

# 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*

## YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT

## COORDINATOR:

*Amber Salsman*

## PASTORAL COUNCIL

**PRESIDENT:** *Barbara Breaux*

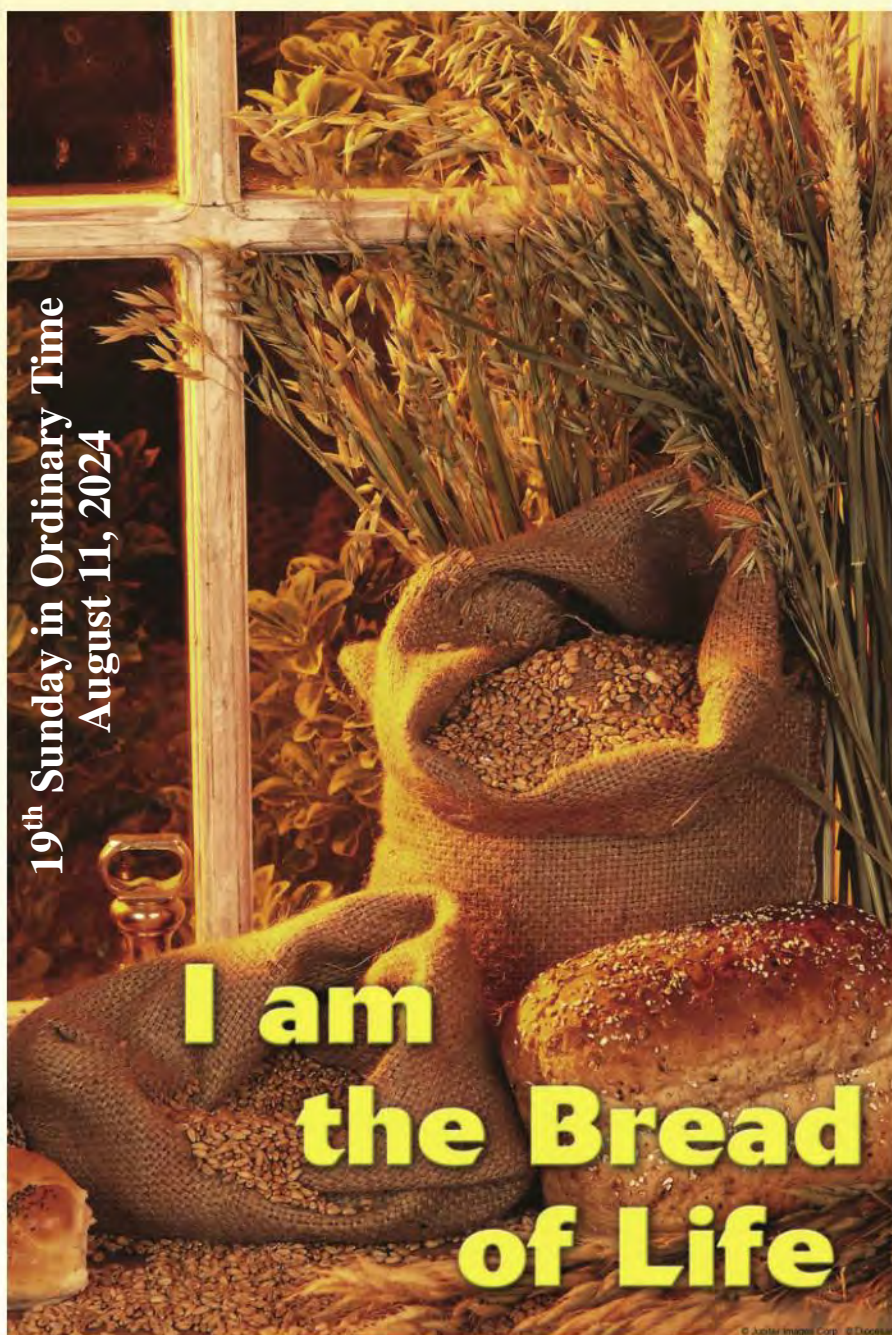
## RECONCILIATION:

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



## Mass Intentions for the Week

**Tuesday, August 13, 2024**

**5:30pm** Peggy L. Meyers (liv)(bd)

**Wednesday, August 14, 2024 - Vigil for Feast**

**9:00am** Jeff Belaire, Lou Ella Landry  
Carrol Romero, Sr., Bill Kester  
Donald & Margoire Poche Fly  
Jerry Dooley, Joseph & Carmen Daigre

**5:30pm** Patrick J. Richard, Carlyle Hebert, Jr. (bd)  
Rachel R. Romero

**Thursday, August 15, 2024 - Feast of the Assumption**

**6:30am** Lupe Camacho, Pat Rupinen

**5:30pm** Bobby Norris, Patricia Picard  
Bill Broussard, Margaret S. Broussard

**Friday, August 16, 2024**

**6:30am** Lloyd Nicholson, Jr.  
Carson Viator (liv)(bd)

**Saturday, August 17, 2024**

**4:00pm** Fr. Tom Finley, Lynward Ransonet  
Rachel R. Romero, Leo Fremin  
Juliette C. Dubois, Jerry Dooley  
Leona & Jules Broussard  
Peggy Lancon, Wilton "Pap" Romero

**Sunday, August 18, 2024**

**7:00am** Parishioners, Shirley Broussard  
Carroll Aucoin, Barbara Krai  
Lupe Camacho, Fr. Ed Degeyter (liv)(bd)

**9:00am** Msgr. H. J. Barsen, Agapito A. Castro  
Gerald "Bick" Girouard, Ernest Breaux, Sr.  
Laura & Olan Broussard, Quang V. Nguyen

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

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

### OUR GIFTS TO GOD July 21<sup>st</sup>

|                               |             |
|-------------------------------|-------------|
| Loose .....                   | \$ 1,528.55 |
| Envelopes .....               | \$ 2,249.00 |
| Total (collected).....        | \$ 3,777.55 |
| Online Giving offertory.....  | \$ 773.00   |
| Mailed in offertory.....      | \$ 540.00   |
| Total offertory (week).....   | \$ 5,090.55 |
| Bishop's Services Appeal..... | \$ 689.97   |

### OUR GIFTS TO GOD July 28<sup>th</sup>

|                               |             |
|-------------------------------|-------------|
| Loose .....                   | \$ 1,565.00 |
| Envelopes .....               | \$ 2,034.00 |
| Total (collected).....        | \$ 3,599.00 |
| Online Giving offertory.....  | \$ 548.00   |
| Mailed in offertory.....      | \$ 715.00   |
| Total offertory (week).....   | \$ 4,862.00 |
| New Iberia Poor & Needy ..... | \$ 1,312.00 |

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

Nativity of Our Lady is hosting a **BIRTH-DAY 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.



## "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 - Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time** - Even great prophets like Elijah had times of discouragement when they no longer wanted to keep going. Today's reading from First Kings recounts how the Lord provided food and water for Elijah to strengthen him for his journey. The Lord also provides the nourishment we will need for our journey in the Eucharist. Consider how you value the opportunity to partake of the Eucharist. Do you regard it as an important part of your life and faith?

*"Taste and see how good the Lord is;  
happy the one who takes refuge in him." - Psalm 34:9  
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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. 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

##### First Station: Jesus is condemned to death

Then the high priest stood up before them and asked Jesus, “Have you no answer? What is it that they testify against you?” But he was silent and did not answer... Pilate again asked him, “Have you no answer? See how many charges they bring against you.” But Jesus made no further reply, so that Pilate was amazed (Mk 14:60-61; 15:4-5).

Jesus, you are life itself, and now you are sentenced to death. You are truth itself, and now you are falsely put on trial. Why don’t you protest? Why don’t you speak up and defend yourself? Why don’t you confound the learned and powerful, as you did so often and so well? Your reaction troubles us, Jesus: at the decisive moment, you choose not to speak; you remain silent. Because the more potent evil is, the more radical is your response. And that response is silence. Yet that silence is itself pregnant: it is prayer, meekness, forgiveness; it is a means of redeeming evil, a means of converting your passion into a sacrificial gift. Jesus, I realize how little I know you, for I find it hard to understand your silence. Amid the frantic pace of my life, my absorption with the things of this world, my struggle to keep up with others or my need to be at the center of attention, I fail to find time to stop and be with you. To allow you, Word of the Father, ever silently at work, to act in my life. Jesus, I find your silence troubling. It makes me realize that prayer is not about lips that move, but a heart that listens, for to pray is to become open to your word, and to adore your presence.

##### Let us pray together and say:

Speak to my heart, Jesus  
You, who respond to evil with good  
Speak to my heart, Jesus  
You, who calm rage with meekness  
Speak to my heart, Jesus  
You, who detest gossip and complaints  
Speak to my heart, Jesus  
You, who peer into the depths of my heart  
Speak to my heart, Jesus  
You, who love me more than I do myself  
Speak to my heart, Jesus



## GOSPEL MEDITATION

### 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

This week we hear Jesus say, “*He that believes in me, has eternal life*” (John 6:47). These straightforward words, uttered by human lips, sound — how to put this? — insane. Who could possibly say such a thing? Jesus says things that are so high, so demanding, so beyond our capacity to fathom, we hardly know what to do with them and (if you’re like me), they usually go in one ear and out the other. So, let us ask: how can believing in him lead to eternal life?

To believe in something means not just to acknowledge its existence, but also to orient yourself entirely to it. If a football player believes in his team, it means he puts his life totally at the service of that goal. If a student believes in her dream to become a doctor, she gives everything she has to her studies and preparation for her MCAT test. Belief means to move boldly toward something we love, and trust is possible to attain.

What is the highest possible good at which we can aim? It is God himself, the gift of eternal life without end. Jesus has made this “good” possible in and through his human nature. To believe in him means to have him as our ultimate goal. This week let’s believe the truth of these words and make practical decisions to orient ourselves toward what we see available in him: eternal life.

— 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, 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 Arce-ment Darby, Caroline Dubois, Patrick Robicheaux, Walker Robicheaux, Catherine Bourdier, Jeanne Dupre, Peggy Fitch, Hardy Jenkins, Corliss Ramirez, Jean-Paul Marceaux, 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 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, Janis & Nathan Dugas

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:*

*Linda L. Viator (August 11<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup>)*

*Roland & Faye Boudreaux (Aug. 18<sup>th</sup> - 24<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.

## SANCTUARY LIGHT:

In Memory of  
*Gil Simon*



## MAN-TO-MAN CATHOLIC CONFERENCE

Saturday, August 24, 2024, the Man-To-Man Catholic Men's Conference will be at Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church in Lafayette, LA. The day will begin with an Invocation by Msgr. Jefferson DeBlanc. The Keynote Speakers will be Fr. Dan Reehil (exorcist of the diocese of Nashville), Curtis Martin (founder of Fellowship of Catholic University Students—FOCUS), and Ryan Verret (co-founder of Witness to Love & recently appointed Consultant to the Vatican Dicastery for the Laity, Family, and Life). Very Rev. Brent Smith, VF, will serve as our Master of Ceremonies. Bishop Douglas Deshotel will celebrate Mass and lunch will be served afterward in the Fatima school cafeteria. Visit [www.catholicmenlft.com](http://www.catholicmenlft.com) to register and learn more about this biennial event. **Register early** because we are expecting a sellout—you do not want to miss this one!

The Annual Mass for **CHARLENE MARIE RICHARD** (Servant of God) will be held on **Monday, August 12, 2024** at 6 p.m. at St. Edward's Church in Richard. Rev. Korey LaVergne will be the main celebrant. This year's celebration begins at 5:30pm with the praying of the Rosary. There will be a reception in the hall immediately following the mass. St. Edward's Church is located at 1463 Charlene Highway, Richard, LA. 70525.

## Prayer of Memory

Dear Lord,  
Don't let me forget the ways You've fought for me throughout history. You have been in my life in endless ways and words. May these memories comfort and encourage me now and always. Amen.

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## LIVE THE LITURGY INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Jesus tells us that he is the living bread that came down from heaven. His actions, his example, his teachings — they are not just words on a page, stories from a moth-eaten history book. They are life. They are food for our journey, and they are forever.

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## TODAY'S READINGS

**Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**August 11, 2024**

**Reading I: 1 Kings 19:4-8**

The prophet Elijah was exhausted and prayed for death under a broom tree. How do you help a friend or family member who has such despair?

**Reading II: Ephesians 4:30-5:2**

St. Paul's high standard for living in the community of believers was literally unheard of in the ancient world. How can any community of faith achieve such an ideal way of living?

**Gospel: John 6:41-51**

Despite opposition from those who knew Jesus and his family personally, Jesus offered eternal life to all who believe in him. How can someone remain open to new or challenging ideas?

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## CURRENT EVENTS

**Tuesday, August 13, 2024**

Mass at 5:30pm  
Patriotic Rosary - 6pm

**Wednesday, August 14, 2024**

Pro-Life Rosary - 8:20am - Mass - 9am  
Birthday Reception for Fr. Ed following  
9am mass - Parish Hall  
Anticipated Mass for Assumption - 5:30pm  
K.C. & Ladies Aux. Dinner & Meeting

**Thursday, August 15, 2024**

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
Masses at 6:30am & 5:30pm

**Nativity Church Office Closed**

**Friday, August 16, 2024**

Mass at 6:30am

**Saturday, August 17, 2024**

Mass at 4pm

**Sunday, August 18, 2024**

Masses at: 7am, 9am & 11am

**Fr. Ed's Birthday**

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| MASS SERVERS<br>August 13 - 18, 2024 |         |                        |                 |                                       |                                   |
|--------------------------------------|---------|------------------------|-----------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| DAY DATE                             | TIME    | CELEBRANT              | READERS         | LAY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION       | ALTAR SERVERS                     |
| Tuesday 8/13/24                      | 5:30pm  | Msgr. J. Robert Romero | Kimberly Clay   | <i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i> | Sacristan                         |
| Wednesday 8/14/24                    | 9:00am  | Fr. Ed Degeyter        | Ginger Comeaux  | <i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i> | Sacristan                         |
| Vigil for Assumption                 | 5:30pm  | Msgr. J. Robert Romero | Volunteer       | <i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i> | Sacristan                         |
| Thursday 8/15/24                     | 6:30am  | Fr. Ed Degeyter        | Volunteer       | <i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i> | Sacristan                         |
| Assumption of the Blessed Virgin     | 5:30pm  | Msgr. J. Robert Romero | Kimberly Clay   | <i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i> | Sacristan                         |
| Friday 8/16/24                       | 6:30am  | Msgr. J. Robert Romero | Chad Courtois   | <i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i> | Sacristan                         |
| Saturday 8/17/24                     | 4:00pm  | Msgr. J. Robert Romero | Jenny Gonsoulin | <i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i> | Sophia Comeaux<br>Allie Comeaux   |
| Sunday 8/18/24                       | 7:00am  | Fr. Ed Degeyter        | Paul Broussard  | <i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i> | Jesse Clay                        |
|                                      | 9:00am  | Msgr. J. Robert Romero | Michelle Moss   | <i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i> | Autumn, Benjamin & Ephraim Trahan |
|                                      | 11:00am | Msgr. J. Robert Romero | Karl Boudreaux  | <i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i> | Morgan Salsman<br>Charlie Salsman |

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