

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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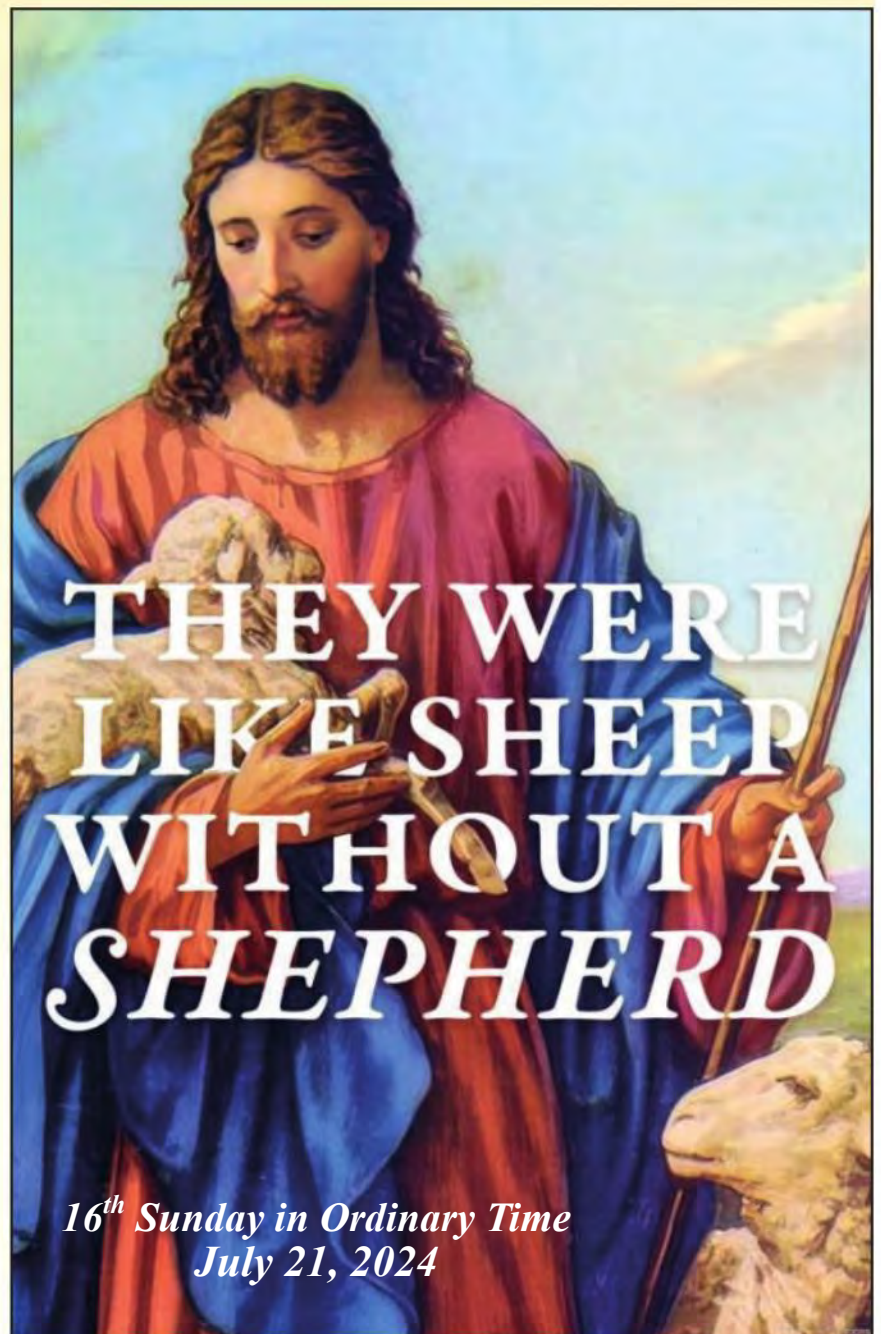
RECONCILIATION:

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 23, 2024

5:30pm Francis J. Meyers (liv)

Wednesday, July 24, 2024

9:00am Special Intention, Jeff Belaire

Patty Babineaux Fontenot, Jerry Trahan

Joseph Viator, Patti Gagnard

Carrol Romero, Sr.

Thursday, July 25, 2024

5:30pm Lupe Camacho, Bobby Norris

Friday, July 26, 2024

6:30am Larry Romero (liv)

Saturday, July 27, 2024

4:00pm Fr. Tom Finley, Rachel R. Romero

Lynward Ransonet, Mona Simon

Roy Flores, Clyde Guyote, Huey Guyote

Octavia Boudreaux, Roy Dupre

Sunday, July 28, 2024

7:00am Parishioners, Lupe Camacho

Carroll Aucoin, Laura & Olan Broussard

Shirley Broussard

9:00am Msgr. H. J. Barsen, Holy Souls in Purgatory

Agapito A. Castro, Gerald "Bick" Girouard

Quang V. Nguyen, Phero Tien Van Nguyen

Oris Gachassin (ann of death)

Clark Romero

11:00am Fr. A.J. Boumans, Donna M. Lanza

Harvey & Joyce DeCourt

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

OUR GIFTS TO GOD July 7th

Loose	\$ 1,598.47
Envelopes	\$ 3,065.00
Total (collected).....	\$ 4,663.47
Online Giving offertory.....	\$ 838.00
Mailed in offertory.....	\$ 1,585.00
Total offertory (week).....	\$ 7,086.47
Nativity Building Fund	\$ 1,509.00

Thank you for your generosity!!!!

SANCTUARY LIGHT:

*In Memory of
Howard & Dustin McCoy*



LIVE THE LITURGY INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

The crowds continue to follow Jesus, and when he sees them, he cannot help but be filled with love for them. Let us take our cue from these devoted disciples of Mark's Gospel, and never, ever stop seeking our Lord. @LPi

"Order of Christian Initiation of Adults" (OCIA) previously named "Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults" (RCIA)

- Classes to begin August 29th, 2024 @ 6pm in Barsen Hall
- Please call the Parish Office (337) 364-8360, and/or Complete & Return Registration Forms to the Parish Office prior to August 16, 2024 to meet with Msgr. Romero.

OCIA is a formation for Adults who want to be Christians in the Catholic Church:

- ✠ Those who have not been baptized
- ✠ Those who were baptized in the Catholic Church but who have not completed their Christian initiations with penance, communion, and confirmation.

*****Deadline to Register: August 16,2024*****

REFLECTIONS - Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - It is easy to overlook the fact that Jesus took time to go aside from the crowds and his ministry to pray and to rest. No matter how busy we are or how important we believe our work may be, we need to take time for ourselves. Time to rest and reflect and be renewed. It does not have to be a big block of time all at once. It can begin with taking advantage of those small moments during the day. Driving to work, riding in the elevator, waiting in line, or even walking to the car can provide a little space for us to take a deep breath, say a little prayer or be aware of God's presence. Consider how you make time to rest and reflect. Can you make this a priority in your life?

"Beside restful waters he leads me; He refreshes my soul." - Psalm 23:3

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In Christ Jesus you who once were far off have become near by the blood of Christ.

July 21, 2024 | Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jer 23:1-6 | Eph 2:13-18 | Mk 6:30-34

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

What words do we associate with being misled? Deceived, fooled, cheated? While these actions make great plot points in novels and movies, in real life they are offenses against justice, charity, and truth. In both the first reading and the Gospel today, we hear that God's people are being misled ("Woe to the shepherds who mislead and scatter the flock of my pasture") and/or left to their own devices ("for they were like sheep without a shepherd"). In the time of Jeremiah the kings of Judah, who were shepherding in God's name, were not tending their flock: They had "scattered [his] sheep and driven them away." Jeremiah prophesies that the Lord will gather the remnant of his flock and bring them back to their meadow; in short, the Lord offers hope. He would raise up from the house of David a true shepherd to guide and guard his people. The incarnation of Jesus is the manifestation of that hope, and in him we have a guiding light to lead us along the correct path. He will never deceive, fool, or cheat. In this world filled with unrest and division, he offers something that no mortal man or woman can: He is the one who saves and redeems. He is the one true shepherd.

PRAY This week find your true rest and peace by meeting Jesus at daily Mass or Eucharistic adoration. Even better, why not share the peace of Christ with someone who you know might be struggling, and invite them to come to Mass or adoration with you? The crowds of people who came to see Jesus learned about him from others; let us do the same and share the joy we find in Jesus with others.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

When life is packed with activities and stress, today's readings remind us what we need to do - let go of our worries and focus on Jesus. Just as, in the first reading, God's people are scattered because of poor shepherding, all of us can lose sight from time to time of what should be first and foremost in our lives: our relationship with Jesus. The key to living a good life is to listen to Jesus' words and disregard all the other noise out there. St. Paul writes that Christ is our peace, reconciling us to God and giving us access in one Spirit to the Father, through himself. In addition to Jesus bringing us the peace we need, he also guides us to the Truth. As Christians, we choose Truth over chaos and deception. It's easy to be inadvertently misled in this busy world; losing one's way is rarely intentional. But we can all struggle at times with keeping our eyes fixed on Jesus and his loving, guiding hand. If we want true peace in our lives, choose Jesus; choose his compassion and love; and be open to his desire to "teach [us] many things."

GOSPEL MEDITATION

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Burnout. Recent studies suggest that roughly two-thirds of doctors and nurses have signs of it. You probably know what burnout is: long-term stress leading to emotional exhaustion and a lack of a sense of personal accomplishment. Burnout can threaten anyone who tries to seriously serve and love others. How does our faith inform this challenging experience, and how do we find refreshment?

The apostles face something like burnout this week in Mark 6. They are run down from their missionary work, and Jesus says, "Come away by yourselves to a lonely place, and rest a while." For them, and for us, it takes humility to intentionally rest. It means the world can go on without us. It stings our pride to admit God is necessary and we are not. Choosing to leave our good work to be with him — whatever the cost — is an act of humble faith. And that trust in God begins to revive us.

But there's more to it. Hilariously, Mark tells us that throngs of needy people find out where the apostles are going and arrive ahead of them. Imagine the exasperation of the burnt-out apostles. "Can we please get a minute to ourselves? This is not healthy!" And Jesus seems to encourage the boundary violation by telling his frayed followers to feed the crowd. Look: once we move into humble rest, he calls us to more work, because we are made for love, not for rest. But Jesus does the vast bulk of the labor. He himself is the one who multiplies the small offering until everyone is satisfied.

What finally gives our heart rest isn't more vacation time. It's experiencing the super abundant generosity of God for us and those whom we serve.

— 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, Edward Simon

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:

*Willie & Cynthia Elmer (July 28th - Aug. 3rd)
Ellen Claudy (August 4th - August 10th)*

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 Deserted Place

In one of my favorite shows, "Parks and Recreation," there is a scene where one of the characters, Jerry, is tasked with stuffing hundreds of envelopes with flyers as part of his volunteer work for a local city council campaign.

Jerry's efficient, almost mechanical completion of the job amazes his coworkers, who gather to watch in awe while he folds, inserts, seals, and stamps — over and over again. After several hours, the huge pile of envelopes is finally ready for mailing ... and Jerry realizes that he has stuffed them all with the wrong piece of paper.

"I always say, it ain't government work unless you do it twice," he quips as he restarts the task.

In any work, no matter how worthy or fulfilling it is, there is a point where the task transforms into mere routine. It can happen with anything: ministry, marriage, parenthood, even prayer. There is no shame in this. It doesn't mean that we don't enjoy these pursuits or feel passion for the mission inherent in them.

It only means that we are human, and we get tired.

When the Apostles return from their travels, Jesus recognizes their exhaustion. He encourages them to "come away to a deserted place." He inhabits a human body, so he knows the weariness to which it is subject. He knows what it is to be tired, to be hungry. He knows that it's hard to do the work when your body is failing you.

It's important for us to recognize those times when Jesus is calling us to a deserted place — and it's important for us to follow him there, even if we are pursued by feelings of doubt and guilt, just as the Apostles were followed by crowds hungry for their ministry.

Solitude is not selfishness. Contemplation is not idleness. To withdraw does not mean to run away.

The work we do — whatever it is — deserves our whole strength. If we have lost that, there is only one place we are sure to find it again.

"He said to them, 'Come away by yourselves to a deserted place and rest a while.'" — Mark 6:31
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TODAY'S READINGS

**Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 21, 2024**

Reading I: Jeremiah 23:1-6

- We hear Jeremiah prophesy that the Lord will bring justice and security to Judah and Israel from the unjust shepherds (false rulers) who led them astray. How do you help family or friends who need to make better choices?

Reading II: Ephesians 2:13-18

- St. Paul taught the Ephesians that in his death and resurrection, Jesus established peace and reconciliation between all believers, Jews, and Gentiles alike. How do you know you are at peace with a friend or loved one?

Gospel: Mark 6:30-34

- Although Jesus wanted the Twelve to rest after their successful mission of preaching and healing, the crowds of people made it challenging to do so. Who could you encourage this week to rest well from their hard work?

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CURRENT EVENTS

Monday, July 22, 2024

Women's Ultreya 7pm - Parish Hall

Tuesday, July 23, 2024

Mass at 5:30pm

Wednesday, July 24, 2024

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

Thursday, July 25, 2024

Mass at 5:30pm

Friday, July 26, 2024

Mass at 6:30am

Saturday, July 27, 2024

Mass at 4pm

Sunday, July 28, 2024

Masses at: 7am, 9am & 11am

2nd Collection - New Iberia Poor & Needy

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!

Fete-Dieu du Mississippi 2024(Blessing Louisiana and the Mighty River) will be held August 14th & 15th. For more information, see flyers around church.

MASS SERVERS July 23-28, 2024					
DAY DATE	TIME	CELEBRANT	READERS	LAY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION	ALTAR SERVERS
Tuesday 7/23/24	5:30pm	Fr. Ed Degeyter	Kimberly Clay	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	Sacristan
Wednesday 7/24/24	9:00am	Fr. Ed Degeyter	Ginger Comeaux	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	Sacristan
Thursday 7/25/24	5:30pm	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	Gaston Broussard	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	Sacristan
Friday 7/26/24	6:30am	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	Keith Comeaux	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	Sacristan
Saturday 7/27/24	4:00pm	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	Jenny Gonsoulin	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	Jessie Clay
Sunday 7/28/24	7:00am	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	Janice Dugas	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	Autum, Benjamin & Ephraim Trahan
	9:00am	Fr. Ed Degeyter	Michelle Moss	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	Sophia Comeaux Allie Comeaux
	11:00am	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	Pete Aucoin	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	Morgan Salsman Amari Romero

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