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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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Amber Salsman

PASTORAL COUNCIL

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



31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"You shall love the Lord your God
with all your heart, with all your soul,
with all your mind, and with all your strength."

Mt 22:37



November 3, 2024

Mass Intentions for the Week

Tuesday, November 5, 2024

5:30pm United States of America
Brianna Haskins (liv) (bd)

Wednesday, November 6, 2024

9:00am Jeff Belaire (bd), Patricia Picard
Carrol Romero, Sr., Phyllis Dumesnil (liv) (bd)

Thursday, November 7, 2024

5:30pm Rowdy Thibodeaux

Friday, November 8, 2024

6:30am Beatrice Babin

Saturday, November 9, 2024

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

Sunday, November 10, 2024

7:00am Parishioners, Carroll Aucoin
Living & Deceased U.S. Veterans

9:00am Msgr. H.J. Barsen, Agapito A. Castro
Quang V. Nguyen, Gerald "Bick" Girouard
Loretta Trahan, Lê Trung Mien
L.E. & Barbara Dugas, Lee Bigler
L.J. & Edna Mae Begnaud

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

SANCTUARY LIGHT:

In Memory of :
Trahan & Richard Fly



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

OUR GIFTS TO GOD October 20, 2024

Loose	\$ 1,364.00
Envelopes	\$ 1,914.00
Total (collected)	\$ 3,278.45
Online Giving offertory	\$ 738.00
Mailed in offertory	\$ 1,642.00
Total offertory (week)	\$ 5,658.00

Thank you for your generosity!!!!

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 **Tuesday, November 19th**, before the 5:30 Mass.

Nativity of Our Lady Catholic Church Pastoral Advisory Board

Please contact the Church Office at 337-364-8360 and speak with Msgr. Romero, if you would like to be considered for one of the vacancies that needs to be filled on our Pastoral Council Committee.

Our Lady's Altar Society is having their **Raffle** and **"Sweet Sale"**. Raffle tickets will be sold after all Masses on **Nov. 16th & 17th**. The **"Sweet Sale"** will take place on the weekend of **Nov. 23rd & 24th** after all Masses. OLAS needs volunteers to bake sweets for the fundraiser. Please bring donated "sweets" to the Church at the Mass you are attending. Donations are appreciated.



GOSPEL MEDITATION 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Americans have long been fascinated with public debates. Farmers stood in muddy fields for hours to hear Lincoln and Douglas dispute each other in the 1860 presidential run-up. The televised debate between Kennedy and Nixon in 1960 fascinated the nation. These days, cable news outlets and social media parse every word spoken by candidates. We still love seeing public, rational disputes in the service of our nation.

In his day, Jesus also captured attention as a public debater. Mark tells us, "And one of the scribes came up and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, asked him, 'Which commandment is the first of all?'" Jesus' brief but all-encompassing response is the double command to love God and neighbor. Notice that he includes the importance of loving God with "all your mind." Loving God is not simply a question of affection, loyalty, good deeds, and religious dedication. It demands honest and intense intellectual engagement — just like an accomplished debater.

How do we do this practically? One simple way is by embracing ourselves as life-long learners. Setting aside time for reading, book studies, online classes, and, perhaps most difficult, engaging in open, honest, and curious conversation with those who think differently from us. These are all great ways to love God with our minds. Our country and our Church depend greatly on souls who love God in this way with their minds. Let's commit to loving God with all our minds in tireless pursuit of truth.

— Father John Muir

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REFLECTIONS **Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time** - You may be familiar with emails that advise you to forward them to at least 10 friends within the hour in order to obtain your wish. We like simple straight forward instructions. If we do "x" then all will be well. Follow the rules and reap the rewards. Jesus was very clear about his "rules" - Love God and your neighbor. It does not matter what other rules we follow if we do not keep this one. But it is the hardest and it takes a lifetime to learn how to love.

"I love you, O Lord, my strength, O Lord, my rock, my fortress, my deliverer!" - Psalm 18:2

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WHY DO WE DO THAT?
CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED
Faithful Departed

Question: How can we pray for the dead throughout the year?

Answer: We commemorate the faithful departed on November 2nd each year. However, we can and should continue to pray for the dead. Our growth in Christian perfection takes a long time. At the time of our death, many of us might not be saints yet. But God, in His mercy, allows for those who love Him to experience purification after death. Our word for that state is Purgatory. It's the antechamber of heaven, so to speak. We know we're getting in the house, but we're not quite ready to go all the way in. There's rain to shake off our coats and dirt that's clogging our shoes.

Here on earth, we can pray for the souls in Purgatory. One way is to request that your parish offer a Mass for the intention of a specific loved one. We can also remember the departed in our daily prayers. Just as we have special intentions for family and friends here on earth, we can pray for those who have died. It's also a good act of Christian charity to pray for the forgotten, those who have no one else to pray for them. God knows who they are! @LPi

**Nativity Youth Group's
 Thanksgiving Basket Drive**

Nativity Youth Group is holding its annual Thanksgiving Basket Drive, and we are in need of non-perishable foods to fill our baskets. The Youth Group will deliver the baskets during Thanksgiving week to those in our church parish who are in need. **Please check expiration dates.

When: Now through November 17

Where: Can be dropped off in the boxes at each of the entrances of the church. If you have any questions, or would like to speak with someone about making a donation, please contact Amber Salsman at nativityofourladyyouthgroup@gmail.com

THANKSGIVING BASKET SIGN-UP

Name: _____

Address: _____

Number of people in family _____

Phone Number: _____

Member of Nativity Parish? Yes No

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

RECOGNIZE GOD

IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

All Our Strength

I didn't realize how much my arms would hurt when I became a mom.

It occurred to me first during Mass when my daughter was just a few weeks old. She was the kind of kid who could only sleep in someone's arms. I desperately wanted her to stay quiet during the service, so I held the swaddled bundle in front of me like it was a bomb, not daring to move. By the homily, my arms were on fire.

I quickly realized this was a common scenario of my new life as a parent. Holding, rocking, bouncing, restraining, dragging — honestly, my weak little chicken-arms had never been worked out like this before. It took all my strength.

But isn't that the way it is with everything that's worthwhile? It takes all your strength. Not some of it. Not most of it. All of it.

I am a fairly active Catholic. My faith impacts a lot of areas of my life. But there are still boundaries that I've drawn around God. There are places I haven't let Him in. Things I keep "for myself." Experiences that are just so full of *me*, so full of my own plans and my own desires.

But God desires everything. Not because He is selfish, but because He is good, and wise. Because He knows that the places we keep from Him will become filled with something else. He wants to get there first. He wants to lay His claim.

He wants all our strength. All our heart. All our soul. All our mind. Not most of it. All of it.

Can we give it to Him?

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Wednesday, November 13, 2024

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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 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, Ovide Buteaux, David Spelly, Ellen Guidry. 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

Thirteenth Station: Jesus is taken down from the Cross and placed in the arms of Mary

Simeon said to his mother Mary, *"This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed... and a sword will pierce your own soul too"* (Lk 2:33-35).

Mary, because you said "yes", the Word took flesh in your womb. Now his broken body lies on your lap. The child you once cradled in your arms is now a mangled corpse. Yet even now, in the depths of your grief, you demonstrate your complete self-abandonment. A sword has pierced your soul, yet in your prayer, you continue to say "yes" to God. We find it so hard to say "yes"; more often we say "but": but if I had better parents, but if I had been better understood and loved, but if my career had taken off, but if I hadn't had that problem or that illness, but if God had only granted my request... We keep asking why things happen as they do, and so we find it hard to live the present moment with love. You, Mary, could have had any number of "ifs" to say to God, but you persisted in saying "yes". Steadfast in your faith, you believed that sorrow, experienced in love, bears saving fruit. That with God, suffering never has the final word. As you hold the lifeless body of Jesus in your arms, you hear once more his last words to you: Behold your son. Mother, I am that son! Take me into your arms and tend my wounds. Help me to say "yes" to God, "yes" to love. Mother of mercy, we live in a merciless age and we yearn for compassion and understanding. In the strength of your love, anoint us with the balm of meekness. Overcome the resistance of our hearts and untie the knots of our souls. .

Let us pray together and say:

Mary, take my hand

When I indulge in recrimination and self-pity,

Mary, take my hand

When I give up and succumb to my failings,

Mary, take my hand

When I am weak and find it hard to say "yes" to God,

Mary, take my hand

When I am indulgent with myself and unbending with others,

Mary, take my hand

When I want the Church and the world to change, yet refuse to change myself,

Mary, take my hand

Amen



TODAY'S READINGS

Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time
November 3, 2024

Reading I: Deuteronomy 6:2-6

Moses taught the Israelites the importance of passing on the faith and keeping the Jewish prayer, the great Shema (“Hear, O Israel...”). What are some faith traditions your family practices?

Reading II: Hebrews 7:23-28

In Hebrews we hear that Jesus is the eternal and perfect high priest who intercedes for us before God. Do you have a friend or co-worker who needs you to pray for them this week?

Gospel: Mark 12:28b-34

Jesus and the scribe find common ground on agreeing that the two greatest commandments are to love God and our neighbor. Do you value making peace with people you disagree with?

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**K. C. Ladies Auxiliary &
Nativity of Our Lady
Blood Drive
(The Gift of Life)**

Sunday, November 17, 2024
7:30AM-1:30PM

CURRENT EVENTS

Tuesday, November 5, 2024

Mass at 5:30pm
Bible Study - 9am - Barsen Hall
No Faith Formation - Election Day

Wednesday, November 6, 2024

Pro-Life Rosary - 8:20am
Mass at 9am
Holy Hour - 9:30am - 10:30am

Thursday, November 7, 2024

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

Friday, November 8, 2024

Mass at 6:30am

Saturday, November 9, 2024

Mass at 4pm

Sunday, November 10, 2024

Masses at: 7am, 9am & 11am
2nd Collection - Bishop's Services Appeal
Confirmation Class after 11am Mass - Parish Hall

Let Go and Let God

Fully Surrender and See Miracles Happen!!!

PARISH VOCATION CROSS

The Vocation Cross is taken by:

Ellen Claudy (Nov. 3rd - Nov. 9th)



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.

MASS SERVERS November 5 th - Nov. 10 th , 2024					
DAY DATE	TIME	CELEBRANT	READERS	LAY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION	ALTAR SERVERS
Tuesday 11/05/24	5:30pm	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	Kimberly Clay	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	Sacristan
Wednesday 11/06/24	9:00am	Fr. Ed Degeyter	Ginger Comeaux	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	Sacristan
Thursday 11/07/24	5:30pm	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	Ellen Claudy	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	Sacristan
Friday 11/08/24	6:30am	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	Keith Comeaux	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	Sacristan
Saturday 11/09/24	4:00pm	Fr. Ed Degeyter	Karl Boudreaux	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	Sophia Comeaux Allie Comeaux
Sunday 11/10/24	7:00am	Fr. Ed Degeyter	Carmen Nicholson	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	Jesse Clay
	9:00am	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	Margo Leblanc	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	Serena Bedia
	11:00am	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	Vincent Borne	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	Tai Nguyen Madalynn Salsman

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