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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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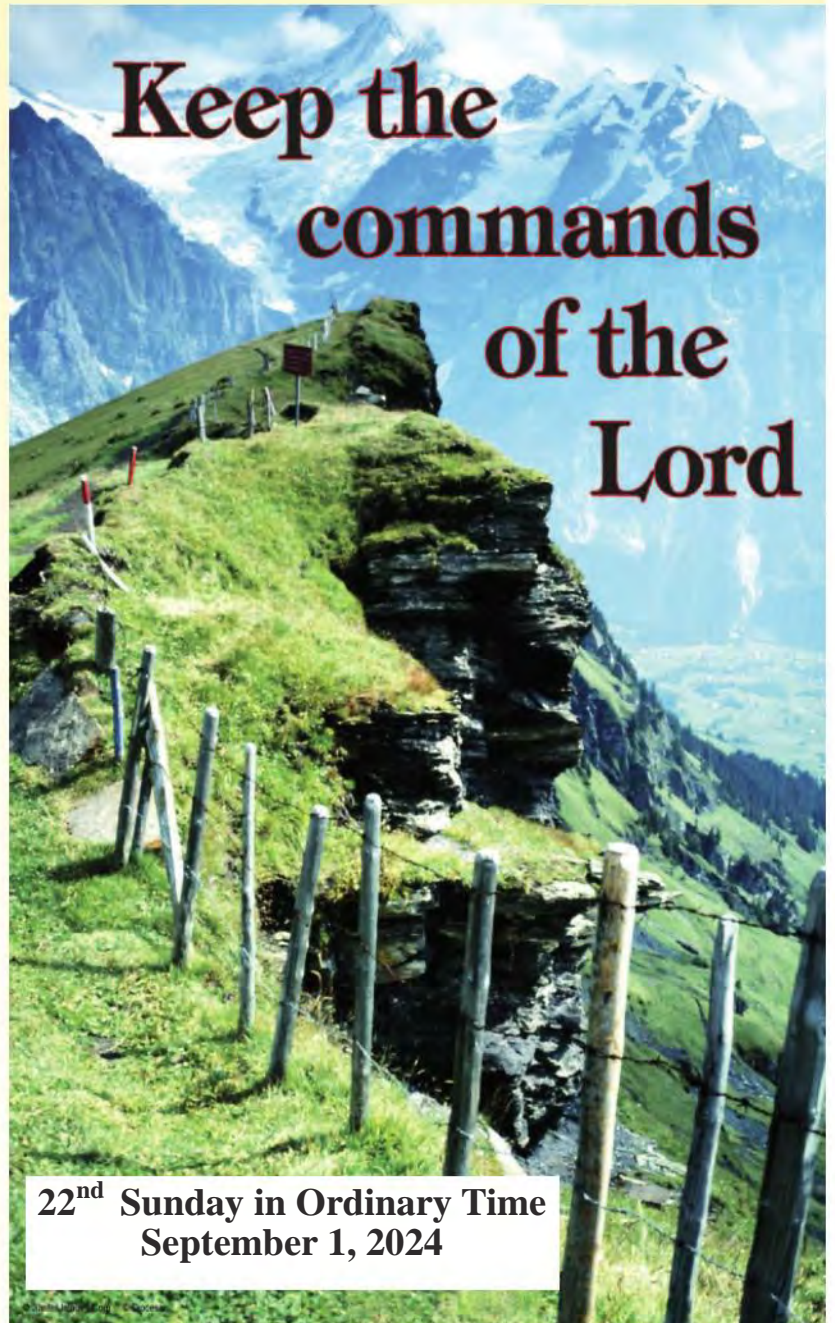
RECONCILIATION:

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, September 3, 2024

5:30pm Doris Duplantis (ann. of death)
Katie Hebert (ann. of death)
Don Taylor (bd)

Wednesday, September 4, 2024

9:00am Law Enforcement Members
Carrol Romero, Sr.

Thursday, September 5, 2024

5:30pm Lupe Camacho

Friday, September 6, 2024

6:30am Peewee & Elaine Broussard, Don Taylor
Janell Broussard, Lee Broussard
Gloria & E. J. Segura, JoJo Carlson
Carlyle Hebert Fly, Mike Belaire Fly
United States Military

Saturday, September 7, 2024

9:00am Brother & Claire LaBauve
Quang V. Nguyen, M/M Raymond Landry
United States of America, Special Intention

4:00pm Fr. Tom Finley, Rachel R. Romero
DeHart & Estilette Fly, Roy Flores
M/M Allen Dupre, Lynward Ransonet
Albert Oubre (5yr ann. of death)
Dressel & Ransonet Fly

Sunday, September 8, 2024

7:00am Parishioners, Shirley Broussard
Lupe Camacho, Carroll Aucoin
Don & Katie Carson (15th Wedding
Anniversary)
Mrs. Terry Borel

9:00am Msgr. H. J. Barsen, Agapito A. Castro
Gerald "Bick" Girouard, Quang V. Nguyen
L.E. & Barbara Dugas, Loretta Trahan
Ernest P. Breaux, Jr. (liv.), Margot Perez
L.J. & Edna Mae Begnaud, Donna Snoddy
SR. Cpl. Segus Jolivette

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

Knights of Columbus is hosting a **BIRTHDAY BREAKFAST FOR MSGR. J. ROBERT ROMERO** following the 6:30am Mass on **Friday, September 27th**. Everyone is welcome.



Memorial Mass
Commemorating the 80th Anniversary of Death
Servant of God,
Lt. Father Joseph Verbis Lafleur

Saturday, September 7, 2024
Rosary - 9:30am & Mass - 10:00am
St. Landry Catholic Church
Opelousas, LA 70570

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

OUR GIFTS TO GOD August 18th

Loose	\$ 1,255.00
Envelopes	\$ 3,149.33
Total (collected).....	\$ 4,404.33
Online Giving offertory.....	\$ 638.00
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Total offertory (week)	\$ 5,512.33

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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
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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.

SANCTUARY LIGHT:

**In Memory of :
Jill B. Reid**



Note of Thanks from Father Ed. . .

It was a great joy to have so many of you, Nativity Parishioners and our guests, present for my Birthday Mass and reception. My sincere thanks to all of those who took part in any way in the celebration. Please know how special all of you are to me, and be assured of my continued prayers and remembrance. May God's choicest blessings be with you, and may our Mother Mary's prayers and intercessions for you support and strengthen you.

Fr. Ed

PARISH VOCATION CROSS

The Vocation Cross is taken by:

*Warren & Sandra Gaspard (Sept. 1st - 7th)
Clif & Laura Schlicher (Sept. 8th - 14th)*

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.

Bishop Deshotel designated Aug 31 as an annual Day of Prayer for Couples struggling with infertility or difficult pregnancies. Aug 31 is the date for St. Raymond Nonnatus in the Martyrology. In conjunction with the Office of Marriage and Family Life, we are encouraging a novena to St. Raymond.

Prayer to Saint Raymond Nonnatus

Heavenly Father,
you raised up Saint Raymond Nonnatus
to be a preacher of the Gospel,
a liberator of the enslaved, and a hope for mothers.
Through his powerful intercession,
we beseech you to pour forth your blessing
upon all pregnant women,
all families mourning miscarriages,
and all couples struggling with infertility.
Shelter them with your protecting hand,
console them with your gentle love,
and grant a gracious answer
to their fervent prayers.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the
unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.
Amen.
Saint Raymond Nonnatus, pray for us.

†With ecclesiastical approbation,
Most Reverend J. Douglas Deshotel, DD, 2024
Bishop of Lafayette

WHY DO WE DO THAT? Catholic Teaching on Labor

Question: As we celebrate Labor Day, can you tell me about Catholic teaching regarding labor?

Answer: One of the most important principles of Catholic social teaching is the dignity of work and the rights of workers. Four encyclicals address this foundational social teaching: *Rerum Novarum* (1891) by Leo XIII, *Quadragesimo Anno* (1931) by Pius XI, *Laborem Exercens* (1981), and *Centesimus Annus* (1991) by John Paul II. They address both the theology and dignity of work. In Genesis, God takes the initiative in creating the world, calling forth human beings to be faithful stewards of creation. We are thus formed to share in God's continuing creative activity by partnering with God in finishing the world and helping bring it to completion and fulfillment. From this perspective, work can be spiritually understood in terms of sharing in God's ongoing activity to build, create, and transform the world. Human beings are co-creators with God. This vocation demands self-discipline.

Besides an exercise in self-discipline, work is also the means by which we develop and fulfill ourselves. In work, we shape the world and our environment. Through work, we also shape ourselves. Pope St. John Paul II summarized this point in *Laborem Exercens* #6, "the value of work is not primarily the kind of work being done, but the fact that the one who is doing it is a person."

Labor Day offers an excellent opportunity to reflect on how we view work in light of our Catholic social teaching.

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GOSPEL MEDITATION

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Purity isn't popular at the moment. Or is it? Look at a rack of health magazines or at popular podcasts. You'll see an infinite ocean of regulations and rituals of diets, intermittent fasting, morning sun rituals, intense juice detox practices, lists of dangerous foods, mental practices, as well as long lists of dos and don'ts for the proper cleaning of clothes, dishes, cars, houses, pets, and children. Like it or not, we long to be pure, clean, and without blemish.

This question of purity haunted people in Jesus' day, too. The Pharisees and scribes (the leading purity authorities of the day) criticize Jesus, asking, "**Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?**" (Mark 7:5). Jesus responds by saying, "**There is nothing outside the person that can defile him if it goes into him; but the things that come out of the person are what defile the person**" (Mark 7:15). What does he mean, and how can it help us be pure?

We've probably all heard the somewhat shopworn interpretation that Jesus replaces the ritual, exterior notion of purity with a moral, interior one. Christianity is thus seen as a kind of moral re-tooling, as if religion doesn't make us pure. Good moral intentions do. But this doesn't take the rest of Jesus' ministry seriously enough, nor our obsession with purity. The better reading is that Jesus audaciously offers himself as the ultimate source of human purity — from *within* each human heart. Both our religious ritual practices and our moral actions are meant to flow from this encounter with Jesus the Lord. When we are in friendship with him, everything becomes pure for us.

Father John Muir

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REFLECTIONS **Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time** - What kind of Christian are you? Do you go to church every week, contribute to the church funds, obey all the Commandments, etc.? It would be nice if that was all that was required, but it isn't. Observing traditions and customs does not get to the heart of the Gospel and what it means to be a Christian. Jesus was very clear that the most important thing for those who would follow him was to love both God and one another. How do your actions reflect your love for others? Read over the Epistle of James and consider what changes you can make to be a better Christian.

*"He wills to bring us to birth with a word spoken in truth
so that we may be a kind of first fruits of his creatures." - James 1:18
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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, 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, Shawn-tell 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, Rhonda Darden, Marnel Fremin, Yvonne Willis, Misty Geoffroy, Shirley Trahan, Mark Cormier, Brayson Willson, Lori Agui-lar, 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 Babi-neaux, 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, Billy Simon, Lynette Landry, Janet Viator, Lena Lopez.

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.

Year of Prayer Stations of the Cross 2024 Written by Pope Francis

Fourth Station: Jesus meets his Mother

When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to the disciple, "*Here is your mother.*" *And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home* (Jn 19:26-27).

Jesus, your disciples abandoned you, Judas betrayed you and Peter denied you. You are left alone with your cross. Yet your Mother is there for you. She needs no words, it is enough to look into her eyes that understand and share in your suffering. Jesus, in Mary's eyes, bright with tears, you see mirrored the tender love, the warm caresses and the loving embrace that surrounded and sustained you from your earliest years. A mother's eyes remind us too of all the goodness we have known. All of us need a mother to bring us into the world, but also to help us find our proper place in the world. You know this, and, from the cross, you give us your own Mother. Here is your Mother, you say to your disciple and to each of us. After the gift of the Eucharist, you gave us Mary as your final, parting gift. Jesus, on your journey you drew strength from the memory of her love; my journey too needs to be grounded in the memory of all the goodness I have known. Yet I realize how little room I make in my prayer for grateful remembrance. My prayer is all too hurried, a quick list of things I need for today and tomorrow. Mary, stop me from rushing. Help me to recall and cherish the graces I have received, to remember God's forgiveness and his blessings, to revive my first love, to savor anew the wonders of his providence, and to shed tears of gratitude.

Let us pray together and say:

Lord, renew in me the memory of your love
When the wounds of the past are re-opened,
Lord, renew in me the memory of your love
When I lose my sense of reality,
Lord, renew in me the memory of your love
When I take for granted all the gifts I have received,
Lord, renew in me the memory of your love
When I lose sight of the gift that I am,
Lord, renew in me the memory of your love
When I neglect to give you thanks,
Lord, renew in me the memory of your love
Amen



TODAY'S READINGS

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 1, 2024

Reading I: Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8

Moses urged Israel to follow God's commandments, in order to become a "great nation," filled with "wise and intelligent people." Where do you see our nation following God's commandments?

Reading II: James 2:1-5

St. James sees religion at its best when it cares for those on the margins of society and resists the false trappings of the world. How might you help someone less fortunate than you this week?

Gospel: Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Jesus challenged the Pharisees and scribes of Jerusalem on how they interpreted traditional Jewish purity laws. What do you think helps someone have a "clean heart?"

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

Sunday September 8, 2024

Pickup is under 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.

CURRENT EVENTS

Monday September 2, 2024

Church Office Closed - Labor Day

Tuesday, September 3, 2024

Mass at 5:30pm

Bible Study 9am - Barsen Hall

Wednesday, September 4, 2024

Pro-Life Rosary - 8:20am

Mass at 9am

Holy Hour - 9:30am

Thursday, September 5, 2024

Mass at 5:30pm

O.C.I.A. - 6pm - Barsen Hall

Bible Study - 6:10pm - Barsen Hall

Friday, September 6, 2024 - First Friday

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

Saturday, September 7, 2024 - First Saturday

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

Mass at 4pm

Sunday, September 8, 2024

Masses at: 7am, 9am & 11am

2nd Collection - Nativity Building Fund

K.C. Chicken Dinner - 10am - 1:00pm

Pickup dinner behind Church Office

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 Sheryl Bourque @ 364-8360.

MASS SERVERS					
September 3 - September 8, 2024					
DAY DATE	TIME	CELEBRANT	READERS	LAY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION	ALTAR SERVERS
Tuesday 9/3/24	5:30pm	Fr. Ed Degeyter	See Reader Schedule	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	Sacristan
Wednesday 9/4/24	9:00am	Fr. Ed Degeyter	See Reader Schedule	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	Sacristan
Thursday 9/5/24	5:30pm	Fr. Ed Degeyter	See Reader Schedule	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	Sacristan
Friday 9/6/24	6:30am	Fr. Ed Degeyter	See Reader Schedule	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	Sacristan
Saturday 9/7/24	9:00am	Fr. Ed Degeyter	See Reader Schedule	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	Sacristan
	4:00pm	Fr. Ed Degeyter	See Reader Schedule	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	Serena Bedia
Sunday 9/8/24	7:00am	Msgr. Robert Romero	See Reader Schedule	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	Jesse Clay
	9:00am	Fr. Ed Degeyter	See Reader Schedule	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	Autumn, Benjamin & Ephraim Trahan
	11:00am	Msgr. Robert Romero	See Reader Schedule	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	Morgan Salsman Amari Romero

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