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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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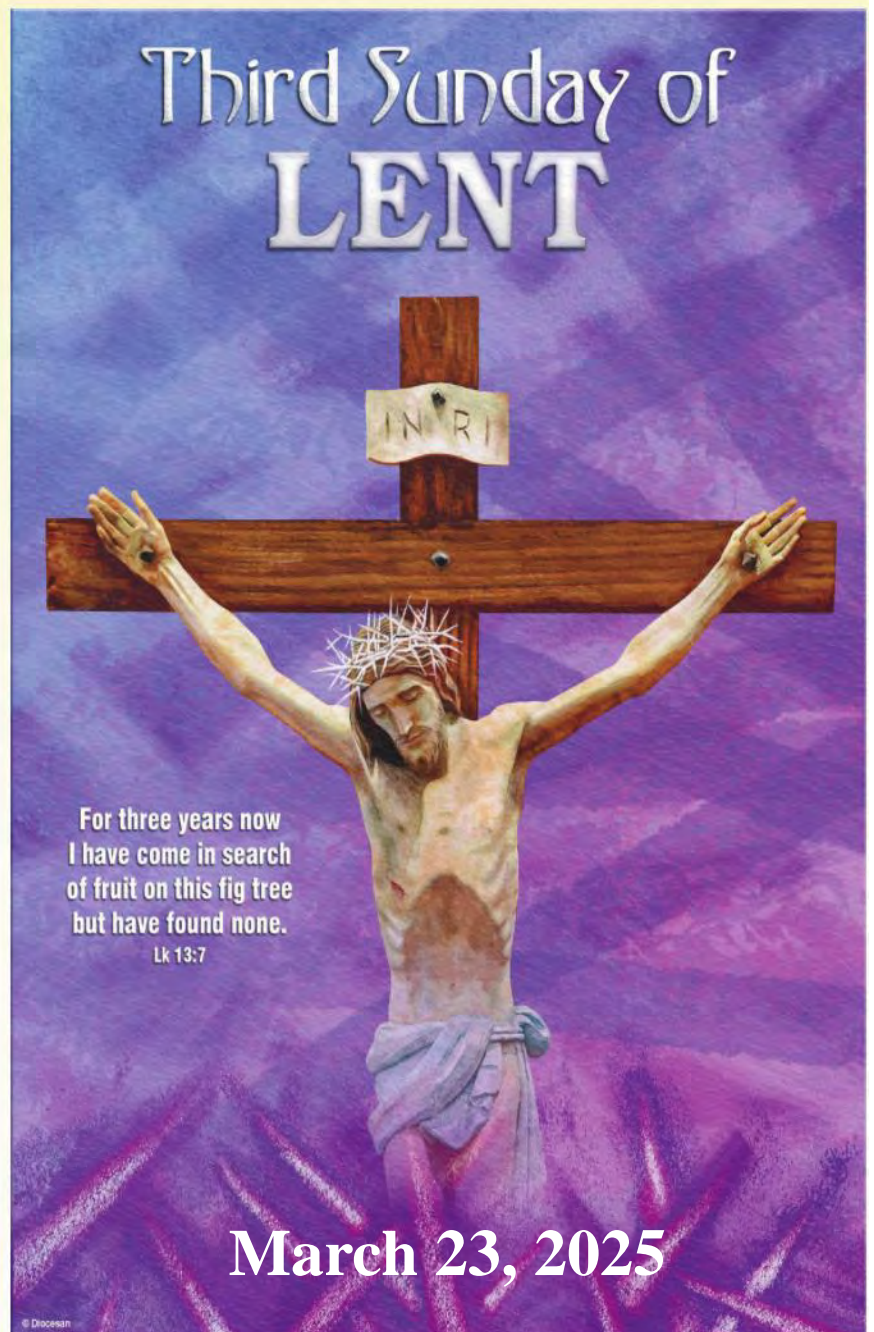
RECONCILIATION:

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, March 25, 2025

5:30pm Kate Elise Ortego (liv bd)

Wednesday, March 26, 2025

9:00am Ernest "Topper" Breaux, Rudy Delcambre
John R. Delcambre, Paul Domingue Fly
Carrol Romero, Sr. (ann of death)
Howard Bourque, Jr. (ann of death)
Ellen Duplantis (liv bd)

Thursday, March 27, 2025

5:30pm Annette L Angelle (liv bd)

Friday, March 28, 2025

6:30am Liv & Dec Rupinen Fly

Saturday, March 29, 2025

4:00pm Fr. Tom Finley, Mark A. Bourque
Rachel R. Romero, Lynward Ransonet
Jill Bourque Reed (1yr ann of death)
Kolyn Saltzman (liv bd)

Sunday, March 30, 2025

8:00am Parishioners, Carroll Aucoin
Quang Nguyen

10:00am Msgr. H.J. Barsen, Fr. A.J. Boumans
Harvey & Joyce Decourt, Donna M. Lanza
Percy Barrilleaux (liv bd)

SANCTUARY LIGHT:

In Memory of
Patrick J. Richard



PARISH VOCATION CROSS

The Vocation Cross is taken by:

(March 23rd - March 29th)

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

Jesus Christ is the ever-vigilant gardener. He desires us to bloom, that we will do what we were created to do, that we will bear the fruit that God intended. Will we let him cultivate our ground and prune our imperfections? Will we let him save us?

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

OUR GIFTS TO GOD	March 9, 2025
Loose	\$ 1,153.76
Envelopes	\$ 3,605.00
Total (collected)	\$ 4,758.76
Online Giving offertory	\$ 1,173.00
Mailed in offertory	\$ 350.00
Total offertory (week)	\$ 6,281.76
Black & Indian Mission.....	\$ 706.00
Catholic Charities of Acadiana	\$ 418.23
Ash Wed. for N.I. Poor & Needy	\$ 994.00

Thank you for your generosity!!!!

Prayer of Lent


Dear God,
As I fast, may Your presence be my sustenance.
As I pray, continue to reveal Yourself to me.
As I give to others, may I know You even more deeply.
Amen.

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

Anima Christi - March 23, 2025

Mini Explanation - Traditionally said after or before receiving the Eucharist, the Anima Christi dates to the 14th century and was a favorite prayer of St. Ignatius of Loyola.

Anima Christi, Explained - The Anima Christi prayer takes its name from its opening lines: *Soul of Christ — “Anima Christi”* in Latin. In this prayer, the faithful invoke the image of Christ crucified, calling upon the salvific elements of his wounds, his Body and his Blood to strengthen them, imploring him to save them from “the malicious enemy” and to bring them, in their final hour, to his presence.

The author of this prayer is unknown, but it originated in the 14th century and was referenced in St. Ignatius’ *Spiritual Exercises*. It is traditionally said after or before receiving the Eucharist.

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The Anima Christi

Soul of Christ, sanctify me;
Body of Christ, save me;
Blood of Christ, inebriate me;
Water from the side of Christ, wash me;
Passion of Christ, strengthen me;
O good Jesus hear me;
Within your wounds hide me;
Separated from you, let me never be;
From the evil one protect me;
At the hour of my death, call me;
And close to you bid me; That with your saints,
I may be praising you forever and ever.
Amen.

CATHOLIC TRIVIA – JUST FOR FUN

Question: What is the name of the commemorative, prayerful “walk” that Catholics take part in to retrace Christ’s journey to Calvary?

Answer: The Stations of the Cross.

Practicing Virtues - Pope Francis Lenten Fast

Fast from hurting words, and say kind words.
Fast from sadness, and be filled with gratitude.
Fast from anger, and be filled with hope.
Fast from worries, and have trust in God.
Fast from complaints, and contemplate simplicity.
Fast from pressures, and be prayerful.
Fast from bitterness, and fill my heart with joy.
Fast from selfishness, and be compassionate to others.
Fast from grudges, and be reconciled.
Fast from words, and be silent, so I can listen.

**PRACTICING CATHOLIC - RECOGNIZE
GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS**

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Mini Reflection: What I love most about our Savior is that he didn’t — doesn’t — give up on us. “Give me more time,” he says to the Master. “I can still fix this one.”

The Patient Gardener

I have garden beds on the side of my house that I don’t deserve.

When we bought the property, this was one of the features that was highlighted in the listing. “Professional landscaping! Tri-level garden beds that bask in the southern exposure!”

But I’m so terrible at weeding these garden beds — they become overgrown quickly, and I shudder to imagine what the previous owners would think of me if they drove by. I’m afraid they would write me off as lazy or disinterested, when really I’m just exhausted and busy. Every time I try to garden, one of my little assistant gardeners runs near the road and I must abandon the project to save them.

So, my husband, bless his heart, is the savior of these garden beds. He goes out there in the cool of the evening to pluck up the weeds that threaten to overtake this beautiful little garden. Patiently and tenderly, he restores it to a presentable state. Without him, they would be lost.

Perhaps I love these garden beds so much because I identify with them. If I were a garden, I would also be a mess, and people who have no time for messes would write me off as hopeless. We all need a savior to stick up for us, to come and quietly prune the unsightly growths that have taken root in our souls and turn the soil that has sat undisturbed for too long.

What I love most about our Savior is that he didn’t — doesn’t — give up on us. “Give me more time,” he says to the Master. “I can still fix this one.” @LPi

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. God Bless You!!!

Disch-DeClouet Annual Campaign

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.

John L. Indest
Executive Director

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, Mary Saltzman, Zachary Richard, Sarah Richard, Duppy Duplantis, Joylynn Trosclair, Earline Romero, Norrie B. Kenner, Jay Jacquemoud, Jody Ellen Hudson, Jim & Brenda Prejean, Toni Boudreaux, Rick Boudreaux. 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

Mortal versus Venial Sin

Question: What is the difference between mortal and venial sin?

Answer: Sin is a deliberate thought, word, action, or omission contrary to God's law. Since the beginnings of the Church, sin has been distinguished by its gravity. "Grave matter" is traditionally defined by the Ten Commandments. If a person commits a grave sin with full knowledge of the action's evil and with the complete consent of their will, this is a mortal sin. The effects of mortal sin are grave – the loss of sanctifying grace, which can be restored by a fresh outpouring of God's mercy in the sacrament of Reconciliation.

Venial sin does not fit one or more of these conditions (for example, a less serious matter still freely chosen or grave matter committed while under force or ignorance of God's law). The effects of venial sin – while still damaging to the human heart and human society – are less severe. Even so, smaller sins build habits, which can obstruct our growth in virtue. When we are serious about following Jesus, we should do our best to avoid all sin, whether large or small!

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GOSPEL MEDITATION

March 23, 2025 - Third Sunday of Lent

John 4:5-42

My childhood best friend was Xander Price. He was the fastest runner in school, an excellent baseball player and Jewish. Though his family wasn't intensely religious, I felt totally at home with them despite our religious differences. Everything about their Judaism seemed to undergird and strengthen my own experience of being a Catholic. I knew they didn't believe in Jesus like my family did, but I intuited somehow that Jesus was "hiding" in their religion. Like a cat moving under a blanket, ready to emerge at any moment, the Lord was hidden there in a special way.

In the Gospel for this third Sunday of Lent, Jesus says, "**For if you had believed Moses, you would have believed me, for he wrote of me**" (John 5:46). Stunning words, those. Moses wrote about Jesus. The way therefore that we come to know and believe in Jesus is to discover him lurking in Moses' writings. The Hebrew Scripture is the wonderful womb in which Jesus gestates within a host of images: Adam, Isaac, David, Melchizedek, the Temple, sacrificed lambs, prophets and so on. Right now, in your parish's OCIA program, soon-to-be baptized people are carefully studying where Jesus is in the writings of Moses, so that they may believe in him. This works for all of us, too, who wish to deepen our knowledge and love of Jesus.

Lenten challenge: Take some time to prayerfully study one of the images of Jesus listed above in the Old Testament. Identify which one you find compelling and consider why this is so. If you don't know where to start, begin with the prophet Jeremiah as an image of Jesus. *Father John Muir* @LPi

REFLECTIONS Third Sunday of Lent - It is tempting to look at what others do and evaluate our own behavior in that light. It can make us feel very good and satisfied with ourselves. The problem is that we are using the wrong yardstick. We are not to compare ourselves with others. The yardstick we are to use is Jesus. He has told us how to behave and showed us by example. According to that measure, there is always room for improvement. Lest we become discouraged, Jesus has also told us that the Spirit will be with us. Pray for the grace to see yourself clearly and for the courage to grow and change.

"Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits. He pardons all your iniquities, he heals all your ills." - Psalm 103:2-3
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TODAY'S READINGS

Second Sunday of Lent
March 23, 2025

Reading I: Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15

God reveals to Moses that He has heard the cry of His people, and He is coming to rescue them from slavery in Egypt. What prayer do you need answered from God?

Reading II: 1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12

Paul believed the mistakes of the Israelites in the desert serve as an example and a warning of what to avoid in our journey with God. How might you show gratitude to God this upcoming week of Lent?

Gospel: Luke 13:1-9

Jesus taught one must repent to bear good fruit in life. Can you think of some good fruit you have borne from repenting?

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Nativity of Our Lady would like to welcome
 3 New Members to our Pastoral Council:
 Andreé Schlicher
 Jenny Gonsoulin
 Clifton Schlicher

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

Monday, March 24, 2025
 Women's Ultreya - 7pm - Parish Hall
Tuesday, March 25, 2025
 Mass at 5:30pm
Wednesday, March 26, 2025
 Pro-Life Rosay - 8:20am - Mass at 9:00am
 K.C. Meeting - 6pm- 8pm - Parish Hall
Thursday, March 27, 2025
 Mass at 5:30pm
Friday, March 28, 2025
 Mass at 6:30am
 Stations of the Cross - 5:30pm - Church
Saturday, March 29, 2025
 Mass at 4pm
 1st Communion Retreat - 8:45am - 1pm
Sunday, March 30, 2025
 Masses at: **8am & 10am**
 2nd Collection - Catholic Relief Services
 2nd OCIA Scrutiny - at 10am Mass

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.

CRS Rice Bowl is celebrating **50 years** of helping Catholic faith communities bring Lent to life and encounter God through our global family. **Please pick up your CRS Rice Bowl**, today, at any of our church entrances.

Nativity of Our Lady Catholic Church Easter Egg Hunt

When: April 13th after 10:00am Mass
 Lots of Egg Hunting, food, crafts and fun.
 Bring the family and don't forget your baskets!

MASS SERVERS March 25- March 30, 2025					
DAY DATE	TIME	CELEBRANT	READERS	LAY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION	ALTAR SERVERS
Tuesday 3/25/25	<i>5:30pm</i>	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	Kimberly Clay	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	Sacristan
Wednesday 3/26/25	<i>9:00am</i>	Fr. Ed Degeyter	Ginger Comeaux	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	Sacristan
Thursday 3/27/25	<i>5:30pm</i>	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	Pete Aucoin	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	Sacristan
Friday 3/28/25	<i>6:30am</i>	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	Chad Courtois	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	Sacristan
Saturday 3/29/25	<i>4:00pm</i>	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	Dona Schexnayder	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	Autum, Ephraim & Benjamin Trahan
Sunday 3/30/25	<i>8:00am</i>	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	Margo LeBlanc	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	Khoi Nguyen Serena Bedia
	<i>10:00am</i>	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	June Jones	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	Morgan Salsman Charlie Salsman

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