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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:

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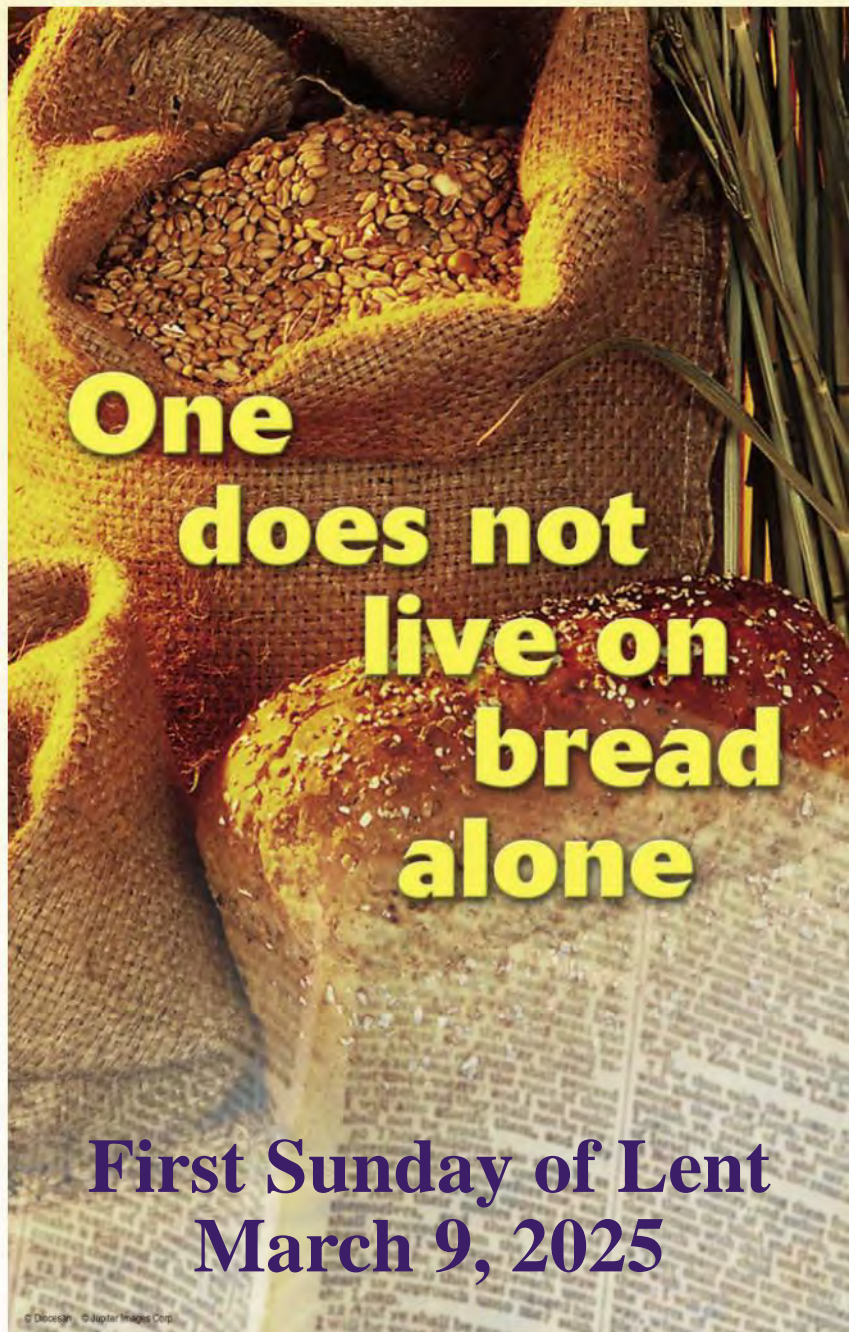
RECONCILIATION:

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, March 11, 2025
5:30pm Landon burton (liv)
Wednesday, March 12, 2025
9:00am Ernest "Topper" Breaux, Rudy Delcambre
 John R. Delcambre, Madison Claire Olivier
 Liv & Dec Fly of Carrol & Brenda Romero
 Kevin Elmer
Thursday, March 13, 2025
5:30pm Violet Lancon, Bonnie L. Boudreaux (bd)
 Ronnie J. Landry (liv bd)
Friday, March 14, 2025
6:30am Fr. Johann Weis, Special Intention
 The Mast Family
Saturday, March 15, 2025
4:00pm Fr. Tom Finley, Juliette C. Dubois
 Rachel R. Romero, Lynward Ransonet
 Jules & Leona Broussaard
Sunday, March 16, 2025
8:00am Parishioners, Carroll Aucoin
 Louis & Hazel Broussard
10:00am Msgr. H.J. Barsen, Fr. A.J. Boumans
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We are a sacrificial giving Parish,
 giving of our Time, Talent and Treasure:

OUR GIFTS TO GOD February 23, 2025

Loose	\$ 843.00
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Online Giving offertory	\$ 573.00
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PARISH VOCATION CROSS
The Vocation Cross is taken by:
 (March 9th - March 15th)
Dan & Ellen Claudy

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>

LIVE THE LITURGY

Jesus is desperately hungry when the devil tells him to turn stone into bread. But his divine will is stronger than the weakness of his human body, and he resists the devil. In this season of fasting and self-denial, let's remember Jesus' strength.

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The Disch-DeClouet Social Service Center is a non-profit organization with an all volunteer staff. The Center has served the poor and needy of Iberia Parish providing for critical and basic human needs (food, clothing, utility and rent assistance, and other help) for 48 years. We service approximately 400 families a month.

We are conducting our Annual Campaign which will run through the Lenten Season, and we need your help. We ask that you prayerfully consider investing in those less fortunate by sharing your gifts. Without additional financial support we cannot maintain the level of service that we have been giving for many years.

Please use the campaign envelope for your tax-deductible donation and see the brochure for more information. May God bless you for your generosity. Thank you!

John L. Indest
Executive Director

DEVOTIONS, EXPLAINED!

CONNECT WITH TRADITION AND GROW YOUR FAITH

The Sign of the Cross - March 9, 2025

Mini Explanation — Christians have been making the sign of the cross since ancient times. It is not only an important component of formal liturgies and sacramental rites, but also a daily devotional practice whereby the faithful invoke the blessing and protection of God.

The Sign of the Cross, Explained

“I claim you for Christ by the sign of his cross.” These words from the Rite of Baptism, spoken as the priest traces a cross on the infant’s forehead, perfectly communicate the significance of that simple, familiar action. In signing the cross, we claim ourselves again and again for Christ, unite ourselves with His sacrifice on Calvary, and confess his victory over death.

Christians have been making the sign of the cross since ancient times, as evidenced by writings from Tertullian, Hippolytus and St. Cyprian. The ritual action is not only an important component of formal liturgies and sacramental rites, but also a daily devotional practice whereby the faithful invoke the blessing and protection of God.

In the Latin rite, it is made either with a movement of the full hand from one’s forehead, breast and shoulders (going right to left) or with the thumb tracing the cross on the forehead, lips and breast. ©LPi

Altar Server Round-Up

We invite all 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th graders as we host our very first altar server round-up. It will be held **March 22nd** from **9am to 12pm** in the **Parish Hall**. Please pray and encourage your children to participate in this meaningful ministry. It is a great privilege to serve the Lord and our church community. If you have any questions please contact Amber Salman at 337-339-1223 or email: amsalman80@gmail.com. Thank you.

PRACTICING CATHOLIC - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Mini Reflection: The devil knows that Jesus is human, so he uses all the best tricks he has for getting humans to break. The devil will try these things with us, too — this Lent, and throughout our lives. But how can we resist? We’re only human. What do we have that the devil doesn’t have?

What the Devil Doesn’t Have

The devil knows all the rules. The devil knows all the Bible verses. He probably knows them better than you do (certainly better than I do).

He knows them so well that here, in today’s Gospel, he thinks he can outsmart the Son of God. He thinks he can out-argue him.

See, the thing you need to know about the devil is that he could have a master’s degree in theology. Maybe even a doctorate. But have you ever met a master’s student, or even a doctoral one, who doesn’t have a particular passion for what they’re studying? I sure have.

The devil didn’t rebel against God because he didn’t understand God’s will. He rebelled because he understood God’s will perfectly — and he didn’t like it.

The devil knows that Jesus is human, and so in today’s Gospel he employs all the very best tricks he has for getting humans to break. Physical hunger. Insecurity and a desire for power. The yearning to appear learned and wise.

The devil will try these things with us, too — this Lent, and throughout our lives.

It doesn’t work with Jesus, because, of course, Jesus is not just human. He can feel temptation, but he will not submit to it. But how are we supposed to do the same? We’re not divine. We’re just human.

Well, here’s the thing. We may be only human, but as Christians, we have a secret weapon. (No, it’s not a master’s degree in theology. Some of you may have that, but it probably doesn’t make you holier.)

We have a love of what the devil has renounced — those things belonging solely to God. Truth. Joy. Humility. Sanctifying sacrifice.

Let the love of those things carry you through this Lent, and beyond. @LPi

Women’s Praise & Worship

There will be a Women’s Praise and Worship event being held on Friday, March 28th at 6pm in Sacred Heart Church.

Dive deep into the Mystery of Christ this Lent with two brand new series on Formed To find **How to Lent, Foretold**, and more great media, register for a free **Formed** account at **signup.formed.org**

Visit our church website: **www.nativityni.org**

Prayer of Identity

Dear God,

Claim me as Your own.

When I lose my way, remind me that I am Yours.
When I’m plagued with doubt, fill me with Your love.
Amen.

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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: 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, 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, Jay Jacquemoud. Please also pray for those individuals who, although in need of your prayers, have requested that their names not be publicized for privacy reasons.

WHY DO WE DO THAT? - CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED - LENT

Question: After attending our parish retreat and feeling much better and stronger about my faith, I want to make this Lent worthwhile. What can I do to keep the spirit and practice of Lent?

Answer: You've already taken the first step by going on the parish retreat. It is important for us to "tune up" our faith, taking some time to renew ourselves through prayer, meditation and education. By deepening our knowledge and understanding of faith, we are often better attuned to its richness and meaning for our life

Lent is an intense retreat, a forty-day period of reflection and penance that prepares us to celebrate the passion, death and resurrection of Christ. Our communication with God and our awareness of him is the purpose of prayer. Setting aside extra time each day helps intensify the season. Prayer includes daily Mass, Stations of the Cross, communal penance services and private confession. Making restitution for sin as well as disciplining our hearts and minds to focus on God is the purpose of penance. It helps us restore a sense of balance to our souls, thrown off kilter by sin. Penance includes personal sacrifice, self-denial, fasting, almsgiving and charitable works.

Finally, spiritual practices help us sharpen our understanding and insight into the meaning and understanding of our faith. When you take your faith seriously, you do what is necessary to follow Jesus more closely, to integrate your life and your faith more carefully.

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GOSPEL MEDITATION

March 9, 2025 - First Sunday of Lent
Luke 4:1-13

One of the most fascinating moments in American history is when George Washington could have become the king of the newly liberated United States and didn't. At the height of his power and fame, on Dec. 23, 1783, he resigned his commission as Commander-in-Chief, and went home. The astonished King of England remarked that in doing so, Washington was "the greatest man in the world." Greatness is often defined by what we could do but don't. Greatness is measured by the temptations we overcome.

Jesus' greatness is revealed in his victory over temptations, too. The three offered him by the devil contain, we might say, all potential possible temptations: food, power and fame. They correspond to the triple human needs of body, soul and spirit. In overcoming these three, he says "no" in essence to every and even the greatest temptation. We see that every desire of his humanity — body, soul and spirit — is perfectly united to God, to love. This is a power available to each member of his body. It is the path to true greatness. How can we, who so easily fall into even small temptations, find the power to overcome large ones? By entering into the great dynamics of Jesus' temptations.

Lenten challenge: This first week of Lent, list some concrete ways you can overcome temptations that correspond with your desires. For example, you may give up snacks between meals, choose not to participate in an activity of which you are an expert, and decide to reduce social media posting by 50%. It may not seem like much, but by saying "no" to the tyranny of food, power, and fame (in this example), you'll discover true greatness. - *Father John Muir* @LPi

REFLECTIONS First Sunday of Lent - As we begin this season of Lent, the reading from Deuteronomy reminds us of the importance of showing our gratitude to God. The passage recalls how the Lord delivered his people from bondage in Egypt and brought them to a new land. Now, the people, recalling all God has done for them, offer their "first fruits" in gratitude and rejoice at the good things the Lord has done. Everyday the grace of God is at work in us, freeing us from those things that enslave our spirits. How are you giving thanks for what the Lord has done for you? Do you share your "first fruits" or just the leftovers? Reflect on all you have been given. Consider how to share these gifts.

"Because he cleaves to me in love, I will deliver him; I will protect him, because he knows my name. - Psalm 91:14
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TODAY'S READINGS

First Sunday of Lent March 9, 2025

Reading I: Deuteronomy 26:4-10

Moses taught the Israelites the importance of remembering the story of their release from Egyptian slavery. This event defined them as a people loved by God. What is a story from your family that has helped define you?

Reading II: Romans 10:8-13

Paul encouraged the Christians in Rome to have a genuine faith in Jesus in both heart and mind. As the season of Lent begins, how might you show others the sincerity of your faith?

Gospel: Luke 4:1-13

We hear how Jesus was tempted by the devil as he was preparing to begin his public ministry. What temptation can you confront this Lent?

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SANCTUARY LIGHT:

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Since 1975, Catholics across the United States have come together each Lent to respond to global hunger through the **CRS Rice Bowl** program. Learn how people like you have made a local and global impact on the lives of our sisters and brothers in need and why our prayers and almsgiving are still needed today. During this holy season, let us recommit to sharing bread for life with our global family so that all people can reach their God-given potential. Visit crsricebowl.org/week-1 to read this week's Story of Hope.

CURRENT EVENTS

Monday, March 10, 2025

OLAS Meeting - 5pm - Barsen Hall
Lenten Mission - 6:30pm - 7:30pm - Church

Tuesday, March 11, 2025

Mass at 5:30pm
Lenten Mission - 6:30pm - 7:30pm - Church

Wednesday, March 12, 2025

Mass at 9:00am
K.C. & Ladies Auxiliary Supper & Meeting
Lenten Mission - 6:30pm - 7:30pm - Church

Thursday, March 13, 2025

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

Friday, March 14, 2025

Mass at 6:30am
Stations of the Cross - 5:30pm - Church
Msgr. Romero's 50th Ann. of Ordination (actual date) party will not be celebrated until Sat. 5/3/25.

Saturday, March 15, 2025

Baptisms - 11am - Church
Mass at 4pm

Sunday, March 16, 2025

Masses at: **8am & 10am**
2nd Collection - Bishop's Services Appeal

1 lb. Boiled Shrimp, Corn & Potato

**Knights of Columbus Council #12997 Fundraiser
Sunday, April 6, 2025**

Pickup is under the Carport behind the
Church Office (behind Church) - 10AM - 12:30PM

Tickets are \$15.00 each. Tickets will be sold after each weekend Mass and are available from any KC member. Also, the Ladies K.C. Auxiliary members will be selling brownies at pickup time.

2024 Contributions Statement

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MASS SERVERS March 11 - March 16, 2025					
DAY DATE	TIME	CELEBRANT	READERS	LAY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION	ALTAR SERVERS
Tuesday 3/11/25	5:30pm	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	Kimberly Clay	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	Sacristan
Wednesday 3/12/25	9:00am	Fr. Ed Degeyter	Ginger Comeaux	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	Sacristan
Thursday 3/13/25	5:30pm	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	Pete Aucoin	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	Sacristan
Friday 3/14/25	6:30am	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	Chad Courtois	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	Sacristan
Saturday 3/15/25	4:00pm	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	Karl Boudreaux	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	Sophia Comeaux Allie Comeaux
Sunday 3/16/25	8:00am	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	Paul Broussard	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	Serena Bedia Amari Romero
	10:00am	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	Michelle Moss	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	Autum, Ephraim & Benjamin Trahan

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