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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)

PASTOR:

Rev. Msgr. J. Robert Romero

SACRAMENTAL MINISTER:

Fr. Ed Degeyter

BOOKKEEPER:

Linda L. Viator

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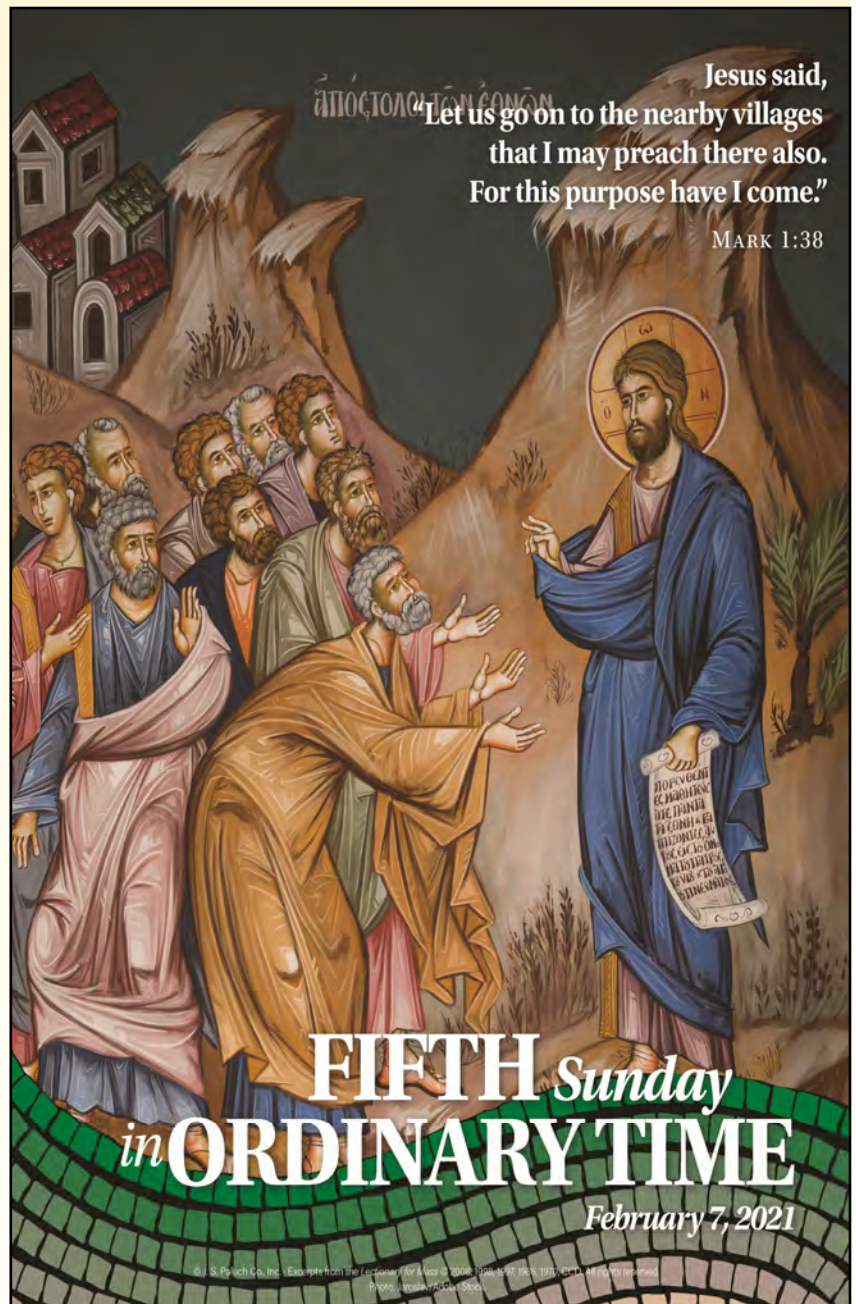
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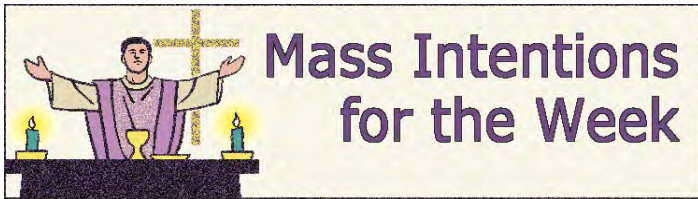
Saturday: 3:00 pm — 3:45 pm and
30 minutes before weekday Masses

ROSARY:

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

Thursday: 5:00 pm





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Tuesday, February 9, 2021

5:30pm Jovi Racca (liv)

Wednesday, February 10, 2021

9:00am Patti Gagnard, Joseph Viator

Thursday, February 11, 2021 - NOTE TIME

6:30am Parishioners

Friday, February 12, 2021

6:30am Maudrey C. & Lloyd J. (liv) Landry

Mark Landry, II (liv)(bd)

Saturday, February 13, 2021

4:00pm Harvey & Joyce DeCourt, Warren Barras

Lynward Ransonet, Sarah Romero (liv)(bd)

Caroll J. Navarre, Sr., Lynn P. Blanchard

Roman Romero (liv)(bd), Roy Flores

Sunday, February 14, 2021

7:00am Parishioners, Mona B. Simon

Charles Froisy, Mrs. Terry Borel

9:00am Msgr. H. J. Barsen, L.J. & Edna Begnaud

Gerald "Bick" Girouard, Quang V. Nguyen

Oris & Nancy Gachassin, Martha Tran

Agapito A. Castro, Larry J. Romero

Clarence & Violet Lancon, Melvin Petry

Loretta Trahan, Irene & O'Neil Simon

Janell Savoie, Scott Savoie

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

Whitney Gautreaux

Jules & Leona Broussard

Congratulations
Deacon John Sarkies

Celebrating his
21st Year of Ordination
to the Permanent Diaconate on
Friday, February 12, 2021

SANCTUARY LIGHT:

By:
Our Lady's Altar Society



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.



This year, at a time of extraordinary challenge, we may perceive longing in the eyes of many around us. It is the expectant hope expressed by a blind man named Bartimaeus, unable even to see Jesus as the Savior, but calling out to Him for healing nonetheless. Responding to the man's cry, Jesus asked a question filled with meaning for us, **"What do you want me to do for you?"** The man replied simply, **"Master, I want to see"** (Mark 10:51). Our concerns may be equally clear, but the Lord invites us also to acknowledge them and to confess our dependence on His touch so that we too may "see" those around us. The theme of our 2021 Bishop's Services Appeal—**Bringing Hope and Healing**—uses the image of Bartimaeus to remind us to extend the hope of Christ to others to bring more healing light into the world. Please pledge your support to the 2021 Appeal.

This weekend is Bishop's Services Appeal Commitment Weekend. Your personal sacrifice and generosity to the Appeal can be the reason why the faithful, the searching, the sorrowing and the yearning become the hopeful. For in giving hope to others, the soul finds the peace of Christ. May Nativity of Our Lady parish respond generously.

REFLECTIONS - **Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time** - While not everyone is a gifted preacher who can inspire others, we are all "preachers" in a sense. We "preach" by the way we live our lives - how we handle the ups and downs that are part of living. These "sermons" speak more eloquently than any words we could say. Remember, "The only Gospel some people will ever read is You." What are they reading? Is it what you would like them to read? Does it inspire, encourage, and give people hope? What can you do to become a better "preacher" of the Gospel?

*"I do all that I do for the sake of the gospel
in hope of having a share in its blessings." - 1 Corinthians 9:23
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Nativity of Our Lady Parish Mission

February 2021 Parish Mission



Nativity of Our Lady Parish will be having a Parish **Mission February 10-11, 2021** featuring Catholic Speaker Paul Koleske. Paul is a contemporary Catholic Christian Inspirational Speaker, Musician, Composer & Recording Artist from Lake Geneva, Wisconsin.

Theme of the Mission ***“Igniting the Light of Christ Within You”***

Paul’s ministry teaches the listeners why and how they are already wired to succeed in building themselves and the church while discovering God’s purpose for their lives. He shares practical techniques people can use to increase their connection with the Presence of the Holy Spirit, the Risen Christ’s gift to His disciples.

Wednesday, February 10th: “Experiencing the Light of Christ”

Paul will teach us as Catholics to trust in God. He’ll share practical ideas on what we can do to break the mental cycles of anxiety, fear, doubt, worry, and guilt once and for all! 6:00pm

Thursday, February 11th: “Living the Light of Christ”

What are the warning signs that show that we are ‘imprisoned’, all those things and attitudes that limit our willingness and energy to live fully our Christian faith - the Light of Christ within you, no matter what happens to you! 6:00pm

We can all grow in our Relationship with our Lord, Jesus Christ.

As with all Paul’s spoken word presentations, he selects songs from his own music that will illumine the topics discussed and point towards solution for a fuller spiritual life. His music, with its clear messages, will act as a lasting reminder that you can use long after the Mission to life up your spirits and vision of the Light of Christ within you. Paul has given this retreat from the East Coast to Hawaii. He has appeared on EWTN with his music. This mission will empower you to live a more successful spiritual life. All are invited and this Mission is free. A free-will gift offering will be taken for those that want to help the Parish offset costs of the Mission. Both presentations are 90 to 105 minutes, conducted in the church. Want more information? Visit his web site:

PaulKoleske.com.



**Receive
the Light
of Christ**

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, 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, 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 Meryman, 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, Dan Claudy, Amber Gaspard

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.

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**WHY DO WE DO THAT?
- CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED**

Q: Is it ever OK to leave Mass before it ends?

A: This is an interesting question because beneath the surface there seems to be an assumption that if it's okay, then why do we have to stay after we receive communion? The short answer is "no," but we definitely want to go a bit deeper as we consider why.

First, when we think about questions like this, we must consider this in adult terms. If there is something gravely important that we need to do, then we must attend to that. However, if it is a matter of convenience or preference, then we really have to stop and think again. First, while we always want to recognize the importance of sacramental communion in the Mass, we also need to understand how important the time of thanksgiving and prayer after communion is. This is summarized in the Prayer After Communion offered by the celebrant and then we are also commissioned to "Go forth" during the Dismissal of the Mass, reminding us that we have been entrusted with a gift — the Word of God and the Presence of Christ in the sacrament — and that we are to share that gift with others .

If we simply leave after we receive communion, we risk two things. First, there is the possibility that we will turn our reception of communion into a purely personal, individual experience that is separated from our common experience of worship — and communion in the fullest sense — and, second, we lose an opportunity for gratitude and serious reflection if we simply leave after communion. This time of thanksgiving, reflection, and, ultimately, missioning, are important and, in the end, an essential part of the celebration of the Mass.

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

OUR GIFTS TO GOD January 24th

Loose.....	\$ 1,159.00
Envelopes	\$ 2,779.00
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Online Giving offertory.....	\$ 1,277.00
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Total offertory (week).....	\$ 6,375.00
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OUR GIFTS TO GOD January 31st

Loose.....	\$ 1,698.00
Envelopes	\$ 2,103.00
Total (collected).....	\$ 3,801.00
Online Giving offertory.....	\$ 745.00
Mailed in offertory.....	\$ 880.00
Total offertory (week).....	\$ 5,426.00

Thank you for your generosity!!!!

TODAY'S READINGS

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time February 7, 2021

Reading I: Job 7:1-4, 6-7

- We hear how Job struggled to find meaning and hope in his life. How does your faith help you get through difficult times in your life?

Reading II: 1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23

- St. Paul speaks of his singular desire to preach the “gospel” (the Good News of Jesus Christ). When do you share the gospel message with others?

Gospel: Mark 1:29-39

- We learn that from the beginning of his public ministry Jesus was very purpose-driven: healing the sick and preaching the good news. How intentional is the practice of faith in your daily life?

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CURRENT EVENTS

Monday, February 8, 2021

Faith Formation - 11th Grade
Faith Formation Pick-up Day - Grades 9 & 10
RCIA - 6:30pm - Office

Tuesday, February 9, 2021

Mass at 5:30pm
Patriotic Rosary - 6pm - Church
Faith Formation Pick-up Day - Grades 5,6,7 & 8

Wednesday, February 10, 2021

Pro-Life Rosary - 8:20am - Mass - 9am
Faith Formation - 2nd Grade
Faith Formation Pick-up Day - Grades 1, 3, & 4
Parish Mission - 6pm - Church

Thursday, February 11, 2021

NOTE: Mass at 6:30am
Parish Mission - 6pm - Church

Friday, February 12, 2021

Mass at 6:30am
Happy 21st Anniversary of Ordination
Deacon John Sarkies

Saturday, February 13, 2021

Mass at 4pm

Sunday, February 14, 2021

Masses at: **7am, 9am & 11am**
Collection for Nativity Building Fund

Come, Lord Jesus! Lenten Journey

Prayer + Scripture + Eucharist + Christian Community

Journey with us during this holy season of Lent as we study and meditate upon the Sunday Gospels leading to the glorious resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Meet weekly with family members, friends, fellow parishioners or join one of our on-line ZOOM groups for a deeper understanding of Jesus' life and death and victory he claimed for each of us! Prepare for the Easter celebration with a spiritual journey that will renew your faith and transform your life! Contact Rickey Segura at 337-367-3650 to sign up or Marianne Hebert at *Come, Lord Jesus!* Office 337-233-6277 for booklets or further information.

MASS SERVERS February 9 - 14, 2021					
DAY DATE	TIME	CELEBRANT	READERS	LAY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION	ALTAR SERVERS
Tuesday 2/9/21	5:30pm	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	Madeline Domingues	Percy Barrilleaux	Sacristan
Wednesday 2/10/21	9:00am	Fr. Ed Degeyter	Christine Halphen	Linda Viator	Sacristan
Thursday 2/11/21	6:30am	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	Kimberly Clay	Percy Barrilleaux	Sacristan
Friday 2/12/21	6:30am	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	Chad Courtois	Ricky Segura	Sacristan
Saturday 2/13/21	4:00pm	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	Dona Schexnayder	Doris & Lionel Louviere	Luke Salsman Madalynn Salsman
Sunday 2/14/21	7:00am	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	Ellen Claudy	Percy Barrilleaux Brenda Oubre	Jesse Clay Serena Bedia
	9:00am	Fr. Ed Degeyter	Nena Suit	Margo LeBlanc Wayne Duhon	Cohen Schlicher Ryan Gonsoulin
	11:00am	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	Pete Aucoin	Holli Cambre Rickey Huval	Lexi Anderson

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