

Nativity of Our Lady Catholic Church

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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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PRESIDENT: *André Schlicher*

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

O Blood and Water, which gushed forth from the
Heart of Jesus as a Fountain of Mercy for us,

I Trust In You!



April 27, 2025

**DIVINE
MERCY**

Mass Intentions for the Week

Tuesday, April 29, 2025

5:30pm Dorothy Gilbert

Wednesday, April 30, 2025

9:00am Patty Babineaux Fontenot, Roy Dupre
Liv & Dec Fly of Carrol & Brenda Romero
Kathy Foret Gurney

Thursday, May 1, 2025

5:30pm Liv & Dec Fly of Vicky & Kenneth Fontenot

Friday, May 2, 2025

6:30am Don Taylor, Janell Broussard
Carlyle Hebert Fly, Special Intention
Lupe Camacho (1 yr ann of death)
Lee Broussard, United States of America

Saturday, May 3, 2025

9:00am M/M Raymond Landry, Rudy Delcambre Fly
Paul Domingue Fly, U.S. Military
Brother & Claire LaBauve

4:00pm Fr. Tom Finley, DeHart & Estilette Fly
Dressel & Ransonet Fly, Warren Barras
Lynward Ransonet, Rachel R. Romero
Bill Ramirez, Phillip Saltzman (ann of death)

Sunday, May 4, 2025

8:00am Parishioners, Carroll Aucoin

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

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 13, 2025

Loose	\$ 1,077.00
Envelopes.....	\$ 1,679.00
Total (collected).....	\$ 2,756.00
Online Giving offertory.....	\$ 903.00
Mailed in offertory.....	\$ 445.00
Total offertory (week).....	\$ 4,104.00

Thank you for your generosity!!!!

Annual Baby Bottle Campaign

A fundraising campaign will be held next weekend to benefit The Unexpected Pregnancy Center which serves Iberia, St. Mary, and St. Martin parishes. Because of your generous donation in the past, the center has been able to provide pregnancy testing, consulting, ultrasound imaging, maternal-family education, as well as adoption options and other services to pregnant women in need, all free of charge. Since opening in 2018, the center has served hundreds of women in our community. Also, we have had over 100 abortion-prone women who had a change of heart and who decided to choose life after visiting The Unexpected Pregnancy Center.

**Baby bottles will be distributed after all services next week
for you to fill and return the following week.**



Join us in
Honoring Life and Preserving the Family

117 E. Pershing Street, New Iberia, LA 70560

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The Mother Teresa Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non profit dba The Unexpected Pregnancy Center

Divine Mercy Sunday

Divine Mercy Sunday is a very special Sunday when the Divine Floodgates from Heaven are wide-opened and Jesus offers us the total forgiveness of all sins and punishment to any soul, who goes to Confession and receives Him in Holy Communion, on that day.



PARISH VOCATION CROSS

The Vocation Cross is taken by:

(April 27th - May 3rd)

Doris & Lionel Louviere

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.



Nativity of Our Lady Catholic Church

May 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Msgr J. Robert Romero & Fr Michael Arnaud 50th Anniversary of Ordination Celebration after 4pm Mass on Saturday, May 3, 2025 in Parish Hall</p>						
<p>4 Pray for Fr. Randy Courville Memorial Book Nativity Building Fund Crowning of Mary Before 10:00am Mass Baby Bottle Campaign</p>	<p>5 Pray for Fr. Angelo Cremaidi</p>	<p>6 Pray for Fr. Barry Crochet</p>	<p>7 Pray for Fr. Francis Damoach Pro-Life Rosary Holy Hour 9:30am</p>	<p>8 Pray for Fr. F. Hampton Davis Baptismal Class O.C.I.A. 6pm Barsen Hall</p>	<p>9 Pray for Msgr. Jefferson Deblanc</p>	<p>10 Pray for Fr. Michael Deblanc Baptisms</p>
<p>11 Mother's Day Pray for Fr. Edward Degeyter World Day of Prayer Vacation Bible School</p>	<p>12 Pray for Fr. Michael Delcambre OLAS Meeting Barsen Hall 5pm</p>	<p>13 Pray for Fr. Mark Derise Patriotic Rosary 6pm</p>	<p>14 Pray for Msgr. Keith Derouten Pro Life Rosary K.C. & Ladies Auxiliary Super & Meeting</p>	<p>15 Pray for Fr. Kenneth Domingue</p>	<p>16 Pray for Fr. Michael Dooley</p>	<p>17 Pray for Fr. Dustin Dought</p>
<p>18 Pray for Fr. Blake Dubroc New Iberia Poor & Needy</p>	<p>19 Pray for Fr. Wayne Duet</p>	<p>20 Pray for Fr. Casey Dugas</p>	<p>21 Pray for Fr. John Karol Dugas Pro-Life Rosary Women's Praise & Worship - 6pm</p>	<p>22 Pray for Fr. Willard Dugas</p>	<p>23 Pray for Fr. Edward Duhon</p>	<p>24 Pray for Fr. Nicholas Dupre</p>
<p>25 Pray for Fr. Gilbert Dutel Church in Central & Eastern Europe Family Fun Day after 10am Mass Parish Hall</p>	<p>26 Memorial Day Pray for Fr. Darren Eldridge Nativity Office Closed Women's Ultraya 7pm - Parish Hall</p>	<p>27 Pray for Fr. Peter Emusa</p>	<p>28 Pray for Fr. Cyprian Eze Pro-Life Rosary</p>	<p>29 Pray for Fr. Richard Fabre</p>	<p>30 Pray for Fr. James Fallon</p>	<p>31 Pray for Fr. Joel Faulk</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, Norrie B. Kenner, Josephine Delcambre, Mary Saltzman, Zachary Richard, Sarah Richard, Duppy Duplantis, Joylynn Trosclair, Earline Romero, Jarrod Lege Jay Jacquemoud, Jody Ellen Hudson, Jim & Brenda Prejean, Toni Boudreaux, Rick Boudreaux, Steve Chambers, Mike Degeyter, Gloria Trahan, Dickie Broussard, Bill Lasseigne, Jessica Gary Dubois, Joni Gullotta, Fisher Whitaker.

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

Prayer of Divine Mercy

O Blood and Water that redeems and saves,
have mercy on us!

O Blood and Water that heals and restores,
have mercy on us!

O Blood and Water that strengthens and renews,
have mercy on us!

Amen.

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GOSPEL MEDITATION

April 27, 2025

2nd Sunday of Easter - John 20:19-31

It's common for Catholics to hear the question, "Why do I have to go to a priest to have my sins forgiven?" I've never liked that question because not only is it clunky (confession is the ordinary way for the pardoning of serious sins, not lesser ones). But it misses the larger context: the wonderful origins of the sacrament itself. And this context is deeply Jewish.

Ancient Jews associated forgiveness of sins with priests offering sacrifices in the Jerusalem temple. It was a solemn, public, and tangible way to access God's mercy. So when the risen Jesus breathes on the Apostles and says, "Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained" (John 20:23), the upshot is remarkable: he is the new temple and his Apostles are the new priests. Jerusalem is no longer the place to find forgiveness from sin. Jesus' body, the Church, is.

So why should we go to the Sacrament of Confession? For the same reason ancient Jews went to the temple in Jerusalem: to experience the intimacy, joy, and life-giving power of God's eternal forgiveness.

Father John Muir

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WHY DO WE DO THAT? CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED Sin

Question: If Jesus destroyed sin, why are sins still with us?

Answer: We are the children of God, heirs of the Father's work, which is life. The struggle is between good and evil and the greatest weapon of evil is death. It is final — the end of hope and all possibility of change. Jesus must destroy death so that life, eternal life, might be possible. That is why Jesus dies: to take on sin's weapon and destroy it by his resurrection. It was not to satisfy God's sense of justice, but to meet sin on its own terms and defeat it.

Since we are heirs and coworkers with God, ours is the struggle with the remnants of evil, its last desperate attempt to overcome good. Like Jesus, we are about the Father's business in our daily life, carrying the message of salvation to everyone. We are strengthened in our struggle and come to realize the great gift of life with which we are graced. It is our hope that one day we will rejoice with the Father in a job well done!

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REFLECTIONS **Second Sunday of Easter** - The early Christian communities lived in a community where they shared all things in common and divided everything on the basis of each one's needs. They worked, ate and prayed together. For most of us, this is not a practical model nor is it very appealing. Still the message of their life-style is worth thinking about. How aware are you of the needs of those around you? How willing are you to share what you have? Do you take advantage of opportunities to pray with others and talk about faith with them? Consider how you can reflect these basic Christian values today.

"As the Father has sent me, so I send you." - John 20:21

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TODAY'S READINGS

Sunday of Devine Mercy
April 27, 2025

Reading I: Acts 5:12-16

In the aftermath of Jesus' resurrection, the Apostles performed "many signs and wonders," healing the sick and exorcising unclean spirits. Is there something in your life that needs healing?

Reading II: Revelation 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19

John is initially frightened at the strange vision of Jesus, but Jesus reassures him, "Do not be afraid." How does Jesus calm your fears?

Gospel: John 20:19-31

The resurrected Jesus' first words to his disciples are "Peace be with you." How could you be a peacemaker this week with a family member or neighbor?

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Save the Date

July 7-11, 2025
8:30-12:00

Nativity of Our Lady Catholic Church

Vacation Bible

School

This years theme:

True North

Trusting Jesus In A Wild World



CURRENT EVENTS

Tuesday, April 29, 2025

Mass at 5:30pm

Wednesday, April 30, 2025

Pro-Life Rosary - 8:20am

Mass at 9:00am

Thursday, May 1, 2025

Mass at 5:30pm

Friday, May 2, 2025 - First Friday

OLAS, K.C. Ladies Auxiliary & K.C. Members to attend 6:30am Mass

Saturday, May 3, 2025 - First Saturday

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

Mass at 4:00pm

50th Anniversary of Ordination Celebration after 4:00pm Mass - Parish Hall

for Msgr. J. Robert Romero & Fr. Mike Arnaud

Sunday, May 4, 2025

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

Second Collection - Nativity Building Fund

SANCTUARY LIGHT:

In Memory Of
Howard & Dustin McCoy



LIVE THE LITURGY

Thomas needed proof to believe the amazing things that had happened. God, in His mercy, gave him that proof — but it was up to Thomas to accept it. Do we accept the proof we see of God's love every day?

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MASS SERVERS April 29- May 4, 2025					
DAY DATE	TIME	CELEBRANT	READERS	LAY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION	ALTAR SERVERS
Tuesday 4/29/25	5:30pm	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	Kimberly Clay	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	Sacristan
Wednesday 4/30/25	9:00am	Fr. Ed Degeyter	Ginger Comeaux	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	Sacristan
Thursday 5/1/25	5:30pm	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	See Reader Schedule	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	Sacristan
Friday 5/2/25	6:30am	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	See Reader Schedule	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	Sacristan
Saturday 5/3/25	9:00am	Fr. Ed Degeyter	See Reader Schedule	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	Sacristan
	4:00pm	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	See Reader Schedule	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	Morgan Salsman Charlie Salsman
Sunday 5/4/25	8:00am	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	See Reader Schedule	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	Gunner Moss Autumn Trahan
	10:00am	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	See Reader Schedule	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	Allie Comeaux Sophia Comeaux

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