

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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Polly Camacho

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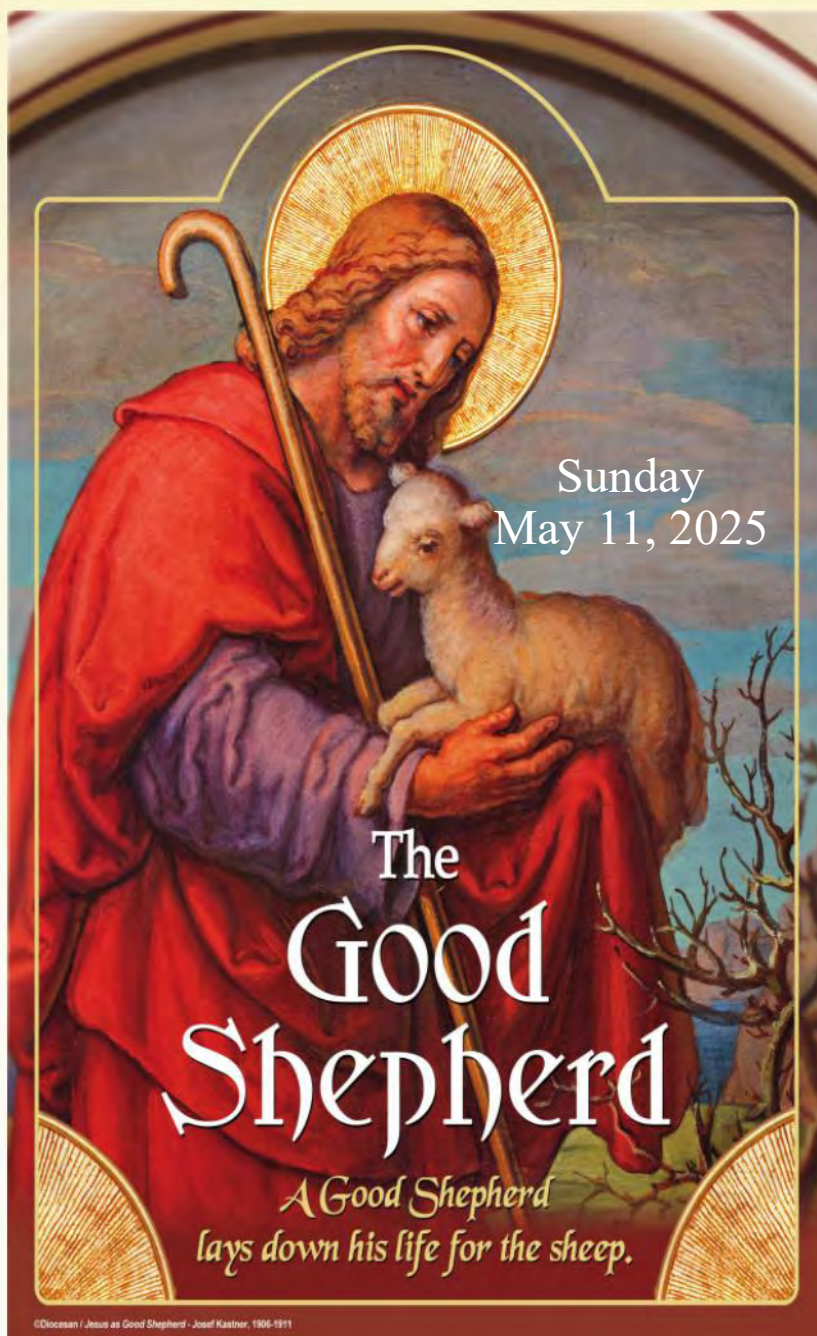
RECONCILIATION:

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, May 13, 2025

5:30pm Bourque & Simon Fly

Wednesday, May 14, 2025

9:00am Patrick J. Richard, Kathy Foret Gurney

Patty Babineaux Fontenot

Jenna Boudoin (liv bd)

Randle & Beth Young, Nicole Gaspard (liv bd)

Liv & Dec Fly of Carrol & Brenda Romero

Thursday, May 15, 2025

5:30pm Vicky & Kenneth Fontenot Fly

Friday, May 16, 2025

6:30am David & Sandy Girdler

Saturday, May 17, 2025

4:00pm Fr. Tom Finley, Juilette C. Dubois

Lynward Ransonet, Ronella Bernard

Romero & Walker Fly, Rachel R. Romero

Sunday, May 18, 2025

8:00am Parishioners, Carroll Aucoin

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

Harvey & Joyce DeCourt



DEVOTIONS, *EXPLAINED!* CONNECT WITH TRADITION AND GROW YOUR FAITH Retreat – May 11, 2025

Mini Explanation — Spiritual retreats are an act of removing oneself from daily life for a period of prayer and reflection, with the intent of returning transformed. There are many kinds of retreats, but all share a common purpose: communion with God.

Retreat, Explained - Spiritual retreats are an act of removing oneself from one's daily life for a period of prayer and reflection, with the intent of returning to that daily life transformed.

It was Christ himself who was the greatest and earliest advocate of spiritual retreat. In the Gospels, he is constantly depicted as withdrawing from other people to be alone in prayer. Likewise, participants in a modern retreat most often go somewhere like a retreat center to seek silence, solitude and communion with God. There are many different varieties of retreats; they can be guided and take place in a group setting, or they can be undertaken alone by just one person. Some are focused on a specific topic or theme; some are defined by periods of total silence. Though clerics are compelled by canon law to go on retreat regularly, all faithful are encouraged to make retreat part of their spiritual life.

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giving of our Time, Talent and Treasure:*
OUR GIFTS TO GOD April 27, 2025

Loose	\$ 1,267.00
Envelopes.....	\$ 1,612.00
Total (collected).....	\$ 2,879.00
Online Giving offertory.....	\$ 598.00
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Total offertory (week).....	\$ 4,007.00
New Iberia Poor & Needy	\$ 1,506.00

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Baby Bottle Collection

Please return your filled baby bottles this week to the collection area of the church. Also, return any unused bottles so that they may be re-used for other campaigns.

We appreciate your prayerful contribution and generosity. Thank you for joining us in Honoring Life and Preserving the Family.

Unexpected Pregnancy Center
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www.upcfriends.com



Iberia Homeless Shelter

As we celebrate 20 years of service, we encourage you to be a part of this life-changing work.

Your prayers and contributions have helped us keep our doors open and provide shelter and support to those in need. Will you help us continue this mission of love and service? Donations can be mailed to: P.O. Box 13364 New Iberia, LA 70562-3364 or dropped off at 307 Robertson St. New Iberia, LA 70560. Thank you.

Stephen Etienne - Shelter Director



PARISH VOCATION CROSS

The Vocation Cross is taken by:

(May 11th - May 17th)

Brenda Romero

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.

WHY DO WE DO THAT? CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED The Tradition of Genuflection

Question: Why do Catholics genuflect?

Answer: Genuflection is an act of devotion that literally means “to bend the knee.” For many Catholics, it’s an almost automatic gesture that we perform before entering our pew or row of seats at Mass. But, like many of the symbols and gestures of our faith tradition, genuflecting can also be an invitation for deeper reflection.

The practice of “bending the knee” is an ancient way of recognizing the presence of someone greater than we are. It has been said that the practice dates back to the time of Alexander the Great, but it became a common part of etiquette in the royal courts of the Middle Ages. From throne rooms and palaces, it was a small step to genuflecting becoming part of the devotional lives of Christians, who used this secular gesture as a way of recognizing the presence of the One who is King of Kings, especially in the Eucharist.

Today, Catholics are asked to genuflect in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament (whether in the tabernacle or exposed on the altar during eucharistic adoration). So, while it has become second nature to genuflect before entering your seat in church, we should pay attention to where the Blessed Sacrament is kept in each church or chapel that we visit, and genuflect in the direction of the tabernacle where the Blessed Sacrament is kept. In churches or chapels in which the tabernacle is in a separate space, we are invited to simply bow toward the altar.

In addition to genuflecting before the Blessed Sacrament, we are also instructed to genuflect before the cross used for veneration on Good Friday (during the solemn celebrations of the Lord’s Passion) and any time a relic of the True Cross is displayed for veneration. This long-standing tradition is a way of honoring the cross as the great sign of our salvation and of showing devotion to the passion of Jesus.

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Mass for 2025 Graduates

At the 4:00pm Mass on
Saturday, May 17, 2025,
Nativity of Our Lady
will be honoring all



2025 High School & College Graduates.
We would like to celebrate your accomplish-
ments. If you would like to participate, please
contact Janet Viator at 337-365-3759.

PRACTICING CATHOLIC RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Mini Reflection: I don’t have all the answers to the questions I would love to ask Christ. “Why is this happening? Where are you taking me? What comes next?” But the beautiful thing is, I don’t actually need those answers. I know him. He’s got my hand. Wherever we’re going is where I want to be.

We Don’t Follow Strangers

I get a little crazy when it comes to my kids’ safety. We’ve probably had a few too many conversations that could be entitled “What to Do If Mommy Loses You At the State Fair” or “Don’t Trust People Just Because They Smile At You.” Am I making them paranoid? Possibly. But that’s something they can sort out later with their therapists.

Because here’s the bottom line of it all — I don’t want to instill a fear of strangers into my kids, but I do want them to understand that you can’t always trust people you don’t know (heck, you can’t always trust the people you do know, but that’s another therapy-provoking conversation we can have when they’re older).

If someone says, “Hey, follow me,” and we don’t know them, it’s not always a great idea to comply. First, we have to ask questions. “Where are you taking me? Why are we going? Who else will be there?”

But if someone we know and love and trust says, “Hey, follow me,” we don’t even think twice, and we don’t need to ask any questions. We know wherever we’re going is a safe place for us because we have a relationship with the person doing the leading. We feel comfortable putting ourselves in their care.

That’s why it’s so important to Christ that we know him. That we have a relationship with him. That we trust him.

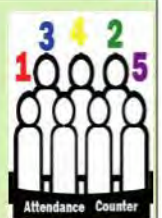
Because we don’t follow strangers, do we?

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Mother’s Day Prayer
Heavenly Father,
We lift up all mothers today and
thank them for their guidance and love.
We ask You to bless them
with Your own special love, today and always.
Amen.



Every May and October, Nativity parish is asked to take a Mass attendance count for the Diocese of Lafayette. Our count continues this weekend and will continue for every weekend Mass during the month of May.





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.



First Communicants Of 2025



Sunday April 27, 2025

*Skylar Bedia
Stella Broussard
Grant Colomb
Blaydon Duval
Jaxson Haydel
Bennett Romero
Elise Sweeney*

*Vivian Bonin
Alexandria Champagne
Adaline Courville
Aidan Ewing
Riley Neisser
Sophia Romero*

Congratulations & God Bless You All!!

GOSPEL MEDITATION

May 11, 2025

4th Sunday of Easter - John 10:27-30

A few years back, I felt as if I couldn't hear God's voice the way I used to. The words in the Bible seemed like cold ink on a page. Prayer felt like sitting anxiously in a lonely room. I was worried — how could I, a priest, preach or help others if I couldn't hear God's voice? It went on for months.

Then a friend encouraged me to go on a retreat and spend as much time as possible in silence. After a day or two of quiet prayer, I noticed gentle but clear thoughts of repentance in two specific areas of my life. I asked God for the grace to change, and I went to confession. Suddenly, the divine silence that haunted me was filled with a sense of God's closeness and goodness. I realized, gratefully, that God had been speaking to me in the quiet voice of my conscience.

This week we hear Jesus say, "My sheep hear my voice. I know them and they follow me" (John 10:27). Jesus links the hearing of his voice to following him. He speaks to us in our conscience in an intimate, personal way, when we most need to hear him. When you feel deaf to God's voice, perhaps it is time to listen in silence for His voice in your conscience calling you to hear and follow the Good Shepherd of your soul.

Father John Muir

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Prayer to the Good Shepherd

Beloved Shepherd,
You guide in a way often beyond my understanding.
You lead to paths yet undiscovered.
Keep me in Your care, as together we seek
green pastures and still waters. Amen. @LPi

Parents' Vocation Prayer

Heavenly Father,
We thank you for our children, and that you have placed your desire for holiness in their hearts. Help us to teach them how to best discern your will for them and give them the courage to respond to you with generosity. We ask this in the name of Jesus your Son. Amen @LPi



Save the Date

July 7-11, 2025

8:30-12:00



**Nativity of Our Lady Catholic Church
Vacation Bible School
True North Trusting Jesus In A Wild World**
Registration opens on Monday, May 12th
and closes on Monday, June 30th

REFLECTIONS Fourth Sunday of Easter - As the disciples went forth to spread the Good News, not everyone welcomed them. While some people were inspired and became believers, others plotted against them. Still they continued their mission and were filled with peace and joy. They knew the Spirit was with them, guiding them, and that their only concern was to deliver the message. How it was received was not under their control. Are you willing to keep spreading the message regardless of how it is received:

Know that the Lord is God; he made us, his we are. - Psalm 100:3

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TODAY'S READINGS

Fourth Sunday of Easter May 11, 2025

Reading I: Acts 13:14, 43-52

Paul and Barnabas experienced resistance from some of the Jews and leaders of the city of Antioch. What sustains you in difficult and challenging experiences?

Reading II: Revelation 7:9, 14b-17

John sees a vision in which those who have suffered and died for the faith are comforted by God and relieved of their distress. Is there a family member or friend you could comfort this week?

Gospel: John 10:27-30

We hear how Jesus gives eternal life to all who follow him. How does following Jesus impact your work or family life? @LPI

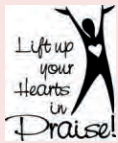


NATIVITY OF OUR LADY FAMILY FUN DAY



**Sunday, May 25th
After 10AM Mass**

Sponsored by: Knights of Columbus Council 12997
Everyone is invited. Hamburgers, hot dogs, nachos, soft drinks, fun jump, games for kids and more. Free of charge! All provided by the Knights of Columbus & Nativity Youth Group. So just come and have fun.



Women's Praise & Worship

Nativity of Our Lady Church
Wednesday, May 21, 2025
6:00pm - 8:00pm

CURRENT EVENTS

Monday, May 12, 2025

OLAS Meeting

Tuesday, May 13, 2025

Mass at 5:30pm

Patriotic Rosary - 6pm - Church

Wednesday, May 14, 2025

Pro-Life Rosary - 8:20am

Mass at 9:00am

K.C. & Ladies Auxiliary Supper & Meeting

Thursday, May 15, 2025

Mass at 5:30pm

VBS Volunteers Meeting - 6pm - Parish Hall

Friday, May 16, 2025

Mass at 6:30am

Saturday, May 17, 2025

Mass at 4pm - 2025 High School & College Graduates

Youth Group - Parish Hall

Sunday, May 18, 2025

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

Second Collection - New Iberia Poor & Needy

SANCTUARY LIGHT:

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A Note of Loving Thanks

It was a great joy to see so many Nativity Parishioners and Guests, attending our 50th Anniversary of Ordination Mass and Reception Celebration. Our sincere thanks to all who took part in any way. Please know how special all of you are to us, and be assured of our continued prayers.

May God's choicest blessings be with you all,

*Msgr. J. Robert Romero, Fr. Michael Arnaud
& Fr. Tom Finley (with us in spirit - deceased)*

MASS SERVERS May 13 - May 18, 2025					
DAY DATE	TIME	CELEBRANT	READERS	LAY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION	ALTAR SERVERS
Tuesday 5/13/25	5:30pm	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	Kimberly Clay	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	Sacristan
Wednesday 5/14/25	9:00am	Fr. Ed Degeyter	Ginger Comeaux	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	Sacristan
Thursday 5/15/25	5:30pm	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	Kimberly Clay	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	Sacristan
Friday 5/16/25	6:30am	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	Keith Comeaux	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	Sacristan
Saturday 5/17/25	4:00pm	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	Karl Boudreaux	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	Allie Comeaux Sophia Comeaux
Sunday 5/18/25	8:00am	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	Janis Dugas	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	Khoi Nguyen Serena Bedia
	10:00am	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	Vincent Borne	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	Morgan Salsman Charlie Salsman

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