

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:

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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

26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"There is no one who performs a mighty deed in my name
who can at the same time speak ill of me.
For whoever is not against us is for us."

Mt 9:39-40



September 29, 2024

Mass Intentions for the Week

Tuesday, October 1, 2024

5:30pm Special Intention

Wednesday, October 2, 2024

9:00am Fr. Gene Tremie (bd)
Madison Claire Olivier
Nancy Gachassin (bd)
Gretchen Elmer Yax (bd)

Thursday, October 3, 2024

5:30pm Francis J. Myers (liv) (bd)

Friday, October 4, 2024 - First Friday

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

Saturday, October 5, 2024 - First Saturday

9:00am Brother & Claire Labauve
Special Intention, Quang V. Nguyen
M/M Raymond Landry, David Viator (bd)
United States of America

4:00pm Fr. Tom Finley, Rachel R. Romero
Lynward Ransonet, Dressel & Ransonet Fly
Dehart & Estilette Fly, Errol Guyote
Roy Flores, Jim Ramirez
Lupe Camacho, Le Trung Mien

SANCTUARY LIGHT:

In Memory of:
Mike Belaire, Sr.



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

OUR GIFTS TO GOD September 15, 2024

Loose	\$ 1,495.00
Envelopes	\$ 2,407.00
Total (collected).....	\$ 3,902.00
Online Giving offertory.....	\$ 838.00
Mailed in offertory.....	\$ 135.00
Total offertory (week)	\$ 4,875.00
Bishops' Services Appeal	\$ 472.00

Thank you for your generosity!!!!

May and October, Nativity parish is asked to take a Mass attendance count for the Diocese of Lafayette. Our count will start next weekend and continue for every weekend Mass during the month of October.



Sunday, October 6, 2024

7:00am Parishioners, Carroll Aucoin, Lucas Currey

9:00am Msgr. H. J. Barsen, Agapito A. Castro
Gerald "Bick" Girouard, Quang V. Nguyen
Ernest & Theonie Breaux
Gil Simon, E.P. Breaux, Jr. (liv)

11:00am Fr. A.J. Boumans, Bobby Norris
Jo Ann Cangemi, Tony Cangemi
Leroy & June Aucoin, Cliff Aucoin
Harvey & Joyce Decourt, Donna M. Lanza
John Babin (liv) (bd)

GOSPEL MEDITATION

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Maggots, grubs, worms. When I imagine one or many of these nasty slimy buggers living inside my body unseen, feeding off my flesh, slowly rotting me out — I feel deeply disgusted. If I knew I had a worm, I would do anything to remove the alien invader, and fast. But what if I couldn't ever get it out?

This is precisely the image Jesus uses to describe those who cause others to sin and fail to cut out what leads them to sin. He contrasts the kingdom of God with Gehenna, "where the worm does not die." If we can stomach it for a moment, there is much wisdom in this nauseating metaphor.

First, sin is always parasitic. It feeds on what is good like a worm in a host. It's not symbiotic or additive, as virtue and love always are. Sin invades, devours, and damages the sinner. Second, sin is always social. No matter how hidden, it quietly eats away at others — usually the most poor and vulnerable, the "little ones," as the Lord says. How healthy it is for us to acknowledge this! Our gossiping, greed, over-indulgence, lying, pride, laziness, lust for power and reputation, and so on ... they do not add anything to life. They are worms eating away at others and ourselves.

We cut out these filthy parasites through genuine repentance and bold action. Imagine the peace and relief that follows the removal of a sickening worm from your body. How much greater is the peace we enjoy when the spiritual worms are gone for good. We'd never wait to act against physical parasites. Neither should we with the worms of sin.

— Father John Muir

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REFLECTIONS **Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time** - Throughout Scripture we are reminded that God's ways are not ours. God seems to enjoy using the least likely people to deliver his message. Like the apostles, we may have trouble accepting God's words from the lips of those who do not belong to our group or even worse from those we consider "godless." Pray for the grace to hear God's message for you regardless of who is delivering it.

"The law of the Lord is perfect, refreshing the soul." - Psalm 19:8

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October 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Pray for Pope Francis Bible Study - 9am	2 Pray for Bishop Douglas Deshotel Pro-Life Rosary Holy Hour 9:30am	3 Pray for Bishop Emeritus Michael Jarrell Bible Study - 6:10pm	4 Pray for Fr. Ed Degeyter First Friday	5 Pray for Fr. Michael Delcambre First Saturday
6 Pray for Fr. Mark Derise Memorial Book Nativity Building Fund	7 Pray for Msgr. Keith Derouen	8 Pray for Fr. Kenneth Domingue Patriotic Rosary Bible Study - 9am	9 Pray for Fr. Michael Dooley Pro-Life Rosary K.C. & Ladies Aux. Dinner & Meeting	10 Pray for Fr. Dustin Dought Baptismal Class O.C.I.A - 6pm - Barsen Hall	11 Pray for Fr. Blake Dubroc	12 Pray for Fr. Wayne Duet Baptisms
13 Pray for Fr. Casey Dugas Bishop's Services Appeal Confirmation Class	14 Pray for Fr. John Karol Dugas	15 Pray for Fr. Willard Dugas Bible Study - 9am	16 Pray for Fr. Edward Duhon Pro-Life Rosary	17 Pray for Fr. Nicholas Dupre O.C.I.A - 6pm - Barsen Hall	18 Pray for Fr. Gilbert Dutel	19 Pray for Fr. Darren Eldridge Bethlehem Nativity Group Selling
20 Pray for Fr. Peter Emusa New Iberia Poor & Needy Bethlehem Nativity Group Selling	21 Pray for Fr. Charles Esuaiko	22 Pray for Fr. Cyprian Eze Bible Study - 9am	23 Pray for Fr. Richard Fabre Pro-Life Rosary	24 Pray for Fr. James Fallon O.C.I.A - 6pm - Barsen Hall Bible Study - 6:10pm Pastoral Council Mtg	25 Pray for Fr. Joel Faulk	26 Pray for Fr. Emmanuel Fernandez
27 Pray for Fr. Samuel Fontana	28 Pray for Fr. James David Furka Women's Ultreya 7pm - Parish Hall	29 Pray for Fr. Abelardo Gabriel Bible Study - 9am	30 Pray for Fr. William Gearheard Pro-Life Rosary O.C.I.A - 6pm - Barsen	31 Pray for Fr. Taj Glodd Anticipated Mass 5:30pm Bible Study - 6:10pm	November 1 All Saints' Day Masses at 6:30am & 5:30pm	

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, 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 Armen-dariz, Louis Boudreaux, Jr., Gloria Comeaux, Larry Romero, Scotty Champagne, Edward Simon, Monica Har-rington, Janis & Nathan Dugas, Billy Simon, Lynette Landry, Janet Viator, Lena Lopez, Betty B. Leblanc, Christine Guidry & the Guidry Fly, Barbara Martin, Ernest "Topper" Breaux.

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

Eighth Station: Jesus meets the women of Jerusalem

A great number of the people followed him, and among them were women who were beating their breasts and wailing for him (Lk 23:27).

Jesus, who remains with you to the end along the way of the cross? Not the powerful, who wait for you on Calvary, nor the onlookers standing at a distance, but those ordinary people who are great in your eyes, yet small in the eyes of the world. There are the women, in whom you inspired hope: they have no voice, yet they make their presence felt. Help us to recognize the dignity of those women who remained faithful and stood by you in your passion, and those who in our own day are exploited and endure injustice and indignity. Jesus, the women you encounter beat their breasts and weep for you. They do not weep for themselves, but for you; they weep for the evil and sin of the world. Their tearful prayers touch your heart. Is my own prayer capable of tears? Am I moved as I gaze upon you, crucified for my sake, and contemplate your gentle, wounded love? Do I grieve for my hypocrisy and my infidelity? When I am faced with the tragedies of today's world, is my heart frozen or does it melt? How do I react when I see the madness of war, the faces of children no longer able to smile and of mothers who see them hungry and underfed, and have no more tears to shed? Jesus, you wept over Jerusalem; you weep over the hardness of our hearts. Touch my heart; add tears to my prayer and prayer to my tears.

Let us pray together and say:

Jesus, melt my hardened heart
You know the secrets of every heart,
Jesus, melt my hardened heart
You are grieved by the hardness of our hearts,
Jesus, melt my hardened heart
You love hearts that are humble and contrite,
Jesus, melt my hardened heart
You dried Peter's tears by your forgiveness
Jesus, melt my hardened heart
You turn our mourning into song,
Jesus, melt my hardened heart
Amen



TODAY'S READINGS

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 29, 2024

Reading I: Numbers 11:25-29

Moses hoped the Spirit of the Lord would be bestowed on all the Israelites, not limited just to the seventy elders. What are you hoping for this week?

Reading II: James 5:1-6

St. James holds the rich in low regard, warning them against the trappings and dangers of excessive wealth. How are you generous toward others with your resources?

Gospel: Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

Jesus taught his disciples the valuable lesson: "Whoever is not against us is for us." How do you promote unity rather than division at work or at home?

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PARISH VOCATION CROSS

The Vocation Cross is taken by:

Ellen Claudy (Sept. 29th - Oct. 5th)

Ellen Claudy (Oct. 6th - Oct. 12th)

Each week, a family or an individual from our parish receives the vocation cross. 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.

CURRENT EVENTS

Tuesday, October 1, 2024

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

Wednesday, October 2, 2024

Pro-Life Rosary - 8:20am - Mass - 9am
Eucharistic Adoration Holy Hour
9:30am - 10:30am - Church

Thursday, October 3, 2024

Mass at 5:30pm
Bible Study - 6:10pm - Barsen Hall

Friday, October 4, 2024 - First Friday

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

Saturday, October 5, 2024 - First Saturday

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

Mass at 4pm

Sunday, October 6, 2024

Masses at: 7am, 9am & 11am
2nd Collection - Nativity Building Fund

"Blue Mass"

On Wednesday, October 2, 2024, Feast of the Guardian Angels, the Diocese of Lafayette will hold its annual "Blue Mass" at 12:05pm in Cathedral Hall at Cathedral of Saint John the Evangelist, 515 Cathedral Street in Lafayette. The Blue Mass is designed to express gratitude, show our appreciation and pray for all first responders in our community. We owe so much to these essential groups who provide such outstanding service in our community. Please try to attend.

MASS SERVERS
October 1 - October 6, 2024

DAY DATE	TIME	CELEBRANT	READERS	LAY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION	ALTAR SERVERS
Tuesday 10/01/24	5:30pm	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	<i>See Reader Schedule</i>	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	Sacristan
Wednesday 10/02/24	9:00am	Fr. Ed Degeyter	<i>See Reader Schedule</i>	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	Sacristan
Thursday 10/03/24	5:30pm	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	<i>See Reader Schedule</i>	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	Sacristan
Friday 10/04/24	6:30am	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	<i>See Reader Schedule</i>	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	Sacristan
Saturday 10/05/24	9:00am	Fr. Ed Degeyter	<i>See Reader Schedule</i>	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	Sacristan
	4:00pm	Msgr. J Robert Romero	<i>See Reader Schedule</i>	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	Sophia & Allie Comeaux
Sunday 10/06/24	7:00am	Msgr. J Robert Romero	<i>See Reader Schedule</i>	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	Jesse Clay
	9:00am	Fr. Ed Degeyter	<i>See Reader Schedule</i>	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	Serena Bedia Amari Romero
	11:00am	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	<i>See Reader Schedule</i>	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	Tai Nguyen Madalynn Salsman

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