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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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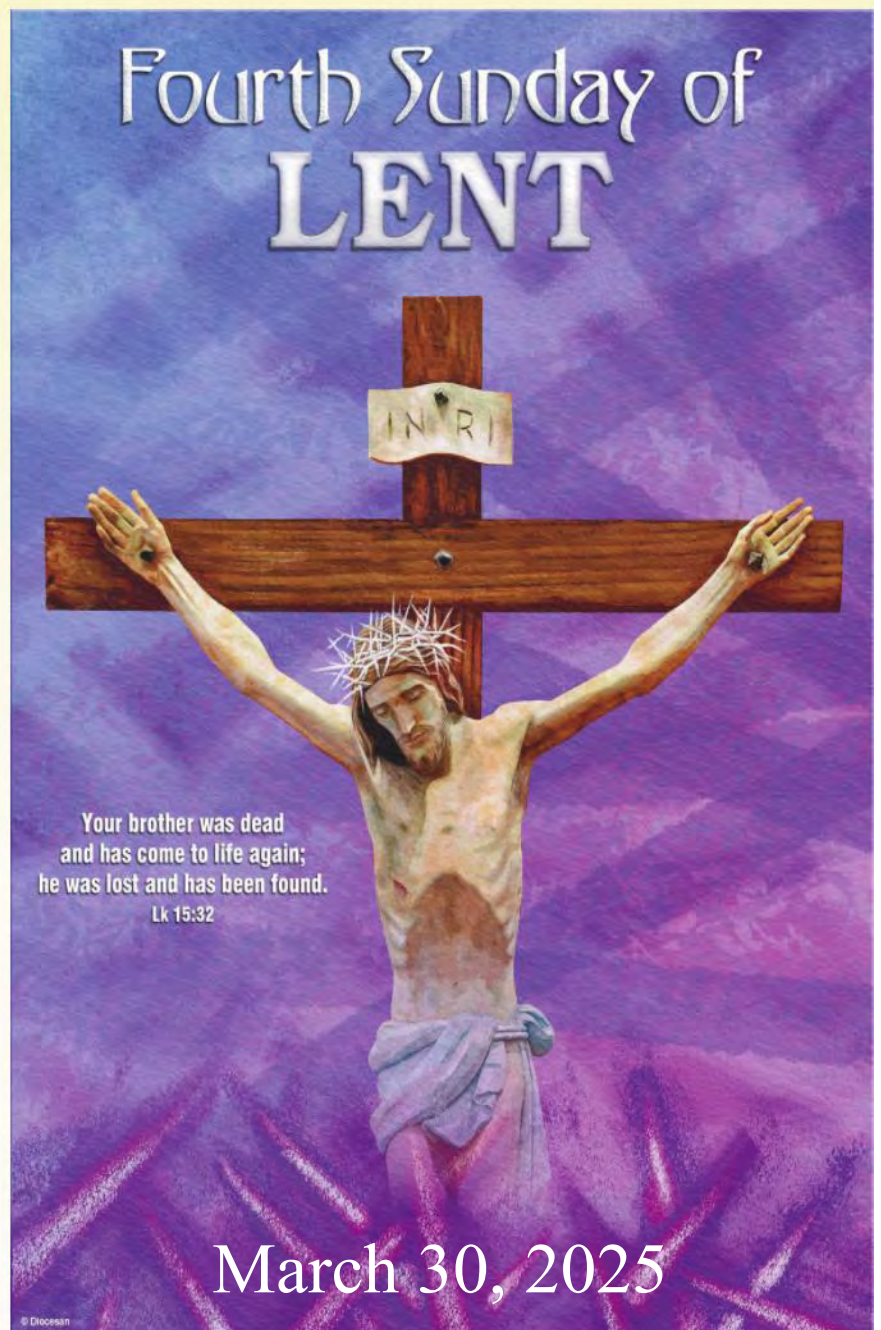
RECONCILIATION:

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, April 1, 2025

5:30pm Robin & David J. Viator (liv)

Wednesday, April 2, 2025

9:00am Ernest "Topper" Breaux, Victor Bernard
John R. Delcambre, Madison Claire Olivier

Thursday, April 3, 2025

5:30pm Fr. Anton Lehner-Dittenberger

Friday, April 4, 2025 - First Friday

6:30am Don Taylor, Janell Broussard
Lee Broussard, Carlyle Hebert Fly
Special Intention, U.S. of America

Saturday, April 5, 2025 - First Saturday

9:00am M/M Raymond Landry, Rudy Delcambre Fly
Brother & Caire LaBauve, Paul Domingue Fly
U.S. Military, Katie Carson (liv bd)

4:00pm Fr. Tom Finley, Rachel R. Romero
Lynward Ransonet, Warren Barras
DeHart & Estilette Fly, Roy Flores
Dressel & Ransonet Fly, Landree Ann Landry

Sunday, April 6, 2025

8:00am Parishioners, Carroll Aucoin
Quang Nguyen, Clark Romero

10:00am Msgr. H.J. Barsen, Fr. A.J. Boumans
Harvey & Joyce Decourt, Donna M. Lanza

LIVE THE LITURGY

The Prodigal Son doesn't dare ask for the honor of being called his Father's son again. All he wants is to be close to his Father, to be cared for. But his Father surprises him with his mercy, as God surprises us. He offers more than just forgiveness. He offers redemption.

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SANCTUARY LIGHT:

In Memory of
Jill B. Reed



PARISH VOCATION CROSS

The Vocation Cross is taken by:

(March 30th - April 5th)

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.

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**.



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

OUR GIFTS TO GOD March 16, 2025

Loose	\$ 1,128.00
Envelopes.....	\$ 1,431.00
Total (collected).....	\$ 2,559.00
Online Giving offertory	\$ 828.00
Mailed in offertory	\$ 825.00
Total offertory (week)	\$ 4,212.00
Bishop's Services Appeal	\$ 346.00

Thank you for your generosity!!!!

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 serve 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.

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April 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>6 Pray for Fr. Millard Boyer Memorial Book Nativity Building Fund K.C. Shrimp Dinner Pick up behind office 10am - 12:30pm</p>	<p>7 Pray for Fr. James Brady</p>	<p>8 Pray for Fr. Joseph Brasseaux Patriotic Rosary - 6pm</p>	<p>2 Pray for Bishop Douglas Deshotel Pro-Life Rosary Holy Hour 9:30 - 10:30 K.C. Holy Hour in Honor of the Sacred Heart of Jesus from 6:30pm - 7:30pm</p>	<p>3 Pray for Bishop Emeritus Michael Jarrell Pastoral Council Mtg. 6:15pm - Church office</p>	<p>4 Pray for Fr. Marshall Boulet First Friday Stations of the Cross 5:30pm</p>	<p>5 Pray for Fr. John Joseph Bourque First Saturday</p>
<p>13 PALM SUNDAY Pray for Fr. Ken Broussard Easter Egg Hunt After 10am Mass</p>	<p>14 Pray for Fr. Patrick Broussard</p>	<p>15 Pray for Fr. Paul Broussard Faith Formation End of Year Mass - 5:30pm All Parish Invited</p>	<p>9 Pray for Fr. John "Buddy" Breaux Pro-Life Rosary K.C. & Ladies Aux. Dinner & Meeting</p>	<p>10 Pray for Fr. Louis Allen Breaux Baptismal Class 6:30pm</p>	<p>11 Pray for Fr. Joseph Bricheuer Stations of the Cross 5:30pm</p>	<p>12 Pray for Fr. Henry Broussard Baptisms 11:00am</p>
<p>20 EASTER Pray for Fr. Christopher Cambre Easter Masses 8am & 10am Bishop's Services Appeal</p>	<p>21 Pray for Fr. Corey Campeaux</p>	<p>22 Pray for Fr. Joseph Campion</p>	<p>16 Pray for Msgr. Ronald Broussard Pro-Life Rosary</p>	<p>17 HOLY THURSDAY Pray for Fr. Theodore Broussard Office Closed Holy Thursday Mass at 7pm No 5:30pm Mass</p>	<p>18 GOOD FRIDAY Pray for Fr. Keenan Brown Office Closed Good Friday Service 3pm No 6:30am Mass</p>	<p>19 Pray for Fr. Wilbur "Sonny" Brown Easter Vigil Mass 8pm No 4pm Mass</p>
<p>27 Pray for Fr. Blaine Clement New Iberia Poor & Needy 1st Communion 10am Mass Reception to follow</p>	<p>28 Pray for Fr. Nathan Comeaux Women's Ultreya 7pm - Parish Hall</p>	<p>29 Pray for Fr. Gregory Cormier</p>	<p>23 Pray for Fr. Michael Champagne Pro-Life Rosary</p>	<p>24 Pray for Fr. Gregory Chauwin</p>	<p>25 Pray for Fr. Jose Cherian</p>	<p>26 Pray for Fr. Edward Chiffreller First Communion Practice in Church 10am</p>

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

LENT

Question: Lent always seems to help me renew my relationship with God and strengthen my religious practice. Do you have any suggestions as to what I could do to achieve that the rest of the year?

Answer: The obvious answer may seem to be to do whatever you do during Lent all year round. But part of the power of Lent is that we focus as a community on renewing our faith and preparing for Easter. Our Lenten practices have a purpose and a goal. Therein lies the secret. When we focus our efforts on one virtue, or try to change one bad habit, or seek to deepen our understanding of one aspect of faith, we focus our efforts and give our full attention to what we are trying to accomplish. We tend to be more successful achieving our goals. More importantly, it has a ripple effect in our lives: one thing changes or is added to the spiritual mix of our lives and many aspects are changed.

All too often we leave our spiritual growth to chance and the practice of faith to habit, and then wonder why we have no sense of growth or progress. Think of it in terms of exercise. We walk, lift weights, bend and stretch to attain the maximum benefit from what we do. In addition, to keep those benefits, we eat healthful food and get enough vitamins and rest. Spirituality requires the same kind of attention: we pray, fast, read the Bible, receive sacraments, and do charitable work to maximize the benefits of practicing faith. Keeping Lent year round keeps us in spiritual shape! @LPi

GOSPEL MEDITATION - March 30, 2025

Fourth Sunday of Lent - John 9:1-41

A man looking a bit downtrodden approached me as I filled my car's gas tank. He asked, "May I share with you my testimony about how good God is?" "OK," I skeptically answered. He went on to tell me that he had been an alcoholic and drug addict, and that God had healed him; now he was four years sober. He said, "I didn't deserve it, but now I'm a different person. God is so good! Have a terrific Tuesday!" A few minutes later, as I drove away, I saw him smiling and handing a homeless person some money. I was confronted with a choice: either he was a total fraud or God had changed him. *Something* had happened to him, and it didn't seem fake. Maybe it was God.

When Jesus heals the man born blind, the man becomes a challenge to everyone who meets him. They must decide. Is he the same blind person who they knew before? Who healed him and how? And what is the status of the one who can heal such infirmities? We shouldn't be surprised at the storm of doubt, hatred and animosity that swirls around the healed man — so it often goes when Jesus heals someone even to this day.

Like we often do, the religious leaders confronting the healed man declare that God is not at work. They ask with mocking superiority and dismissive disdain, "**You were born totally in sin, and are you trying to teach us?**" (John 9:34). And they cast him out. When Jesus clearly works in our lives, in us or around us, we should accept it, and give praise and thanks for this wonderful manifestation of his goodness.

Lenten challenge: Think of one way the Lord has healed you. Perhaps he healed a form of selfishness, a physical ailment, or something else. This week, find a person to whom you can share that testimony, and share it. Don't worry if they don't accept it was God who did it. - *Father John Muir* @LPi

REFLECTIONS Fourth Sunday of Lent - It is tempting to think that when things are going well it is because God is pleased with us and when they aren't that we have done something "wrong." Perhaps, this kind of reasoning is more "comfortable" than the alternative which is to take responsibility for the choices we have made. Such an attitude also does a disservice to God. He is not keeping a tally to determine punishments and rewards. God is constantly pouring out his love and grace in the midst of good and bad times. Do you believe that God loves you all the time?

"The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want." - Psalm 23:1
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TODAY'S READINGS

Fourth Sunday of Lent
March 30, 2025

Reading I: Joshua 5:9a, 10-12

Israel settled into the land of Canaan (the Promised Land), they learned God removed the “reproach” of Egypt from them and they could freely eat from the land. What have you discovered about yourself or others during this season of Lent ?

Reading II: 2 Corinthians 5:17-21

Paul taught that reconciliation with God and with each other was key to being a “new creation.” How often do you experience reconciliation with God or with others ?

Gospel: Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

In the parable of the Prodigal Son, in a real sense, both sons are lost. How might you help a lost family member or friend this week ?

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Scrutiny: 1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 (1)/Ephesians 5:8-14/John 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

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, April 1, 2025

Mass at 5:30pm
Finance Council Meeting - 6:15pm - Church Office

Wednesday, April 2, 2025

Pro-Life Rosary - 8:20am - Mass at 9:00am
Holy Hour - 9:30am to 10:30am
K.C. Holy Hour in Honor of the Sacred Heart of Jesus
6:30 -7:30pm at Nativity of Our Lady Church

Thursday, April 3, 2025

Mass at 5:30pm
Pastoral Council Meeting - 6:15pm - Church Office

Friday, April 4, 2025 - First Friday

OLAS, K.C. Ladies Auxiliary & K.C. Members
to attend 6:30am Mass
Stations of the Cross - 5:30pm - Church

Saturday, April 5, 2025 - First Saturday

OLAS, K.C. Ladies Auxiliary & K.C. Members
to attend 9:00am Mass
Mass at 4pm

Sunday, April 6, 2025

Masses at: **8am & 10am**
2nd Collection - Nativity Building Fund
K.C. Shrimp Dinner Pickup - behind Church office.
10am to 12:30pm

Calling All Christian Men!

A Free Men’s Conference on **Saturday, April 12th** at **St. Peter Catholic Church**. Doors open at 7:00am, with talks beginning at 8:00am, and confessions available starting at 9am. No cost to attend and lunch is provided. Pick up a flyer at church entrances, for more information.

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 April 1- April 6, 2025					
DAY DATE	TIME	CELEBRANT	READERS	LAY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION	ALTAR SERVERS
Tuesday 4/1/25	5:30pm	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	<i>See Reader Schedule</i>	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	Sacristan
Wednesday 4/2/25	9:00am	Fr. Ed Degeyter	<i>See Reader Schedule</i>	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	Sacristan
Thursday 4/3/25	5:30pm	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	<i>See Reader Schedule</i>	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	Sacristan
Friday 4/4/25	6:30am	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	<i>See Reader Schedule</i>	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	Sacristan
Saturday 4/5/25	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 Tai Nguyen
Sunday 4/6/25	8:00am	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	<i>See Reader Schedule</i>	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	Autum Trahan Benjamin Trahan
	10:00am	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	<i>See Reader Schedule</i>	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	Madalynn Salsman Amari Romero

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