

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

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Kimberly Richard

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YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT COORDINATOR:

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

33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

And then they will see
'the Son of Man coming in the clouds'
with great power and glory...

1 Th 1:3-6



November 17, 2024

Mass Intentions for the Week

Tuesday, November 19, 2024

5:30pm Emma Grace Trahan (liv) (bd)

Wednesday, November 20, 2024

9:00am Hazel & Camile Mouton, Ken & Elaine Cole
Carrol Romero, Sr. Howard Bourque, Jr.

Thursday, November 21, 2024

5:30pm Special Intention

Friday, November 22, 2024

6:30am Allen Davis (liv) (bd)

Saturday, November 23, 2024

4:00pm Fr. Tom Finley, Rachel R. Romero
Lynward Ransonet, Ernest "Topper" Breaux, Jr.
Bill Ramirez, Betty Comeaux

Sunday, November 24, 2024

7:00am Parishioners, Carroll Aucoin

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

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

Prayer of Seasons

As the seasons change, be with me.

As my life shifts and shapes, be with me.

As I face what the future holds, be with me.

As I seek the beauty to be found today, help me to find
you there.

Amen.

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

OUR GIFTS TO GOD November 3, 2024

Loose	\$ 2,403.00
Envelopes.....	\$ 2,763.00
Total (collected)	\$ 5,166.00
Online Giving offertory	\$ 898.00
Mailed in offertory	\$ 2,110.00
Total offertory (week)	\$ 8,174.00
Nativity Building Fund.....	\$ 1,022.00
All Saints Day Collection.....	\$ 971.80

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 consid-
ered for one of the vacancies that needs to be filled on our
Pastoral Council Committee.

The Our Lady's Altar Society "**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 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

I recently moved into a new neighborhood. On my first evening I went grocery shopping and could not find my usual favorite Greek yogurt. Strangely, my heart started to race. All the losses of my previous life hit me. So many of my old friends, habits, comforts, and predictable experiences had fallen away. There I stood, a grown man, crying like a little boy whose world was falling apart in the dairy aisle.

This week, Jesus describes what to do when one world ends, and another begins. Does it apply to the end of time? Yes. Does it apply to the end of our individual lives? Yes. It also applies to every "world" we inhabit throughout our lives, in school, family, friendships, work, play and so on. First, the sun, moon, and stars fall. The old, familiar ways of running things suddenly stop working. Light fades. Things fall apart. It's awful. But, second, Christ comes "in the clouds." Jesus, the Son of Man, replaces those old powers with himself as the prime governing principle. Third, he sends out his angels to "gather his elect from the four winds." He re-integrates the fragments into a new integrated whole. "Summer is near," he concludes. A new world begins.

Is your world crumbling? Are your sun, moon, and stars falling from the sky? Learn to discern the pattern of the Cross and Resurrection at work in it. This is the power we touch in the Mass. Jesus is coming precisely in this transition from the old to the new world. It doesn't make our losses easy. But it does make it possible to glimpse the dawning of a summer, a new beginning, the life of the world to come.

— Father John Muir

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REFLECTIONS **Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time** - We need to be observant and read the signs of our times. However, tomorrow's possibilities should not so disturb us that we fail to tend to realities facing us now. Consider how much time you spend worrying about the future. Reflect on your past. Did such worrying bring any benefit? Ask the Spirit to help you see what needs to be done now and trust the future to God.

"I set the Lord ever before me;

with him at my right hand I shall not be disturbed." - Psalm 16:8

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**PRACTICING CATHOLIC
RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS**

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman
The End of the World

“It’s not the end of the world.”

If I had a brick for every time my mother said this to me growing up, I could have built a castle. One that comes complete with a moat whose bridge I could dramatically pull up so I could sulk, in the window of the highest turret, sighing loudly so every passerby would know how I suffered.

Because sometimes we act like it’s the end of the world — whether we are a little kid angered by a playground snub, a teenage girl flipping out over an assignment for English class or a college student distraught that she got scheduled for four opening shifts in a row at the coffee house where she works (yes, these are all examples taken straight from my life, why do you ask?).

And sometimes, it really does seem like the end of the world. We lose someone we love to cancer. We miscarry a child before we even get to see his tiny face. The rent is due, and the bank account is overdrawn (also all examples taken straight from my life).

In today’s Gospel, Jesus tells us that when the sun is darkened and the moon no longer gives light, we must look for him, because his time is near.

He’s talking about The End of the World. The big one, the apocalypse. But why do I think he’s also talking about the end of the world — those sufferings large and small, real and imagined, that make us feel like the sky is caving in?

In both instances, he draws near to us. So let us look for him.

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**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

THANKSGIVING BASKET SIGN-UP

Name: _____

Address: _____

Number of people in family _____

Phone Number: _____

Member of Nativity Parish? Yes No



Join us in our mission of
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Job Opportunity: The Unexpected Pregnancy Center is hiring! We are looking for professional applicants who are passionate about the value of life and committed to serving families in our community. Please help us to spread the word!



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HOW TO APPLY:

Email your completed application to info@unexpectedpc.com
Or drop it off to 117 E. Pershing Street, New Iberia 70560.



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

Mary and the Saints

Question: Why do Catholics pray to Mary and the saints?

Answer: One of the statements of faith we make when we pray the Nicene Creed and the Apostles Creed is that we believe in “the communion of saints.” The Catechism of the Catholic Church reminds us that this communion (another word for community) includes all the faithful on earth, the souls in Purgatory, and the blessed women, men, and children who are in heaven. This teaching is grounded in our belief that, through Baptism, we are united with Christ and to one another with bonds that are stronger even than death.

And so from the time of the early Church, Christians have turned to other believers for prayers and assistance, including those who have gone before us, confident that God hears the prayers of all of His children. While we ask the saints (and one another) for prayers and support, we remember that the saints join us in prayer. But it is God who blesses and sanctifies us.

When we think of Mary and the saints in heaven, we have to remember that we can turn to them for intercession and assistance because they were faulted, limited human beings, just like us. This means that they are able to understand our struggles, doubts, fears, joys, and hopes. But as we learn their stories, we can also begin to recognize that they stand out in the history of the Church because they persevered in their commitment to follow Christ. Whether they were ordained, vowed religious, martyrs, husbands, wives, or even children, they show us that holiness is possible. We can not only follow their example but also benefit from their prayerful support.

Our devotion to the saints and gratitude for their witness, prayers, and protection should also be an inspiration for us, especially when we become aware of the needs of others or when others ask us to pray for them. We are called to share the blessings we receive. This is also part of our own journey of growing in holiness.

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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:

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, 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, 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, Dylan 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 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

Concluding Invocations to the Holy Name of Jesus

Lord, we lift our prayer to you, like the poor, the needy and the sick in the Gospels, who called upon you in the simplest and most direct of ways: by crying out your name.

Jesus, your name itself saves, for you are our salvation.

Jesus, you are my life. I need you, lest I go astray, for you forgive me and raise me up; you bring healing to my heart and give meaning to my pain.

Jesus, you took my evil upon yourself. From the cross, you do not accuse me but embrace me. Meek and humble of heart, heal me of jealousy and resentment; set me free from suspicion and distrust.

Jesus, as I contemplate you on the cross, I find pure love, the meaning of my life and the goal of my journey. Help me to love and forgive, to leave behind my impatience and indifference, and not to feel sorry for myself.

Jesus, on the cross you thirsted. You thirsted for my love and my prayer; you count on them, in bringing to fulfillment your plan of goodness and peace.

Jesus, I thank you for all those who answer your call and persevere in prayer, firm faith and constancy in confronting every challenge and difficulty.

Jesus, I lift up to you the pastors of your flock, whose prayer sustains your holy people. May they make time to dwell in your presence and may they conform their hearts to your own.

Jesus, I praise you for those contemplatives, male and female, whose prayer, hidden from the world and pleasing to you, sustains the Church and our human family.

Jesus, I bring before you all those families and individuals who have prayed with us tonight in their homes: the elderly, especially those who live alone, and the sick, the treasures of the Church, who unite their sufferings to your own.

Jesus, may this prayer of intercession embrace our brothers and sisters who in so many parts of the world are suffering persecution on account of your name; those who experience the trauma of war, and all those who look to you for the strength to bear their heavy crosses.

Jesus, by your cross, you have made us one. Bring believers into deeper communion, help us to grow in fraternity and forbearance, to cooperate with one another and to journey together. Grant lasting peace to your Church throughout the world.

Jesus, just judge who will one day call me by name, free me from hasty judgment, gossip, and violent and offensive words.

Jesus, in the hour of your death, you said: "It is finished". I have not yet finished the course of my life, yet I continue to trust in you, for you are my hope, the hope of the Church and the hope of our world.

Jesus, let me say one last word to you, and to say it over and over again: Thank you! Thank you, my Lord and my God!

TODAY'S READINGS

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
November 17, 2024

Reading I: Daniel 12:1-3

The prophet Daniel foresaw a time of great distress and ultimate judgment for the living and the dead. Who supports you when you are feeling anxious or are deeply worried?

Reading II: Hebrews 10:11-14, 18

The author of Hebrews emphasizes Jesus's death as the final offering for the forgiveness of sins, making us "perfect forever" in eternal life. What do you find most curious about the idea of being perfect in eternal life?

Gospel: Mark 13:24-32

Jesus speaks to his disciples about the signs that will accompany his Second Coming, even though only God the Father knows the exact time. How should one best prepare for this unknown future?

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It sometimes feels like God is silent, like he sets himself apart from us and our struggles on earth. But Jesus reminds us of the fig tree, who can feel the coming of spring deep within itself. In the same intuitive way, we know the voice of God. Listen.

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CURRENT EVENTS

Tuesday, November 19, 2024

K.C. "Silver Rose" Rosary - 5pm
Mass at 5:30pm

Wednesday, November 20, 2024

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

Thursday, November 21, 2024

Mass at 5:30pm

Friday, November 22, 2024

Mass at 6:30am

Last Day - Thanksgiving Basket Donations - Last Day

Saturday, November 23, 2024

OLAS "Sweet Sale" - after 4pm Mass

Sunday, November 24, 2024

Masses at: 7am, 9am & 11am

OLAS "Sweet Sale" - after all Masses

2nd Collection - New Iberia Poor & Needy



Smile
Jesus Loves You



SANCTUARY LIGHT:

In Memory of:
Mona Simon (bd)



PARISH VOCATION CROSS
The Vocation Cross is taken by:

Brenda Romero (Nov. 17th - 23rd)

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 19 th - 24 th , 2024					
DAY DATE	TIME	CELEBRANT	READERS	LAY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION	ALTAR SERVERS
Tuesday 11/19/24	5:30pm	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	Kimberly Clay	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	Sacristan
Wednesday 11/20/24	9:00am	Fr. Ed Degeyter	Ginger Comeaux	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	Sacristan
Thursday 11/21/24	5:30pm	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	Lan Nguyen	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	Sacristan
Friday 11/22/24	6:30am	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	Keith Comeaux	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	Sacristan
Saturday 11/23/24	4:00pm	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	Karl Boudreaux	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	Sophia Comeaux Allie Comeaux
Sunday 11/24/24	7:00am	Fr. Ed Degeyter	Ellen Claudy	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	Serena Bedia Khoi Nguyen
	9:00am	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	Lloyd Verret	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	Autum, Benjamin & Ephraim Trahan
	11:00am	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	Jenny Gonsoulin	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	Charlie Salsman Morgan Salsman

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Nativity of Our Lady's
Sunday Bulletin

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