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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

SACRAMENTAL MINISTER:

Fr. Ed Degeyter

SECRETARY:

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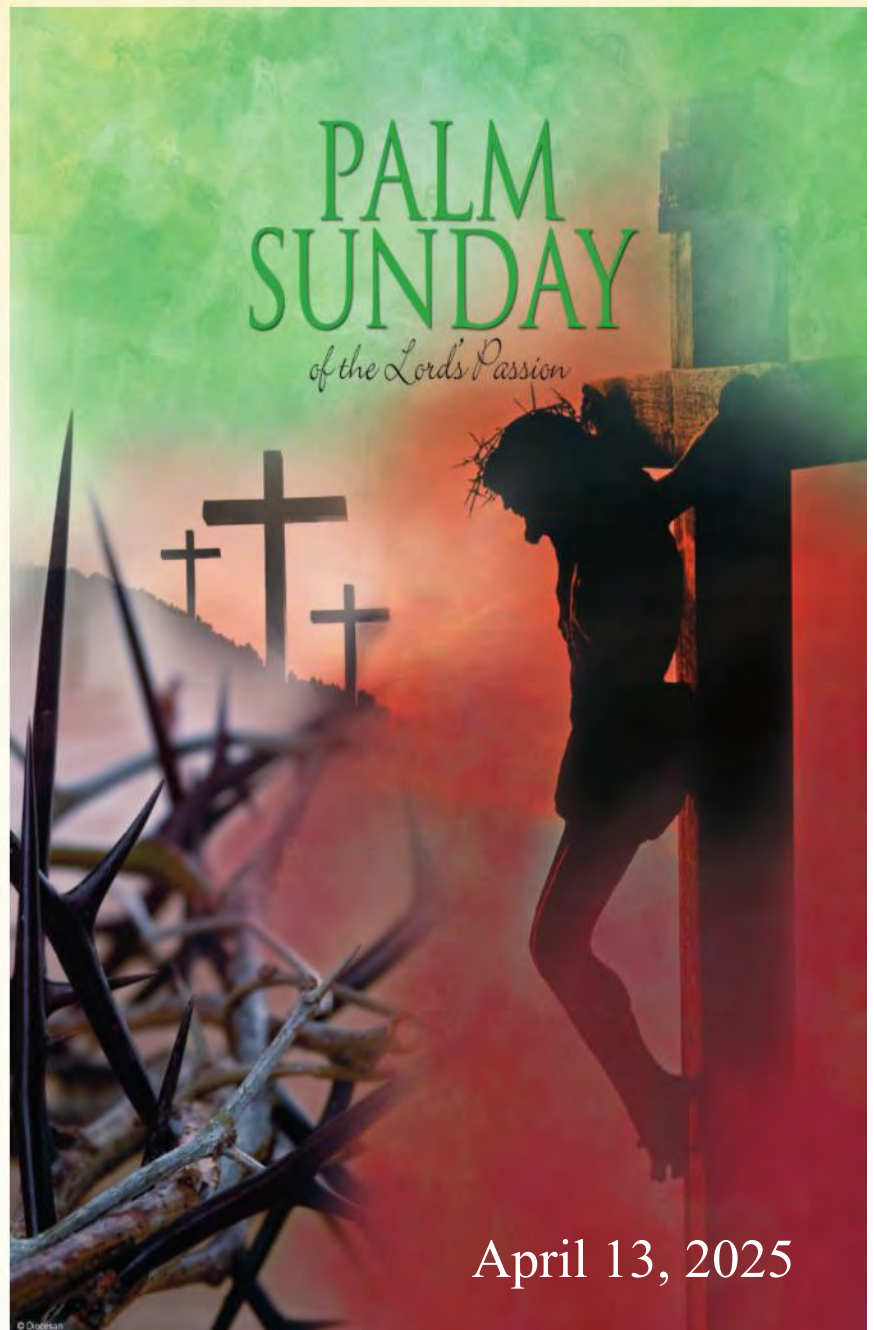
RECONCILIATION:

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



April 13, 2025

Mass Intentions for the Week

Tuesday, April 15, 2025

5:30pm Faith Formation Students & Teachers

Wednesday, April 16, 2025

9:00am Ernest "Topper" Breaux, Maudrey Landry (bd)
Kevin Elmer (ann of death), Patrick J. Richard
Liv & Dec Fly of Carrol & Brenda Romero

Thursday, April 17, 2025 - Holy Thursday

7:00pm World Peace, Elise C. Verret (liv bd)
Sean Krai (liv bd)

Friday, April 18, 2025 - Good Friday Service

3:00pm No Mass Intentions

Saturday, April 19, 2025 - Easter Vigil

8:00pm Fr. Tom Finley, Dunbar Fly (liv & dec)
David D. Viator, Mercedes & Johnny Viator
Maudrey & Lloyd T. Landry, Ethel Viator
Bonnie & Kelly Boudreaux, Sr., Lyn Northam
Carlson Fly (liv & dec), Elise & Nicholas Viator

Sunday, April 20, 2025 - Easter

8:00am Msgr. H.J. Barsen, Parishioners
Carroll Aucoin (ann of death), Gil Simon
Clark Romero, M/M Lessar Delcambre
Mona Simon (ann of death), Mark A Bourque
M/M Michel Delcambre, Anne B. Delcambre
M/M Edmond Pellerin, Janice D. Thibodeaux
M/M Sandy Crochet, Sr., Donna M. Snoddy

10:00am Fr. A.J. Boumans, Leroy & June Aucoin
Joann Cansemi, Donna M. Lanza
Harvey & Joyce Decourt, Bobby Norris
M/M Luke LeGendre, Toni Cansemi
Cliff Aucoin, M/M C.A. Aucoin
Rosa Cansemi, Joe & Pearl Jabbia
Milton Tommy Ronsonet, Marion Dennis
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Pontifical Good Friday Collection

Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land, where they are now less than 2% of the population. Your support is essential to help the church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools, and offer religious education. The Pontifical Good Friday Collection also helps to preserve the sacred shrines of Christianity, including in Jerusalem, Nazareth, and Bethlehem, to name only a few.

The pandemic hit Christians in the Holy Land particularly hard. Most of them depend on pilgrimages for work. The war made their situation even more dire. In these times of crisis, the Pontifical Good Friday Collection is necessary to meet the basic needs of the People of God still living in this Land and to maintain a Christian presence where the Church was born.

When you contribute to the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, you join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land. Please be generous! For more information about Christians in the Holy Land, visit: www.myfranciscan.org.

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

OUR GIFTS TO GOD	March 30, 2025
Loose	\$ 1,041.00
Envelopes	\$ 1,752.00
Total (collected)	\$ 2,793.00
Online Giving offertory	\$ 528.00
Mailed in offertory	\$ 465.00
Total offertory (week)	\$ 3,786.00
Catholic Relief Services	\$ 636.00

Thank you for your generosity!!!!



Don't forget!!! Easter Egg Hunt is this weekend after 10:00am Mass on Sunday, April 13th.

SANCTUARY LIGHT:

Donated By:

Our Lady's Altar Society



Women's Praise & Worship
Wednesday, April 16, 2025
6pm - St. Edward's Church



AN INVITATION FROM MSGR. ROMERO & FR. ARNAUD

On March 14, 1975 Pastors of Nativity of Our Lady Church were ordained Priests. These are Fr. Tom Finley, Fr. Michael Arnaud, and me - Msgr. J. Robert Romero. On March 14, 2025 we celebrated our 50th Anniversary of Ordination. This year March 14th fell on the first full week of Lent and we had our Lenten Mission on that week. We had too many activities that week to have a celebration. So we decided to schedule a celebration on the first Saturday of May 2025 - May 3, 2025. This will be at the 4:00 p.m. mass followed by a reception in the Parish Hall. Everyone is invited to attend.

Because we are all pastors of Nativity, Fr. Arnaud will attend with me. We invite Fr. Finley to attend from heaven. We are all grateful being pastors of Nativity and experience the love and care of parishioners. We pray that we were able to grow God's love and care in each person. Together we keep growing in God's life we receive at Easter, where in Baptism we begin sharing with one another God's life. All three of us are grateful to God, allowing us to be your pastor and with you building the Body of Christ together. Thank-you!

Msgr. Romero & Fr. Arnaud

Prayer for Holy Week

Dear Lord, I open my heart to You, offering every day and night to You in sacred surrender. I pray for the grace to accompany You in a special way this Holy Week, joining and offering the trials I encounter on our shared journey to the cross and to a victorious hope. Amen. @LPi

HOLY WEEK

Holy Week has as its purpose the remembrance of Christ's passion, beginning with his Messianic entrance into Jerusalem. On Palm Sunday we bless palms at every mass and we read the Passion of the Lord.

Chrism Mass: On Holy Thursday, at 10:00 a.m. in St. John the Evangelist Cathedral, Lafayette, Bishop Deshotel and the priests of the diocese concelebrate the Chrism Mass. It is at this mass the Bishop blesses the Holy Oils of the Sick and of Catechumens, as well as consecrates the Holy Oil of Holy Chrism. These oils are used during the year in the celebration of the sacraments of baptism, confirmation, holy orders and the sick. These oils will be received into Nativity of Our Lady Church at 6:50 p.m. before the 7:00 p.m. evening Mass of the Lord's Supper.

THE EASTER TRIDUUM

The holiest three days of the liturgical year are the Easter Triduum (Latin for three days), which begins on the evening of Holy Thursday and continues through Easter Sunday evening.

How are these days measured? The ancient people measured the end and beginning of a day when the sun sets. The first day of the Easter Triduum begins on Holy Thursday when the sun sets and continues on Good Friday until the sun sets. The second day of the Easter Triduum begins at sunset on Good Friday and continues until the sun sets on Holy Saturday. The third day of the Easter Triduum begins at sunset on Holy Saturday and continues until the sun sets on Easter Sunday. For practical purposes we say the Easter Triduum begins with the Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday and continues until Evening Prayer on Easter Sunday.

Through the centuries, Christians have set these days aside – free of social engagements, entertainment and work, if possible. It is a time of prayer, special fasting, and expectation.

The Triduum is "all one piece," that is, one single celebration of the dying and rising of Christ (referred to as the Paschal Mystery). The Holy Thursday evening Eucharist recalls the Last Supper and draws Christians into Jesus' suffering, dying and rising. The heart of the Good Friday Liturgy is the Passion according to John and the veneration of the cross. In the night of Holy Saturday and through the morning of Easter Sunday, Christians bless the new fire and baptismal water, celebrate Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist – and experience the "passing over" of Christ from death to life.

Adoration at all adoration chapels is suspended during the Easter Triduum. Also confessions, while not suspended in the 3rd Edition of the Roman Missal during the Easter Triduum, are not scheduled during the Easter Triduum at Nativity of Our Lady Church. Please attend to confession during Lent and Easter Times. Adoration in the Chapel of Divine Mercy is suspended at 6:00 p.m. on Holy Thursday and resumes on Easter Monday at 5:00 p.m. Ordinarily confessions resume on Easter Sunday at sunset (the end of the third day); although for practical purposes we say confession resumes on Easter Monday.

Please see the special announcement of all Holy Week activities in the bulletin.

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PALM SUNDAY

April 13th

With the blessing of the palms this weekend, we begin the most solemn week of the liturgical year. During these few days we celebrate the central Mysteries of our faith: The saving death and resurrection of Jesus, the Sacraments of the Christian Initiation (Baptism, Eucharist & Confirmation), Sacrament of Holy Orders. We urge all parishioners to take part in the liturgy, uniting themselves with Christ in His sufferings, death and resurrection.

HOLY THURSDAY

April 17th

Holy Thursday commemorates the institution of the Eucharist and Holy Orders, so the liturgy of the day is especially devoted to these Sacraments. The washing of the feet, which symbolizes Christ's service and our service and humility is also part of the day's liturgy.

The Holy Thursday liturgy will begin at 7:00 in the evening. The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed for an hour following Mass. Please make plans to join our Lord in prayer.

GOOD FRIDAY

April 18th

The Good Friday Service will be at 3:00pm, and it will consist of the Liturgy of the Word, the Veneration of the Cross, and Holy Communion.

EASTER VIGIL

April 19th

The Easter Vigil will begin at 8pm in all parishes in the Diocese of Lafayette. It will consist of the Service of Light; the Liturgy of the Word, Baptismal Liturgy and the Liturgy of the Eucharist.

EASTER SUNDAY MASSES

April 20th

8:00 AM & 10:00 AM

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, Steve Chambers, Mike Degeyter. Please also pray for those individuals who, although in need of your prayers, have requested that their names not be publicized for privacy reasons.

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

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GOSPEL MEDITATION - April 13, 2025

Palm Sunday - Luke 19:28-40

"As he rode along, the people were spreading their cloaks on the road." (Luke 19:36)

Consider how useless it is to spread your clothes on the ground for a donkey to walk on. The clothes get smeared with hooves, and who knows the grimy places where they've been? The animal may leave some unsavory presents on them. They may get stolen by a thief looking to make a buck. The thorns, thistles, rocks and muck of the road will leave stains. The clothes may never be useful again, and you'll probably walk home shivering without your normal covering. Yet this is precisely the gesture the people employ to welcome Jesus and his donkey. Why does this detail matter?

Wastefulness is an essential part of celebration. Consider the unnecessary extravagance of Christmas decorations, confetti and ticker tape parades, baseball players spraying each other with bottles of champagne after a victory, birthday gifts for kids and so on. This wastefulness signals celebration and therefore participation in higher identities (as believers, winners, and parents, to mention the above examples). That's what the wasted cloaks are all about. Those who donate their cloaks participate in Christ's kingship in Jerusalem — and we savor it two thousand years later.

The lesson? Learn how to "waste" money, time, clothes, and food on Christ. We do this at Mass, but in so many other ways, too, like serving the poor, going on retreats, and doing prayerful study. When we practice this holy wastefulness, Jesus will ride into our lives and we'll be more deeply members of his kingdom. - Father John Muir @LPi

REFLECTIONS Palm Sunday - Lent offers us a time to reflect on our discipleship. How well are we following the example Jesus gave us? Instead of comparing ourselves in light of the accomplishments and failures of others, we should be looking at Jesus. How do we treat others - with compassion and forgiveness or with harshness and condemnation? Do we look for ways to help people or do we focus on what they can do for us? What do we do with our resources and gifts - hoard them or share them with those around us? If you think you are doing a great job as a disciple, think again - none of us measures up to Jesus. Instead, be thankful for the progress you have made and look to what you can do to improve.

"But you, O Lord, be not far from me; Oh my help, hasten to aid me." - Psalm 22:19
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TODAY'S READINGS

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord April 13, 2025

Reading I: Isaiah 50:4-7

Isaiah bears witness as one who did not lose his faith despite persecution and ridicule. Can you discuss a time when your faith was put to the test?

Reading II: Philippians 2:6-11

Paul teaches the Philippians that Jesus was humble and obedient to God even to the point of death by crucifixion. Why do you think humility and obedience are important virtues in following Jesus?

Gospel: Luke 22:14—23:56 or 23:1-49

In his passion narrative, Luke is the only evangelist to highlight that both Pilate and Herod (Antipas) find Jesus innocent of the charges against him. Is there a friend or co-worker you could help this week who is being treated unfairly?

@LPi



PARISH VOCATION CROSS

The Vocation Cross is taken by:

(April 13th - April 19th)

Kim, Sarah & Zachary Richard

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.

CURRENT EVENTS

Tuesday, April 15, 2025

Mass at 5:30pm
Faith Formation Closing Mass - 5:30pm
Spend - A - Day with Catholic High

Wednesday, April 16, 2025

Pro-Life Rosary - 8:20am - Mass at 9:00am
Women's Praise & Worship
6pm at St. Edward's Church

Thursday, April 17, 2025 - Holy Thursday

Mass at 7:00pm
No 5:30pm Mass - No Confessions
Church Office Closed

Friday, April 18, 2025 - Good Friday

Good Friday Service - 3pm
No 6:30am Mass - No Confessions
Church Office Closed

Saturday, April 19, 2025 - Holy Saturday

Easter Vigil Mass - 8pm
No 4pm Mass - No Confessions

Sunday, April 20, 2025 - Easter

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



† Confessions before the Easter Triduum

We ordinarily have confessions on Saturday at Nativity of Our Lady beginning at 3:00 p.m. ending 15 minutes before the 4:00 p.m. mass. Confessions are heard before weekday masses 30 minutes before masses and ending 15 minutes before mass. **The last day for confessions before the Easter Triduum is Wednesday, April 16, 2025.** Confessions resume on Easter Monday, April 21, 2025. Parishioners are encouraged to prepare for the Easter Triduum and Easter by striving to meet Jesus in the Sacrament of Reconciliation that is Confession before the Easter Triduum.

MASS SERVERS April 15- April 20, 2025

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DAY DATE	TIME	CELEBRANT	READERS	LAY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION	ALTAR SERVERS
Tuesday 4/15/25	5:30pm	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	Kimberly Clay	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	Sacristan
Wednesday 4/16/25	9:00am	Fr. Ed Degeyter	Ellen Claudy	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	Sacristan
Thursday 4/17/25	7:00pm	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	Pete Aucoin	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	Sophia & Allie Comeaux Morgan & Charlie Salsman
Friday 4/18/25	3:00pm	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	Chad Courtois Pete Aucoin	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	Sophia & Allie Comeaux Morgan & Charlie Salsman
Saturday 4/19/25	8:00pm	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	Kimberly Clay Karl Boudreaux	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	Morgan Salsman Serena Bedia Khoi & Tai Nguyen
Sunday 4/20/25	8:00am	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	Paul Broussard	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	Autum Trahan Benjamin Trahan
	10:00am	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	Michelle Moss	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	Sophia Comeaux Allie Comeaux

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