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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

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Fr. Ed Degeyter

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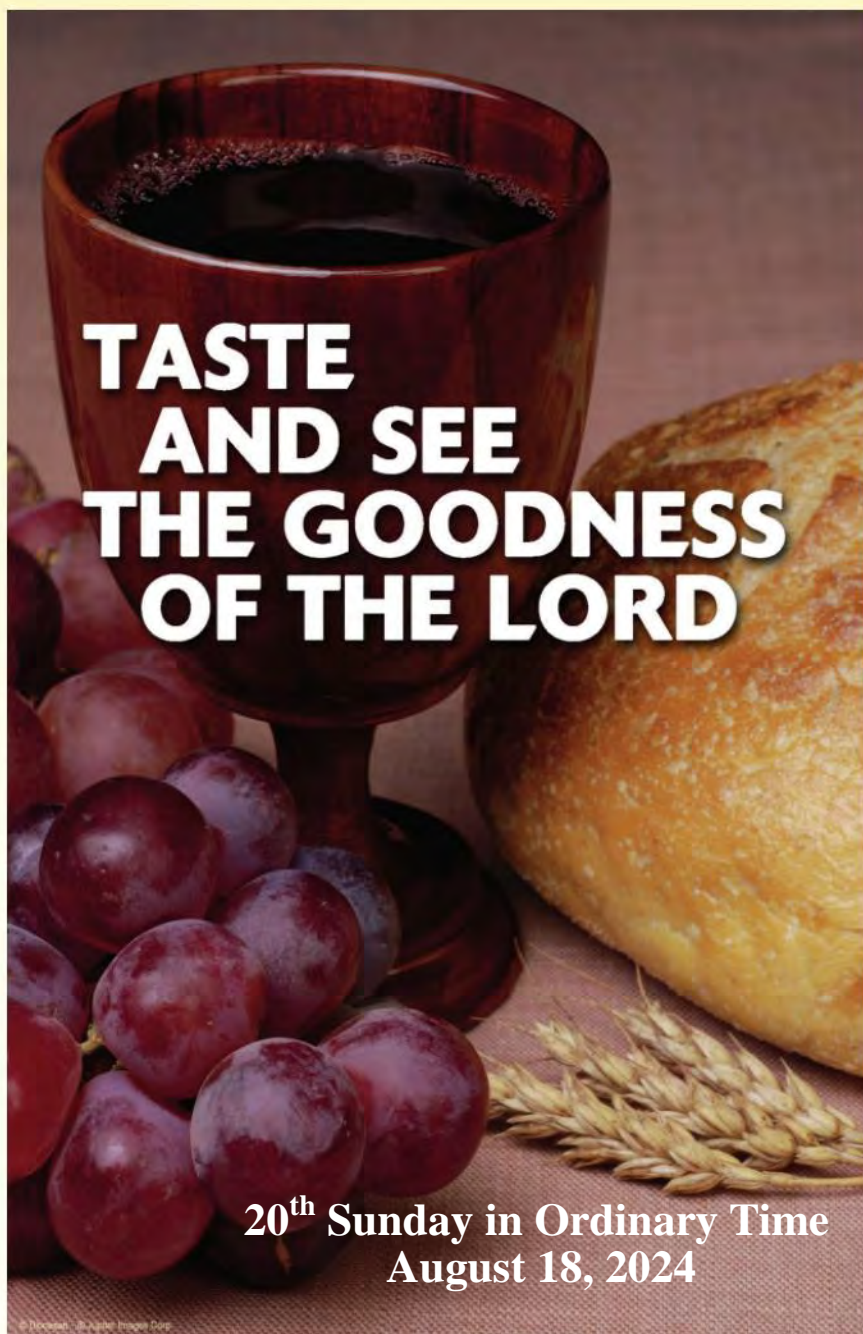
RECONCILIATION:

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, August 20, 2024

5:30pm Special Intention

Wednesday, August 21, 2024

9:00am Jeff Belaïre, Joseph Viator
Carrol Romero, Sr., Bill Kester
Patti Gagnard, Special Intention
Jerry Dooley, Joseph & Carmen Daigre
Eddie & Ruby Saltzman, Pierre Saltzman

Thursday, August 22, 2024

5:30pm Lupe Camacho

Friday, August 23, 2024

6:30am Lloyd Nicholson, Jr.

Saturday, August 24, 2024

4:00pm Fr. Eugene Tremie (1yr. ann. of death)
Fr. Tom Finley, Rachel R. Romero
Roy Flores, Lynward Ransonet
Mona Simon, James Saltzman

Sunday, August 25, 2024

7:00am Parishioners, Shirley Broussard
Carroll Aucoin, Lupe Camacho
Crystal West (liv)(bd)
Laura & Olan Broussard

9:00am Msgr. H. J. Barsen, Agapito A. Castro
Gerald "Bick" Girouard, Quang V. Nguyen
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 August 4th

Loose	\$ 1,505.00
Envelopes	\$ 3,669.67
Total (collected).....	\$ 5,174.67
Online Giving offertory.....	\$ 853.00
Mailed in offertory.....	\$ 229.00
Total offertory (week).....	\$ 6,256.67
Nativity Building Fund.	\$ 1,033.00

Thank you for your generosity!!!!

OLAS News Bulletin

Needed: All ladies 18 years and up.

Your Blessed Mother needs you to care for her Son's Altar. Fundraisers sponsored by OLAS pay for:

Hosts	Altar Linen
Altar Wine	Priest Vestments
Altar Candles	Cleaning Supplies
Flowers	Etc.

Join *Nativity of Our Lady's Altar Society!* Annual membership dues is \$10.00

Call Cindy Landry at 337-256-2208 or our church office 364-8360.



**Sunday, August 18,
2024**

Happy 80th Birthday
Fr. Ed Degeyter



**TIME
DOESN'T
HEAL
ALL
WOUNDS.**
God does.

Nativity of Our Lady Bishop's Services Appeal Update

As of 6/30/24 Year to Date: \$ 23,579.49
Goal : \$ 25,533.00 Percentage of Goal Met: 92.35%

**Don't Forget to mail your pledge donation
to the Bishop Service Appeal!**

**We pray that our parishioners continue
to fulfill their pledges.**

Thank you for supporting the Works of Christ!

Prayer For Our Country

Dear Lord,
Guide and direct those who serve this country in positions of leadership and power. Give them Your wisdom and clarity as they make decisions for our nation. Amen.

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REFLECTIONS Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Jeremiah never wanted to be a prophet because he knew it meant telling people what they did not want to hear. There are times when we are also called upon to say things that people do not want to hear. It can be very hard to speak the truth when it isn't popular. It is equally hard to hear the truth when we find it challenging or uncomfortable. Reflect on your own experiences. How do you respond to the opportunity to speak a truth that you knew would not be popular? How well did you accept a truth you did not want to hear? How can you become better at both?

"Happy are those who make the Lord their trust." - Psalm 40:4
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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

Second Station: Jesus carries His cross

He bore our sins in His body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed (1 Pet 2:24).

Jesus, we too have our crosses to bear. At times, they are heavy indeed: illness, an accident, the death of a dear one, disappointment in love, a child gone astray, a lost job, a hurt that will not heal, a failed project, the frustration of yet another hope... Jesus, how do I pray in those situations? What am I to do when I feel crushed by life, heavy of heart, under pressure and lacking the strength to go on? Your answer is an invitation: “*Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest*” (Mt 11:28). “Come to me”. Yet I take refuge in myself: I brood, I nurse my griefs, I wallow in negativity. Come to me. Saying this was not enough; you came to us and you took our cross upon your shoulders to lighten its weight. You want us to lay upon your shoulders all our problems and needs, because you want us to find freedom and love in you. Thank you, Jesus. I unite my cross to yours, I bring you my weariness and my cares, I cast upon you every burden of my heart.



Let us pray together and say: I come to you, Lord
With the story of my life,
I come to you, Lord
With all my cares,
I come to you, Lord
With all my frailty and shortcomings,
I come to you, Lord
With all my fears,
I come to you, Lord
With complete trust in your love for me,
I come to you, Lord
Amen



GOSPEL MEDITATION 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

A priest I know was asked by a door-to-door evangelist, “Do you believe in Jesus?” He answered, “Yes, I do. But if I may ask you,” he continued, “Where do you experience Jesus’ body and blood?” His interlocutor responded somewhat confusedly, “I don’t. I just believe in him. That’s all that is needed.” Later my priest friend would relate to me, “The more I thought about it, that response struck me as totally inadequate. As human beings, we need to encounter Jesus’ body and blood, not just hear about him and mentally believe. Otherwise, Jesus is just a ghost.”

This week we see this central point as we arrive at the climactic moment of Jesus’ teaching on the Eucharist. Jesus has established the importance of believing in him as the “bread of life come down from heaven.” Belief deeply matters because it leads to a real, bodily encounter with Jesus through eating and drinking. That’s why Jesus emphasizes to an almost outrageous degree the non-metaphorical necessity to “*eat my flesh and drink my blood*” (John 6:54). The real presence of Jesus’ body and blood — he himself, truly, really, substantially — has been the Church’s treasure since Holy Thursday. Internal belief in the heart and the ritual act of eating and drinking the Eucharist, the Church has stubbornly insisted on both, not just one or the other.

This is not meant to criticize non-Catholic Christians who deeply trust and love Jesus, nor is it a triumphal elitist claim about the Catholic Mass. Rather it is a humble, trusting acknowledgement that God in Jesus comes to us in a way most proper to human beings: in our hearts and our bodies, faith and the Eucharist. —
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:



Roland & Faye Boudreaux (Aug. 18th - 24th)

Dona Schexnayder (Aug. 25th - 31st)

Each week, a family or an individual from our parish receives the vocation cross. We appreciate the prayers, as we were informed the diocese now has 11 new seminarians, giving us a total of 34 seminarians. Thank you God for the answered prayers. 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 Honor of :
Fr. Ed Degeyter



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 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!

Knights of Columbus Council 12997 Fundraiser Roasted Chicken, Red Beans and Rice, & French Bread Dinner

Sunday, September 8, 2024

Pickup is under the Carport behind the Church Office (behind Church) from 10AM - 1PM

Tickets are \$10.00 each. Tickets will be sold after each weekend Mass and are available from any KC member, and in the church office.

Also, the Ladies K.C. Auxiliary members will be selling treats.

Prayer of Eucharist

Dear Lord,

May our congregation be more deeply assured of Your love each time we receive Communion.

May our "Eucharist" make our lives a song of worship and thanks, sung to You.

May this sacred food nourish us to be bold and brave disciples of You. Amen.

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LIVE THE LITURGY INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Jesus warns us that unless we eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, we do not have life within us. The Eucharist is the wellspring of our Christian life, in every place and in every moment. Let us always remember that where there is no Eucharist, there is no life.

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TODAY'S READINGS

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 18, 2024

Reading I: Proverbs 9:1-6

We hear from Proverbs how Wisdom herself invites us to a deeper understanding of life. Is there someone in your family or among your friends who you consider a “wise” person?

Reading II: Ephesians 5:15-20

St. Paul taught the Ephesians that a wise person strives to understand the will of the Lord and lives a life of prayer and gratitude. What are some ways we can grow in prayer and gratitude in our daily lives?

Gospel: John 6:51-58

Jesus promises eternal life those who believe in him if we eat his flesh and drink his blood (participate in the Eucharist). How can we show our gratitude to the Lord for such a gift?

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When you let go, something magical happens. You give God room to work.

CURRENT EVENTS

Tuesday, August 20, 2024

Mass at 5:30pm

Wednesday, August 21, 2024

Pro-Life Rosary - 8:20am

Mass at 9am

Thursday, August 22, 2024

Mass at 5:30pm

Pastoral Council Meeting - 6pm - Church Office

Friday, August 23, 2024

Mass at 6:30am

Saturday, August 24, 2024

Mass at 4pm

Adoration for Youth - 5:30pm - Parish Hall

Sunday, August 25, 2024

Masses at: 7am, 9am & 11am

2nd Collection - New Iberia Poor & Needy

A Prayer for Teachers

Dear God,

Grant our teachers an abundance of Your wisdom. Prepare their hearts to welcome and love our loved ones, and may we make sure to show them love and respect in return. Give them grace as they help students who aren't thriving, courage to say what needs to be said, tools and knowledge on how and when to speak love, and strength when they feel weak. When they feel unseen, remind them that no moment goes unnoticed. They are shaping the future in one million small - yet incredibly important - ways every day. We are overwhelmed with gratitude for the gift of learning they share with our children. Bless them, Lord, and may they see even just a glimpse of how their faithfulness will forever impact generations to come. *Amen.*

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Did you ever try to read the Bible & quit because there was too much unfamiliar ‘stuff’ going on. UNLOCKING THE MYSTERY OF THE BIBLE from Ascension Press will help you understand why & how the Bible was written & will enhance your understanding of the Catholic faith.



MASS SERVERS August 20 - 25, 2024					
DAY DATE	TIME	CELEBRANT	READERS	LAY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION	ALTAR SERVERS
Tuesday 8/20/24	5:30pm	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	Kimberly Clay	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	Sacristan
Wednesday 8/21/24	9:00am	Fr. Ed Degeyter	Ginger Comeaux	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	Sacristan
Thursday 8/22/24	5:30pm	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	Gaston Broussard	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	Sacristan
Friday 8/23/24	6:30am	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	Keith Comeaux	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	Sacristan
Saturday 8/24/24	4:00pm	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	Karl Boudreaux	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	Sophia Comeaux Allie Comeaux
Sunday 8/25/24	7:00am	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	Janis Dugas	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	Jesse Clay Khoi Nguyen
	9:00am	Fr. Ed Degeyter	Lloyd Verret	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	Amari Romero Serena Bedia
	11:00am	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	Pete Aucoin	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	Morgan Salsman Madalynn Salsman

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