

# 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:

*Rev. Msgr. J. Robert Romero*

## SACRAMENTAL MINISTER:

*Fr. Ed Degeyter*

## SECRETARY:

*Kimberly Richard*

## BOOKKEEPER:

*Polly Camacho*

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*Sheryl S. Bourque*

## DIRECTOR OF FAITH FORMATION:

*Janet Viator – 337-365-3759*

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*Amber Salsman*

## PASTORAL COUNCIL

**PRESIDENT:** *Barbara Breaux*

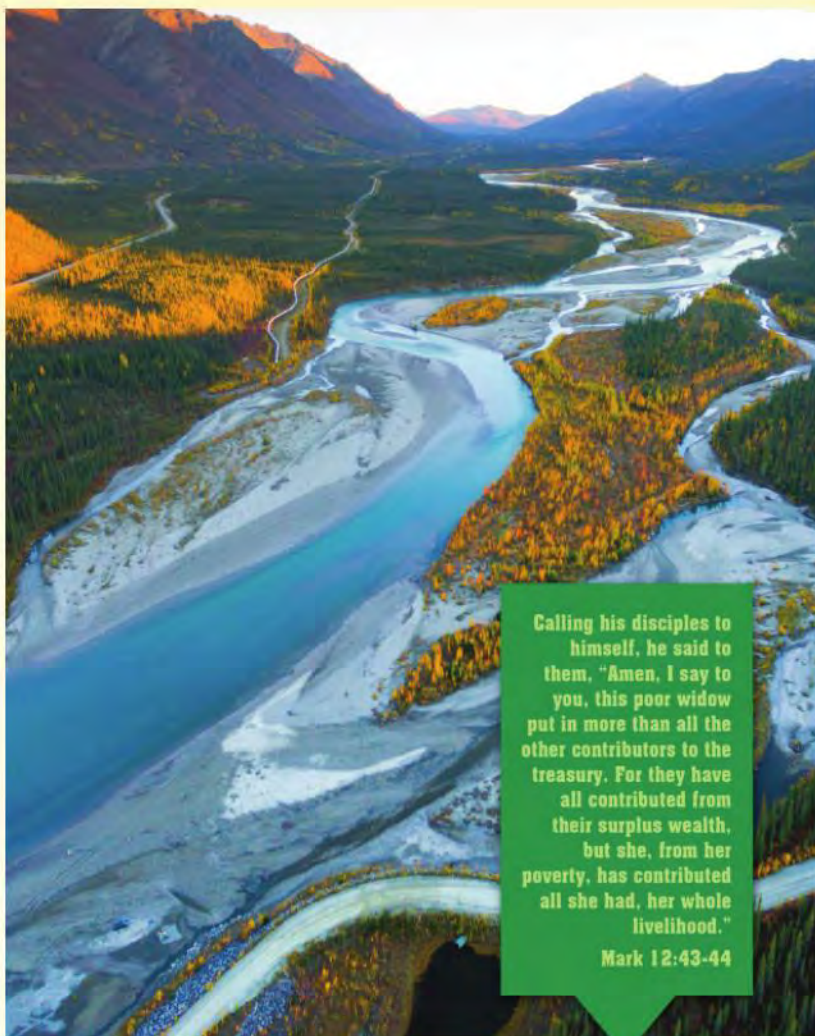
## RECONCILIATION:

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



Calling his disciples to himself, he said to them, "Amen, I say to you, this poor widow put in more than all the other contributors to the treasury. For they have all contributed from their surplus wealth, but she, from her poverty, has contributed all she had, her whole livelihood."  
Mark 12:43-44

**Sunday**  
**November 10<sup>th</sup>**  
**2024**

**32**  
ORDINARY  
TIME

## Mass Intentions for the Week

**Tuesday, November 12, 2024**

**5:30pm** Colin D. Trahan (liv) (bd)

**Wednesday, November 13, 2024**

**9:00am** Special Intention, Remy & Yola Barras  
Suzanne Allen, Joseph Viator, Donna Snoddy  
Patti Gagnard, Special Intention  
Liv. & Dec. Fly of Carrol & Brenda Romero

**Thursday, November 14, 2024**

**5:30pm** Mr. & Mrs. Leon Minvielle, Jr.

**Friday, November 15, 2024**

**6:30am** Special Intention

**Saturday, November 16, 2024**

**4:00pm** Fr. Tom Finley, Rachel R. Romero  
Lynward Ransonet, Ernest "Topper" Breaux, Jr.  
Roy Flores, Leona & Jules Broussard  
Juliette C. Dubois, Mona Simon (bd)  
Donald & Margorie Poche Fly, Lê Trung Mien  
Mary Ann Ramirez, Betty Comeaux

**Sunday, November 17, 2024**

**7:00am** Parishioners, Carroll Aucoin

**9:00am** Msgr. H.J. Barsen, Donna M. Snoddy  
Quang V. Nguyen, Gerald "Bick" Girouard  
Clifford "Buddy" Broussard (ann. of death)  
Clark Romero

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

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

**OUR GIFTS TO GOD October 27, 2024**

Loose .....	\$ 1,232.00
Envelopes.....	\$ 1,874.00
Total (collected) .....	\$ 3,106.00
Online Giving offertory .....	\$ 593.00
Mailed in offertory .....	\$ 860.00
Total offertory (week) .....	\$ 4,559.00
New Iberia Poor & Needy .....	\$ 1,210.00

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### 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 19<sup>th</sup>**, 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 32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Once at an evening Mass as a poor college student, the collection basket was fast approaching, and I only had a ten-dollar bill. I was planning on using that to buy my favorite Chipotle burrito that night for dinner. Should I keep the money? Who would know if I did? If I gave it away, what would I eat? Would I be okay? I kissed my future burrito goodbye, dropped the money in the basket, and winced. But strangely, the rest of the Mass I felt more engaged than usual. I had skin in the game. I left the Mass excited to see how God would take care of me. And he did, in amazing ways.

When the poor widow places two copper coins in the temple treasury, Jesus doesn't pity her. He praises her. He blesses her. He brags about her. He celebrates her as the temple's largest benefactor. Her giving is an act of radical, concrete trust in God. It is as if she is entering a new level of giving that excites Jesus, because she contributes not out of her abundance, but she gives **"everything she had."**

What a challenge this is to each one of us! How easy it is to ignore this! But imagine the eruption of the energy of faith, hope, and love that would be unlocked if our financial sacrifices to the Church actually tapped into daily bread and not only our disposable income. I challenge us to try this in some way this coming week and see what happens in our hearts. Even if it costs us a burrito.

— Father John Muir

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**REFLECTIONS** **Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time** - Human beings have a tendency to judge others even though Jesus has told us not to do that. We admire those who have power and wealth while despising those who appear stingy or low class. We do not know the hearts of others - only our own. That \$1,000 donation may be 1% of someone's income while another's \$5 donation may be 5% of theirs. Put your focus on what you are doing and why. Do what is right, not what will impress others. Give what you can responsibly. Be generous to all those in need. God is the only qualified judge - leave others to his judgment.

*"The Lord keeps faith forever, secures justice for the oppressed, gives food to the hungry." - Psalm 146:7  
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# CHOOSE Faith

## OPEN HOUSE

Nov. 13<sup>th</sup> 5:30PM GRADES 4-12<sup>th</sup>

**WWW.CHSPANTERS.COM**  
 Meet our faculty, explore the campus, and see how our students thrive in academics, faith, and extracurriculars. Plus, discover our clubs, activities, and athletics. Don't miss this chance to experience our Panther Community!

**Prayer of Generosity**  
 Oh God, whose generosity cannot be out given,  
 mold my heart to mimic Yours.  
 Teach me what it means to be giving,  
 knowing that whatever I have is a gift,  
 from Your abundance.  
 Blessed be Your name.  
 Amen. ©LPi

**Nativity Youth Group's Thanksgiving Basket Drive**  
 Nativity Youth Group is holding its 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 22  
 Where: Can be dropped off in the boxes at each of the entrances of the church or at Barsen Hall. If you have any questions, or would like to speak with someone about making a donation, please contact Amber Salsman at [nativityofourladyyouthgroup@gmail.com](mailto:nativityofourladyyouthgroup@gmail.com)

**THANKSGIVING BASKET SIGN-UP**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of people in family \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Member of Nativity Parish?  Yes  No

# PLEASE JOIN US!

## Panda Preview

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**WHY DO WE DO THAT?  
 CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED  
 Saints**

**Question:** Our prayer group has been reading the lives of some saints, and we were struck by how some of them thought they were such sinners. Why would such holy people think they had such serious sin?

**Answer:** Professional athletes practice the fundamentals of their sport over and over again, reaching for better form, consistency, and better performance. They focus on the basics, review past performances, and visualize greater success. Practice makes better, if not perfect!

Spiritual masters such as the saints also looked for perfection. They practiced their faith in the search for holiness, grace, and virtue. Through sacraments, prayer, study, good works, and penance, they raised their level of awareness, their sensitivity to the presence of God, the demands of the Gospel, and the workings of the Holy Spirit. They examined their consciences daily, reviewing the day for moments of failure and times that they could have been more virtuous in one way or another. They resolved to do better, be more attentive and alert!

Therefore, anything that would distract them or interfere with their relationship with God would be like a small black spot on a bright white wall — you can't miss it! The great saints were aware of sin and the presence of evil because they were so tuned in to the struggle between good and evil that was fought in their own lives, hearts, and souls. We must guard against becoming desensitized to sin in our lives and unaware of the harm it causes us. A goal of any spiritual practice is to become more aware of our sinfulness so that we seek God's forgiving and healing love. @LPi

## 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:**

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 Fly, Dustin & Nicole V. Ortego Fly, Linda & Clint Trahan Fly, Josephine Delcambre, Ruth Bernard, Sirena Rogers, Jay McDonald, Shawntell Romero, Bea & Jimmy Romero, Jeanette Gonsoulin, Jacque 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, 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 Armendariz, Louis Boudreaux, Jr., 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, Barbara Martin, Michael “Tee” Theriot, Phyllis S. Bourque, Doris Scheldon, Ovide Buteaux, David Spelly, Ellen Guidry, Dean Delahoussaye, Patsy & Percy Barrilleaux, Patsy & Ronnie Thibodeaux 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

#### **Fourteenth Station: Jesus is placed in the tomb of Joseph of Arimathea**

When it was evening, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who was also a disciple of Jesus. He went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus... Joseph took the body and wrapped it in a clean linen cloth and laid it in his own new tomb, which he had hewn in the rock (Mt 27:57-60).

Joseph. The name that, along with the name of Mary, appears at the dawn of Christ’s coming, now returns at the first light of Easter. Joseph of Nazareth had a dream and courageously took Jesus and saved him from Herod. You, Joseph of Arimathea, now take his body, without realizing that something incredible and wonderful would happen there, in the tomb you provided for Jesus when all seemed lost. Yet how true it is that every gift given to God receives an even greater reward. Joseph of Arimathea, you are a prophet of boldness and courage. To bestow your gift on one who was dead, you approach the dreaded Pilate and ask permission to bury Jesus in the tomb that you had prepared for yourself. Your plea is insistent and you do what you said. Joseph, remind us that persevering prayer bears fruit and overcomes even the darkness of death. Love never goes unanswered, but always grants new beginnings. Your tomb, which – alone in history – would be the wellspring of new life, was itself new, freshly hewn from the rock. As for me, what new gift will I give Jesus this Easter? A little more time to spend with him? A little more love for others? My fears and my buried sorrows, which Christ is waiting for me to offer to him, as you did with your tomb? It will truly be Easter if only I give something of myself to the One who gave his life for me. For it is in giving that we receive, and we find our lives whenever we lose them, our possessions whenever we give them away.

#### **Let us pray together and say:**

Have mercy, Lord

On me, so loath to be converted,

Have mercy, Lord

On me, so prone to take and so reluctant to give,

Have mercy, Lord

On me, who find it so hard to surrender to your love,

Have mercy, Lord

On us, so ready to use things but so slow to serve others,

Have mercy, Lord

On our world, dotted with sepulchres of selfishness,

Have mercy, Lord

Amen



## TODAY'S READINGS

**Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**November 10, 2024**

**Reading I: 1 Kings 17:10-16**

We hear how the Lord spared the widow and her son from starvation and death in the days of the prophet Elijah. How do you think society can best help those on the margins who are really struggling?

**Reading II: Hebrews 9:24-28**

Hebrews teaches us that Jesus's death took away the sins of many and that at his Second Coming, Jesus will bring eternal salvation to all believers. When do you imagine Jesus will return?

**Gospel: Mark 12:38-44 or 12:41-44**

Jesus praises the widow who gives to the poor despite her own poverty. Do you have family or friends who likewise selflessly give to others? @LPi



**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 12, 2024**

Mass at 5:30pm  
 Patriotic Rosary - 6pm - Church

**Wednesday, November 13, 2024**

Pro-Life Rosary - 8:20am  
 Mass at 9am  
 K.C. & Ladies Aux. Supper & Mtg.

**Thursday, November 14, 2024**

Mass at 5:30pm  
 Baptismal Class - 6:30pm - Church Office

**Friday, November 15, 2024**

Mass at 6:30am

**Saturday, November 16, 2024**

Baptisms  
 Mass at 4pm

**Sunday, November 17, 2024**

Masses at: 7am, 9am & 11am  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection - Catholic Campaign for Human Development  
 K.C. Ladies Aux & Nativity of Our Lady Blood Drive  
 7:30am - 1:00pm

### SANCTUARY LIGHT:



In Memory of:  
**Mike Sr., Mike Jr., & Jeff Belaire**



**PARISH VOCATION CROSS**  
*The Vocation Cross is taken by:*

*Cindy & Ross Landry (Nov. 10<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup>)*

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 12 <sup>th</sup> - Nov. 17 <sup>th</sup> , 2024					
DAY DATE	TIME	CELEBRANT	READERS	LAY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION	ALTAR SERVERS
Tuesday 11/12/24	5:30pm	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	Kimberly Clay	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	Sacristan
Wednesday 11/13/24	9:00am	Fr. Ed Degeyter	Ginger Comeaux	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	Sacristan
Thursday 11/14/24	5:30pm	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	Janis Dugas	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	Sacristan
Friday 11/15/24	6:30am	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	Chad Courtois	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	Sacristan
Saturday 11/16/24	4:00pm	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	Jenny Gonsoulin	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	Serena Bedia Khoi Nguyen
Sunday 11/17/24	7:00am	Fr. Ed Degeyter	Janis Dugas	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	Jesse Clay
	9:00am	Fr. Ed Degeyter	Michelle Moss	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	Sophia Comeaux Allie Comeaux
	11:00am	Fr. Mike Arnaud	Dona Schexnayder	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	Amari Romero Madalynn Salsman

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