

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)

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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

29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"For the Son of Man did not come
to be served but to serve
and to give his life
as a ransom for many."

PH 10:45



October 20th, 2024

Mass Intentions for the Week

Tuesday, October 22, 2024

5:30pm Warren Barras (ann. of death), Katie Moore

Wednesday, October 23, 2024

9:00am Special Intention, Doris Duplantis (bd)
Patrick J. Richard, Theonie Breaux
Joseph Viator, Patti Gagnard
Camacho Fly, Carrol Romero, Sr.
Ruth Bernard (liv) (bd)

Thursday, October 24, 2024

5:30pm Special Intention

Friday, October 25, 2024

6:30am Ralph & Lorraine Breaux
Emett & Marquerite Conery

Saturday, October 26, 2024

4:00pm Fr. Tom Finley, Rachel R. Romero
Lynward Ransonet, Oris Gachassin (bd)
Ernest "Topper" Breaux, Jr.

Sunday, October 27, 2024

7:00am Parishioners, Carroll Aucoin
Glenn & Gladys Carlson

9:00am Msgr. H.J. Barsen, Agapito A. Castro
Quang V. Nguyen, Gerald "Bick" Girouard
Clark Romero, Lê Trung Mien

11:00am Fr. A.J. Boumans, Harvey & Joyce DeCourt
James E. Comeaux, David P. Comeaux
Donna M. Lanza, Justin Boudoin (liv) (bd)

Blessing of Nativity Mausoleum

Sunday, October 27th
Following the 11:00am Mass



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

OUR GIFTS TO GOD October 6, 2024

Loose	\$ 3,517.45
Envelopes	\$ 2,329.00
Total (collected)	\$ 5,846.45
Online Giving offertory	\$ 1,003.00
Mailed in offertory	\$ 2,120.00
Total offertory (week)	\$ 8,969.45
Nativity Building Fund	\$ 1,104.83

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 continue for every weekend Mass during the month of October.

SANCTUARY LIGHT:

**In Memory of :
Trahan & Richard Fly**



Silver Rose

The local **Knights of Columbus** are sponsoring the **Silver Rose in Honor of Life and Our Lady of Guadalupe**. The **Rosary** will take place at **5pm**, on **Thursday, November 19th**, before the 5:30pm Mass.



GOSPEL MEDITATION 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

From a young age, I loved winning at sports. I confess that winning was a bit of an addiction. It was probably coming from a deep desire for attention and affirmation from others. Nevertheless, it was a driving motivation for me. Baseball, soccer, track, table tennis, and whatever else I could find was a chance to win. Competition was my obsession.

Another John, and his brother James, demonstrate a kind of wildly competitive obsession when they dare to say to Jesus: **"Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory"** (Mark 10:37). Their audacity arouses an indignant reaction from the other apostles, who are clearly raw that these two are out to win the highest spots.

How does Jesus respond to us in our desires for greatness? The same way he does to James and John. He does not criticize them for their desire for glory. But he does highlight their ignorance (**"you do not know what you are asking."**). Then he invites them to be champions of true greatness: by drinking not the cup of worldly victory, but his cup of self-giving suffering love, to be the **"slave of all."** The true winners are slaves of love. This week, dare to tell Jesus what your ambitions truly are. Hear him call you to an even greater victory.

— *Father John Muir*

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REFLECTIONS **Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time** - What does it mean to "serve" others? Does it mean becoming a doormat, always doing what everyone else wants you to do? Is it possible to "serve" someone by **not** helping them or **not** doing what they ask? Does it mean you should always do whatever is asked of you regardless of how it might impact your own life and family responsibilities? Think about what it means to serve others. Consider how well you serve others. Do you think about what is the loving thing to do or do you just jump in and do "something?" Do you need to change anything?

"Anyone among you who aspires to greatness must serve the rest." - Mark 10:43

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WHY DO WE DO THAT? CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED Halloween

Question: Is Halloween a pagan holiday or a Catholic one?

Answer: The short answer: nowadays, a little bit of both. But it wasn't always that way. Halloween and All Saints' Day are closely connected. In the 800s, the Catholic Church began celebrating All Saints' Day. It was originally called All Hallows' Day or Hallowmas. The celebration began early on All Hallows' Eve. But if Halloween is really about the saints in all their victorious glory, where do we get haunted houses, costumes, and pranks?

All Saints' Day became associated with the other deceased rather quickly. November 2nd is All Souls Day, where we pray for the souls in purgatory. Throughout the European world, especially with the Celtic and Germanic peoples, the dead were honored in the autumn months. The Celtic pagan celebration of Samhain had its own folk rituals and occurred around the same time as these Catholic feast days.

Within the last few hundred years, this included dressing in disguise and going door to door, asking for food in exchange for a rhyme or poem. Some people masqueraded as "dark" spirits and pulled pranks on others. Today's celebration of Halloween tends to take on these later practices, rather than the original meaning of celebrating the saints. But remember ... this feast was Catholic first!
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LIVE THE LITURGY INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Do you want to be like Christ? Pray for a servant's heart, for hands that never tire of giving, for arms that hold others up. Pray for feet strong enough to walk the path of a servant, in the footsteps of the one who came not to be served but to serve.
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Nativity of Our Lady Youth Group will be hosting the 19th annual "Holyween": "Trunk-Or-Treat" with the **K.C. Fall Fest.** in the **Parish Hall at 12:15pm on Sunday, October 27th.** There will be games, face painting, cupcake decorating, crafts, costume judging and lots of food, candy and fun!! Come in your best "Holyween" costume! Remember, no scary costumes. We are in need of volunteers, for our "Holyween" to be a true success. This year we will need volunteers to decorate their car trunks and pass out candy. Also, we are in need of volunteers to bake cupcakes for our cupcake decorating table. If you are interested or you know someone who would love to help out in our church community contact **Amber Salsman** at: **nativityofourladyyouthgroup@gmail.com.**

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

RECOGNIZE GOD
IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS
By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Made to Serve

I thought it often in my first year as a mother, when I was every day discovering what this new life of parenthood looked and felt like: doing anything with kids is a hundred times harder than doing it without kids. But it's a thousand times better.

From eating dinner to going to Mass to taking a walk around the block — every single outing, even the simplest ones, had an extra level of logistical complexity. I had to bring diapers and food and extra clothes, I had to be ready to distract, to comfort, to settle, to de-escalate. Before, I just showed up, did the thing and went home. Now, I had to be ready to coordinate.

I had to be ready to serve.

But even while everything had become so much more complicated, so much harder, there was suddenly a joyfulness to these experiences that had not been there before. Yes, I was a mom now, a servant if there ever was one, constantly tending to someone else's needs, and it was difficult. Sometimes terribly so. But it was beautiful (not in a physical way — I was usually covered in baby spit-up — but my soul had that glow, you know?).

It was the first time in my life that I really understood what it was to serve, and the power of that vocation to which we are all called.

This isn't just true of parenthood. It's true of every relationship. When we find someone we can meaningfully, wholeheartedly serve — our spouse, our best friend, our employees, our students, our patients, whoever it is — the effort becomes nothing compared to the joy and the fulfillment we find in the work.

We were made for greatness, and Christ tells us that to be great is to serve. So don't be afraid of greatness. Don't be afraid to serve.
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THE LIVING ROSARY DEVOTION

The Living Rosary Devotion has brought the Roman Catholic communities of New Iberia together for many decades. As a family of faith, we join in praying the Rosary before our Blessed Lord ever-present in the Holy Eucharist during Eucharistic Adoration. We remember in our prayer the needs of: our city, our nation, the protection of unborn, protection from violent and devastating storms, as well as the petitions that have been entrusted to the petition boxes. We invite all to join us for this beautiful devotion on **Thursday, October 24, 2024, at 6:30p.m. at St. Peter's Church** located at 108 East St. Peter Street, New Iberia, Louisiana.



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 Fly, 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, Michael "Tee" Theriot, Phyllis S. Bourque, Doris Schel- don. 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

Eleventh Station: Jesus' cry of abandonment

From noon on, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. And about three o'clock Jesus cried with a loud voice, "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?" that is, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" (Mt 27:45-46).

Jesus, this prayer of yours is unexpected: you cry out to the Father in your abandonment. You, the eternal Son, dispense no answers from on high, but simply ask why? At the height of your passion, you experience the distance of the Father; you no longer even call him "Father", but "God", almost as if you can no longer glimpse his face. Why? So that you can plunge into the abyss of our pain. You did this for my sake, so that when I see only darkness, when I experience the collapse of my certainties and the wreckage of my life, I will no longer feel alone, but realize that you are there beside me. You, the God of closeness, experienced abandonment so that I need no longer fall prey to feelings of isolation and abandonment. When you asked the question why, you did it in the words of a Psalm. You made even the utmost experience of desolation into a prayer. As we too must do, amid the storms of life. Rather than keeping silent, closed in on ourselves, we should cry out to you. Glory to you, Lord Jesus, for you did not flee from my pain and confusion, but tasted them to the full. Praise and glory to you, for you bridged every distance in order to draw near to those who were farthest from you. In my own dark night, when I keep asking why, I find you, Jesus, the light that shines in the darkness. And in the plea of all those who are alone, rejected, oppressed or abandoned, I find you, my God. May I always recognize your presence and turn to you in love.

Let us pray together and say:

Jesus, help me to recognize you and love you
In unborn and abandoned children,
Jesus, help me to recognize you and love you
In young people who long for someone to hear their cry of pain,
Jesus, help me to recognize you and love you
In the many elderly people left alone and forgotten,
Jesus, help me to recognize you and love you
In prisoners and in the lonely,
Jesus, help me to recognize you and love you
In those peoples most exploited and ignored,
Jesus, help me to recognize you and love you
Amen



TODAY'S READINGS

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time October 20, 2024

Reading I: Isaiah 53:10-11

The prophet Isaiah sees how suffering can have a positive outcome. How do you help family members or friends who are struggling?

Reading II: Hebrews 4:14-16

The author of Hebrews encourages us to be confident in asking for “timely help” from the Lord. In what ways do you need the Lord’s help today?

Gospel: Mark 10:35-45 or 10:42-45

Jesus teaches James and John that humility and service to others is what defines greatness in the kingdom of God. How might you be of service to a friend or co-worker this week? ©LPi

CURRENT EVENTS

Tuesday, October 22, 2024

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

Wednesday, October 23, 2024

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

Thursday, October 24, 2024

Mass at 5:30pm
O.C.I.A. - 6pm - Barsen Hall
Bible Study - 6:10pm - Barsen Hall
Living Rosary - 6:30pm - St. Peter Church

Friday, October 25, 2024

Mass at 6:30am

Saturday, October 26, 2024

Mass at 4pm

Sunday, October 27, 2024

Masses at: 7am, 9am & 11am
2nd Collection - New Iberia Poor & Needy

See Below - Following 11am Mass

Blessing of Nativity Mausoleum
Nativity Youth Group “Trunk or Treat”
Knights of Columbus “Fall Fest” - Parish Hall

PARISH VOCATION CROSS

The Vocation Cross is taken by:



Cynthia Elmer (Oct. 27th - Nov. 2nd)

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.

World Mission Sunday

Sunday, October 20, 2024

The Church, therefore, is missionary by her very nature. She continues the mission of the Son and the mission of the Holy Spirit by proclaiming to the ends of the earth the salvation Christ offers those who believe in him. We are faithful to the nature of the Church to the degree that we love and sincerely promote her missionary activity. As teachers and pastors we are responsible for keeping alive a vibrant Catholic missionary spirit in the United States.

MASS SERVERS October 22 - October 27, 2024

DAY DATE	TIME	CELEBRANT	READERS	LAY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION	ALTAR SERVERS
Tuesday 10/22/24	5:30pm	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	Kimberly Clay	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	Sacristan
Wednesday 10/23/24	9:00am	Fr. Ed Degeyter	Ginger Comeaux	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	Sacristan
Thursday 10/24/24	5:30pm	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	Pete Aucoin	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	Sacristan
Friday 10/25/24	6:30am	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	Keith Comeaux	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	Sacristan
Saturday 10/26/24	4:00pm	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	Karl Boudreaux	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	Jesse Clay
Sunday 10/27/24	7:00am	Fr. Ed Degeyter	Janis Dugas	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	Autum, Benjamin & Ephraim Trahan
	9:00am	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	Lloyd Verret	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	Sophia Comeaux Allie Comeaux
	11:00am	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	Jenny Gonsoulin	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	Tai Nguyen Madalynn Salsman

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