

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 Degeyter

DEACON:

Deacon Stephen VanCleve

BOOKKEEPER:

Linda L. Viator

SECRETARY:

Polly Camacho

DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:

Brenda Romero – 365-3759

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

You are the
light of
the world.

**A city set on a mountain
cannot be hidden.**

Matthew 5:14

February 9, 2020
Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Congratulations
Deacon John Sarkies

Celebrating his
Twentieth Year of Ordination
to the Permanent Diaconate on
Tuesday, February 12, 2020

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max family fee \$25 (lunch not provided for kids)



COUPLES ARE ENCOURAGED TO COME TOGETHER.
PRESENTERS WILL BE PRESENTING AS COUPLES, AND
SHARING AS COUPLES. SMALL GROUP, SAME LOSS.

Online registration can be found on our website at www.redbirdlove.com/workshops



WHY DO WE DO THAT?

- CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

Q: Why should there be singing by the choir and the people on Sundays?

A: In many parts of the world, any type of communal gathering invariably includes music and songs. A proper religious “celebration,” according to our scriptural heritage, means that we should “shout joyfully to the Lord, . . . come before him with joyful song” (Ps 100:1-2) and “sing a new song to the Lord” (Ps 149:11). An ancient proverb reminds us that “One who sings well prays twice.” Hence a statement of the US Bishops’ Committee on the Liturgy, reminds us that “music is of preeminent importance” in liturgical celebrations, and that “it forms a necessary or integral part” of the liturgy (n. 23, cf. CS n. 112). There is a long tradition of including music at religious rites, primarily because such rites are always “celebrations” of the people of God rather than merely the private prayer of the priest celebrant. Since the Eucharist is “the center of the whole Christian life” we must celebrate it appropriately, especially on Sundays and major feasts. We sing during Holy Mass because the Eucharistic celebration is a joyful celebration, by the people of God, of God’s love, particularly as shown in the paschal mystery of Christ’s death and resurrection. Besides, joyful celebrations of the Eucharist, with music and songs, will surely help the lively participation of the people and to build up the faith of those assembled as they give thanks and praise to a loving God.

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.

GOING ON VACATION?

For nationwide Mass times and locations, phone 1-410-676-6000 or visit www.Masstimes.org or download the Mass Times App on your smartphone.

REFLECTIONS – **Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time** - Each one of us is born with potential regardless of the circumstances we are born into. As we grow, those around us can either nourish or stifle that potential. The real challenge we all face is to use what we have been given to the best of our ability in the time and circumstances in which we find ourselves. How are you using your abilities?

“Share your bread with the hungry, shelter the oppressed and the homeless . . .

Then your light shall break forth like the dawn.” - Isaiah 58: 7-8

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Carrying the LIGHT of FAITH



Pope Pius IX called St. Joseph
“the guardian of
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Please invest your treasure in support of the
2020 Bishop’s Services Appeal.

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or online at diolaf.org/BSA
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2020
BISHOP’S
SERVICES APPEAL
Supporting the Works of Christ

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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 or contact **Paul & Carolyn Trahan** at (337)254-8947 or (337)898-9257, or cee.trahan@gmail.com.



The 2020 Bishop’s Services Appeal theme is Carrying the Light of Faith. It is also the 150th Anniversary year of St. Joseph as patron of the Universal Church. Like St. Joseph, we are summoned to action to be hands of service and voices of hope, guided by hearts of loyal devotion. We are called to share our gifts with others because each of us has encountered Jesus on the road to the Father’s house. Please prayerfully consider making a sacrificial gift or pledge to the Bishop’s Services Appeal.

This weekend is Bishop’s Services Appeal Education Weekend. Your personal sacrifice and generosity to the Appeal will mean so much to so many; and your kindness will be rewarded. May Nativity of Our Lady parish respond generously.

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

OUR GIFTS TO GOD February 2 nd	
Loose.....	\$ 1,119.50
Envelopes	\$ 5,612.00
Total (collected).....	\$ 6,740.50
Online Giving offertory.....	\$ 205.00
Mailed in offertory.....	\$ 1,245.00
Total offertory (week).....	\$ 8,190.50
Nativity Building Fund.....	\$ 1,484.00

Thank you for your generosity!!!!

Because our church bulletin is printed out of state, all Mass intentions and announcements should be submitted to the office at least two weeks prior to the requested bulletin date, earlier if it is a holiday season because we have earlier deadlines. Thank you.

SANCTUARY LIGHT:

By:
Our Lady’s Altar Society



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 Langlins, 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, 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, Emma Lou Doerle Segura, Abby Musselwhite, Tiffany Segura, Child of Antonio & Jaclyn Aleman

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.

LENTEN DAY OF RECOLLECTION

St. Edmond Lafayette Ladies Altar Society Lenten Day of Recollection will be on Thursday, February 27th, 2020; 8:00am-3:00pm (the day after Ash Wednesday). Retreat master: Fr. Nicholas Dupre

Coffee and donuts in the Atrium at 8:00am; Rosary at 9:00am; then, Fr. Dupre will begin the conference. Mass will be celebrated at 12:10pm and Confessions will be heard prior to Mass and the conference will end with the Way of the Cross and Benediction.

Tickets are \$12.00 and include lunch and must be purchased in advance.

Deadline for ticket purchases is Friday, February, 21, 2020

For tickets, please contact RaNelle Simon: 337-232-2849 or Betty Robinson 337-258-6372

MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday, February 11, 2020

5:30pm In Thanksgiving

Wednesday, February 12, 2020

9:00am Cecile & Robert Halphen, Sr.

Quang V. Nguyen, Murriel Trahan (bd)

Thursday, February 13, 2020

5:30pm Gwen Bent (liv)(bd), Maudrey C. Landry

Friday, February 14, 2020

6:30am Don Taylor, Janell Broussard

Saturday, February 15, 2020

4:00pm Harvey & Joyce DeCourt, Darrel Lafont

Amelia Segura Selph, Pam Thornton
Oris Gachassin, Clarence Barrilleaux, Jr.
Lynward Ransonet, Corlis G. Ramirez (liv)
Ricky Romero (ann of death), Doerle Fly
Warren Barras, Howard & Dustin McCoy
Lane Abshire (43 yr ann of death)
Roman Paul Romero (liv)(bd), Roy Flores
June C. Guyote, John G. Ramirez
Karen Moresi, Russell Ramirez
Judy Ramirez

Sunday, February 16, 2020

7:00am Parishioners, Mona B. Simon

Charles Froisy, Marlene T. Broussard
Mrs. Terry Borel

9:00am Msgr. H. J. Barsen, Gerald "Bick" Girouard

Quang V. Nguyen, Agapito A. Castro
Vicky Miller, Mary Grace Rentrop
Otis & Rita Norris

10:30am Fr. A.J. Boumans, Donna M. Lanza

Clarence & Violet Lancon
Phyllis Guilbeau Biglane
Jules & Leona Broussard

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.

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

TODAY'S READINGS

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time February 9, 2020

Reading I: Isaiah 58:7-10

- In today's reading, the prophet Isaiah issued a call to action to the Israelites to clothe, feed, and shelter the hungry and homeless in their midst. According to Isaiah, how will God respond to these acts of compassion?

Reading II: 1 Corinthians 2:1-5

- As St. Paul reflects on his early encounters with the Christians in Corinth, he recalls his fundamental proclamation of "Jesus Christ, and him crucified." What do you find appealing in St. Paul's message?

Gospel: Matthew 5:13-16

- In his Sermon on the Mount, Jesus offered metaphors of discipleship – "salt of the earth" and "light of the world." How do these simple metaphors help you understand the challenge of discipleship?

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.

CURRENT EVENTS

Monday, February 10, 2020

Faith Formation Classes - 9th, 10th & 11th Grades
- 6:30pm -Barsen Hall

Tuesday, February 11, 2020

Faith Formation Classes - 5th, 6th, 7th & 8th Grades
- 6:30pm -Barsen Hall
R.C.I.A. - 6:30pm - Church Office

Wednesday, February 12, 2020

Pro-Life Rosary - 8:20am with Mass at 9am
Faith Formation Classes - 1st, 2nd, 3rd & 4th Grades
- 5:30pm - Barsen Hall

Thursday, February 13, 2020

Nativity 1 Diner Crew
Baptismal Class - 6:30pm - Church Office

Saturday, February 15, 2020

Baptisms - 11am - Church

Sunday, February 16, 2020

2nd Collection - Bishop's Services
Appeal Commitment Sunday
Jesus is Alive - 4pm - Parish Hall

Jacob LeBlanc, Seminarian
Saint Joseph Seminary
75376 River Road
St. Benedict, LA 70457

You can use the address above if you would like to send a note of encouragement or if you wish to send donations, please make check out to "Jacob LeBlanc."

MASS SERVERS February 11 - 16, 2020

DAY DATE	TIME	CELEBRANT	READERS	LAY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION	ALTAR SERVERS
Tuesday 2/11/20	5:30pm	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	Claudia Geoffroy	Bea Romero Brenda Romero	Sacristan
Wednesday 2/12/20	9:00am	Fr. Ed Degeyter	Christine Halphen	Lloyd Nicholson Cynthia Elmer	Sacristan
Thursday 2/13/20	5:30pm	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	Kimberly Clay	Deacon Stephen VanCleve Percy Barrilleaux	Sacristan
Friday 2/14/20	6:30am	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	Chad Courtois	Ricky Segura Mike Degeyter	Sacristan
Saturday 2/15/20	4:00pm	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	Lloyd Verret	Deacon Stephen VanCleve Curt & Patty Fontenot	Luke Salsman Madalynn Salsman
Sunday 2/16/20	7:00am	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	Kimberly Clay	Phil & Renee Haney Donald Voorhies	Jesse Clay Garrett Meaux
	9:00am	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	Nena Suit	Agnes Castro, Margo LeBlanc Wayne Duhon	Ryan Gonsoulin John LaRive
	10:30am	Fr. Ed Degeyter	Jenny Gonsoulin	Karl & Sarah Boudreaux Brenda Smith, Peggy Fitch Lloyd Nicholson, Kathy Indest Rickey Huval	Matthew Trahan Autum Trahan

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