Nativity of Our Lady Catholic Church

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MASS SCHEDULE:
Saturday: 4:00 pm
Sunday: 8:00 am, 10:00 am
Weekdays:
7:00 am (Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday)
9:00 am (Wednesday)

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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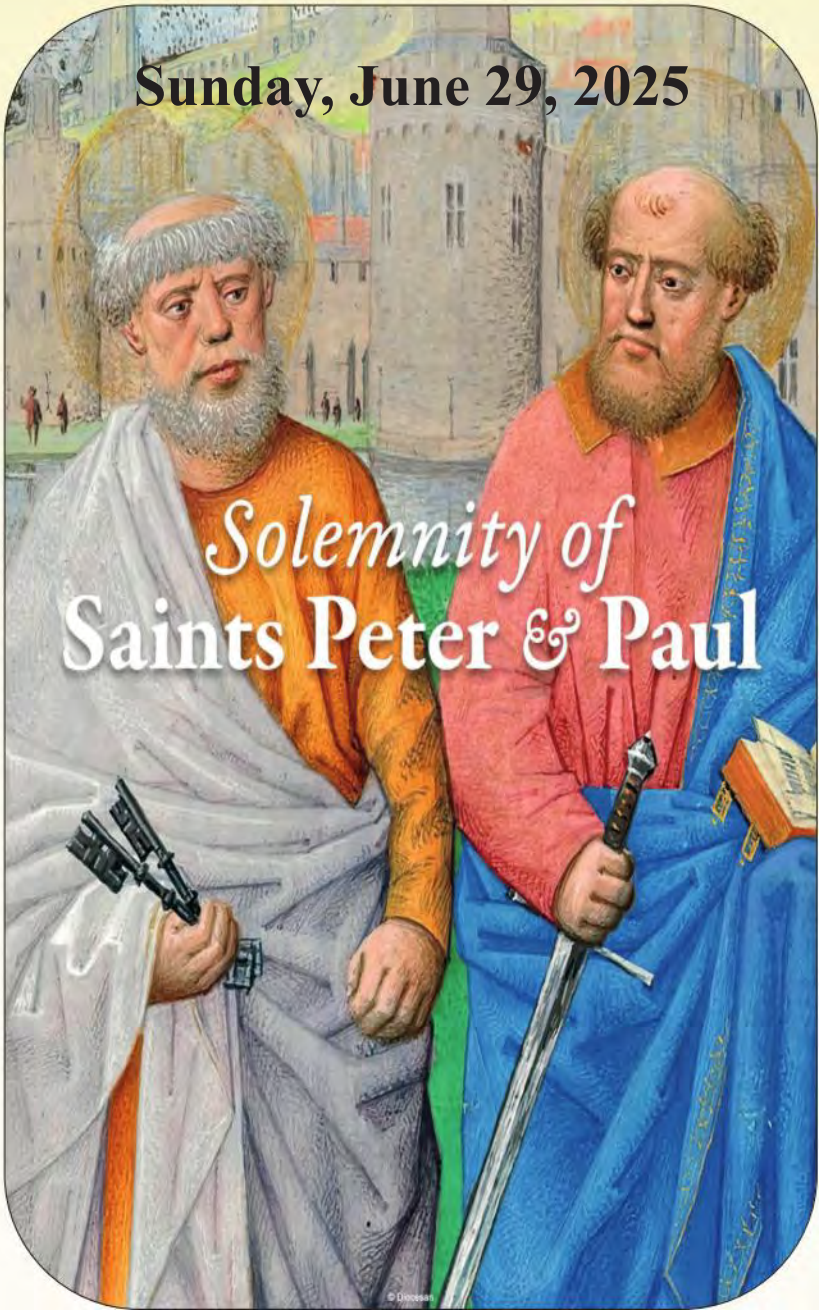
PASTORAL COUNCIL PRESIDENT: *Andreé Schlicher*

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



Mass Intentions for the Week

Tuesday, July 1, 2025
7:00am Milton Tommy Ronsonet (bd)
Wednesday, July 2, 2025
9:00am Quang Nguyen (ann of death)
Victor Bernard
Thursday, July 3, 2025
7:00am Emile Joseph Trahan
Friday, July 4, 2025
7:00am Don Taylor, Janell Broussard
Lee Broussard, Carlyle Hebert Fly
United States of America, Special Intention
Saturday, July 5, 2025
9:00am M/M Raymond Landry
Rudy Delcambre Fly, United States Military
Brother & Claire LaBauve, Dominque Fly
4:00pm Fr. Tom Finley, Lynward Ransonet
Rachel R. Romero, Dressel & Ransonet Fly
DeHart & Estilette Fly
Sunday, July 6, 2025
8:00am Parishioners, Carroll Aucoin
Brenda Bourque
10:00am Msgr. H.J. Barsen, Fr. A.J. Boumans
Harvey & Joyce DeCourt, Donna M. Lanza

TODAY'S READINGS

St. Peter and Paul, Apostles

Saints Peter and Paul are two of the most prominent figures in Christianity, often regarded as the foundational pillars of the early Church. Their lives and missions, though distinct, converged in Rome, where they ultimately faced martyrdom and left an indelible legacy.

St. Peter: The Rock

St. Peter, originally named Simon, was a fisherman from Bethsaida in Galilee. His journey from a humble fisherman to the "Prince of the Apostles" is a testament to his unwavering faith and dedication. Upon meeting Jesus, Peter was called to leave his former life and follow Him, a call he answered without hesitation (Mark 1:17). At Caesarea Philippi, Jesus bestowed upon Simon a new name, Peter, meaning "The Rock." This moment was pivotal, as Jesus declared, "You are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my Church, and the gates of Hell shall not prevail against it" (Matthew 16:18). Despite his pivotal role, Peter experienced moments of human frailty, notably denying Jesus three times during the Passion. However, following Jesus' resurrection, Peter reaffirmed his love and commitment to Christ, solidifying his role as the leader of the apostles (John 21:15).

TODAY'S READINGS CONTINUED

Peter's leadership was evident after the Ascension of Jesus. He directed the election of Matthias to replace Judas and boldly proclaimed Jesus as the Messiah. His ministry was marked by miraculous acts, such as healing a man crippled from birth (Acts 3:5) and facilitating the coming of the Holy Spirit in the house of Cornelius (Acts 10:44). After the Council of Jerusalem in 49 AD, Peter traveled to Rome to preach the Gospel. During Nero's persecution in 64 AD, Peter was martyred by crucifixion, choosing to be crucified upside down on Vatican Hill out of humility.

St. Paul: Apostle to the Gentiles

St. Paul, formerly known as Saul, was a zealous Pharisee from Tarsus. His transformation from a fierce persecutor of Christians to a devoted apostle of Christ is one of the most dramatic conversions in the Bible. On his way to Damascus to arrest Christians, Paul encountered a divine vision of Christ, leading to his conversion (Acts 9:18). Paul dedicated his life to spreading the Good News throughout Asia Minor and Greece, establishing numerous Christian communities. His epistles, known as the Letters of St. Paul, form a significant portion of the New Testament and provide theological insights and guidance to early Christians. During his final visit to Jerusalem, Paul was arrested by Jewish authorities and charged with blasphemy. As a Roman citizen, he exercised his right to appeal to the emperor and was sent to Rome. Even in captivity, Paul continued his missionary work, writing letters to various Christian communities. In his final letter, he reflected on his life's work, stating, "The time has come for me to be gone. I have fought the good fight to the end; I have run the race to the finish; I have kept the faith" (2 Timothy 4:6-7). Paul was beheaded along the Ostiense Way in 64 AD.

Legacy and Commemoration

The legacy of Saints Peter and Paul is enshrined in the magnificent basilicas built by Emperor Constantine over their tombs in Rome: St. Peter's Basilica in Vatican City and St. Paul Outside the Walls. These sites remain significant pilgrimage destinations and are symbols of the enduring influence of these two apostles. Together, Saints Peter and Paul represent the dual foundations of the early Church: Peter's role in establishing the Church's hierarchical structure and Paul's mission to spread the Gospel to the Gentiles. Their feast day, celebrated on June 29th, honors their contributions and martyrdom, reminding the faithful of their extraordinary commitment to Christ and His Church.

Scott Hahn

Nativity of Our Lady Catholic Church
July 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 **Pray for Pope Leo XIV** Mass at 7:00am Nativity of Our Lady Welcomes Fr. Matthew Higginbotham	2 **Pray for Bishop Douglas Deshotel** Pro-Life Rosary 8:20am Mass at 9:00am Holy Hour 9:30am	3 **Pray for Bishop Emeritus Michael Jarrell** Mass at 7:00am	4 Independence Day **Pray for Fr. Stanley Jawa** First Friday Mass at 7:00am **Office Closed**	5 **Pray for Fr. Joseph Kikanda** First Saturday
6 **Pray for Fr. Andrew Killen** Memorial Book Vacation Bible School	7 **Pray for Fr. Mark Kramer** ----------	8 **Pray for Fr. Clifton Labbe** Mass at 7:00am Patriotic Rosary at 6pm **-VACATION-**	9 **Pray for Fr. Donavan Labbe** Pro-Life Rosary 8:20am Mass at 9:00am **----BIBLE---**	10 **Pray for Fr. Paul LaFleur** Mass at 7:00am Baptismal Class **SCHOOL-**	11 **Pray for Fr. Jeremy Lambert** Mass at 7:00am ----------	12 **Pray for Fr. Alex Lancon** Baptisms
13 **Pray for Fr. Michael Keith Landry** Nativity Building Fund	14 **Pray for Fr. Oneil Landry**	15 **Pray for Fr. Charles Langlois** Mass at 7:00am	16 **Pray for Msgr. H. A. Larroque** Pro-Life Rosary 8:20am Mass at 9:00am K.C. & Ladies Aux. Dinner & Meeting	17 **Pray for Fr. Korey Lavergne** Mass at 7:00am	18 **Pray for Fr. Steven Leblanc** Mass at 7:00am	19 **Pray for Fr. Mark Patrick Ledoux**
20 **Pray for Fr. Seth Lemaire** Bishop's Services Appeal	21 **Pray for Fr. Jaime Lorenzo**	22 **Pray for Fr. Michael Luxbacher** Mass at 7:00am	23 **Pray for Msgr. Charles Mallet** Pro-Life Rosary 8:20am Mass at 9:00am	24 **Pray for Msgr. Curtis Mallet** Mass at 7:00am	25 **Pray for Fr. Arockia Mariasusai** Mass at 7:00am	26 **Pray for Fr. Charles Massie**
27 **Pray for Fr. Suresh Mathangi** New Iberia Poor & Needy	28 **Pray for Fr. Kenneth Mayne** Women's Ultreya 7pm - Parish Hall	29 **Pray for Fr. Garrett McIntyre** Mass at 7:00am	30 **Pray for Fr. Glenn Meaux** Pro-Life Rosary 8:20am Mass at 9:00am	31 **Pray for Fr. Aaron Melancon** Mass at 7:00am		

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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, 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, The Babin Fly, Deacon John Sarkies, James & Doreen Norman, Melvin "Boo" & Brenda DeRouen, Myrna & Millard Poche, Gloria K. Bonin, Daphne C. Lopez, Calvin Segura, Beverly B. Walet, Jerome Guilotte, Leoni Derouen, Cade T.

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

A Message Of Love From Msgr. J. Robert Romero

It was six years ago in 2019 that I became Pastor of Nativity of Our Lady Catholic Church. I have completed one term as your Pastor, here. Nativity is the tenth Catholic Church where I served as Pastor. I enjoyed all my assignments. I appreciate getting to know parishioners and working with them in growing closer to each other in the Lord Jesus Christ.

With Covid, Nativity was a challenge more demanding. Yet, our missing mass and missing each other during Covid pulled us together in wanting Jesus Christ in our heart and wanting each other in our lives. Covid slowed us down. When we were able to return to regular life, it was a joy and blessing to be together again. We thank God for testing us and helping us over-come our Covid fasting as we returned to Jesus and one another.

If I hurt or disappointed anyone, I am sorry. Please forgive me. I did not do it on purpose.

As I go into retirement from active ministry and adapt to retirement ministry, I am going to need more self-giving and trust in Jesus on my part. I continue praying for everyone, asking Jesus to join us in our hearts and let us be in His heart. This way in our absence of each other, we keep each other in God's love and care. Thank-you for your kindness, acceptance, and assistance. I love you and know you love me too. Let us keep growing in Jesus' love. Amen!

Sincerely In Christ,

Msgr. J. Robert Romero

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

OUR GIFTS TO GOD	June 15, 2025
Loose	$ 972.00
Envelopes	$ 1,256.00
Total (collected)	$ 2,228.00
Online Giving offertory	$ 718.00
Mailed in offertory	$ 485.00
Total offertory (week)	$ 3,431.00
Bishop's Services Appeal	$ 237.00

Thank you for your generosity!!!!

NEW WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

Beginning **July 1, 2025 Weekday** Mass times will change to **7:00am** on **Tuesdays**, **Thursdays** and **Fridays.** There will no longer be a 5:30pm Mass on Tuesdays and Thursdays, and no longer a 6:30am Mass on Fridays. **Wednesday 9:00am Masses will remain the same**.

SANCTUARY LIGHT:

In Memory of:
Brenda Bourque

CURRENT EVENTS

Nativity of Our Lady Catholic Church
Vacation Bible School
True North Trusting Jesus In A Wild World
July 7-11, 2025 8:30am - 12:00 noon
Registration closes on Mon.6/30/2025
Register at: **https://vbspro.events/p/bc26fc**

VBS Monetary Donations are being accepted in the Church Office. VBS Donation Items on VBS Board (near Tabernacle) can be placed in boxes at Church Entrances or brought to the Church Office. Thank you in advance.

To: Msgr. J. Robert Romero

We Thank You, Love You, and Wish You the Very Best of God's Blessings Forever.
You will continue to be in our prayers.
Enjoy Your Retirement!
Sincerely,
Nativity of Our Lady Parishioners & Staff

Notice: For Your Information

Fr. Ed Degeyter has scheduled some time away, the next two weeks, and will return to doing Wednesday 9am Masses on July 16th.

Tuesday, July 1, 2025
Mass at 7:00am
Wednesday, July 2, 2025
Pro-Life Rosary - 8:20am
Mass at 9:00am
Holy Hour - 9:30am - 10:30am
Thursday, July 3, 2025
Mass at 7:00am
Friday, July 4, 2025 - First Friday
OLAS, K.C. Ladies Auxiliary & K.C. Members to attend 7:00am Mass
Church Office Closed - Independence Day
Saturday, July 5, 2025 - First Saturday
OLAS, K.C. Ladies Auxiliary & K.C. Members to attend 9:00am Mass
Mass at 4:00pm
Sunday, July 6, 2025
Masses at: 8am & 10am
2nd Collection - Vacation Bible School

Observances for the week of June 29, 2025
Sunday: Sts. Peter And Paul, Apostles
Monday: The First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church
Tuesday: St. Junípero Serra, Priest
Thursday: St. Thomas, Apostle
Friday: Independence Day
Saturday: St. Anthony Zaccaria, Priest; St. Elizabeth of Portugal
Next Sunday: 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Nativity of Our Lady Welcomes
Fr. Matthew Higginbotham

		MASS SERVERS July 1 - July 6, 2025			
DAY DATE	**TIME**	**CELEBRANT**	**READERS**	**LAY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUION**	**ALTAR SERVERS**
Tuesday 7/1/25	***7:00am***	Fr. Matthew Higginbotham	**See Reader Schedule**	***See Signup Sheet Inside Church***	Sacristan
Wednesday 7/2/25	***9:00am***	Fr. Matthew Higginbotham	**See Reader Schedule**	***See Signup Sheet Inside Church***	Sacristan
Thursday 7/3/25	***7:00am***	Fr. Matthew Higginbotham	**See Reader Schedule**	***See Signup Sheet Inside Church***	Sacristan
Friday 7/4/25	***7:00am***	Fr. Matthew Higginbotham	**See Reader Schedule**	***See Signup Sheet Inside Church***	Sacristan
Saturday 7/5/25	***9:00am***	Fr. Matthew Higginbotham	**See Reader Schedule**	***See Signup Sheet Inside Church***	Sacristan
	4:00pm	Fr. Matthew Higginbotham	**See Reader Schedule**	***See Signup Sheet Inside Church***	Ephraim Trahan Benjamin Trahan
Sunday 7/6/25	***8:00am***	Fr. Matthew Higginbotham	**See Reader Schedule**	***See Signup Sheet Inside Church***	Amari Romero Serena Bedia
	10:00am	Fr. Matthew Higginbotham	**See Reader Schedule**	***See Signup Sheet Inside Church***	Madalyn Salsman Tai Nguyen

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