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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:

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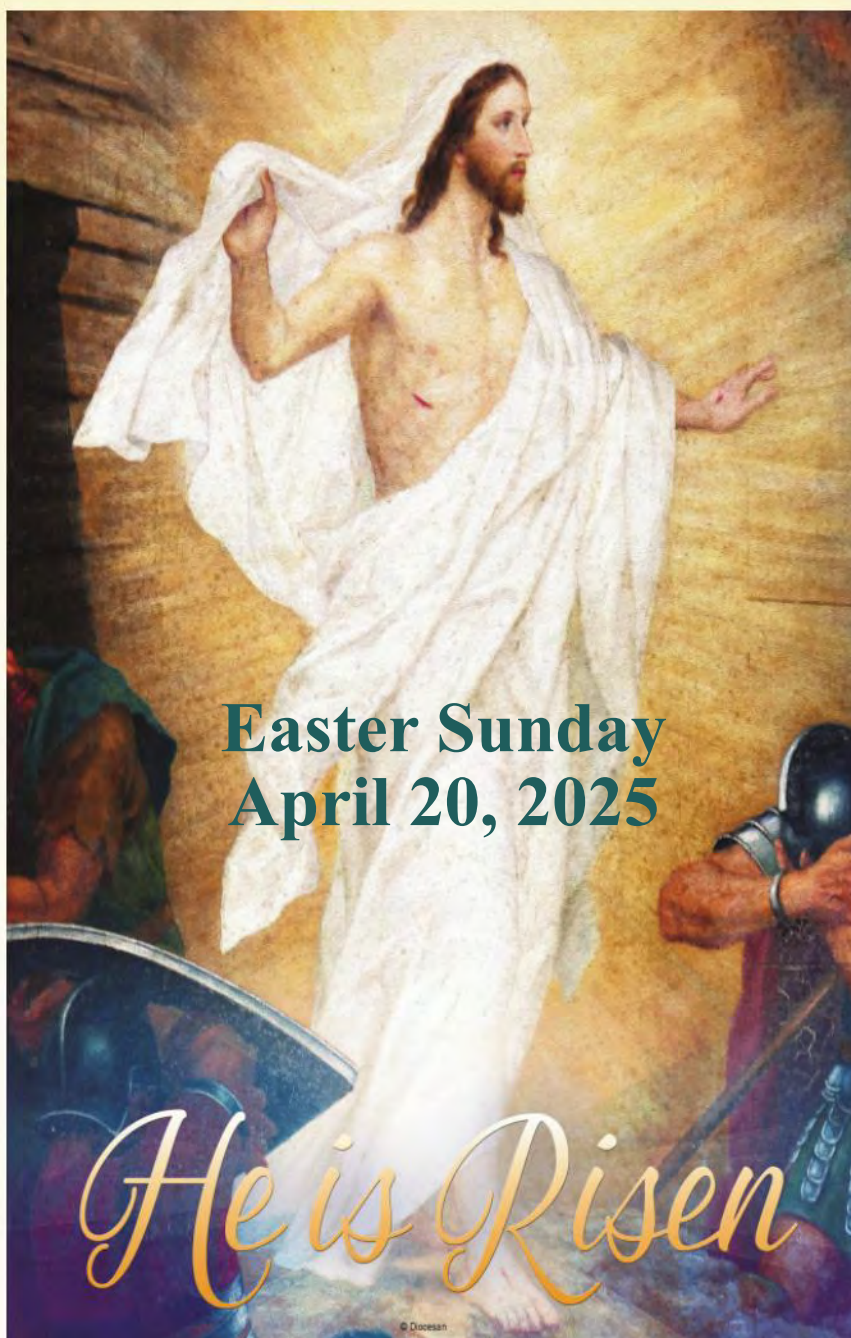
RECONCILIATION:

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 22, 2025

5:30pm Dorothy Gilbert

Wednesday, April 23, 2025

9:00am Ernest "Topper" Breaux, R. L. Berard
Oleus Champagne, Jr. (bd), Jeff Belaire
Steve Broussard, Carrol Romero, Sr.
Patty Babineaux Fontenot, Glynn Mason
Linda L. Viator (liv bd)

Thursday, April 24, 2025

5:30pm Louis Boudreaux Fly

Friday, April 25, 2025

6:30am Dorothy Gilbert

Saturday, April 26, 2025

4:00pm Fr. Tom Finley, Roy Flores
Mark A. Bourque, Lynward Ransonet
Rachel R. Romero

Sunday, April 27, 2025

8:00am Parishioners, Carroll Aucoin
Henry & Noeda Gulotta

10:00am Msgr. H.J. Barson, Fr. A.J. Boumans
J. Roy Simon, Harvey & Joyce DeCourt
Donna M. Lanza, Elita Simon Miller

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

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

OUR GIFTS TO GOD

April 6, 2025

Loose	\$ 2,795.00
Envelopes.....	\$ 1,748.00
Total (collected).....	\$ 4,543.00
Online Giving offertory.....	\$ 993.00
Mailed in offertory.....	\$ 2,132.00
Total offertory (week).....	\$ 7,668.00
Nativity Building Fund.....	\$ 1,060.00

Thank you for your generosity!!!!

DEVOTIONS, EXPLAINED! CONNECT WITH TRADITION AND GROW YOUR FAITH

Seven Sorrows of Mary

April 20, 2025

Mini Explanation - The Seven Sorrows of Mary helps us to unite our own sufferings with those of Jesus, following Mary's perfect example, as we meditate upon the great sufferings endured by Our Lord and his Blessed Mother.

Seven Sorrows of Mary, Explained - The Seven Sorrows of Mary refer to seven key events in the lives of Jesus and Mary: the prophecy of Simeon, the flight into Egypt, the loss of the Child Jesus in Jerusalem, the meeting of Jesus and Mary as he carried his cross to Calvary, the Crucifixion and death of Jesus, the removal of the Body of Christ from the cross, and the burial of Jesus.

These events illustrate the great suffering endured by Our Lord and his Blessed Mother, and remind Christians to unite our own sufferings with those of Jesus, following Mary's perfect example.

Devotion to the sorrows of Mary dates to the early centuries of Christianity, with such proponents as St. Ephrem, St. Alphonsus Liguori and St. Bridget of Sweden.

The Seven Sorrows devotion can take the form of seven Hail Marys, seven Rosaries or a novena, all recited while meditating upon the individual sorrows.

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PARISH VOCATION CROSS

The Vocation Cross is taken by:

(April 20th - April 26th)

Linda L. Viator

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 for Easter

Blessed be God who has triumphed over the grave!
 Our Lord is victorious!
 Alleluia, alleluia!
 May the joy of Easter fill every part of our lives!
 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, 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, Gloria Trahan.

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

PRACTICING CATHOLIC

RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Mini Reflection: Everybody's trying to find God. They may not admit it. They may not even know it. But the search defines them, and it defines us.

The Search

Everybody's trying to find God. They may not admit it. They may not even know it. They may talk around it, shy away from saying the name, both to others and to themselves: God. But I know for a fact that every person who was ever born into this world spent their lives searching for Him - somewhere, somehow, even if the only place they thought to look was in money or drugs.

It's a comforting fact, really — a reminder of how alike we all are. Catholic, Jewish, Muslim, atheist, rich, poor, Black, white. When it comes right down to it, the history of humanity is a never-ending Easter morning scene that plays in perpetuity. The sorrow, the shock, the confusion. Again and again, as each newborn baby opens his eyes, the search begins anew. Where did he go? What has happened? Where can I find him?

Catechesis isn't enough. Even those who learn about Jesus Christ, who accept his word, hang hesitantly outside the tomb, afraid to go in. Jesus' best friend — the disciple whom he loved — ran faster than Peter, so desperate he was to find his Lord. But when he got to the tomb and saw it empty, he got spooked. He froze.

Sometimes, we expect God to be right where we left Him — in a certain parish, with a certain priest, in a certain relationship, at a certain job. We show up, and we're heartbroken to see that our expectations have been turned upside down. He's left us, we think dejectedly, but we're wrong.

There is no one who has been abandoned by God. There are only those who stop looking for Him.

Don't let the empty tombs define you. It's the search that defines you.

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Confirmation Class of 2025
 Confirmed February 21, 2025

May God Bless All Of You To The Fullest

Eric Armentor
 Jillian Armentor
 Rylan Babineaux
 Nathan Borne
 Kay Lyn Derouen
 Alyssa Dronet
 Joshua Haydel
 Luke Haydel
 Emma Kirk
 Lucia LaPointe
 Van Nguyen
 Khylea Pecantte
 Morgan Salsman
 Ephriam Trahan



**WHY DO WE DO THAT?
CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED
Discernment**

Question: How do I discern if a call to do something big is really from God?

Answer: Each day we face plenty of decisions about following God: whether or not to pray, how to treat people, and how to prioritize our time. Sometimes there can be something much more significant we discern: a vocational call, a promotion at work that requires a move, or a new ministry position at church. In addition to a pro-con list or a cost-benefit analysis, here are a few things to prayerfully consider and to talk over with trusted individuals.

Does it conform to God's will revealed in the Church? God doesn't call us to do something that contradicts the moral law. *Will it encourage spiritual growth?* Sometimes we need to choose between multiple good options. Consider the personal impact on you and others you are responsible for, like family. Other times we might be invited to do good for others, but when we assess our other life commitments, we see that saying yes to this would actually impede our prior responsibilities in the long run.

Does the call seem consistent? This isn't to say that God won't do something new. Even so, consider if the call is consistent with your gifts and abilities. Can you see a "through-line" so to speak, with how your experiences have led you to this point? *Do others confirm it?* Share your reflections with trusted, insightful confidantes. Have they seen the same things you have, or are they bringing up new points to consider? Humbly add their relevant points to your considerations. *Don't forget your gut.* After you've carefully considered everything in your mind, don't neglect your instincts. Does your heart say yes or no?

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O.C.I.A. Elect of 2025

Received Sacraments - April 19, 2025
May God Bless You To The Fullest!!!

Dr. Son Nguyen
Chandler Graybeal

GOSPEL MEDITATION

April 20, 2025

Easter Sunday

John 20: 1-9

When I was a young boy, my parents told me about their wedding. Then a few years later, they showed me my mother's wedding dress and my dad's suit. It was astonishing to see and touch garments that connected me to the event that led to my existence. Of course, I already believed they were married based on their word. But these holy garments made the event real and tangible for me.

Something like this is at play when St. John reports encountering in Jesus' tomb, "**the cloth that had covered his head, not with the burial cloths but rolled up in a separate place**" (John 20:7). Those two separate cloths, for his head and for his body respectively, meant a great deal to St. John and to the early Christians. Some years after the resurrection, there surfaced reports of two cloths with unusual characteristics, one bearing the image of a crucified man's body, another smaller one with the image of a wounded man's face. Some call them the Shroud of Turin and the Veil of Manoppello; they both can be seen today.

These two cloths have a long and complicated history, and scholars debate aspects of them. If you're curious, I encourage you to read about them. To be clear, I believe in the resurrection of Jesus because of the testimony of eyewitnesses and the gift of faith in the Church. Nevertheless, seeing these two mysterious cloths have made the life-giving event of Jesus' resurrection more real and tangible for me. Maybe they will for you too.

Father John Muir

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+ 3 Nails

4 Given

REFLECTIONS **Easter Sunday** - As disciples, we are called to bear witness to the Good News of God's unending love for us. Talking about God, saying lots of prayers, going to church even everyday is not what it is really about. It is our actions, how we treat others, how we use what we have been given that proclaims the message. Consider the message you are proclaiming by your life - is it the Good News?

"Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his mercy endures forever." - Psalm 118:1

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TODAY'S READINGS

Easter Sunday

April 20, 2025

Reading I: Acts 10:34a, 37-43

In his speech, Peter emphasizes that he and the Apostles were chosen as “witnesses” to tell others of the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. Have you ever told anyone why you believe in Jesus?

Reading II: Colossians 3:1-4 or 1 Corinthians 5:6b-8

Paul urges the Corinthians to celebrate Jesus’ death and resurrection with sincerity and truth. How does your family celebrate Easter Sunday?

Gospel: Jn 20:1-9 or Lk 24:1-12

We hear how Mary of Magdala, Peter and the Beloved Disciple initially react to seeing Jesus’ empty tomb. How do you share startling news with others? @LPi

LIVE THE LITURGY

There is an invitation in the empty tomb and the abandoned burial cloths. What great things could we accomplish, if we only believe that Christ has conquered death? Go forth this Easter season, boldly embracing the hope of the resurrection. @LPi

SANCTUARY LIGHT:

In Memory Of
Alpha & Lilly Viator



CURRENT EVENTS

Tuesday, April 22, 2025

Mass at 5:30pm

Wednesday, April 23, 2025

Pro-Life Rosary - 8:20am

Mass at 9:00am

Thursday, April 24, 2025

Mass at 5:30pm

Friday, April 25, 2025

Mass at 6:30am

Saturday, April 26, 2025

First Communion Practice - 10am - Church

Mass at 4pm

Youth Night - 6pm to 8pm

Sunday, April 27, 2025

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

Second Collection - New Iberia Poor & Needy

First Communion during 10am Mass

Reception to follow

**Jesus Our Savior is Risen!!!
Alleluia!!!**

HAPPY EASTER!

As our CRS Rice Bowl journey comes to an end, may the Eucharist continue to transform our lives and help us respond to God’s call to serve our global family. Let us commit to sharing the joy of the Resurrection with people in our local community and around the world. Don’t forget to turn in your CRS Rice Bowl **NEXT WEEK-END** in the boxes at the entrances of church or donate online at crsricebowl.org/donate.



MASS SERVERS April 22- April 27, 2025					
DAY DATE	TIME	CELEBRANT	READERS	LAY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION	ALTAR SERVERS
Tuesday 4/22/25	5:30pm	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	Kimberly Clay	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	Sacristan
Wednesday 4/23/25	9:00am	Fr. Ed Degeyter	Ginger Comeaux	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	Sacristan
Thursday 4/24/25	5:30pm	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	Pete Aucoin	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	Sacristan
Friday 4/25/25	6:30am	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	Keith Comeaux	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	Sacristan
Saturday 4/26/25	4:00pm	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	Dona Schexnayder	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	Morgan Salsman Charlie Salsman
Sunday 4/27/25	8:00am	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	Karl Boudreaux	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	Ephraim Trahan Benjamin Trahan
	10:00am	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	Vincent Borne	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	Serena Bedia Amari Romero

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