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MASS SCHEDULE:

Saturday: 4:00 pm

Sunday: 7:00 am, 9:00 am, 11:00 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)

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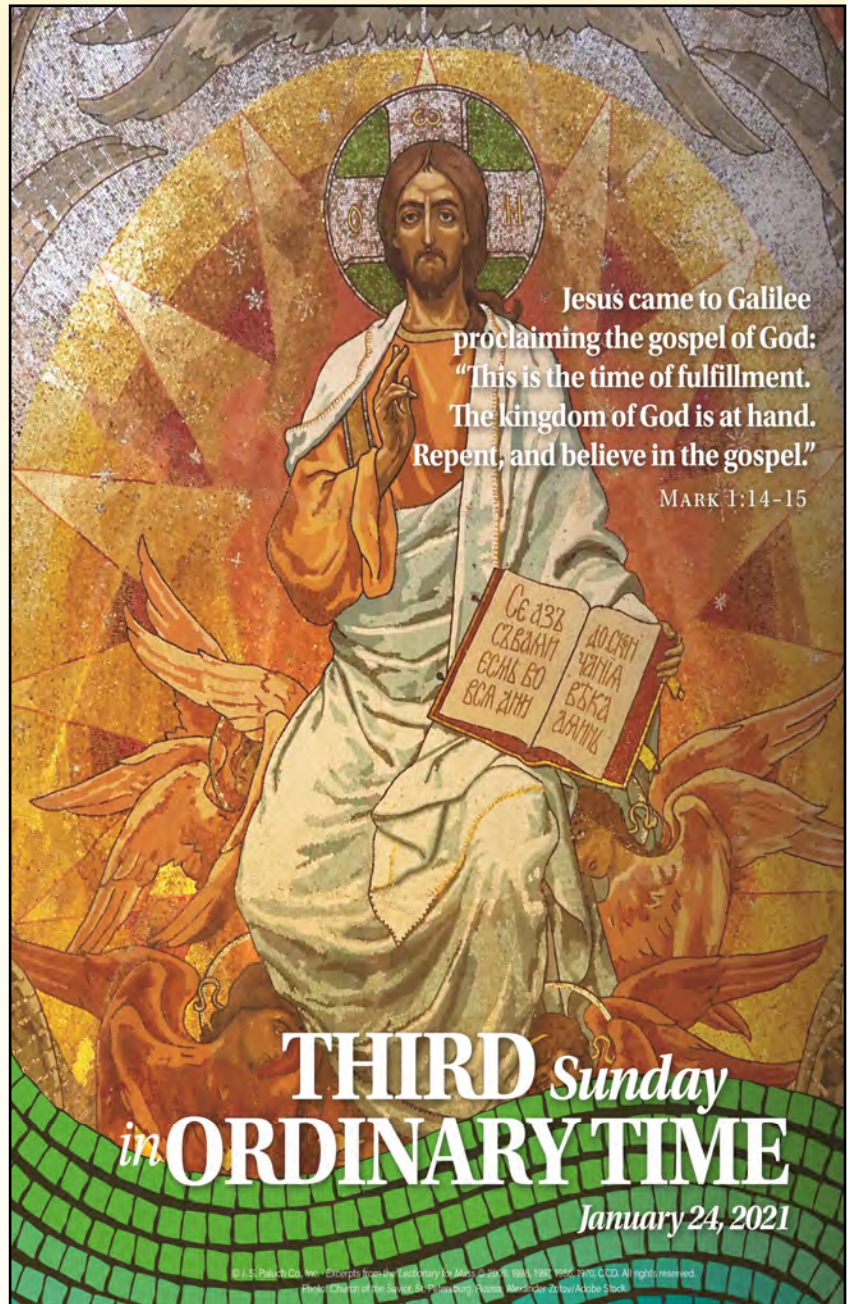
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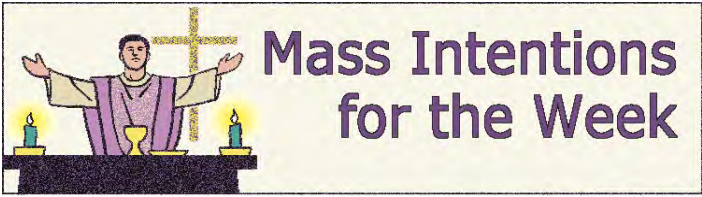
Saturday: 3:00 pm — 3:45 pm and
30 minutes before weekday Masses

ROSARY:

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

Thursday: 5:00 pm





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Tuesday, January 26, 2021

5:30pm Jovi Racca (liv)

Wednesday, January 27, 2021

9:00am Bertha Delcambre (liv), Chad Landry (liv)
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 Joseph Viator, Lloyd & Nina Geoffroy
 Elaine & Ken Cole, Gayle Johnson (liv)(bd)
 Ernest & Olga Lancon, Jody Segura
 Russell & Maxine Mouton, Lee Broussard

Thursday, January 28, 2021

5:30pm Jovi Racca (liv)

Friday, January 29, 2021

6:30am Violet Lancon (bd)

Saturday, January 30, 2021

4:00pm Harvey & Joyce DeCourt, Warren Barras
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 Jade & Lexi Romero (liv), Roy Flores
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Sunday, January 31, 2021

7:00am Parishioners, Mona B. Simon
 Charles Froisy

9:00am Msgr. H. J. Barsen, David D. Viator
 Gerald "Bick" Girouard, Quang V. Nguyen
 Oris & Nancy Gachassin, Martha Tran
 Agapito A. Castro
 Clarence & Violet Lancon, Melvin Petry

11:00am Fr. A.J. Boumans, Kyle Richard
 Donna M. Lanza

Given the physical, emotional and spiritual challenges of the past year, hope is the focus of the **2021 Bishop's Services Appeal**. We naturally long for hope in times of difficulty and struggle, and we seek healing and restoration when burdened and hurting. And so, as caring Catholics, we understand the needs others express, and we welcome God's call to be His hands and feet, **Bringing Hope and Healing** to our families, our fellow Catholics, and all those who are hurting. Our God is a God of hope. Follow Him and heal our world. Give to the 2021 BSA.

Bishop Deshotel has asked us to remind parishioners that **the wearing of masks or face covering continues to be strongly recommended** for Masses and all other church gatherings. This is important in the wake of the surge of COVID-19 cases in Acadiana. ***Thank you for your cooperation.***

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


OUR GIFTS TO GOD January 17th

Loose.....	\$ 1,479.00
Envelopes	\$ 3,075.00
Total (collected).....	\$ 4,554.00
Online Giving offertory.....	\$ 755.00
Mailed in offertory.....	\$ 990.00
Total offertory (week).....	\$ 6,299.00
New Iberia Poor & Needy	\$ 1,031.00

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SANCTUARY LIGHT:

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OPEN HOUSE

January 24th
3:00 pm

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REFLECTIONS - Third Sunday in Ordinary Time - The problem with listening to God and trying to do his will is that it does not always lead us in directions we like or believe to be practical. Consider Jonah who had to go and preach repentance to the most despicable, sinful people in the region. People he felt God should wipe out because of their evil. What made matters worse was that Jonah knew if the people repented, they would be forgiven. Consider how you feel about God's judgments and how that may affect your own.

"Your ways, O Lord, make known to me; Teach me your paths." - Psalm 25:4
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SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD

Pope Francis has named the third Sunday in Ordinary Time as the Sunday of the Word of God. To help us focus on our use of God's Word, the Bible, in mass, Pope Francis in his General Audiences from January 31 - February 14, 2018 gave a catechesis on the Liturgy of the Word. The following is a summary of Pope Francis' teaching as provided by the USCCB:

Emphasis on the living dialogue between God and his people marks the Holy Father's catechesis on the Liturgy of the Word. "The pages of the Bible cease to be writings and become living words, spoken by God. It is God, who through the reader, speaks to us and questions us, we who listen with faith" (Jan. 31). Similarly, we must listen to the Gospel "with an open heart, because it is the living Word. Saint Augustine writes: 'The Gospel is the mouth of Christ. He is seated in heaven, but he has not stopped speaking on earth'" (Feb. 7). Pope Francis vividly describes the power of the Word of God: it "makes a pathway within us. We listen to it with our ears and it passes to our hearts; it does not remain in our ears; it must go to the heart. And from the heart, it passes to the hands, to good deeds. This is the path which the Word of God follows: from our ears to our heart and hands" (Jan. 31). "The Lord speaks for everyone, Pastors and the faithful... The Lord comforts, calls, brings forth sprouts of a new and reconciled life. And this is through his Word. His Word knocks at the heart and changes hearts!" (Feb. 14).

In the Homily, the priest or deacon "is not doing something of his own, but is preaching, giving voice to Jesus; he is preaching the Word of Jesus" (Feb. 7). This, too, is a place for silence: "Therefore, after the homily, a moment of silence allows the seed received to settle in the soul, so that intentions to heed what the Spirit has suggested to each person may sprout" (Feb. 14). Preparation is also important. "How do we prepare a homily, dear priests, deacons, bishops?," asks the Pope. "With prayer, by studying the Word of God and by making a clear and brief summary" (Feb. 7). Next comes the Profession of Faith, or Creed, which highlights "an essential nexus between listening and faith. They are linked. Indeed, this – faith – does not arise from human imagination, but, as Saint Paul recalls, 'comes from what is heard, and what is heard comes by the preaching of Christ' (Rom 10:17). Thus, faith is nourished by what is heard and leads to the Sacrament" (Feb. 14). Finally, the Universal Prayer (Prayer of the Faithful) concludes the Liturgy of the Word, exhorting us "to turn our gaze to God, who takes care of all his children" (Feb. 14).

The Liturgy of the Word is integral to the celebration of the Mass, says Pope Francis, "because we gather precisely to listen to what God has done and still intends to do for us. It is an experience which occurs 'live' and not through hearsay because 'when the Sacred Scriptures are read in the Church, God himself speaks to his people, and Christ, present in his own word, proclaims the Gospel' (General Instruction of the Roman Missal, no. 29; cf. *Sacrosanctum Concilium*, nos. 7, 33)" (Jan. 31).

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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



@ 364-8360: 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, Alvin Theriot, Rose Guilbeau, Peter & Bernadine Williams, Mike & Dolores Boutte, Jerome Reed, Hiroe Argobright, Neal Boutte, Christy Lannie, Sherry Darcey, Chandler Dore, Betty Duhon, Emile & Doris Barras, Kiersten Price, Dawn Broussard, Stephen Etienne, Linda Sundberg, Raphael Duplechain, Dr. Angela Langlinais, Myrna & Millard Poche, Tammy Johnson, Celia Camacho, Fran Jackson, David & Robin Viator family, Theresa Olmsted, Sheryl S. Bourque, Lloyd & Ronnie Landry, Elise C. Verret, Michael & Claire Landry Family, Dustin & Nicole V. Ortego family, Gloria Landry, Linda & Clint Trahan family, Stella & Kole Schouest, Gerald Viator, James Boudreaux, Heath Michael Boutte, Brent Buteaux, Gayle Hebert, Danny Segura, Ruby Seneca, 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, Curtis Hulin, Dwayne Dugas, Emma Lou Doerle Segura, Abby Musselwhite, Tiffany Segura, Child of Antonio & Jaclyn Aleman, Billy Slampa, Brenda & Larry Musselwhite, Corliss Ramirez, Dorothy McDonald, Margaret Richard, Brenda Castille, Chuck Estave, Ricky L. Lewis, Keisha Castille, Randal Romero, Holly Hargett, Ava Campbell, Troy Bonin, Jean-Paul Marceaux, Beverly Dugas, Sable, Jimmy & John Forestier Fly, Ernest Estave, Doris Broussard, Betty LeBlanc, Cathy Delahoussaye, Wilton Butch Anthony, Ronald Fino, Henry Peltier, Billy & Barbara Simon, Ronald Romero, Elaine L. Bourque, Chuck Sickle, Daniel Bienvenu, Deanna Romero, Eva Gaspard, Randall Romero, Barbara Breaux, Coty Lynn Romero, Rhonda Darden, Peggy Lancon, Art & Carmen Merryman, Nicole Guilbeau & Fly, Deacon John & Linda Sarkies. Fr. Eugene Tremie, Lester Simon, Gene Gonsoulin, Celia-Kate Williams, Jane Schaubert, Glen Comeaux, Alexis Bourque, Alvin LeBlanc, Evan Garbarino, Stephanie Kelly, Harry Buteaux, Jovi Racca, Stephanie Trahan

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.

WHY DO WE DO THAT? - CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

Q: Do Catholics always need to receive communion in wafer form, or can it be different kinds of bread?

A: In the Roman Rite of the Catholic Church, the most common form for the eucharistic bread is the small white communion “wafer” that is a ubiquitous part of the Catholic Mass. The instructions of the Church have been very specific regarding the make-up of the bread used in the Mass: “The bread used in the celebration of the Most Holy Eucharistic Sacrifice must be unleavened, purely of wheat, and recently made ... it follows therefore that bread made from another substance, even if it is grain, or if it is mixed with another substance different from wheat to such an extent that it would not commonly be considered wheat bread, does not constitute valid matter for confecting the Sacrifice and the Eucharistic Sacrament” (see *Redemptionis Sacramentum* by the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments, no. 48).

The Church’s tradition of using a wheat-based bread is based on the bread that Jesus would have used at the Last Supper and is considered to be an essential part of the “matter” of the Sacrament of the Eucharist.

As we consider the question of whether a “wafer” — which is properly called a “host” — should be used, we also must keep in mind that in the Eastern Rites of the Catholic Church, leavened (i.e. “raised”) bread is more often used. And so, while the thin, white “wafer” is most commonly used in the Roman Rite of the Church, the full expression of the Catholic tradition does allow for a more substantial form of bread to be used, but the tradition of using a simple wheat bread with no other additions or additives is considered essential.

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WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY JANUARY 18-25, 2021

In the theme for 2021, “Abide in my love ... You shall bear much fruit” (John 15:1-17), Jesus reminds his disciples that he is the vine and we are the branches. If we abide in him, in Jesus and the Covenant made in his precious blood, we will be such a healthy branch as to bear much fruit, abundant grapes.

Jesus manifests this in his references to loving one another: “Abide in my love.” This love of Christ figuratively speaking is akin to the healthy sap that nourishes the vine throughout all its branches. Jesus the man is lovingly begotten into human society by the love God has for all human beings, through the cooperation of a human woman, the Virgin Mary. In return, humanity is repeatedly raised from sin to justification by the love of Christ, the only Son of God, one with the Father and the Spirit through all the ages. This resource for abiding in his love is endless.

The image of branches helps believers understand that they are all diverse as individuals, but brought together in the one Vine, who is Christ alive in the Church. It can also point out, in these times of growing ecumenical witness, that the differing expressions of Christian faith are also branches which cannot live on their own and still authentically proclaim the Gospel to all creatures. We preach Christ crucified and risen to a needy world, that the world may have hope. Separately, that “sap” which keeps all the branches healthy, gets stuck in blocked veins of animosity, distrust, bigotry and ignorance. Only open veins will allow the sap to flow. Only then can all the branches bear much fruit.

Therefore, abiding in Christ’s love, let us love one another.

(Adapted from the website of the Graymoor Ecumenical and Interreligious Institute.)

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TODAY'S READINGS

**Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 24, 2021**

Reading I: Jonah 3:1-5, 10

- Although initially reluctant to be one of God's prophets, Jonah was ultimately successful in getting the Ninevites to repent of their sins. When do you find yourself resisting God's will?

Reading II: 1 Corinthians 7:29-31

- In trying to awaken a sense of spiritual urgency, St. Paul taught the Corinthians that Christ's return was imminent and that, "time is running out." How can a sense of urgency aid one's spiritual life?

Gospel: Mark 1:14-20

- In Mark's account of the call of the first disciples, Simon (Peter), Andrew, James, and John immediately answer Jesus' call to follow him. How would you describe your response to Jesus' call in your life?

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CURRENT EVENTS

Monday, January 25, 2021

Faith Formation - 11th Grade
RCIA - 6:30pm - Office

Tuesday, January 26, 2021

Mass at 5:30pm

Wednesday, January 27, 2021

Pro-Life Rosary - 8:20am - Mass - 9am
Faith Formation - 2nd Grade

Thursday, January 28, 2021

Mass at 5:30pm
Women's Ultreya - 7pm - Parish Hall

Friday, January 29, 2021

Mass at 6:30am

Saturday, January 30, 2021

Mass at 4pm
10th Grade Faith Formation Mass - 4pm

Sunday, January 31, 2021

Masses at: 7am, 9am & 11am

2020 Contributions Statement

If you would like to have a copy of your 2020 Statement of Contributions mailed to you, please call the office at (337)364-8360 to request one.

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY *(cont.)*

JANUARY 18-25, 2021

PRAYER

Gracious Lord, we pray for all the members of your holy Church, that all may abide in you and you in them, that they may be one in your love and bear much fruit. We also pray for the world, that all may come to believe in your love for them by the fruit of our witness. We know that our divisions are a source of scandal to your world, and we know that in love we are called to unite as one in the vine and branches. The vine is our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son. We are meant to be his branches. Help us we pray, to love, to forgive, to seek justice and to be your prophetic voice in the world. May your grace effect growth of good fruit among us, that our world may realize peace. We ask all this in the name of Jesus, your Son and in the power of the Holy Spirit, One God, for ever and ever. Amen.

MASS SERVERS January 26 - 31, 2021					
DAY DATE	TIME	CELEBRANT	READERS	LAY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION	ALTAR SERVERS
Tuesday 1/26/21	5:30pm	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	Madeline Domingues	Percy Barrilleaux	Sacristan
Wednesday 1/27/21	9:00am	Fr. Ed Degeyter	Christine Halphen	Linda Viator	Sacristan
Thursday 1/28/21	5:30pm	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	Madeline Domingues	Percy Barrilleaux	Sacristan
Friday 1/29/21	6:30am	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	Chad Courtois	Mike Degeyter	Sacristan
Saturday 1/30/21	4:00pm	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	Dona Schexnayder	Willie & Cynthia Elmer	Michael Bertrand Jesse Clay
Sunday 1/31/21	7:00am	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	Paul Broussard	Ross & Cindy Landry	Autum Trahan Serena Bedia
	9:00am	Fr. Ed Degeyter	Jenny Gonsoulin	Brenda Robicheaux Agnes Castro	Cohen Schlicher Ryan Gonsoulin
	11:00am	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	Pete Aucoin	Holli Cambre Curt Fontenot	Luke Salsman Madalynn Salsman

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