

# 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:

*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

Do you not know  
that you are the  
temple of God,  
and that the  
Spirit of God  
dwells in you?

1 Corinthians 3:16

SEVENTH SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME

FEBRUARY 23 2020

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All are invited to a Celebration for Msgr. Romero, Fr. Arnaud & Fr. Finley in honor of their 45<sup>th</sup> year Ordination to the Priesthood after 9am Mass on Wednesday, March 11<sup>th</sup> at the Parish Hall. Please bring your favorite finger foods.

**Mass on Mardi Gras Day: 8am**

*(no 5:30pm Mass)*

**Ash Wednesday Masses February 26<sup>th</sup>**

**6:30am and 5:30pm**

*No 9am Mass, No Pro-life Rosary*

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Tuesday, February 25, 2020 - Mardi Gras**

**8:00am** Parishioners

**Wednesday, February 26, 2020 - Ash Wednesday**

**6:30am** A Special Intention

**5:30pm** Oris Gachassin, Gloria & Cyrus Rider

Cecile & Robert Halphen, Sr.

Quang V. Nguyen, Kerry Armentor

Phyllis Guilbeau Biglane, Leslie Romero

M/M Clay Walker

**Thursday, February 27, 2020**

**5:30pm** Carrol & Sarah Romero, Lisa T. VanValen

Charley Barrilleaux, Nick & Julie Olivier

**Friday, February 28, 2020**

**6:30am** Johnny Viator (bd), Jessica Allen (liv)(bd)

Grace Gonsoulin

**Saturday, February 29, 2020**

**4:00pm** Memorial Book Intentions, Warren Barras

Harvey & Joyce DeCourt, Roy Flores

Amelia Segura Selph, M/M Allen Dupre

Oris Gachassin, Barbara Waguespack (bd)

Lynward Ransonet, Russell Ramirez

M/M Allen Daigre & John, Karen Moresi

M/M Lewis Merryman & Linda

Waverly Ramirez

**Sunday, March 1, 2020**

**7:00am** Memorial Book Intentions, Tan Dugas

Parishioners, Mona B. Simon

Charles Froisy, Marlene T. Broussard

**9:00am** Memorial Book Intentions

Msgr. H. J. Barsen, Gerald "Bick" Girouard

Quang V. Nguyen, Eugene Segura

Agapito A. Castro, M/M Rule Broussard

**10:30am** Memorial Book Intentions, Kenny Byrom

Fr. A.J. Boumans, Donna M. Lanza

Clarence & Violet Lancon, Louis Guidry

Theonie & Ernest Breaux, Glen Guidry

**UPDATE:** Effective March 1, 2020 Deacon Stephen G. VanCleve is relieved as deacon to Nativity of Our Lady Parish in New Iberia and is awaiting reappointment to another parish. We thank Deacon VanCleve for his good service and pray for him in his new assignment.

**WHY DO WE DO THAT?**

**- CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED**

**Q: Why should we confess sins to a priest? Since Jesus is the one and only mediator between God and us (1 Tim. 2:5) shouldn't Christians confess their sins directly to Jesus?**

**A:** Just as God empowered his priests to be instruments of forgiveness in the Old Testament (Leviticus 19:20-22), Christ delegated authority to his New Testament ministers to act as mediators of reconciliation as well. Catholics do confess their sins directly to God both within and outside the confessional because Jesus advocated praying directly to the Father and to ask forgiveness for our sins (Matt. 6:12), and Catholics do this communally at every Mass and in prayer groups, and individually during private prayers. But Catholics also believe that Jesus gave the Church a unique role in his ministry of reconciliation by entrusting it with his power to forgive and retain sins. By administering the sacrament of reconciliation (confession), the priest perpetuates this ministry by acting in persona Christi, "in the person of Christ." In other words, when Catholics receive absolution from the priest for sins confessed, it is Jesus' forgiveness that is granted, not the priest's. Jesus made this clear in John 20:21-23: Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I send you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them, and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." Here Jesus emphasizes this essential part of the priestly ministry of the apostles—to forgive men's sins in the person of Christ. Hence the Catholic Church teaches that Jesus, who alone has the power to forgive or retain sins (Mark 2:10; Luke 5:24), transmitted that power to the apostles and the apostles to their successors. How can a priest forgive sins in the name Jesus using the authority given by the Church unless people confess their sins? That is why confessing sins to a priest has been practiced in the Catholic Church from the early Christian period. In the fourth century, St. Ambrose, bishop of Milan (IV century), wrote: Sins are forgiven through the Holy Ghost. Certainly, but men lend him their ministry. . . . They forgive sin, not in their own name, but in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost." (De Spiritu Sancto iii, 137).

**REFLECTIONS – Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time** - It is a natural human response to want revenge when we have been wronged. When we are hurt, we want to strike back. However, Jesus was very clear that this is not the way to behave. We are to treat everyone with love, respect, and compassion - even our enemies! Do you tend to bear grudges, rejoice in the bad fortune of those you despise? Do you think there should be exceptions to what Jesus has told us? We may not always be able to control our feelings, but, we can choose how to act. What choices are you making?

*"Take no revenge and cherish no grudge . . . You shall love your neighbor as yourself." - Leviticus 19:18*

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## March 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Pray for Pope Francis Memorial Book <i>Black &amp; Indian Missions</i>	2 Pray for Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI	3 Pray for Bishop Douglas Deshotel	4 Pray for Bishop Emeritus Michael Jarrell Pro-Life Rosary Holy Hour 9:30am	5 Pray for Fr. Gilbert Dutel O. L. A. S. Meeting 6pm - Office	6 Pray for Fr. Dan Edwards First Friday Stations of the Cross 5:30pm - Church	7 Pray for Fr. Darren Eldridge First Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup> & 10 <sup>th</sup> Grade assist with 4pm Mass
8 Pray for Fr. Peter Emusa <i>Nativity Building Fund</i> Pancake Breakfast 8am	9 Pray for Fr. Cyprian Eze	10 Pray for Fr. Richard Fabre	11 Pray for Fr. James Fallon Pro-Life Rosary Reception for Msgr. Romero's, Fr. Arnaud's & Fr. Finley's 45 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Ordination - 9:30am Parish Hall K.C. & Ladies Aux. Dinner & Meeting	12 Pray for Fr. Joel Faulk Diner I Baptismal Class	13 Pray for Fr. Kendal Faulk Stations of the Cross 5:30pm - Church	14 Pray for Fr. Emmanuel Fernandez Baptisms Paul Koleske to speak at Mass
15 Pray for Fr. Thomas Finley Paul Koleske to speak at all Masses	16 Pray for Fr. Sam Fontana Lenten Mission 6pm - Church	17 Pray for Fr. William Gearheard <b>Mass at 9am</b> No 5:30pm Mass Lenten Mission 6pm - Church	18 Pray for Fr. Taj Glodd Pro-Life Rosary Lenten Mission 6pm - Church	19 Pray for Msgr. Richard Greene	20 Pray for Fr. Mitchell Guidry Diner III Stations of the Cross 5:30pm - Church	21 Pray for Fr. Brad Guillory First Reconciliation 10am - Church
22 Pray for Fr. Joshua Guillory <i>Catholic Relief Services</i>	23 Pray for Fr. Jude Halphen	24 Pray for Fr. Brian Harrington	25 Pray for Msgr. Russell Harrington Confirmation Practice - 5:30pm - Church	26 Pray for Fr. David Hebert Confirmation - 6:30pm - Church <b>No 5:30 Mass</b>	27 Pray for Fr. Matthew Hebert Stations of the Cross 5:30pm - Church	28 Pray for Fr. T.J. Hebert
29 Pray for Fr. Gregory Heslip <i>New Iberia Poor &amp; Needy</i> K.C. Shrimp Boil Dinner Pickup	30 Pray for Fr. Matthew Higginbotham	31 Pray for Fr. Godwin Imoru				



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This weekend is Bishop's Services Appeal Follow-up 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.

The Feastday of St. Katharine Drexel is Tuesday, March 3, 2020. St. Katharine Drexel was born in 1858 and died on March 3, 1955. She was an heiress who devoted her life and fortune to serving the Eucharistic Christ through the Black and Native American people. She founded the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament who served throughout the country, but especially in Acadiana. At the time of her death, her Sisters were serving in 48 elementary schools (including St. Edward in New Iberia), 12 high schools and one college - Xavier University in New Orleans. She taught us how to live united in the Eucharistic Christ.

The Associates of the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament will host a Holy Hour on **Sunday, March 1, 2020 at 3:00pm** at St. Edward Church, 175 Ambassador LeMelle St., New Iberia. Before the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, a relic of St. Katharine will be venerated. Please join us in worshipping Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament and remembering St. Katharine who walked these holy grounds in New Iberia.

**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 Aguillard, 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, 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 Duplechaine, 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, 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, Tara Romero, Billy Slampa, Brenda & Larry Musselwhite, Corliss Ramirez



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.

## TODAY'S READINGS

**Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time  
February 23, 2020**

**Reading I: Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18**

- We are challenged to be holy as God is holy. That means we should strive to go beyond society's ordinary and the conventional life style. We should reach beyond worldly interest and embrace the standards of heaven. What areas of our life need improvement?

**Reading II: 1 Corinthians 3:16-23**

- We have God's holiness within us. How do you see God in your life?

**Gospel: Matthew 5:38-48**

- In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus sees life through the eyes of the Son of God. Things look very different from that perspective. Jesus is opposed to retaliation. Jesus teaches love of enemies. Do our eyes see life as Jesus' eyes see life? Are we living our life like Jesus lives his life?

**SANCTUARY LIGHT:**

*In Memory Of:  
Doralisse Hebert*



## CURRENT EVENTS

**Monday, February 24, 2020**

No Faith Formation Classes This Week

**Tuesday, February 25, 2020 - Mardi Gras**

**Mass at 8:00am - no 5:30pm Mass**

Nativity Church Office Closed

No Faith Formation Classes This Week

No R.C.I.A.

**Wednesday, February 26, 2020 - Ash Wednesday**

Masses with Distribution of Ashes:

**6:30am & 5:30pm**

**No 9:00am Mass & No Pro-Life Rosary**

No Faith Formation Classes This Week

**Thursday, February 27, 2020**

Women's Ultreya - 7pm - Barsen Hall

**Friday, February 28, 2020**

Stations of the Cross - 5:30pm - Church

**Sunday, March 1, 2020**

2<sup>nd</sup> Collection - Black & Indian Missions

Jesus is Alive - 4pm - Parish Hall

**Encounter Lent**

We are called to join our faith community - and more than 14,000 Catholic communities across the United States - in a life-changing Lenten journey with CRS Rice Bowl. Pick up your family's CRS Rice Bowl from the entrances of church starting this weekend. During the 40 days of Lent, we will reflect on the challenge of global hunger and how it affects our human family.



MASS SERVERS February 25 - March 1, 2020					
DAY DATE	TIME	CELEBRANT	READERS	LAY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION	ALTAR SERVERS
Tuesday 2/25/20	8:00am	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	Claudia Geoffroy	Percy Barrilleaux Ross & Cindy Landry	Sacristan
Wednesday 2/26/20	6:30am	Fr. Ed Degeyter	Ginger Comeaux	Percy Barrilleaux Brenda Oubre, Donald Voorhies	Sacristan
	5:30pm	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	Christine Halphen	Deacon Stephen VanCleve Willie & Cynthia Elmer	Lexi Anderson Austin Scurria
Thursday 2/27/20	5:30pm	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	Kimberly Clay	Bea Romero Brenda Romero	Sacristan
Friday 2/28/20	6:30am	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	Chad Courtois	Percy Barrilleaux Mike Degeyter	Sacristan
Saturday 2/29/20	4:00pm	Fr. Ed Degeyter	Margo LeBlanc	Doris & Lionel Louviere Nancy Barras	Carmyn Darcey Sophia Comeaux
Sunday 3/1/20	7:00am	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	<i>See Reader's Schedule</i>	<i>See Eucharistic Minister's Schedule</i>	<i>See Altar Server's Schedule</i>
	9:00am	Fr. Ed Degeyter	<i>See Reader's Schedule</i>	<i>See Eucharistic Minister's Schedule</i>	<i>See Altar Server's Schedule</i>
	10:30am	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	<i>See Reader's Schedule</i>	<i>See Eucharistic Minister's Schedule</i>	<i>See Altar Server's Schedule</i>



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