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MASS SCHEDULE:

Saturday: 4:00 pm

Sunday: 8:00 am, 10:00 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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Fr. Ed Degeyter

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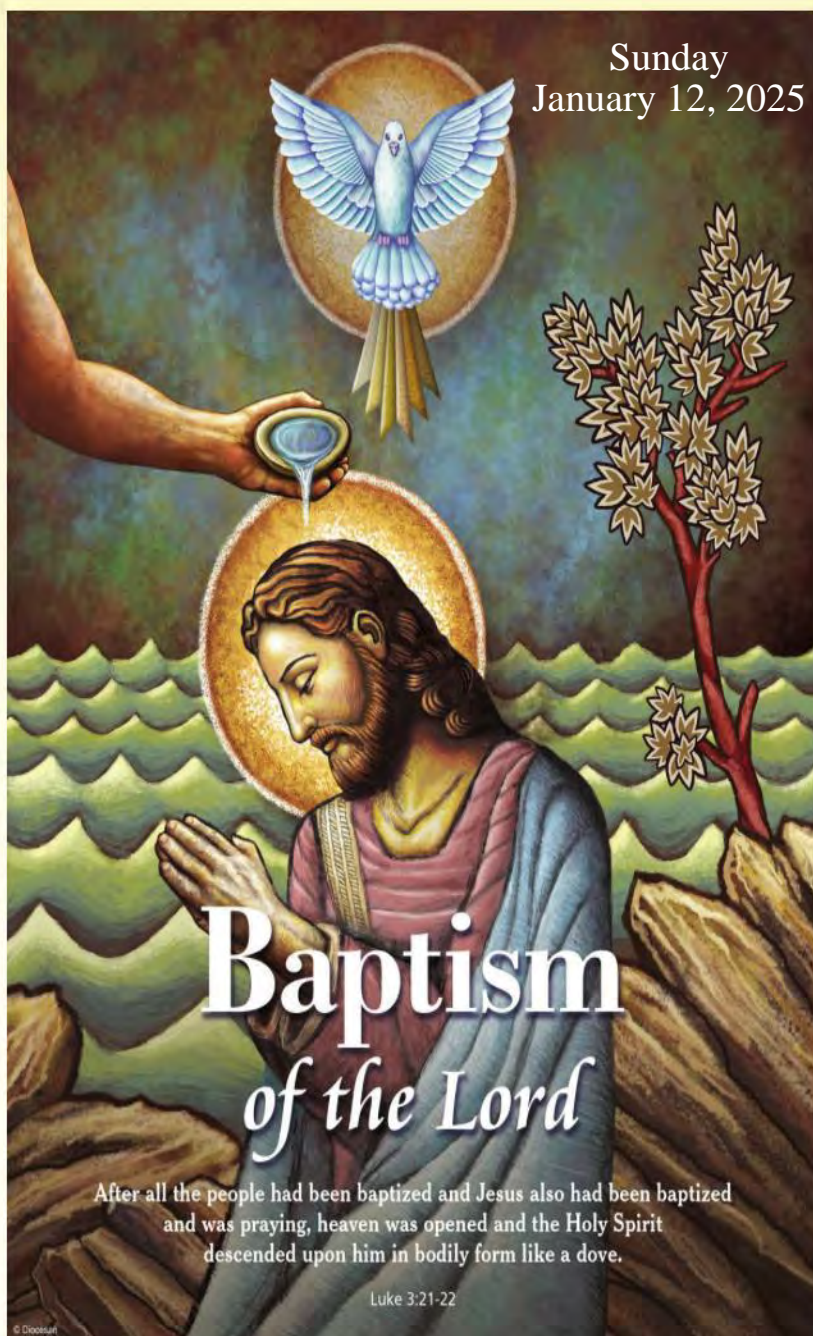
RECONCILIATION:

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





Mass Intentions for the Week

Tuesday, January 14, 2025

5:30pm Cherise A. Hurlburt (liv) (bd)

Wednesday, January 15 2025

9:00am Ernest "Topper" Breaux

Liv & Dec Fly of Carrol & Brenda Romero

Thursday, January 16, 2025

5:30pm John & NeCole Babin (liv)

Friday, January 17, 2025

6:30am Peggy Alayna A. Clark (liv) (bd)

Saturday, January 18, 2025

4:00pm Fr. Tom Finley, Juliette C. Dubois

Rachel R. Romero, Peggy T. Lancon

Roy Flores, Russell Ramirez

Sunday, January 19, 2025

8:00am Parishioners, Carroll Aucoin (bd)

10:00am Msgr. H.J. Barsen, Fr. A.J. Boumans

Harvey & Joyce DeCourt, Donna M. Lanza

A Special Word of Thanks for your wonderful Christmas Gifts and Cards that have been given to us during this Christmas Season. We are very touched by your kindness and generosity expressed by your love. We love you too! May God bless us all! Thank you.

Msgr. Romero & Fr. Ed

SANCTUARY LIGHT:

In Honor of:
John & NeCole Babin



LIVE THE LITURGY

"The people were filled with expectation," writes Luke. And so we find ourselves, two thousand years later, filled with expectation, with longing. Who can give us what we seek? Only the one upon whom the dove descended. Follow him.

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Knights of Columbus Raffle

K.C. Council #12997 held its annual benefit raffle.

Congratulations to all our winners!

- 1st - \$500 Cash - Angie Derouen
- 2nd - Quilt - Mike Flash
- 3rd - \$400 Cash - Allen & Donna Clanton
- 4th - \$300 Cash - Kari Harrington
- 5th - \$100 Cash - Doc Voorhies
- 6th - \$125 Home Depot Gift Card - Roland Boudreaux
- 7th - \$100 Jane's Gift Card - Brad Miller
- 8th - \$100 Spa Almaz Gift Card - Marlene Mouton
- 9th - \$100 Cash - Ray & Monica Landry
- 10th - \$75 Mill Side Food Certificate - Catrina Dupuis
- 11th - \$50 Cash - Johnny Bourque
- 12th - \$50 Harbor Freight Gift Card - Diana Delcambre
- 13th - \$50 Cash - Sherdell Breaux

Thank you for your participation and support!

WHY DO WE DO THAT? CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

Baptismal Bib

Question: At my grandson's Baptism, the priest put a bib on the baby. I do not remember seeing this before. Why is this done? Is it something new?

Answer: When an adult is baptized, there is a part in the ceremony when the newly baptized is vested in a white garment. It is symbolic of the changes that baptism brings in the life of the baptized as they are freed from the bonds of sin and brought into the saving grace of Christ. Realities that are so profound are symbolically presented so that we might better grasp and understand them.

Infants are often dressed in a baptismal dress, which is the baptismal garment. In some places, the bib is used as a kind of baptismal garment. At the place in the ceremony where the investiture takes place, the bib is used. Some are poncho-like and fit over the baby's head. Others are simply placed on the baby's chest. If the baby is dressed in a white garment, nothing else is needed. The prayer says it all: "See in your white garment the outward sign of your Christian dignity ... bring that dignity unstained into the everlasting life of heaven." In baptism, we are given our purpose and goal in life as believers and this is symbolized by the white garment.

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PRACTICING CATHOLIC RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Mini Reflection: It makes perfect sense that everyone thought John the Baptist was the Messiah. He was the guy pouring the water. But the Messiah was the man who came to be baptized. He was the one who descended into the waters, submerging himself in our experience of death and pain and sorrow.

Beneath the Surface

When I was seventeen, I wasn't sure that I wanted to be confirmed. It was a rough period in my life, and I was having some intense questions and doubts. It upset my mother, understandably. She knew that, at such a pivotal and difficult moment, I needed the grace of the sacrament more than ever. So, she called our priest and asked him to talk to me. After that meeting, I made the decision to be confirmed.

To be honest, I can't remember anything he said to me. All I remember is that he sat with me. He listened to me. He let me talk and talk and talk (and cry). And when he said whatever he said, whatever it is that I cannot remember, it was obvious that he had listened to me.

Reading today's Gospel, it makes perfect sense that everyone thought John the Baptist was the Messiah. He was the guy pouring the water. Of course it seemed natural that he would be "the one." The one they were all waiting for.

But instead, the Messiah was the man who came to be baptized. He was the one who descended into the waters, submerging himself in our experience of death and pain and sorrow — and in doing so, he sanctified it. He made it a means of redemption.

Jesus is our Savior, yes. When we dig ourselves a hole of sin and confusion and we can't climb out, he is the one who brings us back to the surface. But he doesn't pull us out; he lifts us. He jumps down into the pit. He looks around. He offers his hand, gives us a leg up, and by his strength and not our own, we are brought back into the light.

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Please Join Us!

Praying for an end to abortion and all pro-death activities in our nation and in our world.



South Deanery **“March For Life”**

Tuesday January 14, 2025

St. Peter’s Catholic Church, New Iberia, Louisiana

- ◆ **5:00pm Holy Hour at Grotto** - An hour of prayer, music and adoration with confession available.
- ◆ **6:00pm Eucharistic Procession** - Procession from Grotto to St. Peter Church
- 6:30pm Mass for Life**
- Celebrant for*
- Eucharistic Procession & Mass:**
- Fr. David James Furka**
- For more information call (337) 369-3816



**Baptisms: January through December 2024
at Nativity of Our Lady Catholic Church**

<u>Name of Baptised</u>	<u>Date of Baptism</u>
Koa John Bourgeois	04/13/2024
Sebastian Jude Copeland	04/13/2024
Caylix Christopher Courtois	04/13/2024
Samuel Robert Delahoussaye	12/14/2024
Bennett Carsten Fitch	05/25/2024
Julie Ray Griffin	11/16/2024
Asher James Hamilton	04/13/2024
Lillie Claire-Catherine Miguez	05/18/2024
Madeline Rose Olivier	06/08/2024
Ari Marie Phillips	03/16/2024
John Allen Rader	01/13/2024
Cullen Paul Segura	11/16/2024
Henry Nicholas Trahan	04/20/2024
AnnaBelle Grace Wilson	04/13/2024

“Take this all of you, and eat it, this is my body...take this, all of you, and drink from it. This is the cup of my blood.” Eucharistic Prayer

To give the “Body and Blood of Jesus Christ” to our brothers and sisters in Christ is an awesome privilege. Are you worthy? No, none of us is worthy, but we are striving to grow in holiness. If you are being called to this ministry, call Msgr. Romero at the church office (364-8360). Thank you.

Prayer For Our Country

Dear Lord,
Guide and direct those who serve this country in positions of leadership and power. Give them Your wisdom and clarity as they make decisions for our nation. Amen.

MEMORIAL BOOK

The weekend of the first Sunday of every month the "Memorial Book" is placed in the sanctuary as a reminder that we pray for all those who have been enrolled. You can enroll any deceased person by making a donation to Our Lady's Altar Society (minimum \$5.00) This money stays with the Altar Society to assist the parish with Altar needs. Call Sheryl Bourque @ 364-8360.



PARISH VOCATION CROSS

The Vocation Cross is taken by:

*Kathie & Ricky Segura
(January 12th - 18th)*

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. We appreciate the prayers.

Nativity of Our Lady offers Online Giving, a web-based electronic contribution application. We are providing this service so that you have the option to manage your contributions online or with your offering envelopes. This service is safe and secure. And it is convenient for you and for our parish staff. You can use your checking account, saving account, Visa or MasterCard! Sign up for Online Giving by visiting our church website: www.nativityni.org and selecting the Online Giving link on the right-hand side of the homepage. Your Contributions are greatly appreciated.

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: Marnel Fremin, Yvonne Willis, Misty Geoffroy, Shirley Trahan, Brayson Willson, Lori Agiular, Elijah Hebert, Baby Guillory, Frank Onebane, Lena Lopez, 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, Hardy Jenkins, Louis Boudreaux, Jr., Gloria Comeaux, Larry Romero, Scotty Champagne, Edward Simon, Sirena Rogers, Monica Harrington, Janis & Nathan Dugas, Billy Simon, Lynette Landry, Janet Viator, Ronnie Landry, Betty B. Leblanc, Christine Guidry & the Guidry Fly, Barbara Martin, Michael “Tee” Theriot, Elise C. Verret, Phyllis S. Bourque, Doris Sheldon, Ovide Buteaux, David Spelly, Ellen Guidry, Dean Delahoussaye, Patsy & Percy Barrilleaux, Patsy Thibodeaux, Tom Stowe, Tim & Staci Stowe, John & NeCole Babin, Fran Jackson Reed Michael & Cody Lynn Romero, David & Robin Viator Fly, Sheryl S. Bourque, Mark Bourque, Michael & Claire Landry Fly, Dustin & Nicole V. Ortego Fly, Linda & Clint Trahan Fly, Ruth Bernard, Bridget Aitken, Norvelle Belaire, Caroline Dubois, Jarrod Lege. 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.

**Jesus Is Calling You
He wants your Heart!!!**

2025 Mass Intentions:

The Mass Intention Book for the 2025 year is now open for parishioners to schedule Masses. Please allow 14 business days before the requested Mass. Come by the church office to schedule Masses. Call the church office with any questions, 364-8360.

**We are a sacrificial giving Parish,
giving of our Time, Talent and Treasure:
OUR GIFTS TO GOD December 29, 2024**

Loose	\$ 1,693.00
Envelopes	\$ 2,000.00
Total (collected)	\$ 3,693.00
Online Giving offertory	\$ 678.00
Mailed in offertory	\$ 4,225.00
Total offertory (week)	\$ 8,596.00
Christmas	\$ 5,124.00

Thank you for your generosity!!!!

**GOSPEL MEDITATION
January 12, 2025
The Baptism of the Lord
Luke 3:15-16, 21-22**

In my second year of theology studies, I went to confession to a priest visiting the seminary for a three-day retreat. My heart wasn't in it. I was going through the motions. I confessed my sins and waited for his response. The priest said, "For your penance, I'd like you to go into the chapel and repeat the words '**You are my beloved Son, with you I am well pleased**' (Luke 3:22) until they mean something to you." Easy penance, I thought.

But to my surprise, I struggled to say those words. I sensed a strong interior resistance blocking them. How could God be well-pleased with *me*? He couldn't be, I thought. A battle within me ensued. Two hours later, the resistance vanished, and I found myself able to speak, and claim as my own, those marvelous words. I emerged from the chapel with a new, deep, peaceful conviction that I was indeed God's beloved son.

Those words are a precious gift from heaven to all of us. Jesus' baptism, which we celebrate this week, offers them to us. Are we willing to receive these words anew? Many things can block this deepening of our baptismal identity: failings, sins, disappointments, traumas, problems, and so on. Yet God's love is always greater. This week I challenge you to prayerfully repeat these words over yourself — or perhaps over someone you're struggling to love — until those words find a home in your heart.

— Father John Muir

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REFLECTIONS **The Baptism of the Lord-** In Acts, we are told that "God shows no partiality. Rather the man of any nation who fears God and acts uprightly is acceptable to him." God does not ask for our "membership card" or references to prove our worthiness. God's love is always with us. God's mercy is always there for those who will accept it. If we believe this, how can it not show in our words and deeds? We call ourselves Christians and yet there are those who do not share our beliefs and act more "uprightly" than we do. Perhaps we need to pay more attention to our own words and deeds rather than judging what others say and do.

*"He went about doing good works." - Acts 10:38
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TODAY'S READINGS

The Baptism of the Lord January 12, 2025

Reading I: Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11

The prophet Isaiah brought words of comfort and hope from God to the Israelites exiled in Babylon. Is there someone in your life who needs hope for the future?

Reading II: Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7

Paul challenged Titus to reject godless ways and worldly desires. Do you have any family or friends you consider a role model in living an exceptional life?

Gospel: Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

The Holy Spirit affirms Jesus as the Christ, the beloved Son of God. When do you sense the presence of the Holy Spirit in your life?

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Nativity of Our Lady is hosting a **RECEPTION FOR FR. ED IN HONOR OF HIS 55th ANNIVERSARY OF ORDINATION** following the 9am Mass on **Wednesday, January 22nd**. Please bring your favorite continental breakfast items or finger foods. Please call Margo LeBlanc if you have any questions, 380-3319.

CURRENT EVENTS

Tuesday, January 14, 2025

Mass at 5:30pm
Patriotic Rosary - 6pm
Walk For Life - Grotto - 5:00pm

Wednesday, January 15, 2025

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

Thursday, January 16, 2025

Mass at 5:30pm
O.C.I.A. Meeting - 6pm

Friday, January 17, 2025

Mass at 6:30am

Saturday, January 18, 2025

Mass at 4pm
Confirmation Retreat

Sunday, January 19, 2025

Masses at: **8am & 10am**
2nd Collection - Church in Latin America
Confirmation Retreat

New Mass Times 2025

Saturday Mass: - 4pm
Sunday Masses: - 8am & 10am

Prayer for Baptism

Oh God,
You desire each of us to be a part of Your sacred family, called and invited into relationship with You. May the grace of our Baptisms surround us anew, who are beloved and chosen by You.
Amen.

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MASS SERVERS January 14 - 19, 2025					
DAY DATE	TIME	CELEBRANT	READERS	LAY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION	ALTAR SERVERS
Tuesday 1/14/25	5:30pm	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	Kimberly Clay	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	Sacristan
Wednesday 1/15/25	9:00am	Fr. Ed Degeyter	Ginger Comeaux	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	Sacristan
Thursday 1/16/25	5:30pm	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	Pete Aucoin	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	Sacristan
Friday 1/17/25	6:30am	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	Chad Courtois	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	Sacristan
Saturday 1/18/25	4:00pm	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	Lloyd Verret	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	Madalyn Salsman Morgan Salsman
Sunday 1/19/25	8:00am	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	June Jones	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	Autum, Benjamin & Ephraim Trahan
	10:00am	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	Vincent Borne	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	Sophia Comeaux Allie Comeaux

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