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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

BOOKKEEPER:

Linda L. Viator

SECRETARY:

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PASTORAL COUNCIL

PRESIDENT: *Barbara Breaux*

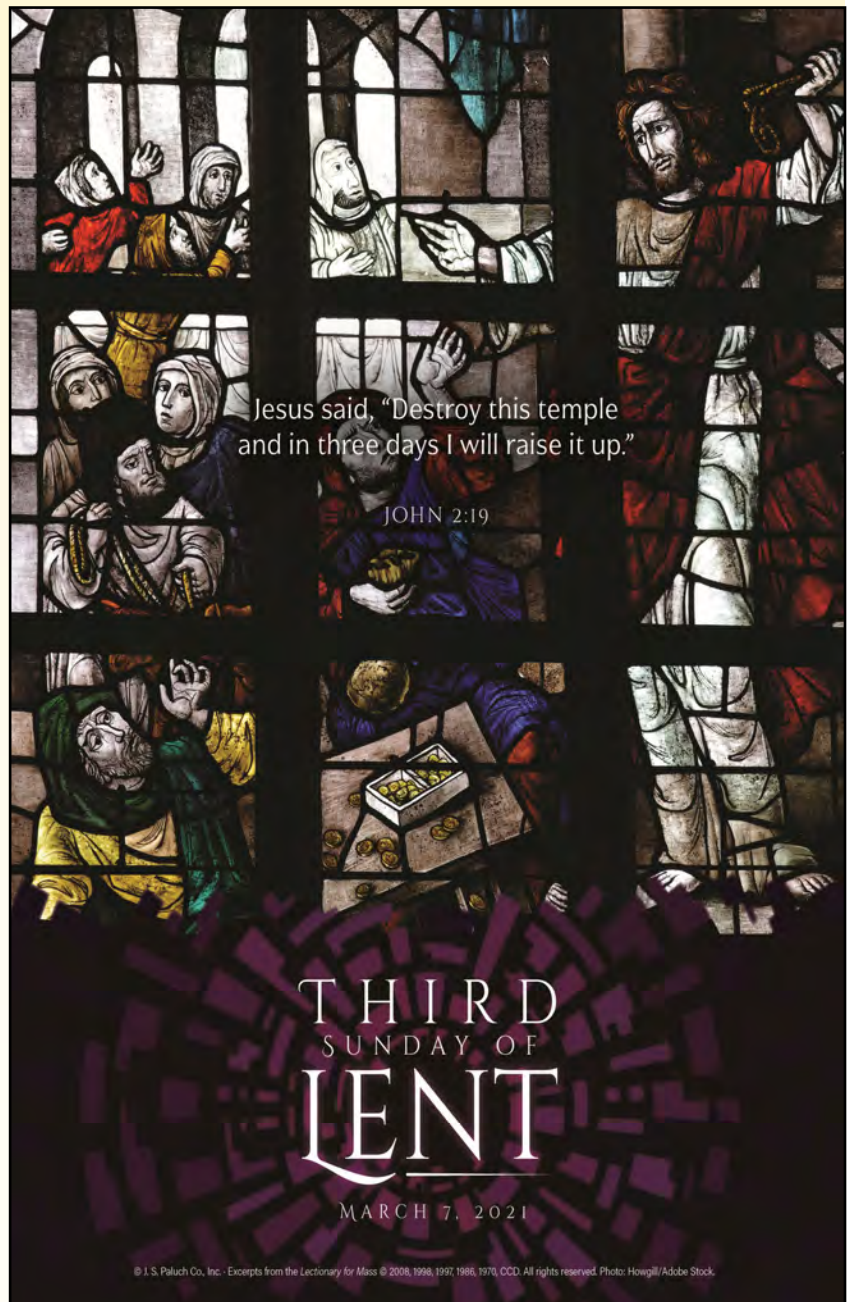
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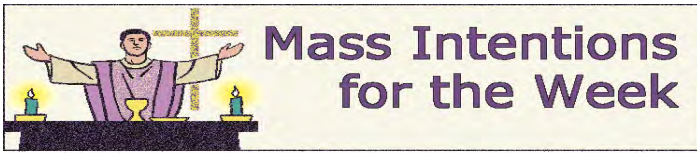
Saturday: 3:00 pm — 3:45 pm and
30 minutes before weekday Masses

ROSARY:

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

Thursday: 5:00 pm





Mass Intentions for the Week

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Tuesday, March 9, 2021

5:30pm Bryan "Bear" Granger

Wednesday, March 10, 2021

9:00am Patty Babineaux Fontenot, Kevin Elmer
Gersie & Rodney Bienvenu, Joseph Viator
M/M Allen Dupre, Agapito A. Castro
Chad Gaspard, Patti Gagnard

6:30pm Confirmation Candidates

Thursday, March 11, 2021

5:30pm Emile Perret, Alan Perret
Carolyn C. Fuselier (liv)(bd)

Friday, March 12, 2021

6:30am Bonnie L. Boudreaux (bd)
Ronnie J. Landy (liv)(bd)

Saturday, March 13, 2021

4:00pm Harvey & Joyce DeCourt, Marcella Brasher
Lynward Ransonet, Caroll J. Navarre, Sr.
Roy Flores, Georgia D. Viator
Jeff Gerrets, Violet Lancon
M/M Preston Broussard, Sr. Susan Trahan

Sunday, March 14, 2021

7:00am Parishioners, Mona B. Simon
Charles Froisy

9:00am Msgr. H. J. Barsen, Irene & O'Neil Simon
Agapito A. Castro, Joseph & Amelia Borel
Melvin Petry, L.J. & Edna Begnaud
Oris & Nancy Gachassin, Martha Tran
Gerald "Bick" Girouard, Quang V. Nguyen
Arthur & Agnes Romero, Loretta Trahan

11:00am Fr. A.J. Boumans, Karen "Kay" Romero
Jules & Leona Broussard
Msgr. J. Robert Romero (liv)
Donna M. Lanza, Dora & Minos Hebert

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.**

Congratulations

Msgr. J. Robert Romero

Celebrating his
46th Year of Ordination
to the Priesthood on
Sunday, March 14, 2021



St. Katharine Drexel Coalition of New Iberia

The Catholic Pastors of New Iberia have come together to form a Coalition of the ACTS Retreats. ACTS is an acronym for Adoration, Community, Theology, and Service. The Pastors have chosen to name the coalition in honor of St. Katharine Drexel as she visited New Iberia and has a concern for us to love God Our Father and love one another in the mind and heart of Jesus Christ. **The ACTS St. Katharine Drexel Coalition** is being missioned by St. Mary Magdalen Church of Abbeville, Louisiana. There are women's and men's ACTS Retreats. We have a men's retreat schedule for May 13-16, 2021. A women's retreat will be scheduled later this year. At the masses of March 6-7, 2021, "pulpit talks" will be given inviting men from Nativity of Our Lady, St. Peter, St. Edward, Our Lady of Perpetual Help, and Sacred Heart of Jesus to attend this first men's retreat. All Catholics in New Iberia are asked to bring the ACTS program to prayer, praying everyone in New Iberia will be blessed with a more intense love of God and neighbor through the ACTS Retreats.

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PICK OF THE WEEK

March 7, 2021

WATCH

EVERYDAY HEROES

Heroism isn't restricted to decorated soldiers or persecuted saints. It's something achievable for all of us even in our ordinary lives. In this documentary, see how the Knights of Columbus have embodied this everyday heroism!



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REFLECTIONS - Third Sunday of Lent - We all know the Ten Commandments. It seems simple enough to follow these rules, but do we really think about what they mean? Reflect on each one and consider what it means in your life. We proclaim one God, but do we create little gods - money, approval, status? Does keeping the Sabbath holy mean attending Mass or is there more to it? Are there ways we might "kill" people without inflicting mortal, physical wounds? Jesus summed up the Commandments: Love God and love your neighbor as yourself. How well are you keeping the Commandments?

"The command of the Lord is clear, enlightening the eye." - Psalm 19:8b

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**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.

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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.

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

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

OUR GIFTS TO GOD February 21st

Loose.....	\$ 1,527.00
Envelopes	\$ 2,566.00
Total (collected).....	\$ 4,093.00
Online Giving offertory.....	\$ 800.00
Mailed in offertory.....	\$ 495.00
Total offertory (week).....	\$ 5,388.00
New Iberia Poor & Needy	\$ 1,010.00

OUR GIFTS TO GOD February 28th

Loose.....	\$ 1,524.00
Envelopes	\$ 4,020.00
Total (collected).....	\$ 5,544.00
Online Giving offertory.....	\$ 944.00
Mailed in offertory.....	\$ 1,960.00
Total offertory (week).....	\$ 8,448.00
Black & Indian Missions Collection \$	886.00

Thank you for your generosity!!!!

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, 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, 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, Alexis Bourque, Alvin LeBlanc, Evan Garbarino, Stephanie Kelly, Harry Buteaux, Jovi Racca, Stephanie Trahan, Dan Claudy, Amber Gaspard, Rosetta Mouton, Keisha Castille, Irene Hebert


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: What's the difference between priests and brothers, friars, etc.?

A: The distinctions titles and categories used for priests and the male members of religious communities can be confusing, especially since the categories can sometimes be intertwined as a man can be both a priest and a monk, or a brother and a friar. So, to help to piece the puzzle together, it's important to begin by noting some basic distinctions:

The distinction between priests (who are ordained for sacramental ministry) and brothers (who are non-ordained members of religious communities and who are committed to lives of prayer and service).

Priests: A priest is a man who has been ordained for sacramental ministry and these fall into two categories: A) Diocesan (or Secular) Priests can either be attached to a diocese and who serve under a bishop. Their ministry is usually oriented toward pastoral service. B) Religious Priests are members of religious communities (like the Franciscans, Jesuits, Salvatorians, or Carmelites) and their lives are guided by the special mission and charism of their community. While both kinds of priest practice sacramental ministry, their spirituality and how they live out their priesthood can be very different.

Brothers: Brothers are non-ordained members of religious communities (such as those mentioned above) who live lives committed to prayer and service. Religious priests and brothers serve together in their communities and their ministries include much more than the care of parishes.

Monks, Friars, and Canons: These are broad categories that include religious priests and brothers, and each of these is connected to specific ways of life and spiritualities.

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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.

TODAY'S READINGS

**Third Sunday of Lent
March 7, 2021**

Reading I: Exodus 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17

- Moses of His “10 Commandments,” seven of the ten Commandments regulate how we are to relate to each other. Which of these seven Commandments challenges you most?

Reading II: 1 Corinthians 1:22-25

- St. Paul speaks of Jesus as both the “power of God and the wisdom of God.” How could you prove St. Paul’s assertion to a non-believer?

Gospel: John 2:13-25

- St. John connects Jesus’ cleansing of the Temple in Jerusalem to Jesus’ bodily resurrection from the dead with a quote from Psalm 69: “Zeal for your house will consume me.” During this season of Lent, how passionate is your faith?

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CURRENT EVENTS

Monday, March 8, 2021

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

Tuesday, March 9, 2021

Mass at 5:30pm
Patriotic Rosary - 6pm - Church
K.C. & Ladies Auxiliary Meeting - 6:30pm
Parish & Barsen Hall

Wednesday, March 10, 2021

Pro-Life Rosary - 8:20am - Mass - 9am
Faith Formation - 2nd Grade
Confirmation - 6:30pm - Church

Thursday, March 11, 2021

Mass at 5:30pm
Baptismal Class - 6:30pm - Office

Friday, March 12, 2021

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

Saturday, March 13, 2021

Baptisms
Mass at 4pm
6th & 7th Grade Faith Formation to participate in 4pm Mass

Sunday, March 14, 2021

Masses at: **7am, 9am & 11am**
Collection for Catholic Relief Services
Msgr. Romero’s 46th Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood

SANCTUARY LIGHT:

*By:
Our Lady’s Altar Society*



LOVE IS A VERB

MASS SERVERS March 9 - 14, 2021					
DAY DATE	TIME	CELEBRANT	READERS	LAY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION	ALTAR SERVERS
Tuesday 3/9/21	5:30pm	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	Pete Aucoin	Percy Barrilleaux	Sacristan
Wednesday 3/10/21	9:00am	Fr. Ed Degeyter	Christine Halphen	Willie & Cynthia Elmer	Sacristan
<i>Confirmation</i>	6:30pm	Bishop Deshotel Msgr. Romero	Confirmation Students	Brenda Romero André Schlicher	Judith Schlicher Jesse Clay
Thursday 3/11/21	5:30pm	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	Madeline Domingues	Percy Barrilleaux	Sacristan
Friday 3/12/21	6:30am	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	Keith Comeaux	Ricky Segura	Sacristan
Saturday 3/13/21	4:00pm	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	Kimberly Clay	Doris & Lionel Louviere	Cohen Schlicher
Sunday 3/14/21	7:00am	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	Janis Dugas	Percy Barrilleaux Brenda Oubre	Jesse Clay Serena Bedia
	9:00am	Fr. Ed Degeyter	Nena Suit	Margo LeBlanc Agnes Castro	Garrett Meaux Michael Bertrand
	11:00am	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	Dona Schexnayder	Peggy Fitch Holly Cambre	Morgan Salsman Sophia Comeaux

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