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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 Degeyer

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Linda L. Viator

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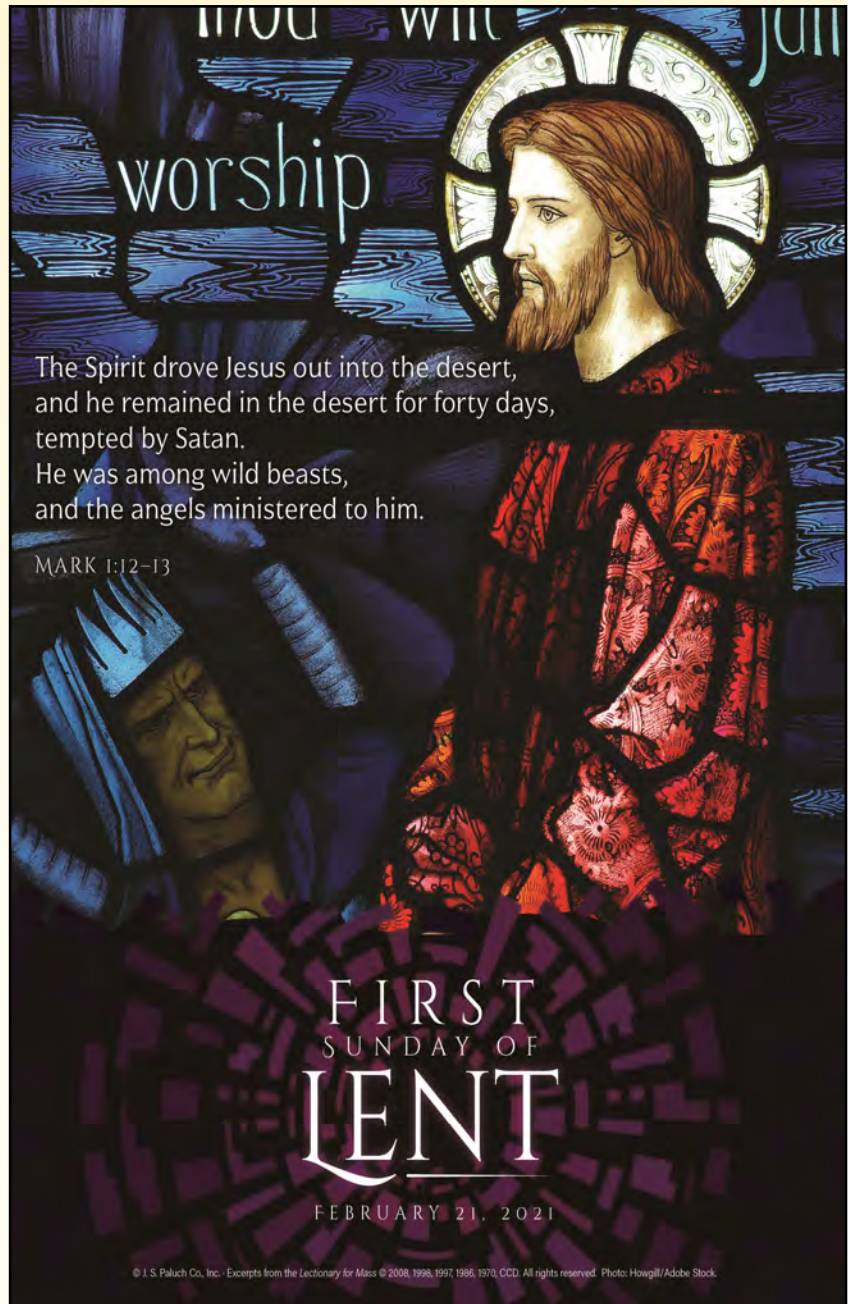
RECONCILIATION:


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

ROSARY:

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

Thursday: 5:00 pm





Mass Intentions for the Week

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Tuesday, February 23, 2021

5:30pm David D. Viator (24 yr ann of death)
Linda V. Trahan (liv)(bd)

Wednesday, February 24, 2021

9:00am Joseph Viator, A Special Intention
Patti Gagnard, Lisa VanValen
Doralisse Hebert (4 yr ann of death)
Carrol & Sarah Romero (liv)
Charley Barrilleaux, Mike Simon
Peter Saltzman, Patty Babineaux Fontenot

Thursday, February 25, 2021

5:30pm Edward J. Champagne, Sr. (bd)

Friday, February 26, 2021

6:30am Bryan "Bear" Granger

Saturday, February 27, 2021

4:00pm Harvey & Joyce DeCourt, Roy Flores
Lynward Ransonet, Hope Ramirez
Caroll J. Navarre, Sr., Huey Guyote
Dalton & Vernice Robicheaux

Sunday, February 28, 2021

7:00am Parishioners, Mona B. Simon
Charles Froisy, M/M Allen Dupre

9:00am Msgr. H. J. Barsen, M/M Rule Broussard
Martha Tran, Joseph & Amelia Borel
Clarence & Violet Lancon, Melvin Petry
Oris & Nancy Gachassin, Janell Savoie
Gerald "Bick" Girouard, Quang V. Nguyen
Agapito A. Castro, Johnny Viator (bd)
Arthur & Agnes Romero, Scott Savoie
Jessica Allen (liv)(bd)

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

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.***



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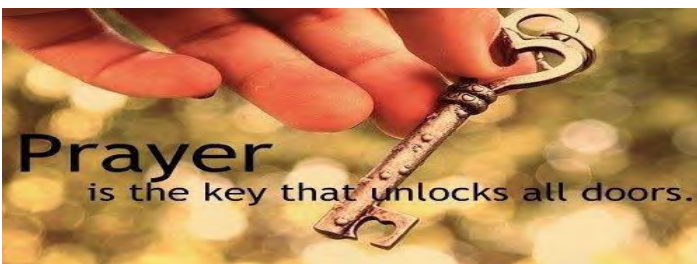
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SANCTUARY LIGHT:

***In Memory Of:
Doralisse Hebert***



REFLECTIONS - First Sunday of Lent - Once again we begin the season of Lent. We are encouraged to reflect on our lives, our sinfulness, and to make resolutions to improve ourselves in the coming year. Perhaps there is another approach we might take. Begin by reading Psalm 25 versus 4-10. Read it aloud and listen carefully. Ask the Holy Spirit to open your heart and mind to understand what the Lord wishes to teach you this Lent. Use this Psalm for your daily prayer throughout the season and discover the path the Lord will guide you on.

"Your ways, O Lord, make known to me; teach me your paths." - Psalm 25:4
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Hunger in Our World

Jesus told us that whatever we did for one of these least brothers of his we did for him. Reflect on the challenge of global hunger—it is a reality for millions of our sisters and brothers. What will you do to support the hungry in our community and around the world? Visit crsricebowl.org to learn more.



Nativity Mausoleum Spaces Available

Acme has informed us that as of January 2021, they have reduced the prices for the mausoleum spaces. If anyone is interested, please contact Acme at **1-877-620-7875**. Please mention your interest is in Nativity Mausoleum.

1 lb. Boiled Shrimp, Corn & Potato

Knights of Columbus

Council #12997 Fundraiser

Sunday, March 21, 2021

Pickup is under the Carport behind the Church Office (behind Church) from 11AM - 1PM

Tickets are \$15.00 each. Tickets will be sold after each weekend Mass and are available from any KC member. Also, the Ladies K.C. Auxiliary members will be selling brownies at pickup time.

Tickets purchased last year are still good for this supper. Please contact any K.C. member with any questions.

All will be following COVID-19 precautions and restrictions.

Safe Haven Sunday— Equipping the Family: Safety Through Connection

The most powerful tool we have when it comes to teaching our children about the beauty of their sexuality in the digital age is conversation. Real, honest, “look them in the eyes” conversations about their deep questions. In the digital age, passive parenting is not an option—the internet never rests.

Nativity of Our Lady is setting aside this weekend, February 20-21, 2021 to celebrate our second annual Safe Haven Sunday in order to provide free resources to assist you with confidently talking to your children about internet dangers, as well as their online and offline choices.

Safe Haven Sunday is celebrated through prayer and reflection within the context of the Mass. After Mass, each individual and family will be given Covenant Eyes’ most recent book, *Connected: How Strong Family Relationships Lead to Internet-Safe Kids*. This book includes a free seven-day text-to-opt-in program that provides practical tips for caring adults to create safer digital environments for themselves and young people. Simply text **SECURE** to 66866 to begin receiving guidance today!

Thank you for celebrating with us! If you have any questions about this awareness weekend, please contact Nativity of Our Lady or visit <https://cleanheart.online/diocese-lafayette-la>

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The Disch-Declouet Social Service Center is a non-profit organization with an all volunteer staff. The Center has served the poor and needy of Iberia Parish providing for critical and basic human needs (food, clothing, utility and rent assistance, emergency housing, and other assistance) for 45 years. We service approximately 350 families per month.

We are conducting our Annual Campaign which will run through the Lenten Season and we need your help. We ask that you prayerfully consider investing in those less fortunate by sharing with us your gifts. It is only through your additional financial support that we are able to maintain the level of service that we have been giving for many years.

Please use the campaign envelope for your tax-deductible donation and see the brochure for more information. May God Bless you for your generosity. Thank you

John L. Indest

Executive Director

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, 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 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, Dan Claudy, Amber Gaspard, Rosetta Mouton

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.

2020 Contributions Statement

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Q: Does it matter what leg you kneel on when genuflecting?

A: Genuflection is an act of devotion that literally means “to bend the knee.” For many Catholics, it’s an almost automatic gesture that we perform before entering our pew or row of seats at Mass. But, like many of the symbols and gestures of our faith tradition, genuflecting can also be an invitation for deeper reflection.

The practice of “bending the knee” is an ancient way of recognizing the presence of someone greater than we are. It has been said that the practice dates back to the time of Alexander the Great, but it became a common part of etiquette in the royal courts of the Middle Ages. From throne rooms and palaces, it was a small step to genuflecting, becoming part of the devotional lives of Christians who used this secular gesture as a way of recognizing the presence of the One who is King of Kings, especially in the Eucharist. In our tradition, although many have been taught or prefer to genuflect by placing their right knee on the ground, there is no prescribed way to genuflect. This is especially important to keep in mind if physical limitations or age make certain movements difficult for us.

Today, Catholics are asked to genuflect in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament (whether in the tabernacle or exposed on the altar during eucharistic adoration). So, while it has become second nature to genuflect before entering your seat in church, we should pay attention to where the Blessed Sacrament is kept in each church or chapel we visit, and genuflect in the direction of the tabernacle where the Blessed Sacrament is kept. In churches or chapels in which the tabernacle is in a separate space, we are invited to simply bow toward the altar.

God will
**ALWAYS
PROVIDE**

IT JUST MIGHT LOOK DIFFERENT
THAN WHAT WE HAD IN MIND.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Sunday of Lent
February 21, 2021

Reading I: Genesis 9:8-15

- God promises Noah to use a “bow in the clouds” (a rainbow) as a sign and symbol of His divine pledge to never again allow a world-wide flood to devastate the earth. This is the Bible’s first recorded covenant between God and humanity. What do you think of when you see a rainbow?

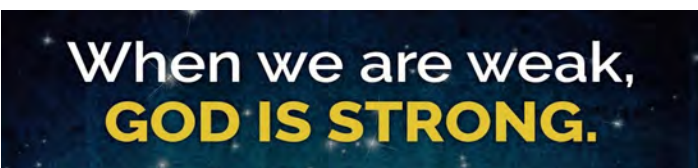
Reading II: 1 Peter 3:18-22

- St. Peter teaches that Jesus preached to both the living and the dead — those dead dating back to the days of Noah — and connecting us through baptism. What do you find intriguing about this idea?

Gospel: Mark 1:12-15

- We hear about Jesus’ temptation in the desert and his inaugural gospel message to those living in Galilee. Jesus saw repentance as necessary to believe his good news. As we begin the Lenten journey, what aspects of your life require repentance?

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CURRENT EVENTS

Monday, February 22, 2021

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

Tuesday, February 23, 2021

Mass at 5:30pm

Wednesday, February 24, 2021

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

Thursday, February 25, 2021

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

Friday, February 26, 2021

Mass at 6:30am
Stations of the Cross - 5:30pm - Church

Saturday, February 27, 2021

First Reconciliation - 10am - Church
Mass at 4pm

Sunday, February 28, 2021

Masses at: **7am, 9am & 11am**
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Our Lady of the Oaks, Grand Coteau

Upcoming Retreat:

A Lenten Day of Prayer for Women

“Fasting, Almsgiving, Prayer”

Tuesday, March 9, 2021 8:30am - 2:15pm

Presented by Fr. Lou McCabe, S.J.

Cost \$25 Limited capacity - **Masks Required**

Pre-registration is Required.

For more information, please contact Our Lady of the Oaks Retreat House in Grand Coteau at (337) 662-5410 x 200 or visit the website at www.ourladyoftheoaks.com.

MASS SERVERS
February 23 - 28, 2021

DAY DATE	TIME	CELEBRANT	READERS	LAY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION	ALTAR SERVERS
Tuesday 2/23/21	5:30pm	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	Madeline Domingues	Percy Barrilleaux	Sacristan
Wednesday 2/24/21	9:00am	Fr. Ed Degeyter	Ginger Comeaux	Willie & Cynthia Elmer	Sacristan
Thursday 2/25/21	5:30pm	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	Kimberly Clay	Brenda Romero	Sacristan
Friday 2/26/21	6:30am	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	Chad Courtois	Mike Degeyter	Sacristan
Saturday 2/27/21	4:00pm	Fr. Ed Degeyter	Dona Schexnayder	Nancy Barras Margo LeBlanc	Judith Schlicher Sophia Comeaux
Sunday 2/28/21	7:00am	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	Paul Broussard	Percy Barrilleaux Brenda Oubre	Jesse Clay Serena Bedia
	9:00am	Fr. Ed Degeyter	Nena Suit	Brenda Robicheaux Wayne Duhon	Ryan Gonsoulin Michael Bertrand
	11:00am	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	Pete Aucoin	Karl & Sarah Boudreaux	Morgan Salsman Madalynn Salsman

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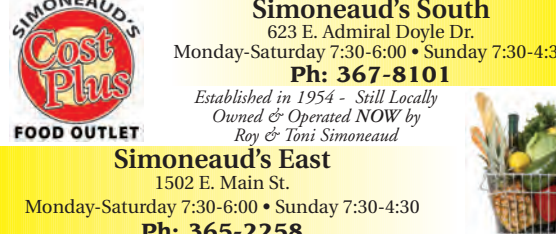
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