

# *Nativity of Our Lady Catholic Church*

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## **MASS SCHEDULE:**

Saturday: 4:00 pm

Sunday: 7:00 am, 9:00 am, 10:30 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 Degeyer*

## **DEACON:**

*Deacon Stephen VanCleve*

## **BOOKKEEPER:**

*Linda L. Viator*

## **SECRETARY:**

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## **DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:**

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## **PASTORAL COUNCIL**

**PRESIDENT:** *Barbara Breaux*

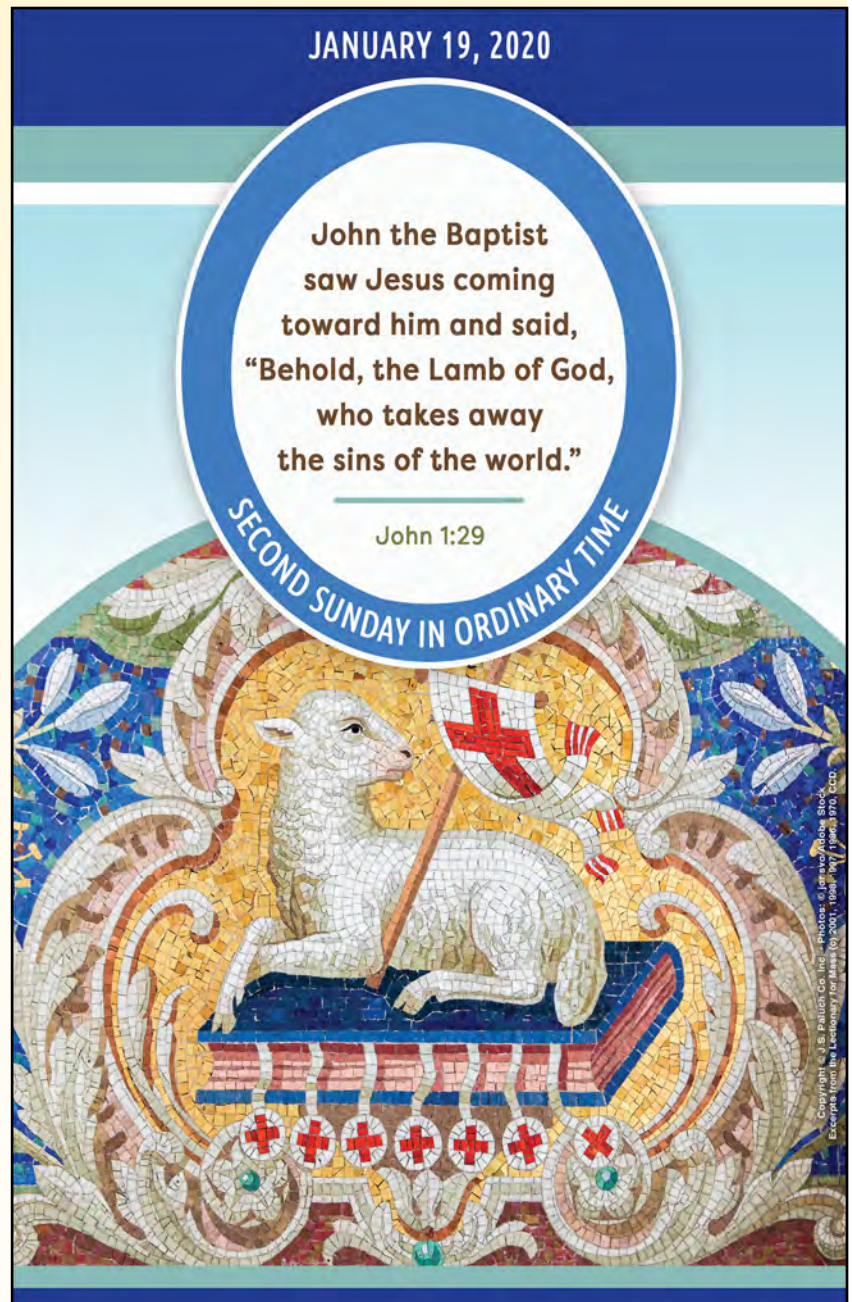
## **RECONCILIATION:**

Saturday: 3:00 pm — 3:45 pm and  
30 minutes before weekday Masses

## **ROSARY:**

Wednesday: 8:20 am (*Pro-Life*)

Thursday: 5:00 pm



All are invited to Fr. Ed Degeyter's **Golden 50<sup>th</sup> year Ordination to the Priesthood** celebration after 9am Mass on Wednesday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Parish Hall. Please bring your favorite appetizers and desserts because the main dishes will be provided.



**WHY DO WE DO THAT?**  
**- CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED**  
**Q: Why can't "I just follow my conscience" ?**  
**A:** We often hear people saying "I don't need any guidance from anyone because I just follow my conscience." They claim that their conscience will tell them what is true or false, right or wrong. But what they are really doing is just following their feelings or personal preferences, regardless of what may be the right or moral thing to do. Conscience is a unique faculty or power given to us by God to guide us to what is good, right, true and just. The purpose of conscience is to lead a person to the truth. It is a person's "most secret core and sanctuary" where a person can sense the inner voice of God calling them "to love and to do what is good and avoid evil" (CCC#1776). First we should have an informed conscience by learning right and wrong in the light of the Sacred Scriptures as interpreted by the teaching authority given to the Church. If we do not inform our conscience, then it won't be dependable and trustworthy. The Catechism reminds us that "the education of the conscience is a lifelong task." We do this by studying Sacred Scripture, by knowing the moral teachings of the Church and our Christian tradition, and through prayer.

**Please Join Us!**

*In praying for an end to abortion and all pro-death activities in our nation and in our world.*



**South Deanery "March for Life"**  
 Tuesday, January 21, 2020  
 St. Peter's Catholic Church  
 New Iberia, Louisiana

- **Silent Eucharistic Procession** (from Grotto on Main Street to St. Peter's Church) 6:00 p.m. (weather permitting)
- **Mass for Life** (A Love Offering Will Be Collected)
- **Five Day Rosary Congress** (24 hour Eucharistic Adoration for five days following March & Mass with Pro-Life Rosary recited every hour on the hour.)

For more information call any local Catholic Church or (337) 369-3816



Guest Celebrant  
**Fr. Gary Schexnayder**  
 Diocese of Lafayette, LA



**Valentine's Steak Dinner Fundraiser**  
 When: Saturday, February 8, 2020  
 Where: Nativity Parish Hall  
 Cost: \$30 per person (steak dinner) couples 21 years of age & older are invited to attend. Seating starts at 6:30pm, dinner served at 7pm  
 Dress: Sunday Best Attire  
 Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus & Nativity Youth Group. Babysitting available upon request. Music will be provided for your listening and dancing pleasure.  
 Come enjoy a romantic evening with your sweetheart while supporting Nativity Youth Group! All proceeds will help fund future Youth Group events, service projects, retreats, and travel expenses. Don't fight the crowds on Valentine's. Buy your ticket to Youth Group's Valentine's Steak Dinner Fundraiser! Limited amount of tickets available. Contact Macie Monté at 339-3014.

**2019 Contributions Statement**

If you would like to have a copy of your 2019 Statement of Contributions mailed to you, please call the office at (337)364-8360 to request one.

**REFLECTIONS – Second Sunday in Ordinary Time** - We have been consecrated in baptism and called to be holy. Do you ever think about what that means? What do you think it means to be "holy" and do you think it applies to you? According to the dictionary, "holy" means belonging to God, consecrated, deserving deep respect, awe, and reverence. Holy is not something you become but what you are. You did not earn it but you can develop it. We all have talents and abilities, but they cannot bear fruit unless we develop them and hone our skills. So it is with holiness. Reflect on what it means to be holy and what you are doing to become more holy.  
*"To do your will, Oh my God, is my delight, and your law is within my heart." - Psalm 40:8*  
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**THE WEEK OF PRAYER FOR  
CHRISTIAN UNITY - January 18-25, 2020**

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Council of Churches**

**The 2020 Theme is “THEY SHOWED US UNUSUAL KINDNESS” (cf. Acts 28:2). The focus for prayer on DAY 8 is Generosity: Receiving and Giving.** “The father of Publius lay sick in bed with fever and dysentery. Paul visited him and cured him by praying and putting his hands on him. After this happened, the rest of the people on the island who had diseases also came and were cured. They bestowed many honors on us, and when we were about to sail, they put on board all the provisions we needed”. (Acts 28:8-10)

This story is full of giving and receiving: Paul received unusual kindness from the islanders [Malta]; Paul gives healing to the father of Publius and others; having lost everything in the storm, the 276 receive abundant provisions as they set sail. As Christians we are called to unusual kindness. But in order to give we must first learn to receive – from Christ and from others. More often than we realize, we are recipients of acts of kindness from people who are different from us. These acts also point towards the generosity and healing of our Lord. We who have been healed by the Lord are responsible for passing on that which we have received.

*Prayer: God, giver of life, we thank you for the gift of your compassionate love which soothes and strengthens us. We pray that our churches may be always open to receive your gifts from one another. Grant us a spirit of generosity to all as we journey together in the path of Christian unity. We ask this in the name of your Son who reigns with you and the Holy Spirit. Amen.*

**ENGAGED COUPLES** Spend a weekend away from the cares and distractions of everyday living. Attend a **Catholic Engaged Encounter Weekend**. The weekend is open to any engaged couple wanting to prepare for a deeper more meaningful life together in a marriage recognized by the Catholic Church according to its Church law. Upcoming weekend dates in 2020 are **March 6-8, April 17-19 and May 22-24**. For cost of weekends, other dates, and to learn more, visit our website at [www.ceelafayette.org](http://www.ceelafayette.org) or contact **Paul & Carolyn Trahan** at (337)254-8947 or (337)898-9257, or [cee.trahan@gmail.com](mailto:cee.trahan@gmail.com).



**Our Lady of the Oaks, Grand Coteau  
Upcoming Retreats:**

**New Iberia Retreat for Men**

March 19-22, 2020

Contact: Wayne Delcambre 519-0462 or  
Paul Gulotta, Sr. 577-6377

May 14-17, 2020

Contact Tommy Hebert 364-6946 or  
Glenn Eldridge 519-0361

For more information, please contact Our Lady of the Oaks Retreat House in Grand Coteau at (337) 662-5410 or visit the website at [www.ourladyoftheoaks.com](http://www.ourladyoftheoaks.com).

**Call Our Lady of the Oaks for the below retreats:**

**Married Couples Retreats:**

February 14-16, 2020 April 24-26, 2020

**Mid-Week Retreat for Women:** April 6-8, 2020

**Weekend Retreats for Women:**

February 20-23, 2020

April 30-May 3, 2020

**SOCIAL SERVICE CENTER**

The Social Service Center is in need of some assistance and is asking parishioners from Nativity of Our Lady Church to provide Diapers in sizes 3, 4, 5, 6. They can be dropped off at the Social Service Center at 432 Bank Avenue. If you have questions, or would like to offer additional assistance, please call their office at 369-6384.

**Diocesan Marriage Anniversary Mass  
Sunday, February 9, 2020 2:00 PM  
St. Peter, Carencro**

Msgr. W. Curtis Mallet will celebrate the annual Diocesan Marriage Anniversary Mass, honoring couples who are celebrating **25, 40, 50, 60, or more** years of married life during 2020. Pre-registration is required by all couples who wish to be recognized during the Marriage Anniversary Mass. Due to the large volume of participation each year, only couples who are celebrating one of the designated anniversary years may register to be recognized, and the anniversary must fall within that calendar year. No registrations are accepted at the door on the day of the Anniversary Celebration Mass. All registered couples will be presented with a certificate in honor of their marriage anniversary, and a special reception will be held immediately following each Mass. Friends and family members are welcome to attend the Mass and reception; however, reserved seating is only available for the couples being honored, while others are asked to be seated behind this reserved section.

The deadline to register is **January 31, 2020** please visit the website at [www.diola.org/marriage](http://www.diola.org/marriage) or call the office at 337-261-5653.

## 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 @ 364-8360: Rhonda Darden, Peggy Lancon, Mary Ann Babin, Clifton Babin, Cindy Trahan, Kay Bourreaux, Lynn Bodin, Harriet Fowler, Craig Daniels, Acey & Diana Frugé, Mercedes Turner, Lonnie Lavergne, Cheryl Lavergne, Rita Gary, Kurt Lambalino, Kressant Landry, Joy Mayer, Lori Aguiard, Dale Landry, Charles Gautreaux, Jason Walker, Peggy Miguez, Alvin Theriot, Rose Guilbeau, Peter & Bernadine Williams, Mike & Dolores Boutte, Jerome Reed, Carrol Romero, Jr., Hiroe Argobright, Cherie Alexandrescu, Neal Boutte, Christy Lannie, Sherry Darcey, Chandler Dore, Betty Duhon, Keren Viator, Patsy Barrilleaux, Emile & Doris Barras, Kiersten Price, Dawn Broussard, Stephen Etienne, Michael & Linda Sundberg, Raphael & Marie Duplechain, Dr. Angela Langlinais, Dawn Broussard, Myrna & Millard Poche, Jaquie Gondran, Ed McVey, Tammy Johnson, Stephanie Breaux Bradley, Celia Camacho, Carmen Merryman, Fran Jackson, Gilbert Jackson, Robin L. Viator, Theresa Olmsted, Sheryl S. Bourque, Lloyd & Ronnie Landry, Elise C. Verret, Michael & Claire Landry Family, Gloria Landry, Kate & Dylan Ortego, Dustin & Nicole V. Ortego, Colin D. Trahan, Carson Viator, Stella & Kole Schouest, Gerald Viator, Brittany Marceaux, Hadley Babin, James Boudreaux, Heath Michael Boutte, Brent Buteaux, Gayle Hebert, Danny Segura, Ruby Seneca, Abby Musselwhite, Randy Breaux, Monique Martin McCarty, Sally Romero, Jason Goutierrez, Edward Hartwell, Caroline Dubois, Donald Poche, Debbie Clark, Gwen Meyers, Jim Upchurch, Irene Hebert, Janis Dugas, Alice Robicheaux, Matilda Romero, Thelma Hulin, Dwayne Dugas, Curtis Hulin

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

## REPORT — #iGiveCatholic 2019 on #GivingTuesday [December 5, 2019]

2019 was the most successful #iGiveCatholic on #GiveTuesday campaign EVER! The total national donations were \$7,462,168.88 with 29,531 donors giving to 1,743 ministries.

In the Diocese of Lafayette, the total donations were \$418,303 with 1,222 donors giving to 71 ministries. The top two were Catholic Charities of Acadiana with \$201,693.50 given by 121 donors and Our Lady of Wisdom Church & Catholic Student Center receiving \$78,601.65 by 236 donors.

Here in New Iberia, Catholic High School of New Iberia received \$5,191 from 55 donors, Nativity of Our Lady received \$225 from 3 donors, and Dish-DeClout Social Service Center received \$225 from 2 donors.

**Thank You for Participating!**

## MASS INTENTIONS

**Tuesday, January 21, 2020**

**5:30pm** Jerry Dooley

**Wednesday, January 22, 2020**

**9:00am** Cecile & Robert Halphen, Sr.  
Carlyle Hebert, Sr. (ann of death)  
Wyatt Broussard (liv)(bd)  
Kason Menard (liv)(bd), Quang V. Nguyen

**Thursday, January 23, 2020**

**5:30pm** Don Taylor (3 yr ann of death)

**Friday, January 24, 2020**

**6:30am** M/M Allen Daigre & John  
M/M Lewis Merryman & Linda  
A Special Intention

**Saturday, January 25, 2020**

**4:00pm** Harvey & Joyce DeCourt, Noemie Louviere  
Amelia Segura Selph, Mabel & Bill Smith  
John & Mercedes Girouard, Oris Gachassin  
M/M Raymond Landry, Elaine & Ken Cole  
M/M Oswald Broussard  
Lloyd & Nena Geoffroy

**Sunday, January 26, 2020**

**7:00am** Parishioners, Mona B. Simon

Charles Froisy, Marlene T. Broussard  
**9:00am** Msgr. H. J. Barsen, Gerald "Bick" Girouard  
Arthur & Agnes Romero  
Quang V. Nguyen, Mary Grace Rentrop  
Joseph & Amelia Borel, Agapito A. Castro  
**10:30am** Fr. A.J. Boumans, Donna M. Lanza  
Patti Gagnard, Clarence & Violet Lancon  
Joseph Viator, Warren Barras  
Ernest & Olga Lancon, Leona Broussard  
Liv. & Dec. Fly of Warren & Annie Hulin

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

**OUR GIFTS TO GOD January 12<sup>th</sup>**

Loose.....	\$ 1,144.00
Envelopes .....	\$ 6,674.00
Total (collected).....	\$ 7,818.00
Online Giving offertory .....	\$ 523.00
Mailed in offertory .....	\$ 464.00
Total offertory (week) .....	\$ 8,805.00
Catholic High Pro-Life Trip.....	\$ 2,095.14

***Thank you for your generosity!***

## **2020 Mass Intentions:**

The Mass Intention Book for the 2020 year is now open for parishioners to schedule Masses. Please allow 10 business days (2 weeks) if possible, before the requested Mass so that it can be placed in the bulletin. Come by the church office to schedule Masses. Call the church office with any questions, 364-8360.

## TODAY'S READINGS

**Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
January 19, 2020

**Reading I: Isaiah 49:3, 5-6**

In his opening words to the Corinthian Christians, how does Paul promote unity of all the faithful?

**Reading II: 1 Corinthians 1:1-3**

- According to the prophet Isaiah, what motivated God to call Isaiah to be his “servant”?

**Gospel: John 1:29-34**

- Only in the Gospel of John do we hear the title “the Lamb of God” used in reference to Jesus. What does this title mean to you?

## DAY OF INTENT TO REGISTER

Wednesday, January 22, 2020  
5:00-7:00 p.m.



New families interested in registering for the  
2020-2021  
school year **MUST** attend.

*Day of Intent to register indicates intent to register and does not secure a spot. Please bring your child's Birth Certificate, Baptismal Certificate, Social Security Card and Immunization Record.*

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## CURRENT EVENTS

**Monday, January 20, 2020**

No Faith Formation Classes  
- Meet Tuesday for March for Life

**Tuesday, January 21, 2020**

Faith Formation Meet for March for Life  
Pro-Life “March for Life” - 6pm - Grotto  
R.C.I.A. - 6:30pm - Church Office

**Wednesday, January 22, 2020**

*Day of Prayer for the legal protection of unborn children.*

Pro-Life Rosary - 8:20am with Mass at 9am  
Reception following 9am Mass for Fr. Ed's

50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Ordination - Parish Hall  
Faith Formation Classes - 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Grades  
- 5:30pm - Barsen Hall

**Thursday, January 23, 2020**

Women's Ultreya - 7pm - Barsen Hall

**Saturday, January 25, 2020**

7th & 8th Grade Faith Formation Classes to assist with 4pm Mass  
St. Edward's School Talk at 4pm Mass

**Sunday, January 26, 2020**

2<sup>nd</sup> Collection - Church in Latin America  
St. Edward's School Talk at all Masses  
Jesus is Alive - 4pm - Parish Hall



### SANCTUARY LIGHT:

By:

***Our Lady's Altar Society***



MASS SERVERS January 21 - 26, 2020					
DAY DATE	TIME	CELEBRANT	READERS	LAY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION	ALTAR SERVERS
Tuesday 1/21/20	5:30pm	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	Kimberly Clay	Percy Barrilleaux Bea Romero	Sacristan
Wednesday 1/22/20	9:00am	Fr. Ed Degeyter	Ginger Comeaux	Reneé Haney Lloyd Nicholson	Sacristan
Thursday 1/23/20	5:30pm	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	Madeline Domingues	Deacon Stephen VanCleve Brenda Romero	Sacristan
Friday 1/24/20	6:30am	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	Chad Courtois	Ricky Segura Mike Degeyter	Sacristan
Saturday 1/25/20	4:00pm	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	7 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup> Graders	Deacon Stephen VanCleve Brenda Robicheaux, Jessica Kibbe	Matthew Trahan Autum Trahan
Sunday 1/26/20	7:00am	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	Janis Dugas	Ross & Cindy Landry Percy Barrilleaux	Luke Salsman Madalynn Salsman
	9:00am	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	Margo LeBlanc	Mike & Doris Degeyter Agnes Castro	Anna Pham Garrett Meaux
	10:30am	Fr. Ed Degeyter	Jennifer Reynolds	Lisa & Pat Dooley Wes & Vicki Pattillo Melissa Dworaczyk, Holli Cambre Nancy Barras	Carmyn Darcy Jack Reynolds

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