

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:

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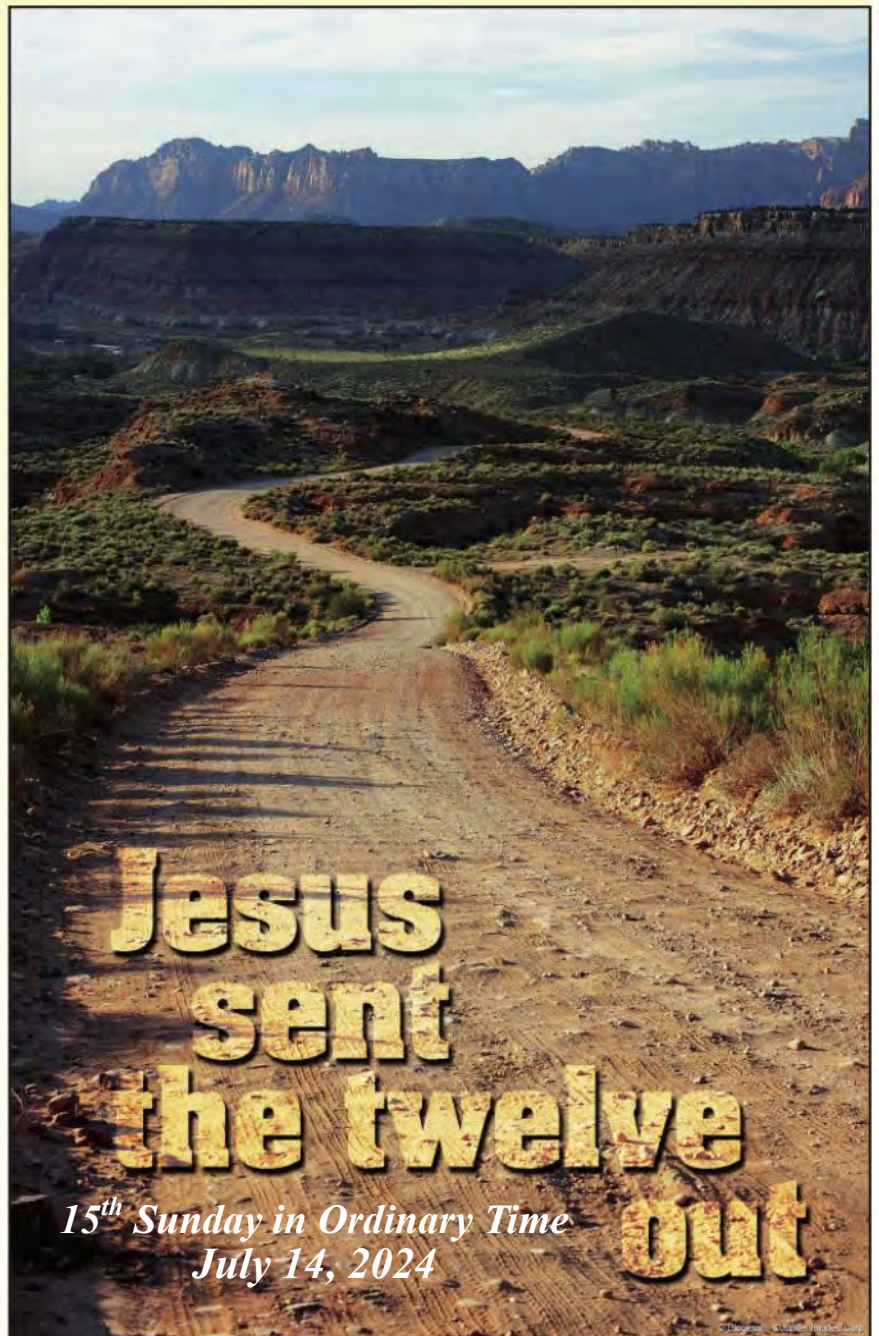
RECONCILIATION:

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

Tuesday, July 16, 2024

5:30pm Special Intention

Wednesday, July 17, 2024

9:00am Patrick J. Richard, Jeff Belaire
Patty Babineaux Fontenot, Jerry Trahan
Gene Lopez (bd), Dcn. Wade Broussard
Carrol Romero, Sr., Katie Smith (liv)(bd)

Thursday, July 18, 2024

5:30pm Lupe Camacho

Friday, July 19, 2024

6:30am Louis (ann of death) & Hazel Broussard

Saturday, July 20, 2024

4:00pm Fr. Tom Finley, Rachel R. Romero
Lynward Ransonet, Mabel Smith
Phero Tien Van Nguyen, Larry Guyote
James Abadie, Rodolph Dugas, Jr. & Fly.
Patty Babineaux Fontenot (4yr ann of death)
Juliette C. Dubois

Sunday, July 21, 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
Maudrey C Landry (ann of death),
Jeanette Tauzin(liv)(bd), Edva Gaspard(liv)

11:00am Fr. A.J. Boumans, Harvey & Joyce DeCourt
Donna M. Lanza, Bobby Norris
Toni Cangemi, Jo Ann Cangemi

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

OUR GIFTS TO GOD June 30th

Loose	\$ 3,521.00
Envelopes	\$ 1,918.00
Total (collected).....	\$ 5,439.00
Online Giving offertory.....	\$ 603.00
Mailed in offertory.....	\$ 327.00
Total offertory (week).....	\$ 6,369.00
Peter's Pence	\$ 887.00

Thank you for your generosity!!!!

SANCTUARY LIGHT:

*In Honor of
Nadine Boudoin*



"Journey to Redemption through the Holy Spirit"

When: Saturday, July 20th, 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

WHY DO WE DO THAT?

Confession and Children

Q: Our Catholic grade school is doing a penance service this Lent. Do young children really need to go to Confession? How much sin can they really have?

A: Ask any mom about her children and see how many would say she has a brood of perfect angels! Parents know that kids do things that are wrong ... and they often know they're doing it! Even toddlers have a sense of right and wrong. The Church recognizes that their minds and consciences are not yet fully developed, however, and typically waits until age seven to offer the sacrament of Confession. Around that age and beyond, most young people, when asked, can easily explain why something is wrong.

Confession for children is an excellent way to help them reflect on their actions and accept responsibility for their behavior. It helps them to grow in their understanding of sin and how it affects others. This helps them to form their consciences and make better choices in the future. Most importantly, they learn the value of forgiveness, both given and received. Rather than singling out what's wrong, Confession offers hope and a new start! Children can grow in understanding God's unconditional love and develop a sense of inner dignity that transcends their failings. Not bad for five minutes and an "Our Father" or two!

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REFLECTIONS - Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Jesus sent the disciples out two by two to spread the Good News. They were told to give their testimony to any who would listen. When people would not listen, they were to simply move on. It is not our job to change others, but only to share with those willing to listen to what we have learned. We do not know how the Spirit will use our words and actions to change the hearts of others. Our focus should be on Jesus' command to simply love others as he has loved us and leave the rest to the Spirit.

*"Justice shall walk before him, and salvation,
along the way of his steps." - Psalm 85:13
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July 14, 2024 | Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Am 7:12-15 | Eph 1:13-14 or 1:3-10 | Mk 6:7-13

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

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

Have you ever considered the task before you and thought, *No way am I equipped for this?* There are certainly times when it seems God is calling us to more than we are prepared for. The prophet Amos never expected to be God’s mouthpiece. He was a simple shepherd and a “dresser of sycamores.” Yet, Amos listened when God chose him “from following the flock” and instructed him to speak to Israel, even if he may have thought the whole idea quite silly. “Do you really mean *me?*” we might imagine him saying. We see this theme of God calling those we might least expect to important missions on countless occasions throughout Scripture: Moses had a speech impediment; Rahab was a prostitute; David was a young boy; Ruth was a foreigner; Matthew was a despised tax collector; Paul persecuted the early Christians; and the list goes on. On every occasion, however, trusting in God and listening to his voice was enough for each of these individuals to fulfill the role they were called to, even if they considered themselves the most unlikely candidate for the cause.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

In this week’s Gospel reading from Mark, Jesus calls for the Twelve and sends them out on mission with specific instructions. The key here is that he gives them *his authority*. They are able to accomplish seemingly impossible things - “preaching repentance, driving out demons, curing the sick” - not through their own power, but through the authority they had in Christ and by being obedient to the precepts he gave them. This is a lesson for all of us - to heed the commands of Christ and rely on his authority, not on our own power. We can live the impossible only through him. Pay close attention to the words from Paul’s Letter to the Ephesians when in doubt: “In him we were also chosen, destined in accord with the purpose of the One who accomplishes all things according to the intention of his will, so that we might exist for the praise of his glory, we who first hoped in Christ.”

PRAY Today’s Scripture makes it clear that it is through Christ in us that we can accomplish all things for his glory. We do not act on our own, but we give permission for God to act in us. I offer you a challenge this week in your prayer life: Instead of asking God to remove what appear to be impossible obstacles for you to face, try praying for the graces sufficient to fulfill your role in them.

GOSPEL MEDITATION
15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Once I asked a fallen-away Catholic friend of mine what he remembered about the parish priest from his youth. He said, “He was a gentle, nice guy. Kind of vanilla. Kept to himself.” It struck me that he, perhaps like many, perceive Catholic priests as the following: lonely, harmless, and self-sufficient. As a challenge both to this perception (accurate or not) and to us priests who perhaps feel a pull in that uninspiring direction, stands the mighty image of what we see in the Gospel this Sunday.

Jesus sent out his apostles, “**two-by-two, with power over demons, and without money belts.**” **Two-by-two:** they enjoyed deep fellowship and brotherhood. **Power over demons:** they were anything but harmless. These men wielded enormous power against evil. **Without money belts:** they were not self-sufficient. They needed others to help them. Not lonely, but in community. Not harmless but armed with massive spiritual energy. Not self-sufficient, but poor and in need of help.

This is a challenge to me, and perhaps to all of us, living in a rich, secularized, and individualized culture. Do I embrace my priestly ministry in deep fellowship with other priests? Do I speak and act boldly to drive out evil where it is found? Do I live poorly and simply, trusting in the help of those around me even for basic needs? The fruitfulness of priestly ministry largely depends on these three traits. Let’s pray for all priests — and, by extension, all of us Christians — to live more like Jesus’ communal, poor, and powerful apostles.

— Father 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.

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Shake Off the Dust

Our kitchen floor is at least 35 years old, and it's the ugliest color to come out of the '80s. But it's a good, durable floor, and my husband, bless his heart, guards it like it was a finely finished hardwood imported from Brazil.

Every time the kids track mud and sand across its vinyl surface, he immediately gets down on his hands and knees and lovingly wipes the mess away. I'm too impatient to do this myself — *we have kids, so we're going to have a dirty floor*, is my attitude. But this is the hill upon which my husband dies. On hands and knees, scraping dirt off an almost 40-year-old floor, he is the silent, long-suffering sentry, and if it kills him, he will keep these floors pristine. He is Gandalf, and the dirt is the Balrog. *You shall not pass.*

"Shake the dust off your feet." This is what Christ tells his disciples to do when they — and his word — are rejected. Shake the dust off your feet in testimony against them. Why does he say that? It's not an act of dismissal. It's not a thumbed nose or a stuck-out tongue. No, it's an act of caution: *Don't bring it with you. Leave it there.*

When we walk through the world, we pick up a lot of dirt. Misguided notions, disordered priorities, habits, and desires that we never noticed until we realized they left a trail. We come into a situation intending to do what is right, but somehow it all goes sideways, and we walk away from it with detritus clinging to us in places we don't notice. *They wouldn't listen. They'll see*, we think. *Oh, they'll see. They'll see how right I was.* Pride and vengeance hitch a ride on the soles of our feet, and we track them all through the world.

What to do about this? You can be like me with my ugly old floor. You can shrug your shoulders and say, "It happens, I guess. I'm only human. I meant well."

But here's what would be better: be like my husband. Get down on your knees and get rid of the dirt. Stop the trail in its tracks.

"So they went off and preached repentance."

— Mark 6:12

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PARISH VOCATION CROSS

The Vocation Cross is taken by:

Ross & Cindy Landry (July 14 - 20)

Sirena Rogers (July 21 - 27)

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 the Way

Dear Jesus,

As I set out in your name,
be with me on every step.

I don't know where you will lead, but
I trust that you will be with me and
that, for me, that will be enough.

Amen.

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TODAY'S READINGS

**Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 14, 2024**

Reading I: Amos 7:12-15

- The Israelite priest Amaziah was threatened by the prophet Amos from Judah. What are some ways you have helped others who feel at risk in a difficult situation?

Reading II: Ephesians 1:3-14 or 1:3-10

- St. Paul teaches the Ephesians that in “the fullness of times,” God’s plan is “to sum up all things in Christ, in heaven and on earth.” What are some things in your life you are waiting for?

Gospel: Mark 6:7-13

- Jesus taught the apostles to preach and heal only in places where they were welcomed. Do you recall a time or a place where you felt truly welcomed?

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LIVE THE LITURGY INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Jesus sends his disciples into the world with no money or provisions — just as he sends us. But make no mistake — he has given us everything we need: the strength that comes from faith in Christ, and the will to do what God has asked. Let’s get to work.

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CURRENT EVENTS

Tuesday, July 16, 2024

Mass at 5:30pm

Wednesday, July 17, 2024

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

Thursday, July 18, 2024

Mass at 5:30pm

Friday, July 19, 2024

Mass at 6:30am

Saturday, July 20, 2024

Mass at 4pm

Sunday, July 21, 2024

Masses at: 7am, 9am & 11am

2nd Collection - Bishop’s Services Appeal



Saint Katharine Drexel Coalition ACTS Fundraiser

1 LB. Boiled Shrimp, Corn, and Potato

Sunday August 4th, 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 16 - 21, 2024					
DAY DATE	TIME	CELEBRANT	READERS	LAY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION	ALTAR SERVERS
Tuesday 7/16/24	5:30pm	Fr. Ed Degeyter	Kimberly Clay	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	Sacristan
Wednesday 7/17/24	9:00am	Fr. Ed Degeyter	Ginger Comeaux	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	Sacristan
Thursday 7/18/24	5:30pm	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	Gaston Broussard	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	Sacristan
Friday 7/19/24	6:30am	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	Chad Courtois	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	Sacristan
Saturday 7/20/24	4:00pm	Fr. Ed Degeyter	Dona Schexnayder	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	Sophia Comeaux Allie Comeaux
Sunday 7/21/24	7:00am	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	Paul Broussard	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	Jesse Clay
	9:00am	Fr. Ed Degeyter	Lan Nguyen	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	Serena Bedia
	11:00am	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	Margo LeBlanc	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	Madalynn Salsman Charlie Salsman

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