

Nativity of Our Lady Catholic Church

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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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PRESIDENT: *André Schlicher*

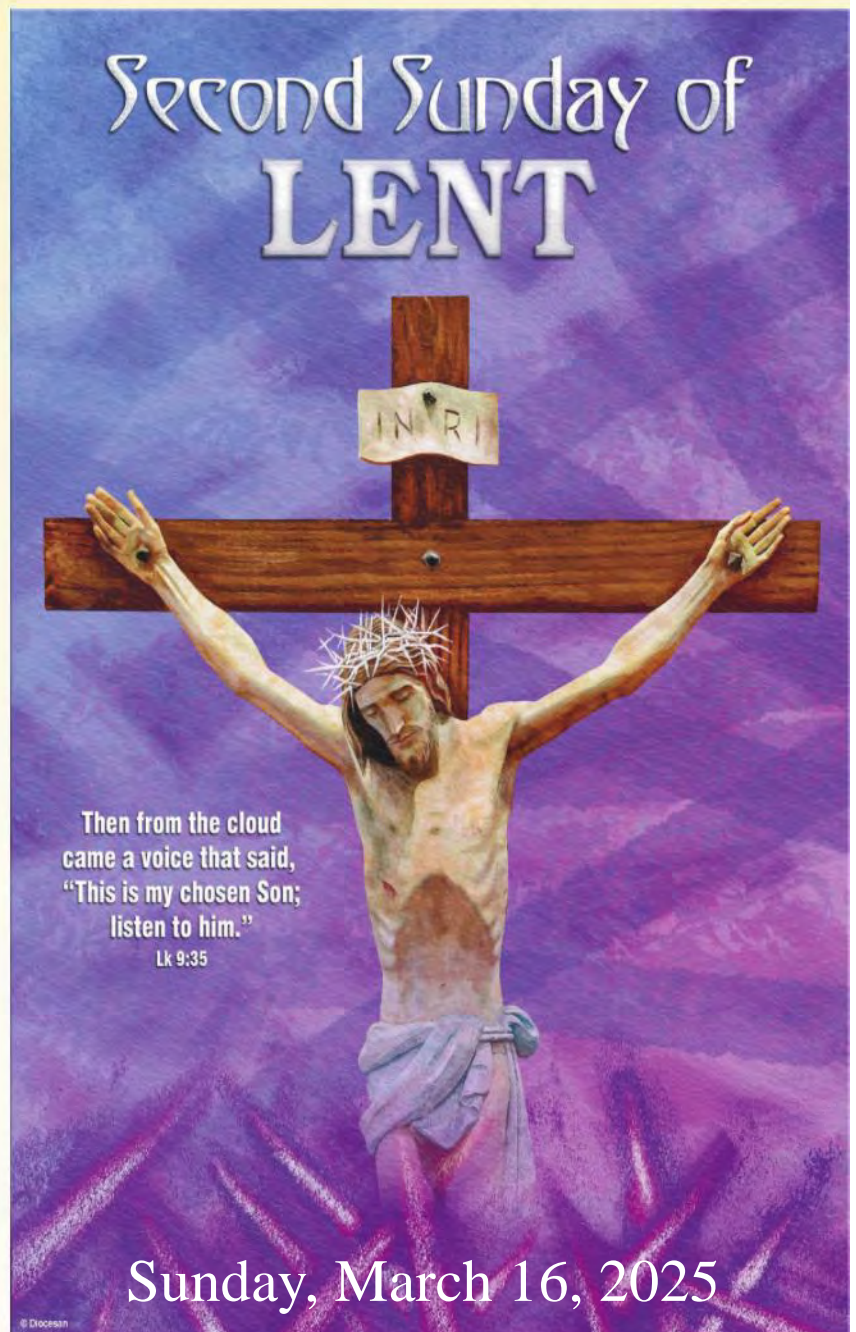
RECONCILIATION:

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 18, 2025
5:30pm Fr. I.R. Gerhard Huf
Wednesday, March 19, 2025
9:00am Ernest "Topper" Breaux, Rudy Delcambre
 John R. Delcambre, Patrick J. Richard
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 The Krai Fly, The Koch Fly
Thursday, March 20, 2025
5:30pm Landon Burton (liv)
Friday, March 21, 2025
6:30am Robin L. Viator (liv bd)
Saturday, March 22, 2025
4:00pm Fr. Tom Finley, Roy Flores
 Rachel R. Romero, Lynward Ransonet
 Mark A. Bourque, Russell J. Simon
Sunday, March 23, 2025
8:00am Parishioners, Carroll Aucoin
 Clark Romero
10:00am Msgr. H.J. Barsen, Fr. A.J. Boumans
 Hugh Miller, Donna M. Lanza
 Harvey & Joyce DeCourt

SANCTUARY LIGHT:
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PARISH VOCATION CROSS
The Vocation Cross is taken by:
 (March 16th - March 22nd)
Karl & Sarah Boudreaux



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.

Local Knights of Columbus Holy Hour in Honor of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

An icon of the Sacred Heart of Jesus will be the centerpiece of a special **Sacred Heart Holy Hour at Nativity of Our Lady Church on Wednesday, April 2, 2025 from 6:30pm - 7:30pm.**



LIVE THE LITURGY

The Apostles do not realize what is happening during the transfiguration. They are confused and afraid, and then they hear a voice from the cloud: "This is my chosen Son; listen to him." Sometimes in life, all we have is the voice of God. Listen to it. .

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

OUR GIFTS TO GOD March 2, 2025

Loose	\$ 1,439.00
Envelopes	\$ 1,632.00
Total (collected)	\$ 3,071.00
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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

Women's Praise & Worship

There will be a Women's Praise and Worship event being held on Friday, March 28th at 6pm at 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

A big heartfelt thank you goes out to **Mrs. Barbara Breaux** for her many years of service as the Nativity Pastoral Council President. We greatly appreciate all that you have done for us all these years and wish you all the happiness your heart can hold, now that you have decided to give up the position. God Bless You & Keep You in His Care!!

Thank You

Nativity of Our Lady says **thank you** to all of our **volunteers**. We could not do all that we do without you!!! We appreciate that you are responding to God's calling.

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: amsalsman80@gmail.com. Thank you.

PRACTICING CATHOLIC - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Mini Reflection: It's always helpful to get the opinion of someone we trust when we're facing a situation that confuses or alarms us. But we all have a divine confidante that can help us sort through anything we're dealing with. Are we taking advantage of that?

The Divine Confidante

My husband pretty much knows that if he tells me something — anything — he's also telling my sister.

Most of us have that person that we run to when we have important information. I'm not even talking about gossip; I'm talking about stuff we just *have* to discuss. We joke that I don't really know how I feel about something until I've run it by my sister first.

There's not really anything wrong with that. When we're trying to figure out how to think about something that has happened or how to react to a certain situation, it's always helpful to get the opinion of someone we trust.

But what if we ran as quickly to discuss the situation with God as we did to discuss it with our "person?" Wouldn't that be ideal?

After witnessing the transfiguration — an event that had to have been as confusing as it was astounding — we hear that the disciples "fell silent and did not at that time tell anyone what they had seen."

When something profound, frightening, or confusing happens, our first confidante should be God. I'm reminded of Luke 2:19: "Mary kept all these things, pondering them in her heart." There is something to be said for taking a moment to keep that information sacred between ourselves and the One who can really help us confront it.

Sure, maybe we don't understand what just happened. Maybe we're scared by it. We don't really know how we feel about it. And that's totally okay. The divine confidante knows how to help us pray through that confusion, that fear.

If you're someone's "person" and they come to you wanting to talk, that's great. Talk it out. But remind them — and remind yourself — to pray about it as much as you talk about it.

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

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Nativity of Our Lady would like to welcome 3 New Members to our Pastoral Council:

André Schlicher
Jenny Gonsoulin
Clifton Schlicher

Prayer of Listening

Attune the ears of my heart, Lord, to the soft and still ways You are inviting me today. And then give me the strength and courage to respond to what You say.

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, Jody Ellen Hudson, Jim & Brenda Prejean. 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

Lenten Reading

Question: Can you recommend some good books for Lenten spiritual reading?

Answer: On more than one occasion, a coach being interviewed about his team — successful or not — will be asked about the next step. The inevitable response includes something about getting back to basics. Reviewing the fundamentals of the sport strengthens performance and builds confidence.

The best Lenten reading takes us back to the fundamentals. If Lent is the time for the Church to be on retreat, then we should focus on the texts that help us deepen our understanding of our faith. Spend time reading one of the Gospels, and use a Scripture commentary to learn all you can about the passion of Jesus. Read about the lives of the saints, especially your patron saint and that of your parish. Perhaps there is some local candidate for sainthood, like Father Walter Ciszek, SJ, who wrote several faith-inspiring books. Finally, you can use the Catechism of the Catholic Church to learn more about the church's teachings and beliefs. The sections on prayer and the Mass are really great reflections. Focusing on the basics really helps us take another step forward in our faith. We have not only a better understanding of what we believe and practice, but also why we believe. With that belief comes the confidence we need to be better, more faithful witnesses to Christ.

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GOSPEL MEDITATION

March 16, 2025 - Second Sunday of Lent

Luke 9:28b-36

St. Thomas Aquinas said that friends share three things: time, possessions and secrets. For example, how do I know if you're my friend? Well, let's say we've been to Mexico together, you've tried my shaky attempts at pasta carbonara, and you know what ridiculous costume I wore in a music video I filmed in my early twenties. We, dear reader, are definitely friends. We've shared time, possessions and secrets.

How does friendship with Jesus develop? The same way. Jesus lives and eats with his disciples. Then he takes Peter, James and John to Mount Tabor and there reveals to them his deepest secret: his glorious, divine Sonship. The majesty of God shines from within his humanity in a way that goes beyond description. God the Father confirms this "secret," saying, "**This is my chosen Son, listen to him**" (Luke 9:35). It's all so precious that "**they fell silent and did not at that time tell anyone.**" Do we take time to be alone with Christ, to allow him to mystically share this "secret" with us as his dear friends?

Lenten challenge: This week, identify one time when you experienced an awareness of some specific aspect of Jesus — perhaps on a retreat, at Mass, in prayer or in an act of service. Spend ten minutes consciously re-living that experience in your heart. If you can't recall one, set aside at least two hours this Lent as a mini retreat, either alone in nature or in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. Focus on him and ask him to share the secrets of his heart with you. He will. Then, as his friend, share the secrets in your heart.

Father John Muir

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REFLECTIONS Second Sunday of Lent - It is easy to talk about Christian values but the real challenge is to live them. Lent provides us with a good time to take stock of our lives. What is your heart set upon? How important are your possessions: Are you willing to go into debt to get that new what-not? Are you focused on acquiring more and better things? How does that square with your faith? How often do you look at what you have to give or share with others? This week try to observe what you focus on and care about and how it reflects your faith.

"Your presence, O Lord, I seek. Hide not your face from me." - Psalm 27:8-9
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TODAY'S READINGS

Second Sunday of Lent
March 16, 2025

Reading I: Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18

The Lord God promised Abram land and many descendants because Abram put his faith in the Lord. Why do *you* have faith in God?

Reading II: Philippians 3:17-4:1 or 3:20-4:1

Paul teaches the Corinthians that upon Jesus' return, he will change our bodies to conform with his glorified body. Can you imagine what a glorified body will be like?

Gospel: Luke 9:28b-36

As Peter, James and John witnessed Jesus' transfiguration, they heard God say, "This is my chosen Son; listen to him." As the season of Lent continues, what do you hope to hear from God?

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Nativity of Our Lady would like to thank **Mrs. Pat Begnaud** and **Mrs. René Haney** for all the years of wonderful service they provided running our Baptismal Ministry. They both have decided to resign. We wish them both the very best in their new adventures. God Bless & Keep You Both in His Care!!!

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.

CURRENT EVENTS

Tuesday, March 18, 2025

Mass at 5:30pm

Wednesday, March 19, 2025

Pro-Life Rosary - 8:20am - Mass at 9:00am
K.C. & Ladies Auxiliary Dinner & Meeting

Thursday, March 20, 2025

Mass at 5:30pm

Friday, March 21, 2025

Mass at 6:30am

Stations of the Cross - 5:30pm - Church

Saturday, March 22, 2025

Altar Server Round-up - 9am - 12noon - Parish Hall

Mass at 4pm

Sunday, March 23, 2025

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

2nd Collection - New Iberia Poor & Needy

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We would like to welcome our New Nativity of Our Lady Baptismal Ministry Members:

Laura & Paul Duplantis
Stephanie Fitch
Jenny Gonsoulin
Lan Nguyen

MASS SERVERS March 18 - March 23, 2025					
DAY DATE	TIME	CELEBRANT	READERS	LAY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION	ALTAR SERVERS
Tuesday 3/18/25	<i>5:30pm</i>	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	Kimberly Clay	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	Sacristan
Wednesday 3/19/25	<i>9:00am</i>	Fr. Ed Degeyter	Ginger Comeaux	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	Sacristan
Thursday 3/20/25	<i>5:30pm</i>	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	Janis Dugas	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	Sacristan
Friday 3/21/25	<i>6:30am</i>	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	Keith Comeaux	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	Sacristan
Saturday 3/22/25	<i>4:00pm</i>	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	Jenny Gonsoulin	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	Sophia Comeaux Allie Comeaux
Sunday 3/23/25	<i>8:00am</i>	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	Janis Dugas	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	Morgan Salsman Amari Romero
	<i>10:00am</i>	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	Karl Boudreaux	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	Madalyn Salsman Tai Nguyen

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