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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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PRESIDENT: *Barbara Breaux*

RECONCILIATION:

Saturday: 3:00 pm — 3:45 pm and
30 minutes before weekday Masses

ROSARY:

Wednesday: 8:20 am (*Pro-Life*)

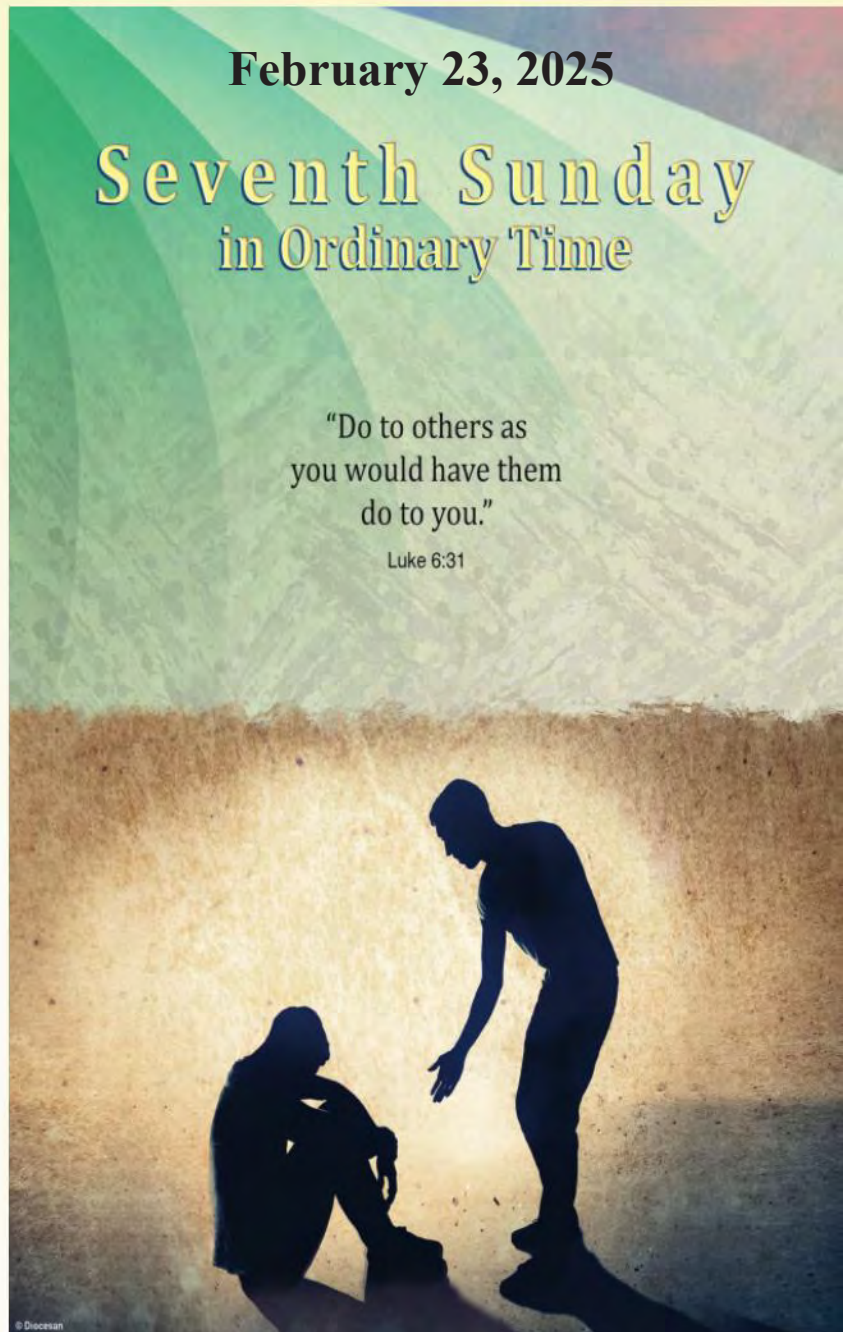
First Saturday: 8:20 am

February 23, 2025

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Do to others as
you would have them
do to you.”

Luke 6:31



Mass Intentions for the Week

Tuesday, February 25, 2025

5:30pm Landon Burton (liv)

Wednesday, February 26, 2025

9:00am Ernest "Topper" Breaux, Leslie Romero
John Duplantis (bd), John R. Delcambre
Carrol Romero, Sr., Geraldine Wencker
M/M Clay Walker

Thursday, February 27, 2025

5:30pm Jessica Allen (liv bd)

Friday, February 28, 2025

6:30am Johnny Viator (bd)

Saturday, March 1, 2025 - First Saturday

9:00am M/M Raymond Landry, Charlie Witte
Brother & Claire LaBauve
Rudy Delcambre Fly, Paul Dominique Fly
4:00pm Fr. Tom Finley, Dressel & Ransonet Fly
Rachel R. Romero, John G. Ramirez
Huey Guyote, Lynward Ransonet
DeHart & Estilette Fly, Peggy T. Lancon

Sunday, March 2, 2025

8:00am Parishioners, Carroll Aucoin
Clark Romero

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	February 9, 2025
Loose	\$ 2,224.00
Envelopes	\$ 1,755.00
Total (collected)	\$ 3,979.00
Online Giving offertory	\$ 778.00
Mailed in offertory	\$ 1,390.00
Total offertory (week).....	\$ 6,147.00
Nativity Building Fund.....	\$ 983.00

Thank you for your generosity!!!!

**PRACTICING CATHOLIC
RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS**
By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Judgment and Love

"Oh, well. I'm going to hell anyway, right?" I have a few family members and friends who are not practicing Catholics who say this to me from time to time. It's always spoken in a teasing manner, with a wink and a shoulder shrug, usually to explain away some sort of minor misbehavior they feel guilty about.

It saddens me that Christians have somehow gained this reputation as a people who judge, who condemn. I think in part it stems from a misunderstanding on the part of unchurched people (and lots of churchd ones, too) regarding what constitutes "judging." It is absolutely not "judging" someone to disagree with a personal decision, whatever that decision may be, or to decline from participating in that decision. We all have functioning consciences; we are all supposed to discern the moral goodness of any action before we take it.

But it is judging someone if we allow their decisions to impact how we treat them.

Today's Gospel is an invitation for us to consider how we engage with people who disagree with us — or maybe even actively dislike us. Much is said these days of the "culture wars." I certainly don't disagree that it can often feel like you're fighting a war when you're trying to live as the Church teaches. The forces against you often seem overwhelming and nefarious. And guess what? They are.

But we need to remember who the enemy really is. The enemy is not other children of God, even if they are children of God who are actively promoting ideas that are wrong. Perhaps these people are misguided and mistaken. Perhaps they are misled by the devil. Have we not all been misled by him at some point?

We must interact lovingly with people who think differently and live differently from us. The Christian life absolutely demands it.

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PARISH VOCATION CROSS

The Vocation Cross is taken by:

Willie & Cynthia Elmer
(February 23rd - March 1st)

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.



2025
BISHOP'S
SERVICES APPEAL
Supporting the Works of Christ

The initiatives provided by the Office of Marriage & Family Life not only strengthen the unions created through the Holy Sacrament of Matrimony but also empower families to thrive amidst life's challenges.

Please, step into the calling to support these works of love. Your act of love in this way is amplified when it is united with the gifts of your fellow Catholics in the Diocese of Lafayette.



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St. Katharine Drexel ACTS Coalition



Men's ACTS Retreat
March 20-23, 2025

Register online:

<https://tinyurl.com/MenRetreat2025>

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March 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time Pray for Bishop Douglas Deshotel Memorial Book Nativity Building Fund	3 St. Katharine Drexel Pray for Bishop Emeritus Michael Jarrell	4 Mardi Gras Pray for Fr. Nicholas Ware Nativity Office Closed Mass at 8am No 5:30 Mass	5 ASH WEDNESDAY Pray for Fr. Joseph Kyle White No 9am Mass No Pro-Life Rosary No Holy Hour Masses at 6:30am & 5:30pm	6 Pray for Fr. Anthony J. Wieck	7 First Friday Pray for Fr. Ryszard Zawadzki Stations of the Cross 5:30pm - Church	1 First Saturday Pray for Pope Francis Youth Group Fundraiser Mardi Gras Steak Supper Parish Hall 6:30pm
9 First Sunday of Lent Pray for Fr. Lawrence Abara Black & Indian Missions	10 Pray for Fr. Francis Kwasi Agbley OLAS Meeting 5pm - Barsen Hall Lenten Mission 6:30 - 7:30pm	11 Pray for Fr. George Bede Ajaruchi Lenten Mission 6:30 - 7:30pm	12 Pray for Fr. Alexander Albert Pro-Life Rosary K.C. & Ladies Aux. Dinner & Meeting Lenten Mission 6:30 - 7:30pm	13 Pray for Fr. Thainese Alphonse Baptismal Class	14 Pray for Fr. Anthony Anala Stations of the Cross 5:30pm - Church Msgr. Romero's 50th Ann. of Ordination	15 Pray for Fr. Rick Andrus Baptisms
16 Second Sunday of Lent Pray for Fr. Henry Paul Antony Bishop's Service Appeal	17 St. Patrick's Day Pray for Fr. Chester Arceneaux	18 Pray for Fr. Michael Arnaud	19 St. Joseph Pray for Fr. Singarayar Arockiam Pro-Life Rosary	20 Pray for Fr. Justin Arockiasamy Men's ACTS Retreat	21 Pray for Fr. Mathew Barzere Men's ACTS Retreat Stations of the Cross 5:30pm - Church	22 Pray for Fr. James Brady Altar Server Roundup Parish Hall & Church 9am to 12pm Men's ACTS Retreat
23 Third Sunday of Lent Pray for Fr. Herbert Bennerfield Men's ACTS Retreat New Iberia Poor & Needy	24 Pray for Fr. C. Paul Bergeron Women's Ultreya 7pm - Parish Hall	25 Annunciation of the Lord Pray for Fr. Donald Bernard	26 Pray for Fr. Conley Bertrand Pro-Life Rosary	27 Pray for Fr. Paul Bienvenu	28 Pray for Fr. William Blanda Stations of the Cross 5:30pm - Church	29 Pray for Fr. Howard Blessing 1st Communion Retreat 8:45am to 1pm Parish & Barsen Halls
30 Fourth Sunday of Lent Pray for Fr. Kevin Bordelon Catholic Relief Services	31 Pray for Fr. Albert Borel					



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, 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, Duppy Duplantis, Joylynn Trosclair, Earline Romero, Norrie B. Kenner. 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.

ST. KATHARINE DREXEL FEAST DAY

The Feast Day of St. Katharine Drexel is Monday, March 3, 2025. St. Katharine Drexel was born in 1858 and died on March 3, 1955. She was an heiress who devoted her life and fortune to serving the Eucharistic Christ through the Black and Native American people. She founded the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament who served throughout the country, but especially in Acadiana. At the time of her death, her Sisters were serving in 48 elementary schools (including St. Edward in New Iberia), 12 high schools and one college - Xavier University in New Orleans. She taught us how to live united in the Eucharistic Christ.

In honor of St. Katharine's Feast Day, the Associates of the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament will host a **Holy Hour on Sunday, March 2, 2023 at 3:00pm at St. Edward Church**, 175 Ambassador LeMelle St., New Iberia. Before the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, a relic of St. Katharine will be venerated. Please join us in worshipping Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament and remembering St. Katharine who walked these holy grounds in New Iberia.

GOSPEL MEDITATION

February 23, 2025

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Luke 6:17, 20-26

One of my favorite new singers/songwriters is Noah Kahan. I'm a little biased because, like me, he is originally from Vermont. In a fine song entitled "Stick Season," he sings of his hope to "cancel out the darkness I inherited from dad." This lyric articulates his painful recognition of a dark spiritual "inheritance" from his father, and his hope to be free of it. We all inherit some degree of evil from our earthly forebears. It's easy to feel doomed to repeat their darknesses.

But we're not so doomed, thank God. This week's Gospel proclaims this. Whatever good or bad we received from our parents, we have a more definitive and perfect inheritance in God. Jesus commands us, "**Be merciful just as your Father is merciful**" (Luke 6:36). We have a perfect Father in heaven and are destined to inherit and reflect *that* perfect and merciful love. We have an inheritance of light, not darkness, and thus a whole new possibility of magnanimous love. Like any inheritance, this is a free gift to us."

What are we destined to repeat? Not the darkness of our earthly parents. We are destined to be a reflection of *God's* life. Jesus liberates us from the inevitability of repeating whatever evils and imperfections are in our familial or cultural upbringings. It's time to claim that perfect inheritance. *Father John Muir* @LPi

REFLECTIONS **Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time** - This Sunday's Gospel has the most challenging teaching of Jesus. He is very clear and direct. If we would be his disciple, then we are to love our enemies, and bless those who maltreat us. In short, we are to treat others as we would like to be treated. We are to be compassionate, not judgmental; we are to forgive, not condemn. Jesus does not say that there are any exceptions. He urges us to be generous towards friends and enemies alike. We like to rationalize why some should not be forgiven, why some do not deserve our help and compassion, but Jesus does not give us any "out." Who do you pass judgment on or exclude from your charity? Pray for the grace to become a better disciple.

"Merciful and gracious is the Lord, slow to anger and abounding in kindness." - Psalm 103:8

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TODAY'S READINGS

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time February 23, 2025

Reading I: 1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23

King David exercised great restraint in sparing the life of Saul. Can you think of a time when you had to take the high road with a friend or co-worker?

Reading II: 1 Corinthians 15:45-49

Paul speaks of present-day believers as one day bearing the image of Christ (the "heavenly one"). How often do you think about your future life in heaven?

Gospel: Luke 6:27-38

Jesus presents his followers with some very challenging morals: love your enemy, do not retaliate, and always be willing to forgive. Does this high moral standard seem possible for you personally?

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JOIN US FOR CRS RICE BOWL'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY!

CRS Rice Bowl is celebrating 50 years of helping Catholic faith communities bring Lent to life and encounter God through our global family. During the 40 days of Lent, let us journey together through CRS Rice Bowl to meet people in Nigeria, Guatemala and Bangladesh who are rising above the challenges of hunger and malnutrition. Pick up your rice bowl from Nativity of Our Lady, next weekend March 1st & 2nd. Visit crsricebowl.org/join to share your Lenten prayer intentions.

CURRENT EVENTS

Monday, February 24, 2025

Women's Ultreya - 7pm - Parish Hall

Tuesday, February 25, 2025

Mass at 5:30pm

1st Reconciliation After 5:30pm Mass - Church

Wednesday, February 26, 2025

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

Thursday, February 27, 2025

Mass at 5:30pm

O.C.I.A. Meeting - 6pm - Barsen Hall

Friday, February 28, 2025

Mass at 6:30am

Saturday, March 1, 2025 - First Saturday

OLAS, K.C. Ladies Auxiliary & K.C. Members to attend 9am Mass

Mass at 4pm

Youth Group Fundraiser - Mardi Gras Steak Supper 6:30pm - Parish Hall

Sunday, March 2, 2025

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

2nd Collection - Nativity Building Fund

Save the Date

Youth Group **Mardi Gras** Steak Dinner

Join us on **Saturday, March 1, 2025** as the Nativity of Our Lady **Youth Group** host its **Annual Fundraiser**. Tickets are \$40 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.

SANCTUARY LIGHT:

In Memory Of:

Madison Claire Olivier



MASS SERVERS February 25 - March 2, 2025

DAY DATE	TIME	CELEBRANT	READERS	LAY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION	ALTAR SERVERS
Tuesday 2/25/25	5:30pm	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	Kimberly Clay	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	Sacristan
Wednesday 2/26/25	9:00am	Fr. Ed Degeyter	Ginger Comeaux	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	Sacristan
Thursday 2/27/25	5:30pm	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	Pete Aucoin	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	Sacristan
Friday 2/28/25	6:30am	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	Keith Comeaux	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	Sacristan
Saturday 3/1/25	9:00am	Fr. Ed Degeyter	<i>See Reader Schedule</i>	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	Sacristan
	4:00pm	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	<i>See Reader Schedule</i>	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	Morgan Salsman Madalynn Salsman
Sunday 3/2/25	8:00am	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	<i>See Reader Schedule</i>	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	Autum, Benjamin & Ephraim Trahan
	10:00am	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	<i>See Reader Schedule</i>	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	Sophia Comeaux Allie Comeaux

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