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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)

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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, February 11, 2025

5:30pm Delta Guidry

Wednesday, February 12, 2025

9:00am Ernest "Topper" Breaux
Clint & Margaret Claudy
Carrol Romero, Sr., Patrick Richard

Thursday, February 13, 2025

5:30pm Delta Guidry
Murriel Trahan (ann. of death)

Friday, February 14, 2025

6:30am Maudrey & Lloyd Landry
Liv & Dec Detwiler Fly

Saturday, February 15, 2025

4:00pm Fr. Tom Finley, Lynward Ransonet
Rachel R. Romero, Juliette C. Dubois
Jules & Leona Broussard

Sunday, February 16, 2025

8:00am Parishioners, Carroll Aucoin
10:00am Msgr. H.J. Barsen, Fr. A.J. Boumans
Harvey & Joyce DeCourt, Donna M. Lanza

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

OUR GIFTS TO GOD	January 26, 2025
Loose	\$ 1,156.00
Envelopes	\$ 1,901.00
Total (collected)	\$ 3,057.00
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New Iberia Poor & Needy.....	\$ 1,295.63

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PRACTICING CATHOLIC RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

The Catch

Mini Reflection: What does it mean to lower your net? It means to listen to God, even when you don't understand Him. It means to keep trying the hard thing that you know is the right thing. It means to keep loving the person who is making life hard on you.

I love today's Gospel passage, and not just because I love a good fish fry.

I love it because I am Peter. Over and over again, I am Peter, standing here exhausted because I relied on my own abilities, and it got me nowhere. I'm ready to call it quits. I'm ready to say it's too hard. And here comes Jesus, asking me to lower my net. To keep trying.

And I try to talk sense into him. "It's not going to work, God," I insist. "I've been trying."

"You've been trying," Jesus agrees. "But you haven't asked for my help yet."

What does it mean to lower your net? It sounds so simple and so easy, but it takes a great deal of humility and trust. I think I'm the expert on my own life, the captain of my own ship. Peter probably thought so, too — he was the fisherman, after all. Why would a fisherman listen to a carpenter on matters of fishing?

Lowering your net means giving God control and letting yourself be changed by what He chooses to show you.


It means to listen to God's instructions, even when you don't understand them, even when you find them frustrating. It means to keep trying the hard thing that you know is the right thing, even when it hasn't born much fruit. It means to keep loving the person who is making life hard on you, even when all you want to do is give into feelings of bitterness and distrust.

If we would only lower our nets, the catch would astound us.

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RECEPTION FOR FR. ED IN HONOR OF HIS 55TH ANNIVERSARY OF ORDINATION

has been rescheduled for **Wednesday, February 19, 2025**, following the 9am Mass. Please bring your favorite continental breakfast items or finger foods. Please call Margo LeBlanc if you have any questions, 337-380-3319. Thank you.



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DEVOTIONS, *EXPLAINED!* – CONNECT WITH TRADITION AND GROW YOUR FAITH

St. Patrick's Breastplate

February 9, 2025

St. Patrick's Breastplate (sometimes called The Lorica of St. Patrick) is an ancient Irish prayer attributed to St. Patrick. The prayer first appears in the *Liber Hymnorum*, an 11th-century collection of Irish and Latin hymns, where it is said that Patrick sang these words when he was besieged by the anti-Christian chieftain Lóegaire. The prayer's most famous excerpt contains an invocation that Christ be "with me, before me, behind me, beneath me, above me, on my right, on my left, when I lie down, when I sit down, in the heart of every man who thinks of me, in the mouth of every man who speaks of me, in the eye that sees me, in the ear that hears me." The prayer's complete version can be divided into eleven sections, each calling upon different elements of divine protection, binding those who recite it to the strength of the Trinity.



THE LORICA* OF ST. PATRICK

translation by Kuno Meyer



I arise today

Through the strength of heaven:
Light of sun, Radiance of moon,
Splendor of fire, Speed of lightning,
Swiftiness of wind, Depth of sea,
Stability of earth, Firmness of rock.

I arise today

Through God's strength to pilot me:
God's might to uphold me, God's wisdom to guide me,
God's eyes to look before me, God's ear to hear me,
God's word to speak for me, God's hand to guard me,
God's way to lie before me, God's shield to protect me,
God's host to save me.

From snares of devils, From temptations of vices,
From everyone who shall wish me ill,
Afar and anear, Alone and in a multitude.

Christ with me, Christ before me,
Christ behind me, Christ in me, Christ beneath me,
Christ above me, Christ on my right, Christ on my left,
Christ when I lie down, Christ when I sit down, Christ when I arise,
Christ in the heart of everyone who thinks of me,
Christ in the mouth of every one who speaks of me, Christ in every eye that sees me,
Christ in every ear that hears me.

I arise today

Through a mighty strength, the invocation of the Trinity,
Through belief in the three-ness,
Through confession of the one-ness of the Creator of Creation.

* A "lorica" is a prayer for protection against evil. The Latin word literally means "body armor".

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PLAN: Choose one virtue you'd like to cultivate in order to root out a sinful habit. Then make a plan to practice that virtue. It can be as simple as "I will always pray to the Holy Spirit before I talk to that person at work who bothers me." Make sure your plan is: (1) specific ["I will never sin again" doesn't count], and (2) doable ["I will pray every day for six hours to grow in patience" is not possible for most people]. Finally, offer your plan to God and ask him for whatever strength, grace, and healing you need to grow in that virtue.



PARISH VOCATION CROSS

The Vocation Cross is taken by:

Kim, Sarah & Zachary Richard
(February 9th - 15th)

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. Thank you.

St. Katharine Drexel ACTS Coalition



Men's ACTS Retreat
March 20-23, 2025

Register online:

<https://tinyurl.com/MenRetreat2025>



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:

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, Sirena Rogers, Monica Harrington, Janis & Nathan Dugas, Billy Simon, Edward Simon, Lynette Landry, Janet Viator, Ronnie Landry, Betty B. Leblanc, Barbara Martin, Michael "Tee" Theriot, Elise C. Verret, Phyllis S. Bourque, Doris Scheldon, 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, Josephine Delcambre, Peter Saltzman, Mary Saltzman, Zachary Richard, Sarah Richard, Geraldine Romero. 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.

LIVE THE LITURGY

"I am a sinful man," says Simon Peter as he falls to his knees before Jesus. He had doubted the Lord, had hesitated to follow his instructions. How often can the same be said of us? Remember that God knows the outcome. He knows our nets will be filled. Do not be afraid.

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Save the Date

Youth Group Mardi Gras Dinner

Join us on **Saturday, March 1, 2025** as the Nativity of Our Lady Youth Group host its **Annual Fund-raiser**. Tickets are \$40.00 each, and are being sold after all masses. Doors open at 6:30pm with **Dinner** being served at **7:00pm**. Come and enjoy a night out! Babysitting service will be available.

GOSPEL MEDITATION

February 9, 2025

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Luke 5:1-11

My parents' garage is full of old junk that no longer serves any purpose in my life. As a 46-year-old man, I admit that's pretty lame. Either due to my sentimentality or laziness (or both, probably), I just couldn't get myself to throw things away. But a few days ago, by a grace of God, I thought: "I'll hire my nephew Ryan to throw a bunch of my stuff away — he couldn't care less about my junk!" And you know what? It worked. In one day, Ryan chucked the majority of his uncle's useless stuff. I feel so free, ready for a new junk-free chapter in my life.

This kind of thing happens in this Sunday's Gospel. Peter's net is full of useless junk. Luke says he and the others are cleaning their nets after catching no fish. Imagine them dejectedly and impatiently removing a nasty assortment of seaweed, sticks and muck. The Lord teaches and calls them once their nets are cleared out. So it goes with us. Spiritual life begins by removing that which is useless and merely taking up space in our hearts, minds and lives. Then Jesus teaches and acts in a marvelous way in our lives, too.

So what's junking up your net? What habits, attachments, possessions, preoccupations? If, like me, you struggle to clean your nets by yourself, ask the Lord to send you someone like my nephew to be your "Peter" and help you clean it out. It is well worth it. Once Peter's net is clean, he is free to make a wonderful catch.

Father John Muir

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REFLECTIONS Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time - In the privacy of our own hearts, we are very aware of our own faults and shortcomings. It is easy to wonder how we can ever be "worthy" of becoming God's instrument for good in this world. However, both Isaiah and Paul remind us that in spite of our sinfulness, God's grace is there for us. His grace heals and strengthens us. It prepares us to be a power for good. All that is required is that we accept God's grace and be willing to do God's will. How open are you to the grace of God? How willing are you to do God's will instead of your own?

*"When I called, you answered me;
you built up strength within me." - Psalm 138:3*

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TODAY'S READINGS

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 9, 2025

Reading I: Isaiah 6:1-2a, 3-8

Isaiah eagerly accepted God's call to serve once his sin was removed. What helps you be open to serve others?

Reading II: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 or 15:3-8, 11

Paul reminds the Corinthians of the Gospel message he proclaimed to them about Jesus's death and resurrection appearances. What do you think makes preaching successful?

Gospel: Luke 5:1-11

In Jesus' call of the first disciples, we see Peter's obedience and humility. How might you put these virtues into practice this week?

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CURRENT EVENTS

Tuesday, February 11, 2025

Mass at 5:30pm
Patriotic Rosary - 6pm
1st Reconciliation Retreat
Barsen Hall - 5:45 - 7:30pm

Wednesday, February 12, 2025

Pro-Life Rosary - 8:20am - Mass - 9am
K.C. & Ladies Auxiliary Meeting

Thursday, February 13, 2025

Mass at 5:30pm
O.C.I.A. Meeting - 6pm - Barsen Hall
Baptism Class - 6:30pm - Church Office

Friday, February 14, 2025 - Happy Valentine's Day

Mass at 6:30am

Saturday, February 15, 2025

Mass at 4pm

Sunday, February 16, 2025

Masses at: **8am & 10am**

JESUS

THE TRUE DEFINITION OF LOVE

WHY DO WE DO THAT? CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED Priest Shortage

Question: Would optional celibacy help the priest shortage?

Answer: This is a hotly debated topic. There are good arguments on both sides, and there is no clear answer that emerges. However, the shortage of clergy in denominations that do allow marriage would seem to indicate that optional celibacy is not the quick answer that some might think. No one solution is perfect. Each one has its flaws and problems that are not easily solved. While optional celibacy would open ordination to some great men who are married, it also brings the problems of family, financial support, marital problems, and issues — good and bad — of childrearing. So it would not seem that optional celibacy is a realistic solution to the shortage of clergy.

With all of the varied challenges and problems facing the Church, it is easy to forget that the Holy Spirit leads us. Openness, dialogue, and education are second to our prayers and petitions to the Holy Spirit to make clear the path the Church should follow. A response that is rooted in a culture of political correctness is almost certainly doomed; a response that is rooted in prayer and in God cannot fail.

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MASS SERVERS February 11 - 16, 2025					
DAY DATE	TIME	CELEBRANT	READERS	LAY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION	ALTAR SERVERS
Tuesday 2/11/25	5:30pm	Fr. Ed Degeyter	Kimberly Clay	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	Sacristan
Wednesday 2/12/25	9:00am	Fr. Ed Degeyter	Ginger Comeaux	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	Sacristan
Thursday 2/13/25	5:30pm	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	Pete Aucoin	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	Sacristan
Friday 2/14/25	6:30am	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	Keith Comeaux	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	Sacristan
Saturday 2/15/25	4:00pm	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	Jenny Gonsoulin	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	Khoi Nguyen Morgan Salsman
Sunday 2/16/25	8:00am	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	June Jones	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	Sophia Comeaux Allie Comeaux
	10:00am	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	Vincent Borne	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	Morgan Salsman Madalynn Salsman

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