

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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Polly Camacho

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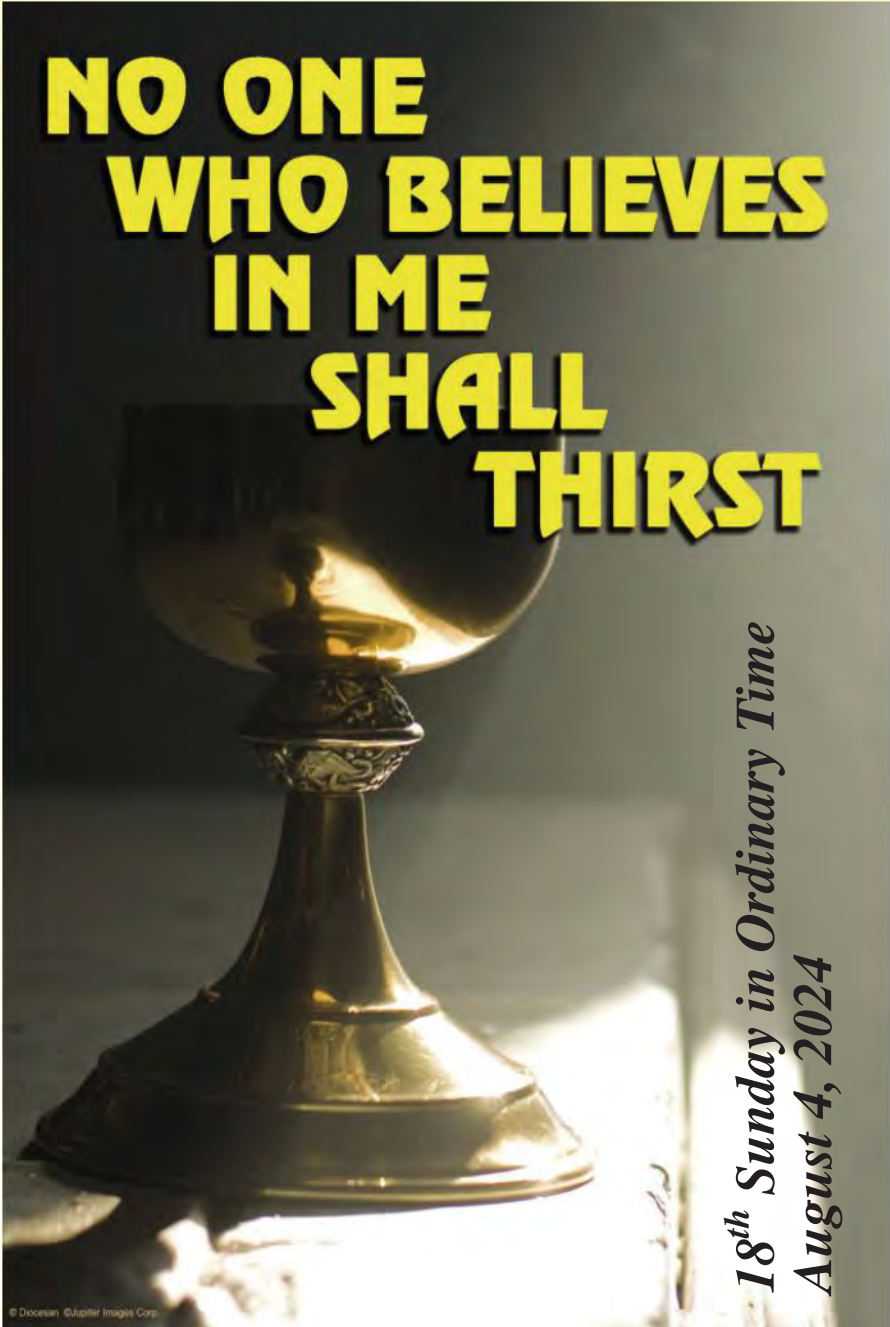
RECONCILIATION:

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



**NO ONE
WHO BELIEVES
IN ME
SHALL
THIRST**

*18th Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 4, 2024*

Mass Intentions for the Week

Tuesday, August 6, 2024

5:30pm Lupe Camacho

Wednesday, August 7, 2024

9:00am Jeff Belaire, Joseph Viator
Carrol Romero, Sr., Patti Gagnard
Olga & Ernest Lancon, Sr.
Cynthia Elmer (liv)(bd), Jerry Dooley

Thursday, August 8, 2024

5:30pm Lupe Camacho

Friday, August 9, 2024

6:30am Lloyd Nicholson, Jr., Dominic C.

Saturday, August 10, 2024

4:00pm Fr. Tom Finley, Lynward Ransonet
Rachel R. Romero (1yr ann. of death)
Walker & Romero Fly, James Abadie
Roy Flores, Gil Simon (10yr ann. of death)
Louis (bd) & Hazel Broussard

Sunday, August 11, 2024

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

9:00am Msgr. H. J. Barsen, Agapito A. Castro
Gerald "Bick" Girouard, Donna M. Snoddy
L.J. & Edna Begnaud, Loretta Trahan
L.E. & Barbara Dugas, Quang V. Nguyen
Clark Romero, Phero Tien Van Nguyen
Mark Landry (liv) (bd)

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

LIVE THE LITURGY INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Jesus reminds his followers: "Do not work for food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life." We are so often distracted by the world before us, by the here and now. Let us not forget what is eternal. We were made for what is eternal.
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Nativity of Our Lady is hosting a **BIRTHDAY RECEPTION FOR FR. ED** following the 9am Mass on **Wednesday, August 14th**. Please bring your favorite finger foods. Please call Margo LeBlanc if you have any questions, 380-3319.



SANCTUARY LIGHT:

In Memory of
Jeff, Mike Sr. & Mike Jr. Belaire



"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 - Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - The reading from Exodus recounts how unhappy the Israelites were about their situation. Even though they had escaped the slavery in Egypt, the hardships of their journey discouraged them. They focused on what they had lost and blamed Moses for their problems. It is a human tendency to focus on our problems and seek to blame someone. Every day we have to make choices. Most of them are small things: When to get up, what to eat, what to wear, how to do our job, etc. They are our choices and they have consequences that may seem good or bad at the time. The "secret" is to learn to focus on our blessings, seek the Spirit's guidance in making choices (even small ones) and look for the lessons that the consequences are teaching us. Wishing for the past and seeking to blame others gets us no where.

"You must lay aside your former way of life . . . and acquire a fresh spiritual way of thinking." - Ephesians 4:22-23
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YEAR OF PRAYER

Pope Francis has inaugurated a Year of Prayer ahead of the 2025 Jubilee, calling on the faithful “to intensify prayer to prepare us to live well this event of grace and to experience the power of God’s hope.” The Holy Father explained that the Year of Prayer is dedicated “to rediscovering the great value and absolute need for prayer, prayer in personal life, in the life of the Church, prayer in the world.” At the request of the Holy Father’s Year of Prayer we are going to put in the Nativity of Our Lady’s Sunday Bulletin sections of the Stations of the Cross written by Pope Francis. We begin with his Introduction to his Stations of the Cross today and will follow each Sunday with his reflection of one station per week. Next Sunday we begin with Station 1 and continue until we end on November 17th with the Concluding Invocations to the Holy Name of Jesus. Parishioners are encouraged to take a bulletin home every Sunday and pray the Stations of the Cross written by Pope Francis.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS 2024

Written by Pope Francis

In Prayer with Jesus on the Way of the Cross

Lord Jesus, as we contemplate your cross, we realize that you sacrificed yourself completely for our sake. We now take this time to be with you. We want to spend it in closeness to you. On the way from Gethsemane to Calvary, you never stopped praying. In this Year of Prayer, we accompany you on your own journey of prayer.

From the Gospel according to Mark

They went to a place called Gethsemane... Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and began to be distressed and agitated. He said to them, “Remain here and keep awake.” Going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed... “Abba, Father, for you all things are possible; remove this cup from me; yet not what I want but what you want.” He came and found them sleeping; and he said to Peter, “Could you not keep awake one hour?” (14:32-37).

Lord, you prepared for every day of your life with prayer, and now, in Gethsemane, you prepare for your Passover. Abba, Father, for you all things are possible, you say, for prayer is before all else dialogue and intimacy, yet at the same time struggle and supplication: Remove this cup from me! Prayer too is entrustment and offering: Yet not what I want, but what you want. In your prayer, you passed through the narrow door of our human suffering and experienced it fully. You were “distressed and agitated” (Mk 14:33), fearful in the face of death, crushed beneath the burden of our sin, and oppressed by untold grief. Yet in the midst of this struggle, you prayed “more earnestly” (Lk 22:44), and in this way turned your bitter anguish into a sacrifice of love.

Of us, you asked only one thing: to remain with you and to keep awake. You did not ask something impossible, but simply closeness. How many times, though, have I strayed far from you! How many times, like the disciples, rather than keeping awake, have I instead fallen asleep! How many times have I failed to find the time or the desire to pray, whether from weariness, distraction or dullness of mind and heart! Lord Jesus, say once more to me and to us, your Church: “Get up and pray” (Lk 22:46). Rouse us, Lord! Awaken our hearts from their lethargy, for today too – today above all – you count on our prayer.

GOSPEL MEDITATION

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Since my college days I’ve loved a song called “Dance with You” by the rock band Live. It touches on the deep mystical hunger of our heart: “I’ve tasted all the wines/ a half a billion times/ came sickened to your shore/ you showed me what this life is for.” These lines resonate with anyone who has feasted on the good things of this world only to be left spiritually hungover and unsatisfied.

We see a similar dynamic evoked by Jesus’ words after he feeds the crowd with bread and fish. To teach them to hunger for God, he recalls God’s gift of manna-bread for the hungry ancient Israelites. Those folks had grown spiritually sick from the idolatrous food of Egypt yet still longed for more worthless pagan food. So, God sent heavenly bread to nourish their bodies, but also to heal their distrustful hearts. His people — like us — must learn to hunger and thirst for God alone. Before we can receive that which will not disappoint, we first must cease expecting that earthly goods will satisfy us.

We will get to the Lord’s teaching on the Eucharist in the next two weeks. But first, he asks us: do you trust me to take care of you? Do you trust me to give you what you need for each day, and to not worry about the next day? Do you see that when you hungrily stuff yourself with the things of this world you become sick and lose your taste for the bread of life? So, our hungry hearts cry out: Lord, help us to trust that you’ll provide for our every need. Help us to use only what we truly need. Help us hunger for the goodness of your Son, who is the true bread from heaven. That is what this life is for.

— *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: Tommy Ronsonet, Laura George, Elmae Picard, Pat Villermin, Billy Simon, Lynette Landry, Tracy Renard, Brenda Hebert, Daniel Bienvenu, 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 Arceмент 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:

*Ellen Claudy (August 4th - 10th)
Linda L. Viator (August 11th - 17th)*

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
Food That Perishes

It's so easy to do the right thing because we want to tick all the right boxes. We want to live by the law. We want to accomplish the work of God. Or, at least, we say that we do.

But Jesus tells us that in order to accomplish the work of God, we have to believe in the one he sent. And to believe in Christ is to be filled with the spirit of truth — to do what is right because it is right, not because we want to be filled with good feelings.

What is the difference between doing what is right because you want to be a good Christian, and doing what is right because you believe in Christ?

It's the difference between eating manna and the Eucharist. One fills your stomach and keeps you alive, and nothing more. The other satisfies a hunger you might not have even known you had, or if you did know, you called it by another name — sadness, unfulfillment, fear. One achieves a corporeal goal, and that's the end of it. The other accomplishes something invisibly, secretly, silently, and though there is physical evidence of its work all around us, you have to be shrewd to recognize it.

It's the difference between making a social media post condemning sin and enveloping a sinner (the one at our dinner table, the one on the street, the one staring back at us in the mirror) with love and concern. It's the difference between simply going to Mass and living the Gospel. It's the difference between speaking to God and saying a prayer. It's the difference between telling someone they're wrong and telling them about the truth.

There's nothing wrong doing what is right because we long for heaven, and there's nothing wrong with eating manna if you're starving. But that alone isn't enough. We must also long for the bread of heaven, the bread that gives life to the world.

Jesus said to them, 'I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst.' — John 6:35

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

TODAY'S READINGS

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 4, 2024

Reading I: Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15

God heard the plea of the Israelites who feared they would die of starvation in the desert and in response, God sent them quail and bread to eat. What will you pray for this week?

Reading II: Ephesians 4:17, 20-24

St. Paul taught the Gentiles of the Ephesian church to give up their former way of life and live with renewed minds in the truth of Jesus. What have you gained by being a believer in Jesus?

Gospel: John 6:24-35

Jesus teaches the crowds in Capernaum that he is "the bread of life" who feeds all who believe in him. Is there someone you know hungry for Jesus?
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MEMORIAL BOOK

The First Sunday of every month the "Memorial Book" is placed in the sanctuary as a reminder that this day we pray for all those who have been enrolled. You can enroll any deceased person by making a donation to Our Lady's Altar Society (minimum \$5.00). Call Virginia Molbert @ 364-0349.

CURRENT EVENTS

Tuesday, August 6, 2024

Mass at 5:30pm

Wednesday, August 7, 2024

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

Eucharistic Adoration Holy Hour - 9:30am

Thursday, August 8, 2024

Mass at 5:30pm

Baptismal Class - 6:30pm - Office

Friday, August 9, 2024

Mass at 6:30am

Saturday, August 10, 2024

Baptisms

Mass at 4pm

Sunday, August 11, 2024

Masses at: 7am, 9am & 11am

2nd Collection - Bishop's Services Appeal

Prayer of Hunger

Dear Jesus,

You are the one who fed the hungry.

But your work doesn't only exist on the pages of an old book. You're working now.

Work in us, to bring food to those in need.

Work in us, to satisfy the places we most need you.

Amen.



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Contact Janet at Barsen Hall for details, 337-365-3759.



MASS SERVERS August 6 - 11, 2024					
DAY DATE	TIME	CELEBRANT	READERS	LAY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION	ALTAR SERVERS
Tuesday 8/6/24	5:30pm	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	<i>See Reader Schedule</i>	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	Sacristan
Wednesday 8/7/24	9:00am	Fr. Ed Degeyter	<i>See Reader Schedule</i>	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	Sacristan
Thursday 8/8/24	5:30pm	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	<i>See Reader Schedule</i>	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	Sacristan
Friday 8/9/24	6:30am	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	<i>See Reader Schedule</i>	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	Sacristan
Saturday 8/10/24	4:00pm	Fr. Ed Degeyter	<i>See Reader Schedule</i>	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	<i>See Altar Server Schedule</i>
Sunday 8/11/24	7:00am	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	<i>See Reader Schedule</i>	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	<i>See Altar Server Schedule</i>
	9:00am	Fr. Ed Degeyter	<i>See Reader Schedule</i>	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	<i>See Altar Server Schedule</i>
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