

# *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*

## **RECEPTIONIST:**

*Sheryl S. Bourque*

## **DIRECTOR OF FAITH**

## **FORMATION:**

*Janet Viator — 337-365-3759*

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## **COORDINATOR:**

*Amber Salsman*

## **PASTORAL COUNCIL**

**PRESIDENT:** *Barbara Breaux*

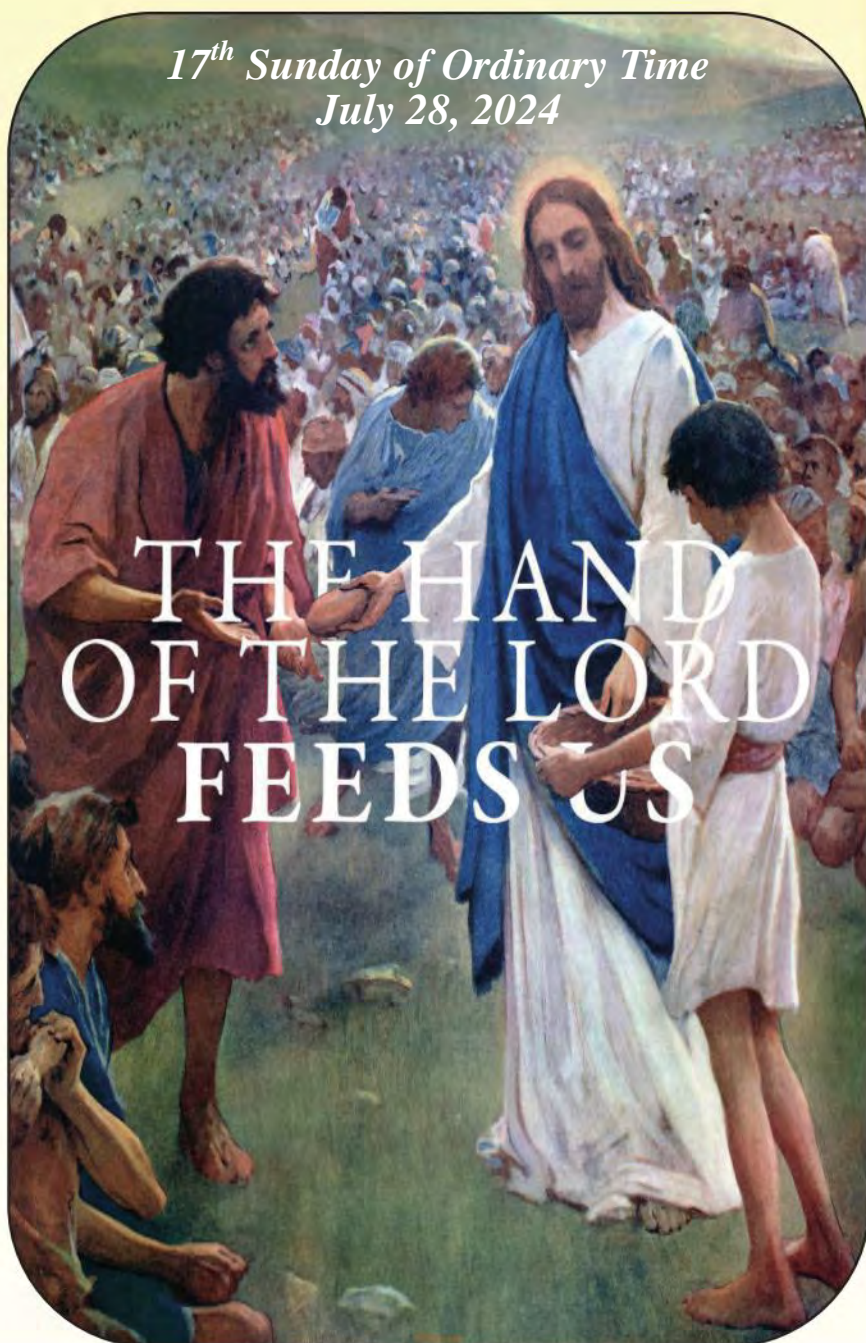
## **RECONCILIATION:**

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



## Mass Intentions for the Week

**Tuesday, July 30, 2024**

**5:30pm** Holy Souls in Purgatory  
Darla David (liv)(bd)

**Wednesday, July 31, 2024**

**9:00am** Jeff Belaire, Joyce Barras  
Carrol Romero, Sr. (bd)

**Thursday, August 1, 2024**

**5:30pm** Lupe Camacho

**Friday, August 2, 2024**

**6:30am** Peewee & Elaine Broussard, Don Taylor  
Gloria & E.J. Segura, Mike Belaire Fly  
Janell Broussard, Lee Broussard  
Carlyle Herbert Fly

**Saturday, August 3, 2024**

**9:00am** M/M. Raymond Landry  
Brother & Claire LaBauve  
Quang V. Nguyen

**4:00pm** Fr. Tom Finley, Jacqueline B. Ramirez  
Dressel & Ransonet Fly, Rachel R. Romero  
DeHart & Estilette Fly, Harold Smith  
Lynward Ransonet, Sterling Guyote  
Phero Tien Van Nguyen

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

### OUR GIFTS TO GOD July 14<sup>th</sup>

Loose .....	\$ 1,934.00
Envelopes .....	\$ 3,855.00
Total (collected) .....	\$ 5,789.00
Online Giving offertory .....	\$ 723.00
Mailed in offertory .....	\$ 405.00
Total offertory (week) .....	\$ 6,917.00

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

**Sunday, August 4, 2024**

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

**9:00am** Msgr. H. J. Barsen, Agapito A. Castro  
Gerald "Bick" Girouard, Quang V. Nguyen  
Ernest & Theonie Breaux  
M/M Pierre Saltzman, Dorothy Monceaux

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

### SANCTUARY LIGHT:

*Provided by  
Our Lady's Altar Society*



*"What appears to be the end  
may really be a new beginning."*

### GOSPEL MEDITATION

17<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

The world is filled with people whose basic needs aren't met, whether for clean water, nutrition, safety education, meaningful work, stable family life, basic medical resources, religious freedom, and the right to life. So how can we possibly believe what Psalm 145 says to us this week, "The hand of the Lord feeds us, he answers all our needs"? Does he? What about the countless poor? Can't we identify at least a few unmet needs in our own lives right now? Is the Bible promoting wishful thinking and laziness in helping others?

No. The psalm flows from Israel's experience of God's relentless fidelity again and again —especially in the Passover from Egypt. This divine providence is recalled when Jesus feeds the needy multitudes in the Gospel of John. Passover arrives once again, and the people are hungry like the ancient Israelites on the wilderness journey. What is new is that in Jesus God not only provides for their needs, but He learns what it's like to have those human needs. He shares them too. He feeds them bread and fish; and even more, He hungers to provide them, and us, much more than just that kind of perishable food.

Our deepest need is for God. Like the multiplied bread, all earthly provisions ultimately fail, for we all finally die. Of course, our obligation to meet the needs of the poor is basic. But Christ promises to feed us with the one bread that never fails: God Himself. He is humanity's eternal food. If we eat this bread, we taste the faithfulness of God who answers all our needs, even when every earthly thing fails.

— Father John Muir

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**REFLECTIONS - Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time** - Do you trust in God's Providence? What does it mean to trust in God? Consider how Jesus fed the multitude with a few loaves of bread and some fish. When everyone had eaten their fill, there were still leftovers. What may be easy to overlook, is that Jesus did not begin with nothing. A boy provided some bread and fish. There are things beyond our control, but we have been given some resources. God expects us to use what we have and share it with others and then trust that he will provide what is needed.

*"Live a life worthy of the calling you have received, with perfect humility, meekness, and patience,  
bearing with one another lovingly." - Ephesians 4:1 - 2*

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## August 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
4 Pray for Fr. Pius T. Ajiki  Memorial Book <i>Nativity Building Fund</i>	5 Pray for Fr. George Bede Ajuruchi	6 Pray for Fr. Alexander Albert	7 Pray for Fr. Thainese Alphonse  Pro-Life Rosary Holy Hour 9:30am	8 Pray for Fr. Anthony Anala  Baptismal Class	9 Pray for Fr. Rick Andrus	10 Pray for Fr. Henry Paul Antony  Baptisms
11 Pray for Fr. Chester Arceneaux  <i>Bishop's Services Appeal</i>	12 Pray for Fr. Michael Arnaud	13 Pray for Fr. Justin Arockiasamy  Patriotic Rosary 6pm Finance Committee - 6pm	14 Pray for Fr. Matthew Barzare  Pro-Life Rosary K.C. & Ladies Aux. Meeting Reception for Fr. Ed's Birthday after 9am Mass <b>Anticipated Mass 5:30pm</b>	15 <i>Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>  Pray for Fr. Reed Bellingham  Masses: 6:30am & 5:30pm <b>Nativity Office Closed</b>	16 Pray for Fr. Herbert Bennerfield	17 Pray for Fr. C. Paul Bergeron
18 Pray for Fr. Donald Bernard  Fr. Ed's Birthday	19 Pray for Fr. Conley Bertrand	20 Pray for Fr. Paul Bienvenu	21 Pray for Fr. William Blanda  Pro-Life Rosary	22 Pray for Fr. Howard Blessing  Pastoral Council 6pm - Office	23 Pray for Fr. Kevin Bordelon	24 Pray for Fr. Albert Borel
25 Pray for Fr. Marshall Boulet  <i>New Iberia Poor &amp; Needy</i>	26 Pray for Fr. John Joseph Bourque  Women's Ultreya 7pm - Parish Hall	27 Pray for Fr. Millard Boyer	28 Pray for Fr. James Brady  Pro-Life Rosary	29 Pray for Fr. Joseph Brasseaux  OCIA - Barsen Hall 6pm	30 Pray for Fr. John "Buddy" Breaux	31 Pray for Fr. Louis Allen Breaux

## 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: , Laura George, Elmae Picard, Pat Villermin, Billy Simon, Lynette Landry, Tommy RoTracy Renard, Stacey Pellerin, Brenda Hebert, Daniel Bienvenunsonet, Michelle Frith, Lawrence Romero, Jimmy Simoneaux, Laura LaBiche, Curtis Hulin, Morgan McMusson, 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 Arcement 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, Monica Harrington

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 28<sup>th</sup> - Aug. 3<sup>rd</sup>)  
Ellen Claudy (August 4<sup>th</sup> - August 10<sup>th</sup>)*

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

### **Take More**

It doesn't matter what time of day we visit my mother-in-law — she always has food to offer. If we take two helpings, she will encourage us to take three. If we take three helpings, she will say, "Coraggio — take more." (She's Italian, in case you couldn't tell from the food-pushing and the language.)

When Jesus feeds the five thousand with the miracle of the loaves and fish, he does not produce just enough food to feed everyone who is there. He certainly could — that would be within his power. And he shows concern about waste, so it would make sense for him to do that. But instead, he deliberately overproduces. He creates more food than is necessary. He makes an abundance of it. Why?

I think it's for the same reason my mother-in-law keeps urging us to eat when we come to her house. Feeding people is not just a functional action. It's a gesture. It shows love. It shows concern. It shows welcome. Having an abundance of food — so much that there is some left over — is a sign that you don't care how much someone wants — you are ready to give whatever they are ready to take. You are ready to give recklessly. You are ready to give them not just all they need but also all they could want.

I think of this when I approach the sacrament of Confession. Time and time again I walk up to the door of that little room, a list of oft-repeated sins in my hand and a sense of shame on my heart.

*Here I am again, Jesus. Back for more mercy. Hope you haven't run out.*

He hasn't yet. He never will. "Coraggio," he whispers deep in my heart, "take more."

*"When the people saw the sign he had done, they said, 'This is truly the Prophet, the one who is to come into the world.'"* — John 6:14 ©LPi

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

## TODAY'S READINGS

**Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**July 28, 2024**

**Reading I: Kings 4:42-44**

- Trusting in the Lord, Elisha was able to feed a hundred people with just twenty barley loaves and fresh grain. Can you think of a time when you had to trust in the Lord?

**Reading II: Ephesians 4:1-6**

- 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: John 6:1-15**

- After Jesus fed the crowds with the multiplication of loaves and fish, he withdrew to the mountain alone. When do you find the need to be alone? @LPi

Nativity of Our Lady is hosting a ***BIRTHDAY RECEPTION FOR FR. ED*** following the 9am Mass on **Wednesday, August 14<sup>th</sup>**. Please bring your favorite finger foods. Please call Margo LeBlanc if you have any questions, 380-3319.

## CURRENT EVENTS

**Tuesday, July 30, 2024**

Mass at 5:30pm

**Wednesday, July 31, 2024**

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

**Thursday, August 1, 2024**

Mass at 5:30pm

**Friday, August 2, 2024 - First Friday**

OLAS, K.C. Ladies Auxiliary & K.C. Members to attend 6:30am Mass

**Saturday, August 3, 2024 - First Saturday**

OLAS, K.C. Ladies auxiliary & K.C. Members to attend 9am Mass

Mass at 4pm

**Sunday, August 4, 2024**

Masses at: 7am, 9am & 11am

2<sup>nd</sup> Collection - Nativity Building Fund

**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 30 - August 4, 2024					
DAY DATE	TIME	CELEBRANT	READERS	LAY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION	ALTAR SERVERS
Tuesday 7/30/24	5:30pm	Fr. Ed Degeyter	Kimberly Clay	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	Sacristan
Wednesday 7/31/24	9:00am	Fr. Ed Degeyter	Ginger Comeaux	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	Sacristan
Thursday 8/01/24	5:30pm	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	<i>See Reader Schedule</i>	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	Sacristan
Friday 8/02/24	6:30am	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	<i>See Reader Schedule</i>	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	Sacristan
Saturday 8/03/24	9:00am	Fr. Ed Degeyter	<i>See Reader Schedule</i>	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	<i>See Altar Server Schedule</i>
	4:00pm	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	<i>See Reader Schedule</i>	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	<i>See Altar Server Schedule</i>
Sunday 8/04/24	7:00am	Fr. Ed Degeyter	<i>See Reader Schedule</i>	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	<i>See Altar Server Schedule</i>
	9:00am	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	<i>See Reader Schedule</i>	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	<i>See Altar Server Schedule</i>
	11:00am	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	<i>See Reader Schedule</i>	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	<i>See Altar Server Schedule</i>

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