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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:

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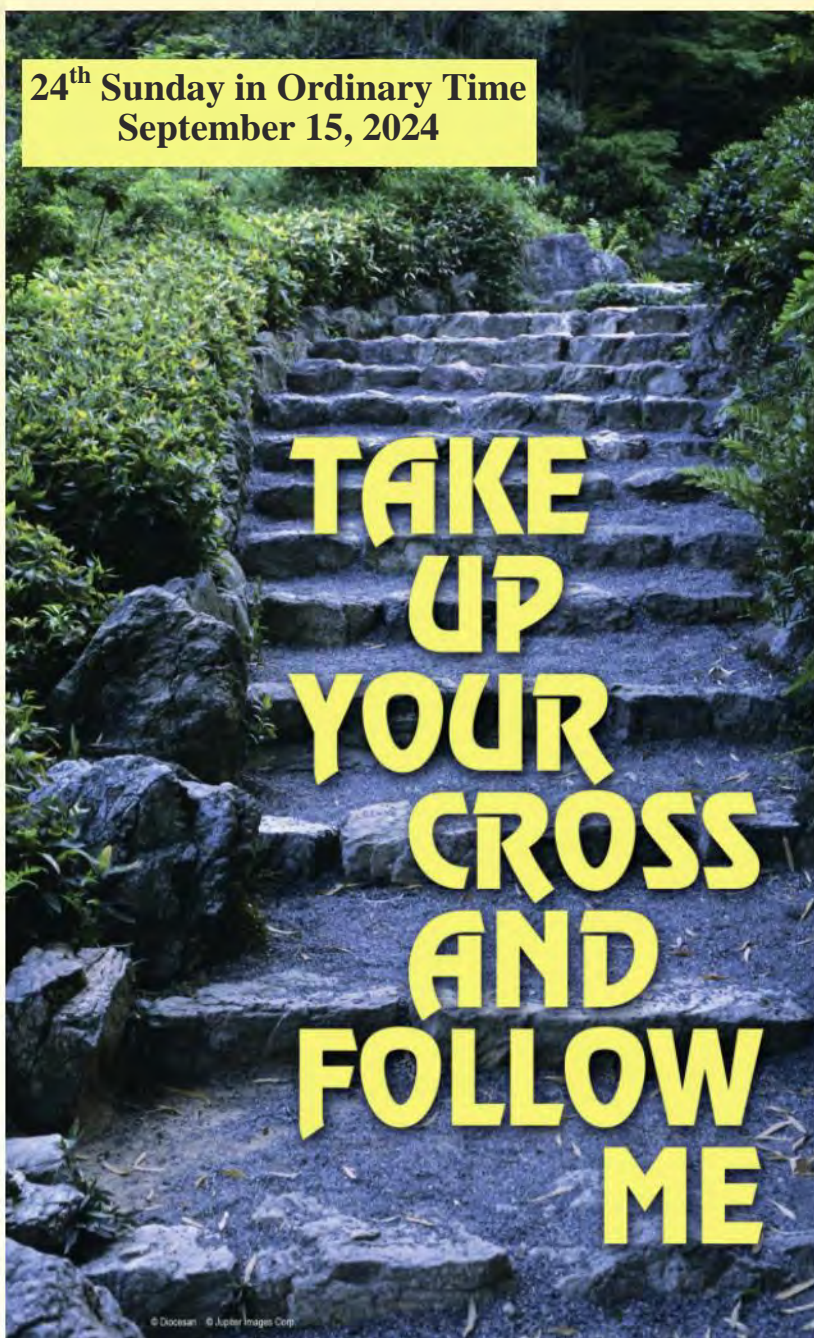
RECONCILIATION:

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 17, 2024

5:30pm Jerry Trahan, Sr. (1yr. ann. of death)
United States of America
The Northam Family
Hadley & Geri Babin (living)

Wednesday, September 18 2024

9:00am A Special Intention, Patrick J. Richard
Madison Claire Olivier, Carrol Romero, Sr.
Nadine & Justin Boudoin (living)

Thursday, September 19, 2024

5:30pm Teachers & Students

Friday, September 20, 2024

6:30am Henry N. Trahan (liv) (bd)

Saturday, September 21, 2024

4:00pm Fr. Tom Finley, Rachel R. Romero
Lynward Ransonet, Juliette C. Dubois
Roy Flores, Mona Simon, Lupe Camacho
Madison Olivier (bd), Elaine Watson
Una St. Pierre, Alpha & Lilly Viator
Joe & Pearl Jabbia, Larry Delcambre
Larry Schmidt (1yr. ann. of death)

Sunday, September 22, 2024

7:00am Parishioners, Shirley Broussard
Carroll Aucoin, Wink Alogna
Phyllis C. LeBlanc

9:00am Msgr. H. J. Barsen, Agapito A. Castro
Gerald "Bick" Girouard, Quang V. Nguyen
Margaret Gulotta (ann. of death)

11:00am Fr. A.J. Boumans, Donna M. Lanza
James E. Comeaux, David P. Comeaux
Harvey & Joyce DeCourt

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

OUR GIFTS TO GOD September 01, 2024

Loose	\$ 2,906.00
Envelopes	\$ 4,934.45
Total (collected).....	\$ 7,840.45
Online Giving offertory.....	\$ 743.00
Mailed in offertory.....	\$ 360.00
Total offertory (week)	\$ 8,943.45

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OLAS News Bulletin

Needed: All ladies 18 years and up.

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

SANCTUARY LIGHT:

**In Honor of :
The Guidry Family**



WHY DO WE DO THAT? CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

Holy Water

Question: What is holy water and how do I explain the reason that it is placed at the entrances of churches to my non-Catholic friends?

Answer: Holy water is a sacramental, a reminder of the life of the Church expressed and celebrated through the sacraments. God's grace is mediated through word and gesture (the outward signs). This comes to us through Jesus (instituted by Christ) as he entrusts to the Church his saving mission (to give grace). In turn the Church, through the sacraments, shares that grace and mission with us.

On Ash Wednesday, we receive ashes on our foreheads to remind us of our origins, humbly created from the dust. But by blessing ourselves with holy water, we are reminded of our destiny! We are baptized sons and daughters of God. This is also a call to conversion, to live more fully our baptismal call to live as liturgy as well, reminding us that we are indeed on a journey of faith and renewed in Christ. Blessing ourselves with holy water reminds us that we are baptized in disciples of Jesus. We see holy water whenever we renew our baptismal promises. This will occur during the Easter to a faith community, and always in need of turning from sin and toward God. Holy water is a visible sign of our baptism.

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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:

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

Karl & Sarah Boudreaux, Sr. (Sept. 22nd - 28th)

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.

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Take Up Your Cross

When I'm interviewing people for my job as a staff writer at an archdiocesan newspaper, I like to ask them this question: at the end of your life, when you meet God, what do you want to hear Him say? I've gotten a lot of interesting answers. *"I called and you listened."* *"What tee time would you like tomorrow?"* *"What were you thinking?"* *"Your service made things better."*

It's a question I've thought a lot about, personally. What I want to hear God say when I finally see His face is this: "You can put it down now."

When Jesus asks his disciples "Who do you say that I am?" he is not just asking them to verbalize an answer. He is asking them to do something: pick up the cross. Find the problems in this world, in this life, and throw your arms around them. Drag them to God, even if it kills you. It's not enough to stand by the sidelines, watching Christ ascend to Calvary, nodding your head in approval. *Yes, I agree. Yes, I believe. Yes, Jesus, good job!* You have to follow in every bloody footprint he leaves in the dust. Set your face like flint. And when you meet him at the top, you better not be empty-handed. He has a cross, he will expect you to have one, too.

I hope that I can do it. I hope that I am strong enough. I am not one of those great, hardy souls. I stumble terribly under the weight of my very small cross. I grumble as I shift it from shoulder to shoulder. But every time I have been almost at the point of giving up, almost ready to lay it down, there is something — Someone — who supports my drooping arm. The Lord God is my help. If, at the end of everything, I hear the words, "You can put it down now," then I will know I have made it. I will know I have not failed: I took up the cross.

"Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me." Matthew 16:24

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GOSPEL MEDITATION 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

This morning I received a text message that a member of my extended family will likely die of cancer within the next few hours. His name is Luke. He is a 45-year-old husband and father of six. Though I am not as close to him as my sister (she is his sister-in-law and knows him well), I wonder: how can we, including Luke himself, manage such a terribly awful and unfair situation?

The words of this Sunday's Gospel offer a powerful and challenging path. Jesus says, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me" (Mark 8:34). Today I see with new freshness the starkness and strangeness of the words take up. The cross stands for suffering which is unjust, absurd, seemingly hopeless, and humiliating. Jesus doesn't say "accept" or "endure" or "tolerate," but "take up." Embrace it, actively. Choose it and lift it up for others to see what terrifies and sickens us. But somehow, for Jesus, this is the path to "saving one's life." A new world is breaking in, one in which love is everything, when no relationship can be wounded or die. I trust that in the embraced suffering of Luke and his loved ones, Jesus is taking up his cross and saving us all.

By the time you read this, barring a miracle, Luke will have died. He will be carrying his cross no longer. But we all still face suffering. This week let's not just endure, but take up our crosses, big and small. That's our only hope for saving our lives. — Father John Muir

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REFLECTIONS **Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time** - The passage for Sirach gives us a clear guide to how we should conduct our relationships. We are told to forgive injustices, refrain from nursing our anger, and treat others with mercy. These are not things that come easy to us. We want wrongs punished and we long for revenge. If we would be disciples of Christ, we must learn to forgive and be merciful with others just as we have been forgiven and granted mercy from our Lord. Consider those things that nurse your anger and your resentment and pray for the grace to let go of those feelings.

"Forgive your neighbor's injustice; then when you pray, your own sins will be forgiven." - Sirach 28:2

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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 Fly, 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, Christine Guidry & the Guidry Fly.

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

Sixth Station: Jesus is comforted by Veronica, who wipes his face

Blessed be God, the Father of mercies and the God of all consolation, who consoles us in all our affliction, that we may be able to console those who are in any affliction... *For just as the sufferings of Christ are abundant for us, so also our consolation is abundant through Christ (2 Cor 1:3-5).*

Jesus, crowds of people witness the brutal spectacle of your execution. Without knowing you or knowing the truth, they make judgements, they cast aspersions, they mock you and condemn you. The same thing happens even now, Lord, without the need for a gruesome parade: all it takes is a keyboard to spew insults and condemnation. Yet amid the roar of the crowd, a woman makes her way to Jesus. She says nothing; she acts. She does not rant and rail; she shows mercy and compassion. She goes against the tide: alone, with the courage of compassion and love, she finds a way to pass among the soldiers, merely to give you the comfort of a caress. Her gesture of mercy will be remembered for all time. Jesus, how often I ask you to be consoled! Veronica reminds me that you too want to be consoled. You, the God who draws near to us, ask us to draw near to you. You, my comfort, desire to be comforted by me. Jesus, Love unrequited, today too you look among the crowd for hearts sensitive to your suffering and pain. You seek true worshippers, those who adore in spirit and truth (cf. Jn 4:23), and abide in you (cf. Jn 15). Jesus, Love forsaken, awaken in me the desire to remain in your presence, to adore you and to console you. Grant that, in your name, I may be a source of consolation for others.

Let us pray together and say:

Make me a witness of your consolation
God of mercy, ever close to the heartbroken,
Make me a witness of your consolation
God of tender love, who take pity on us,
Make me a witness of your consolation
God of compassion, who detest apathy and indifference,
Make me a witness of your consolation
You, who are grieved when I point a finger at others,
Make me a witness of your consolation
You, who came not to condemn but to save,
Make me a witness of your consolation
Amen



TODAY'S READINGS

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 15, 2024

Reading I: Isaiah 50:4c-9a

Isaiah stands firm in his faith as he suffered in following God's call. Can you think of a time when you supported someone in their faith?

Reading II: James 2:14-18

St. James believed that good works are the fruit of faith. Where is there a need for good works from you this week among family or friends?

Gospel: Mark 8:27-35

Jesus reveals to his disciples that as the Messiah, he is destined to suffer greatly and die, but on the third day, rise from the dead. This was difficult for Peter to accept. How do you stay open to ideas you resist?

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CURRENT EVENTS

Tuesday, September 17, 2024

Mass at 5:30pm
Bible Study - 9am - Barsen Hall

Wednesday, September 18, 2024

Pro-Life Rosary - 8:20am
Mass at 9:00am

Thursday, September 19, 2024

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

Friday, September 20, 2024

Mass at 6:30am

Saturday, September 21, 2024

Mass at 4pm

Sunday, September 22, 2024

Masses at: 7am, 9am & 11am

Prayer for Catechism Students

Dear God,
You never stop drawing us closer to You.
Pour Your grace upon these young disciples as they learn about You.
Attract them.
Challenge them.
Love them.
Guide them.
Bless them.
Amen.



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Don't Forget:
Faith Formation Begins:
Tuesday, September 24th at 6pm in Barsen Hall .

MASS SERVERS September 17 - September 22, 2024					
DAY DATE	TIME	CELEBRANT	READERS	LAY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION	ALTAR SERVERS
Tuesday 9/17/24	5:30pm	Msgr. Robert Romero	Kimberly Clay	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	Sacristan
Wednesday 9/18/24	9:00am	Fr. Ed Degeyter	Ginger Comeaux	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	Sacristan
Thursday 9/19/24	5:30pm	Msgr. Robert Romero	Gaston Broussard	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	Sacristan
Friday 9/20/24	6:30am	Msgr. Robert Romero	Chad Courtois	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	Sacristan
Saturday 9/21/24	4:00pm	Msgr. Robert Romero	Karl Boudreaux	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	Morgan Salsman Khoi Nguyen
Sunday 9/22/24	7:00am	Msgr. Robert Romero	Janis Dugas	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	Autumn, Benjamin & Ephraim Trahan
	9:00am	Fr. Ed Degeyter	June Jones	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	Serena Bedia Khoi Nguyen
	11:00am	Msgr. Robert Romero	Pete Aucoin	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	Amari Romero Serena Bedia

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