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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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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

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 8, 2024

Grandparents
& Grandchildren
are
God's gift
to each
other.

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Mass Intentions for the Week

Tuesday, September 10, 2024

5:30pm Special Intention

Wednesday, September 11 2024

9:00am Patricia Picard, (bd), Joseph Viator
Carrol Romero, Sr., Patti Gagnard
Sally Harper, Anna Mae Broussard
Deacon Wade & Carol Broussard

Thursday, September 12, 2024

5:30pm Elizabeth V. Stafford (liv.) (bd)

Friday, September 13, 2024

6:30am Special Intention

Saturday, September 14, 2024

4:00pm Fr. Tom Finley, Rachel R. Romero
Lynward Ransonet, James Abadie
Leona & Jules Broussard

Sunday, September 15, 2024

7:00am Parishioners, Shirley Broussard
Lupe Camacho, Carroll Aucoin
Laura & Olan Broussard
Glenn & Gladys Carlson

9:00am Msgr. H. J. Barsen, Agapito A. Castro
Gerald "Bick" Girouard, Quang V. Nguyen
Patsy Barrilleaux (liv.) (bd), Leslie Romero

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

WHY DO WE DO THAT? Exaltation of the Cross

Question: What is the history behind feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross?

Answer: Emperor Constantine's mother, Helena, is credited with having discovered the true cross around 330. She traveled to the Holy Land and uncovered the places associated with Jesus' life. Legend has it that Helena uncovered three crosses but was not able to detect the true cross until each of them was laid on a leper. Only one of them cured the leper, proving it to be the true cross. A great church was built at the site, and soon various portions of the cross were sent to other churches as relics to be venerated.

The day after the dedication of the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, September 14, 335, the actual cross was displayed for veneration. Egeria, a women traveler to Jerusalem around the year 386, kept a diary that has survived. She tells of the unique veneration of the wood of the cross that took place on Good Friday, something maintained ritually to this very day.

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross focuses on the gift of love that Jesus manifested by his total gift of self, offered for all. The cross, the ultimate form of capital punishment in its day, has become for us the ultimate symbol of love and triumph over evil and death.

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

OUR GIFTS TO GOD August 25th

Loose	\$ 1,346.00
Envelopes	\$ 2,215.00
Total (collected).....	\$ 3,561.00
Online Giving offertory.....	\$ 538.00
Mailed in offertory.....	\$ 3,410.00
Total offertory (week).....	\$ 7,509.00
New Iberia Poor & Needy.....	\$ 1,417.50

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. 1st Meeting is Monday Sept. 9th. Call Cindy Landry at 337-256-2208 or our church office 364-8360.

SANCTUARY LIGHT:

In Memory of :
SR. Cpl. Segus Jolivette



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



PARISH VOCATION CROSS

The Vocation Cross is taken by:

Clif & Laura Schlicher (Sept. 8th - 14th)

Karl & Sarah Boudreaux, Sr. (Sept. 15th - 21st)

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.

Prayer for Grandparents

Dear God,
What a grace to live in a world
of all ages and stages.
Bless our grandparents, today and always.
Thank You for their experiences,
wisdom, and insight.
Thank You for the gifts they bring the Church.
Thank You for the lessons
they teach the next generations.
Amen.

Happy Grandparent's Day
Sunday September 8th



Thank You to My Church Family

*I thank you for the prayers,
for the gifts, and for your support
on my retirement.*

*I will truly miss each and every one of you.
You are my family - my church family.*



*I Love Ya'll,
Linda*



LET US CELEBRATE
The Nativity of the
BLESSED VIRGIN MARY,
FOR FROM HER ROSE
THE SUN OF JUSTICE,
CHRIST OUR GOD.

Antiphon from the Roman Missal

Sunday,
September 8th, 2024



Happy Birthday
Dearest

Mother Mary
We Love You!

GOSPEL MEDITATION 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

One of the most touching YouTube videos I've ever seen is one in which a deaf woman receives new technology to heal her hearing. She hears her husband's voice for the first time — and her own, too — and bursts into tears of overwhelming joy. It must have been like an immovable wall between her and her loved ones came tumbling down.

We are all like this woman, to some degree. We believe in the presence of God's love, but we can't hear Him. We can't speak well about Him. The deaf man who can't speak properly in the Gospel today is an image of what God wants us to experience again and again. Jesus takes the man aside to a private place away from the crowd, touches his ears and tongue, and says, "Ephphata!" The man's ears are opened, and he speaks clearly. Contact with Christ has this effect on us.

This experience happens to us in our baptism, almost exactly. It happens to us in the liturgy. It happens in our private prayer. It happens when we hear the voice of God in our conscience. The more we engage these privileged channels of Jesus' healing, the more we are empowered to hear and speak of the presence of God's perfect love.

— Father John Muir

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REFLECTIONS **Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time** - The Ten Commandments gives us a list of "rules" to follow if we want to obey God. They are very simple and yet volumes have been written to "explain" what they mean. There is a level of comfort in having such a list. But then, Jesus comes along and says it all boils down to loving God and your neighbor. Doing the loving thing, treating people with love is not easy - some are just not very loveable! Still that is what we are to do. Pray for deeper understanding of what it means to love others and when examining your conscience, look at how well you have loved others.

"Love never does any wrong to the neighbor, hence love is the fulfillment of the law." - Romans 13:10
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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, 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, Rhonda Darden, Marnel Fremin, Yvonne Willis, Misty Geoffroy, Shirley Trahan, Mark Cormier, Brayson Willson, Lori Aguiar, 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 Babiniaux, 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, Betty B. Leblanc.

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

Fifth Station: Jesus is helped by Simon of Cyrene

As the soldiers led him away, they seized a man, Simon of Cyrene, who was coming from the country, and they laid the cross on him, and made him carry it behind Jesus (Lk 23:26).

Jesus, how often in the face of life's challenges we think that we can go it alone! How hard we find it to ask for help, lest we give the impression that we are not up to the task! What pains we take to put ourselves in the best light, to put on a good show! It is not easy to trust others, and even less to depend on them. Yet those who pray know their needs, and you, Jesus, in your own prayer, knew what it meant to entrust yourself completely. So you did not refuse the help offered by the man from Cyrene. You allowed this simple man, a farmer returning from the fields, to witness your weakness. Thank you, Jesus, because, by letting yourself be helped in your need, you have shown us the image of a God who is not distant and untouchable. In your vulnerability, you have shown us the triumph of your love. You have taught us that to love means to reach out to those who may be ashamed to ask for our help. In this way, weakness becomes an opportunity for growth. That is what happened to Simon of Cyrene. Your weakness changed his life; one day he will realize that he helped his Saviour and was redeemed by the very cross he carried. Jesus, grant that my life too may change. Help me lower my defenses and allow you to love me in those places where I have fallen most grievously.

Let us pray together and say:

Heal me, Jesus
From the presumption of self-sufficiency,
Heal me, Jesus
From thinking that I can do without you or anyone else,
Heal me, Jesus
From my obsession with being perfect,
Heal me, Jesus
From my reluctance to entrust my frailty to you,
Heal me, Jesus
From hurrying past the needy whom I encounter on my way,
Heal me, Jesus
Amen



TODAY'S READINGS

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 8, 2024

Reading I: Isaiah 35:4-7a

The prophet Isaiah encouraged the Israelites to be strong in their conviction that God was coming to heal them and renew creation itself. Who could you encourage to be firm in their faith this week?

Reading II: James 2:1-5

St. James taught believers to make no distinctions between the rich and the poor in their community gatherings. How do you think showing no partiality helps a community grow in faith?

Gospel: Mark 7:31-37

We hear today how the people of the Decapolis were astonished at Jesus's healing of the deaf and mute. What parts of your life need healing?

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

Don't forget to pick up your dinners

Sunday, September 8, 2024

Pick up is from 10am - 1:00pm

Behind Nativity of Our Lady Church Office



CURRENT EVENTS

Monday September 9, 2024

Confirmation Meeting - 6:30pm - Parish Hall
OLAS - 1st Meeting - 5pm - Barsen Hall

Tuesday, September 10, 2024

Mass at 5:30pm
Bible Study - 9am - Barsen Hall
Patriotic Rosary - 6pm - Church

Wednesday, September 11, 2024

Pro-Life Rosary - 8:20am
K.C. & Ladies Aux. Dinner & Meeting
First Communion Meeting - 6:30pm - Barsen Hall

Thursday, September 12, 2024

Mass at 5:30pm
O.C.I.A. - 6pm - Barsen Hall
Bible Study - 6:10pm - Barsen Hall
Baptism Class - 6:30pm - Church Office

Friday, September 13, 2024

Mass at 6:30am

Saturday, September 14, 2024

Baptisms - 11am
Mass at 4pm

Sunday, September 15, 2024

Masses at: 7am, 9am & 11am
2nd Collection - Bishop's Services Appeal

LIVE THE LITURGY

“Be opened!” said Christ two thousand years ago, as he placed his finger in the ear of the deaf man. “Be opened!” he says to us today, laying his hand upon our hearts. May we always accept Christ's invitation to become a new creation.

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MASS SERVERS September 10 - September 15, 2024

DAY DATE	TIME	CELEBRANT	READERS	LAY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION	ALTAR SERVERS
Tuesday 9/10/24	5:30pm	Msgr. Robert Romero	Kimberly Clay	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	Sacristan
Wednesday 9/11/24	9:00am	Fr. Ed Degeyter	Ginger Comeaux	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	Sacristan
Thursday 9/12/24	5:30pm	Msgr. Robert Romero	Gaston Broussard	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	Sacristan
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Saturday 9/14/24	4:00pm	Fr. Ed Degeyter	Lloyd Verret	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	Morgan Salsman Charlie Salsman
Sunday 9/15/24	7:00am	Fr. Ed Degeyter	Carmen Nicholson	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	Autumn, Benjamin & Ephraim Trahan
	9:00am	Msgr. Robert Romero	Lan Nguyen	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	Serena Bedia Khoi Nguyen
	11:00am	Msgr. Robert Romero	Vince Borne	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	Amari Romero Madalynn Salsman

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