinvent yourself in your native place. In your hometown, you'll always be exactly what you are — no more, no less.

The same was true for Jesus, who was probably the only person actually worthy of admiration at his high school reunion. When he returned to his native place, he was what he had always been — God and man, Messiah, miracle-worker. This is not something he became, it was always within him.

But the people of Nazareth cannot accept it. Why?

Well, probably for the same reason that I wanted to reinvent myself when I was 16. We don't often see anything worth venerating in the “right now” of our lives. We think happiness is a promotion or a pay bump away. We think we'll finally be holy when we find the time to take that silent retreat. We think we will be beautiful when we lose ten pounds.

The Nazarenes lived with God right under their noses, and they didn't realize it. So, when he came in all his greatness, the dissonance was too much to bear, and they rejected him. They didn't want that God — the one they had dismissed or overlooked or ignored. They wanted a different one. A shinier one. One that didn't look like the “right now” of their lives.

But that's where God is, folks. He's in the right now, and nowhere else. He's waiting there for you, with all the happiness, holiness, and beauty your life needs.

“Jesus said to them, “A prophet is not without honor except in his native place and among his own kin and in his own house.” — Mark 6:4

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## TODAY'S READINGS

**Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
July 7, 2024**

**Reading I: Ezekiel 2:2-5**

- The Lord encourages Ezekiel to be courageous in his role as a prophet, regardless of the response of the Israelites. Can you think of a time when you had to be courageous in facing uncertainty?

**Reading II: 2 Corinthians 12:7-10**

- St. Paul learned a "thorn in his flesh" that was given to him to teach him that God's grace alone should be sufficient for his ministry. What are some obstacles in your life you have had to overcome?

**Gospel: Mark 6:1-6a**

- We hear how the villagers of Nazareth were "offended" by Jesus and lacked faith in him. How do you support family or friends who have been hurt by others?

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### Prayer for Truth

Dear Lord,  
Your prophets were those who spoke Your Truth. Help me to be a speaker of truth as well, one who reminds of Your love, encourages the lowly, and points ever more deeply to You.  
Amen.

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## CURRENT EVENTS

**Vacation Bible Camp - Monday - Friday  
8:30am - 12:30pm - Barsen & Parish Halls**

**Tuesday, July 9, 2024**

Mass at 5:30pm

Patriotic Rosary - 6pm - Church

**Wednesday, July 10, 2024**

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

K.C. & Ladies Aux. Dinner & Meeting - 6:30pm

**Thursday, July 11, 2024**

Mass at 5:30pm

Baptismal Seminar 6:30pm - Church office

**Friday, July 12, 2024**

Mass at 6:30am

**Saturday, July 13, 2024**

Baptisms

Mass at 4pm

**Sunday, July 14, 2024**

Masses at: 7am, 9am & 11am

### Saint Katharine Drexel Coalition ACTS Fundraiser

**1 LB. Boiled Shrimp, Corn, and Potato**

**Sunday August 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

**Pick up will be at**

**Catholic High Softball entrance**

**1301 DeLasalle Dr. from 11a.m to 1 p.m.**

Tickets are \$16.00 each & will be sold after Mass. Tickets are also available from the church parish office. There will also be sweets available for sale on the day of the boil. Come out and support the ACTS retreat!

		MASS SERVERS July 9 - 14, 2024			
DAY DATE	TIME	CELEBRANT	READERS	LAY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION	ALTAR SERVERS
Tuesday 7/9/24	5:30pm	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	Pete Aucoin	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	Sacristan
Wednesday 7/10/24	9:00am	Fr. Ed Degeyter	Ginger Comeaux	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	Sacristan
Thursday 7/11/24	5:30pm	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	Gaston Broussard	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	Sacristan
Friday 7/12/24	6:30am	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	Keith Comeaux	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	Sacristan
Saturday 7/13/24	4:00pm	Fr. Ed Degeyter	Karl Boudreaux	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	Sophia Comeaux Allie Comeaux
Sunday 7/14/24	7:00am	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	Carmen Nicholson	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	Jesse Clay
	9:00am	Fr. Ed Degeyter	Nena Suit	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	Autum, Benjamin & Ephraim Trahan
	11:00am	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	Vince Borne	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	Khoi Nguyen Amari Romero

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