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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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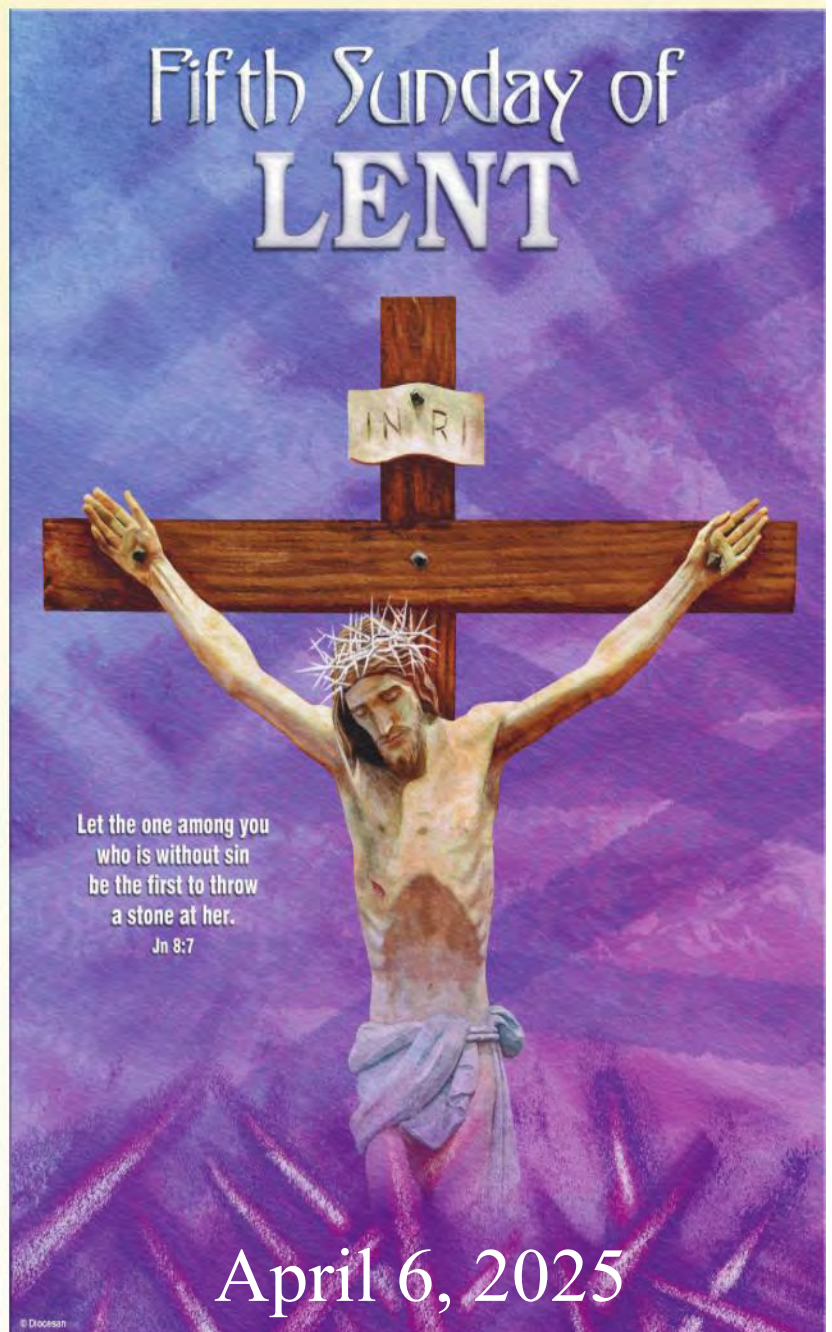
RECONCILIATION:

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, April 8, 2025

5:30pm Clint P. Trahan (liv bd)

Wednesday, April 9, 2025

9:00am Ernest "Topper" Breaux, Carrol Romero, Sr

Thursday, April 10, 2025

5:30pm Fr. John Baptist Tran Van Cu

Friday, April 11, 2025

6:30am Parishioners

Saturday, April 12, 2025

4:00pm Fr. Tom Finley, Rachel R. Romero
Juliette C. Dubois, Rudy Delcambre
Alpha & Lilly Viator, Lynward Ransonet
Jules & Leona Broussard, Mark A. Bourque

Sunday, April 13, 2025

8:00am Parishioners, Carroll Aucoin

Mrs. Terry Borel, Quang Nguyen

Donna M. Snoddy

10:00am Msgr. H.J. Barsen, Fr. A.J. Boumans

Leslie Romero, Donna M. Lanza

Harvey & Joyce Decourt

LIVE THE LITURGY

"Go, and sin no more," Jesus tells the woman caught in adultery. Her life, like ours, has been saved. She, like us, has a chance for a new beginning. So he begs her, and he begs us: be changed by it. Let the mercy transform you. Go, and sin no more.

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

OUR GIFTS TO GOD March 23, 2025

Loose	\$ 909.00
Envelopes.....	\$ 1,765.00
Total (collected).....	\$ 2,674.00
Online Giving offertory.....	\$ 573.00
Mailed in offertory.....	\$ 440.00
Total offertory (week).....	\$ 3,687.00
New Iberia Poor & Needy.....	\$ 1,124.00

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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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John L. Indest
Executive Director

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**Voices of Innocent Citizens Empowered
Support Group**

**You are cordially invited to the 20th Annual
VOICE for Victims' Rally**

Information, Prevention, & Support

Thursday, April 10, 2025

6:00 PM

Rain or Shine

Steamboat Warehouse Pavilion

at Bouigny Plaza

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New Iberia

In Memory of

The Honorable M. Boffill Duhe' District Attorney, 10th Judicial District

Mistress of Ceremonies.....Cheyenne Hebert

Vocalist.....Jalana Durall

Invocation.....Father Donald Bernard

Pledge.....Isabella and Ian Valteau

Welcome.....Mrs. Catalene Theriot, President, VOICE

Proclamation.....Mayor Freddie Decourt

Special Guests

**Michael Haik, First Assistant District Attorney & Additional Speakers
Butterfly Release**

Sound and Music provided by Seth Fanguie

Representatives from various victim service agencies and programs will be present
to answer questions and provide information regarding their programs.

Refreshments will be served following the program.

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PRACTICING CATHOLIC - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Mini Reflection: Too often, we don't care about righteousness or truth. We just care about being right. We have a terrible tendency to see only decisions, and in doing so we dehumanize the people behind them. But when God looks at us, he sees more than the worst decisions we've ever made.

The Allure of Being Right

It wasn't a real question. "The law of Moses says we should stone her. What do you say?" the Pharisees asked Jesus as they brought the adulterous woman before him. But they weren't really asking. They didn't care what Jesus' answer was. They didn't ask his opinion because they wanted to know. They asked because they wanted to use his words against him

Righteousness, truth - that wasn't the goal. The goal was being right. And in the middle of the whole scene, dragged before Jesus, used as a literal prop in this staged drama, is a woman. A real flesh-and-blood woman.

I find myself wanting to know more about her. She had been "caught in the act," they claimed, but I wonder what that even means. With whom was this act committed, and what were the reasons for her participation in it? Was she coerced? Was she scared? Was she confused? Was it really a cut-and-dry, black-and-white situation of adultery, of lust, of making the wrong decision?

We will never know the answers to these questions, and it doesn't matter — it's not our business. God knows the answers. God knows the truth of the matter: what she did, what she chose, what she felt. Because she wasn't a prop to Him. She was a person.

When God looks at us, he sees more than the worst decisions we've ever made.

I worry that we use one another as props even today, when we try like the Pharisees to illustrate "What is Right." We have a terrible tendency to see only decisions, and in doing so we dehumanize the people behind them.

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Next Sunday, April 13, 2025 is Palm Sunday

Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John: The story of Palm Sunday is told in all four Gospels of the New Testament. According to the Bible, Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a donkey, which fulfilled a prophecy from Zechariah 9:9, "Rejoice greatly, Daughter Zion! Shout, Daughter Jerusalem!"



DEVOTIONS, EXPLAINED! CONNECT WITH TRADITION AND GROW YOUR FAITH

Chaplet of Divine Mercy – April 6, 2025

Mini Explanation — Prayed with an ordinary five-decade Rosary, the Chaplet of Divine Mercy is an intercessory prayer invoking God's mercy on the world, utilizing words drawn from the text of The Diary of St. Faustina Maria Kowalska.

Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Explained

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Prayed with an ordinary five-decade Rosary, the chaplet opens with a recitation of the Our Father, the Hail Mary and the Apostle's Creed. The beads usually used for the Our Father are used to recite this prayer: "Eternal Father, I offer You the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your Dearly Beloved Son, Our Lord, Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world," followed by ten Hail Marys and the words "Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world." ©LPi



PARISH VOCATION CROSS

The Vocation Cross is taken by:

(April 6th - April 12th)

Laura & Clifton Schlicher

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.

Prayer of Community

O God,
Help us to see each other as You see us, not by our faults or failings, but by our identity as Your own. Give us Your eyes to see, Your heart to love. Amen.

**We love our Volunteers!!!
Thank you!!!**



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 Armandariz, 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

Priesthood

Question: If someone is interested in becoming a priest, how does he go about it?

Answer: Discerning a vocation can happen in any number of ways. It might come as a surprise to the person called or to family or friends. Sometimes it is a gradual process, and other times it is as quick and bright as lightning. Regardless of how it starts, a vocation to the priesthood or religious life requires a process of discerning, testing, and preparing. The best place to begin would be with lots of prayer, receiving the sacraments, and attending daily Mass whenever possible. Then talk to your pastor or a priest you know and trust. Your diocese may have a vocation director who can provide you with guidance and information. The Serra Club is also a great resource for information and contacts to help you discern if indeed God is calling you.

Remember that many young Catholic men have considered the priesthood. Some are ordained and others realize this is not their calling. However, we are all called to be of service to others as we practice our faith. These are extraordinary times in which we live, and they require an extraordinary witness to faith and to God's presence in the world. Our work, our ministry as Catholics, is to be the body of Christ with and for others. The Church needs priests. If God calls you to ordained service in the church, He will provide the grace, direction, and support you need. Just listen and respond with all your heart, mind, and soul.

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GOSPEL MEDITATION - April 6, 2025

Fifth Sunday of Lent - John 8:1-11

"The scribes and the Pharisees brought a woman who had been caught in adultery and made her stand in the middle" (John 8:3). Why do they make her stand in the middle? Why not expose her on the periphery? The reason is something that affects us practically every day.

The center is what stabilizes a community's identity. We humans tend to center ourselves around an accused and condemned victim — though we rarely admit it. This renews our fragile communities and our power as those who weaponize the accusation. This is effective because it is often a victim who represents something truly dangerous for the group. In this case, adultery stands for the breakdown of a community and those within it, because it forces questions like: who is my father? Whose child is this? Is this child one of us, or that of an outsider? The accusers place the adulteress in the center because their community, like most, is built around turning an enemy into a victim.

Once you understand this, you'll see it almost anywhere humans group together (families, politics, workplaces, sports, schools, etc.). The good news is Jesus exposes this dynamic by deftly pointing out the sin-infected hearts of everyone besides the woman. They all leave, symbolizing the breakdown of the old order, and she is "left alone before him." A new community has begun, structured around the merciful love of Christ.

What is in your center? What is in the center of our parish and family communities? Strive to center on Christ's forgiveness, and we experience the new, lasting community we call the Church. - *Father John Muir*

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REFLECTIONS Fifth Sunday of Lent - Do you believe that Jesus is truly the resurrection and the life? What does that mean? How is it reflected in your life? Consider your priorities, how you regard your possessions, what you are doing to prepare for your own death. We tend to think there will always be a tomorrow. Our time here is limited and the most important thing we have to learn in this "boot camp" of life is how to love. Everything else is passing. God is not impressed with our possessions nor is he interested in hearing about our grievances. In the end, only one thing matters: How well have you learned to love?

"I trust in the Lord; my soul trusts in his word." - Psalm 130:5

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TODAY'S READINGS

Fifth Sunday of Lent
April 6, 2025

Reading I: Isaiah 43:16-21

The prophet Isaiah teaches us that the Lord forgets our sins and offers us a new beginning so that we might praise him. What could you do today to honor and praise the Lord?

Reading II: Philippians 3:8-14

Paul tells the believers in Phillippi of his deep desire and hope to know Jesus and the power of his resurrection. In what ways have you drawn closer to Jesus during this season of Lent?

Gospel: John 8:1-11

Jesus showed mercy toward the sinful woman when others were quick to judge her. Is there some one in your life who you could show mercy over judgment this week? @LPi

Scrutiny: Ezekiel 37:12-14/Psalm 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8/
Romans 8:8-11/John 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

SANCTUARY LIGHT:

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Sunday, April 6, 2025
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10AM - 12:30PM

CURRENT EVENTS

Tuesday, April 8, 2025

Mass at 5:30pm
Patriotic Rosary - 6pm - Church

Wednesday, April 9, 2025

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

Thursday, April 10, 2025

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

Friday, April 11, 2025

6:30am Mass
Stations of the Cross - 5:30pm - Church

Saturday, April 12, 2025

Baptisms
Mass at 4pm
Free Men's Conference - St. Peter Church - 8am - 3pm

Sunday, April 13, 2025 - Palm Sunday

Masses at: **8am & 10am**
Easter Egg Hunt after 10am Mass

New Iberia Spanish Festival

La Asociación Española de Nueva Iberia (LAENI) is excited to announce the 11th annual El Festival Español de Nueva Iberia on **April 11 – 13, 2025**, in the historic downtown of New Iberia at Bouligny Plaza.

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 8 - April 13, 2025

DAY DATE	TIME	CELEBRANT	READERS	LAY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION	ALTAR SERVERS
Tuesday 4/8/25	5:30pm	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	Kimberly Clay	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	Sacristan
Wednesday 4/9/25	9:00am	Fr. Ed Degeyter	Ginger Comeaux	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	Sacristan
Thursday 4/10/25	5:30pm	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	Pete Aucoin	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	Sacristan
Friday 4/11/25	6:30am	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	Keith Comeaux	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	Sacristan
Saturday 4/12/25	4:00pm	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	Jenny Gonsoulin	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	Morgan Salsman Charlie Salsman
Sunday 4/13/25	8:00am	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	Nena Suit	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	Sophia Comeaux Allie Comeaux
	10:00am	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	June Jones	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	Ephraim Trahan Benjamin Trahan

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