

# Nativity of Our Lady Catholic Church

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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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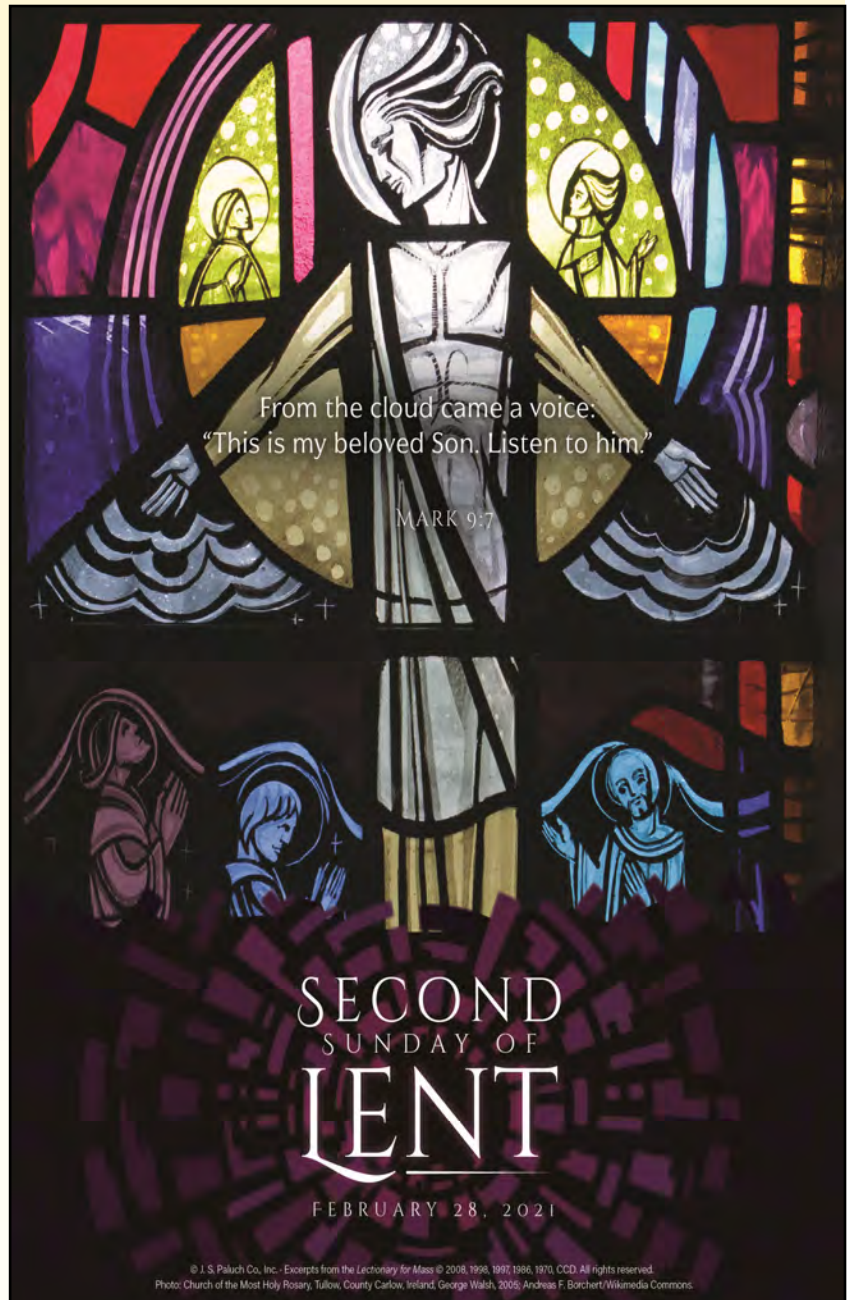
## RECONCILIATION:


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

**Tuesday, March 2, 2021**

**5:30pm** Eugene A. Segura

**Wednesday, March 3, 2021**

**9:00am** Sheryl Bourque (liv)(bd), Joyce Broussard  
Patty Babineaux Fontenot, Edmund Patout  
Rodney Comeaux, Ray Comeaux

**Thursday, March 4, 2021**

**5:30pm** Warren Barras (bd)

**Friday, March 5, 2021 - First Friday**

**6:30am** Don Taylor, Martin "Lee" Broussard  
Janell Broussard, Charlie Witte  
Amy M. Allen (liv)(bd)

**Saturday, March 6, 2021 - First Saturday**

**9:00am** Brother & Claire LaBauve, Charlie Witte  
Quang V. Nguyen, Porfirio Lising  
Neal Boutte

**4:00pm** Memorial Book Intentions

Harvey & Joyce DeCourt, Jeff Gerrets  
Lynward Ransonet, Caroll J. Navarre, Sr.  
Dressel & Ransonet Fly  
DeHart & Estilette Fly  
Fr. Ralph J. Landry (4 yr ann of death)

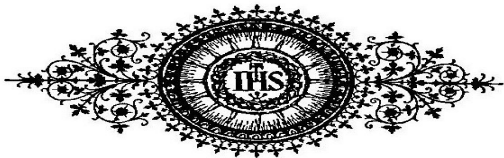
**Sunday, March 7, 2021**

**7:00am** Memorial Book Intentions, Parishioners  
Mona B. Simon, Charles Froisy

**9:00am** Memorial Book Intentions, Martha Tran  
Msgr. H. J. Barsen, Agapito A. Castro  
Clarence & Violet Lancon, Melvin Petry  
Oris & Nancy Gachassin  
Gerald "Bick" Girouard, Quang V. Nguyen  
Sharon & Mark Cunningham

**11:00am** Memorial Book Intentions

Fr. A.J. Boumans, Donna M. Lanza  
Tommy Breaux, Sr. (5 yr ann of death)



### SANCTUARY LIGHT:

*In Memory Of:  
Francis Sapienza*



## Safe Haven Sunday— Equipping the Family: Safety Through Connection

A Big Thank You to Everyone Who Helped Make Safe Haven Sunday a Success!

Special thanks to everyone who helped make Safe Haven Sunday possible!

Thank you also to the parish community for your openness to the topic of pornography awareness and internet safety.

Safe Haven Sunday provided us with the opportunity to give focused time and resources to address the harmfulness of pornography and other online threats to marriage and family life.

Even though Safe Haven Sunday is over for this year, our efforts to support you in making your homes safe havens will continue. We invite you to stay informed at <https://cleanheart.online/diocese-lafayette-la>, and learn more about how to protect and guide your family in the internet age.

## THE SEARCH

Please find a book entitled **THE SEARCH** by Chris Stefanick and Paul McCusker at the church exists this Sunday for parishioners use. This book is a written presentation of the video series called **THE SEARCH** found on [formed.org](http://formed.org). **THE SEARCH** attempts to answer these questions - **Who am I? Why do I exist? What is the point of my life?** - in a post-modern way of thinking. If you have not as yet created an account with [formed.org](http://formed.org), please do so. Go to our website, [nativityni.org](http://nativityni.org), to find the icon of [formed.org](http://formed.org). Click on the icon and follow the instructions to create an account. Once your account is created, watch with the videos of **THE SEARCH**. There are seven videos. Take your time. Do one a day or one a week. Which ever is better for your schedule. You may want to see the video first and then find in the book where they present the points of the video. Please remember that this [formed.org](http://formed.org) Nativity membership is part of our faith formation program. It does not cost parishioners for the account, as Nativity has a parish membership. With this membership, any parishioner has the opportunity to benefit from [formed.org](http://formed.org)'s videos, study programs, and e-books. Once you have enjoyed the series, share it with family and friends. Especially share it with family who are in K-12 schools and colleges and universities.

**REFLECTIONS - Second Sunday of Lent** - "If God is for us, who can be against us?" Perhaps, the better question would be: Are we for God? It is understandable that those who see themselves as Christians, assume that God is on their side and therefore they must be in the right. The Pharisees also thought this way but they were roundly criticized by Jesus. We are not all knowing and just - that is God. We are trying to learn how to be more like God, our Father. We need to develop a humble spirit and an open heart so that we may learn how to be on God's side rather than insisting that God support our ideas and plans.

*"To you will I offer sacrifice of thanksgiving, and I will call upon the name of the Lord." - Psalm 116:17*

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## March 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Pray for Pope Francis	2 Pray for Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI	3 Pray for Bishop Douglas Deshotel Pro-Life Rosary Holy Hour 9:30am	4 Pray for Bishop Emeritus Michael Jarrell Pastoral Council Meeting - 6pm	5 Pray for Fr. Bala Rayapati First Friday Stations of the Cross 5:30pm - Church	6 Pray for Fr. Francis Renfroe First Saturday Men's ACTS Retreat Pulpit Talk
7 Pray for Fr. Louis Richard  Memorial Book Nativity Building Fund Men's ACTS Retreat Pulpit Talk	8 Pray for Fr. Michael Richard	9 Pray for Msgr. J. Robert Romero  Patriotic Rosary K.C. & Ladies Aux. Meeting	10 Pray for Fr. Mario Romero  Pro-Life Rosary Confirmation - 6pm	11 Pray for Fr. David Rozas  Baptismal Class	12 Pray for Fr. Michael Russo  Stations of the Cross 5:30pm - Church	13 Pray for Fr. Francois Sainte-Marie  Baptisms
14 Pray for Fr. Donald Sanders  Catholic Relief Services Msgr. Romero's 46th Anniversary of Ordination	15 Pray for Fr. Garrett Savoie  Faith Formation Pick-up Day	16 Pray for Fr. William Schambough  Faith Formation Pick-up Day	17 Pray for Fr. Gary Schexnayder  Pro-Life Rosary Faith Formation Pick-up Day	18 Pray for Fr. Andrew Schumacher  Our Lady's Altar Society Meeting 6pm - Church Office	19 Pray for Fr. Clinton Sensat  Stations of the Cross 5:30pm - Church	20 Pray for Fr. Bryce Sibley
21 Pray for Fr. Gregory Simien  Bishop's Services Appeal K.C.'s Shrimp Dinner Pickup Day	22 Pray for Fr. Brent Smith	23 Pray for Fr. William Snyders	24 Pray for Fr. Cedric Sonnier  Pro-Life Rosary	25 Pray for Fr. Cocou C. Sounou  Women's Ultreya 7pm - Parish Hall	26 Pray for Fr. John Stacer  Stations of the Cross 5:30pm - Church	27 Pray for Fr. Joseph Stemmman  6th & 7th Grade Mass 4pm
28 Pray for Fr. Michael Sucharski  New Iberia Poor & Needy	29 Pray for Fr. Jared Stuire	30 Pray for Fr. Brian Taylor	31 Pray for Fr. Arockiadass Vincent Thanaraj  Pro-Life Rosary			

**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.

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

**Q: Why do we use incense at Mass?**

**A:** The use of incense in religious ceremonies and worship is a practice that predates Christianity, and which is also found in many other religious traditions today.

Incense, which is made from resin infused with aromatic spices and oils, is one of those fundamentally human symbols that incorporates more than one of our senses, helping us to reflect on realities that transcend the everyday details of our lives.

The use of incense in the Church’s liturgy — in the Mass, as well as in devotions to the Eucharist and the Liturgy of the Hours — is inspired by the use of incense in the Jewish tradition. In the writings of the Old Testament, we hear about incense being used in the worship of the temple, and Psalm 141 asks, “Let my prayer be incense before you; my uplifted hands an evening offering” (vs. 2). The image here is that, as the incense gently rises to heaven, our prayers also rise to God as something sweet and pleasant.

Another ancient use of incense that has also become part of our Catholic tradition is the idea that when we incense something, it’s because it is something special or sacred. This is why the Book of the Gospel is incensed during the Liturgy of the Word and the bread, wine, priest celebrant, and congregation are incensed at the presentation of the gifts. To this, we can also add the incensing of the Blessed Sacrament during eucharistic adoration and benediction, and the body of the deceased at the end of the Mass of the Resurrection (the Funeral Mass).

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giving of our Time, Talent and Treasure:**

**OUR GIFTS TO GOD February 14<sup>th</sup>**

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Nativity Building Fund .....	\$ 599.00
Ash Wednesday-N.I. Poor & Needy	\$ 462.00
Catholic Charities of Acadiana .....	\$ 264.00

**Thank you for your generosity!!!!**

## TODAY'S READINGS

**Second Sunday of Lent  
February 28, 2021**

**Reading I: Genesis 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18**

- God's request of Abraham to sacrifice his beloved son Isaac seems cruel from our modern perspective. Yet Abraham's obedience rendered divine blessings. Do you think you have such depth of faith?

**Reading II: Romans 8:31b-34**

- St. Paul tries to reassure the Christians in Rome of God's divine providence in our lives. As we continue the Lenten journey, can you recall when have you felt God's protection and comfort?

**Gospel: Mark 9:2-10**

- We hear Mark's account of the apostles' witness of the transfiguration of Jesus. How difficult do you think it was for them not to share this event with anyone until after Jesus rose from the dead?

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## CURRENT EVENTS

**Monday, March 1, 2021**

Faith Formation - 11<sup>th</sup> Grade  
RCIA - 6:30pm - Office

**Tuesday, March 2, 2021**

Mass at 5:30pm

**Wednesday, March 3, 2021**

Pro-Life Rosary - 8:20am - Mass - 9am  
Eucharistic Adoration Holy Hour -  
9:30am - 10:30am - Church  
Faith Formation - 2nd Grade

**Thursday, March 4, 2021**

Mass at 5:30pm  
Pastoral Council Meeting - 6pm - Office

**Friday, March 5, 2021 - First Friday**

OLAS, K.C. Ladies Auxiliary & K.C. Members  
to attend 6:30am Mass  
Stations of the Cross - 5:30pm - Church

**Saturday, March 6, 2021 - First Saturday**

OLAS, K.C. Ladies Auxiliary & K.C. Members  
to attend 9:00am Mass  
Mass at 4pm

Men's ACTS Retreat Pulpit Talk

**Sunday, March 7, 2021**

Masses at: **7am, 9am & 11am**  
Collection for Nativity Building Fund  
Men's ACTS Retreat Pulpit Talk

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.*

		MASS SERVERS March 2 - 7, 2021				
DAY DATE	TIME	CELEBRANT	READERS	LAY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION	ALTAR SERVERS	
Tuesday 3/2/21	5:30pm	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	<i>See Reader Schedule</i>	<i>See Lay Minister Schedule</i>	Sacristan	
Wednesday 3/3/21	9:00am	Fr. Ed Degeyter	<i>See Reader Schedule</i>	<i>See Lay Minister Schedule</i>	Sacristan	
Thursday 3/4/21	5:30pm	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	<i>See Reader Schedule</i>	<i>See Lay Minister Schedule</i>	Sacristan	
Friday 3/5/21	6:30am	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	<i>See Reader Schedule</i>	<i>See Lay Minister Schedule</i>	Sacristan	
Saturday 3/6/21	9:00am	Fr. Ed Degeyter	<i>See Reader Schedule</i>	<i>See Lay Minister Schedule</i>	Ryan Gonsoulin	
	4:00pm	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	<i>See Reader Schedule</i>	<i>See Lay Minister Schedule</i>	Judith Schlicher	
Sunday 3/7/21	7:00am	Fr. Ed Degeyter	<i>See Reader Schedule</i>	<i>See Lay Minister Schedule</i>	Ephraim Trahan Autum Trahan	
	9:00am	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	<i>See Reader Schedule</i>	<i>See Lay Minister Schedule</i>	Luke Salsman Madalynn Salsman	
	11:00am	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	<i>See Reader Schedule</i>	<i>See Lay Minister Schedule</i>	Michael Bertrand Lexi Anderson	

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