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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:

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BOOKKEEPER:

Linda L. Viator

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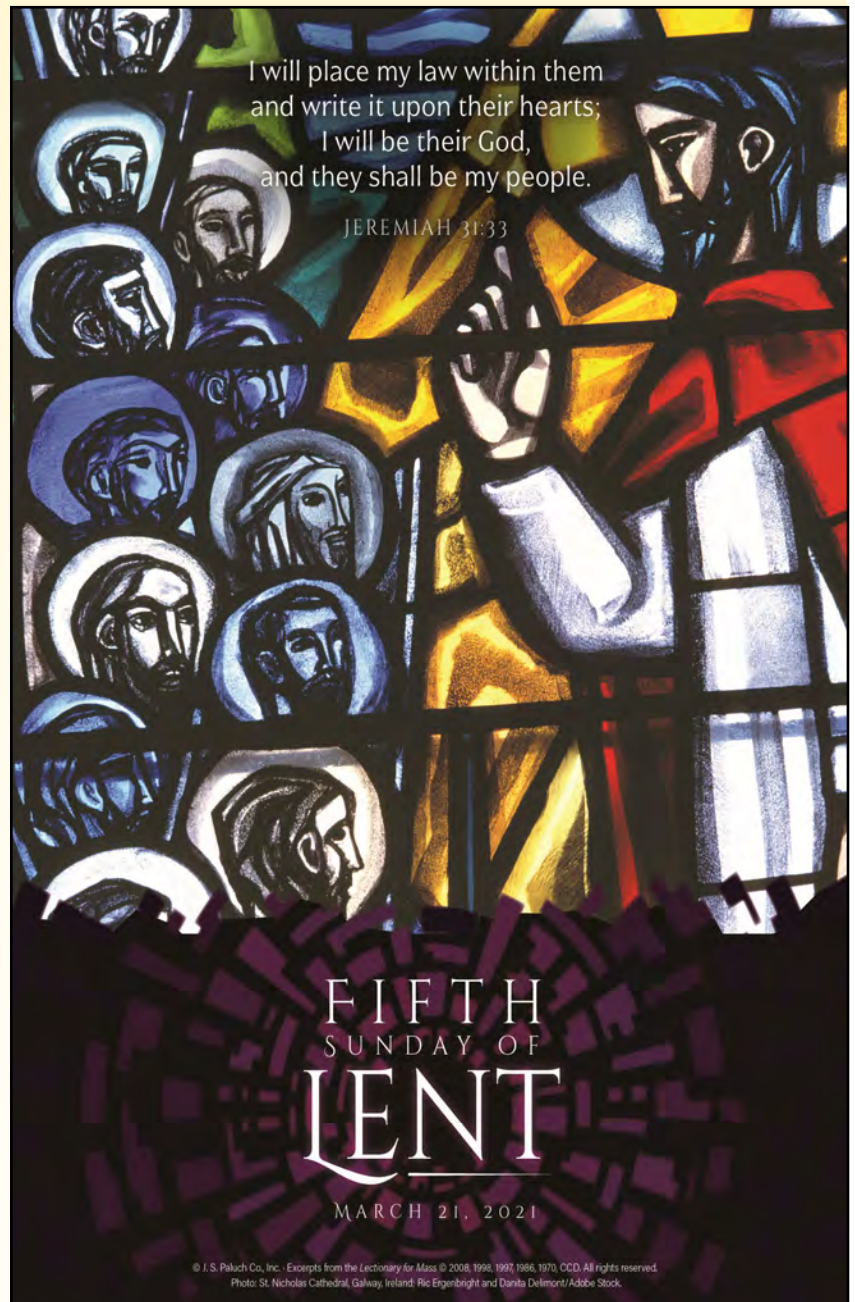
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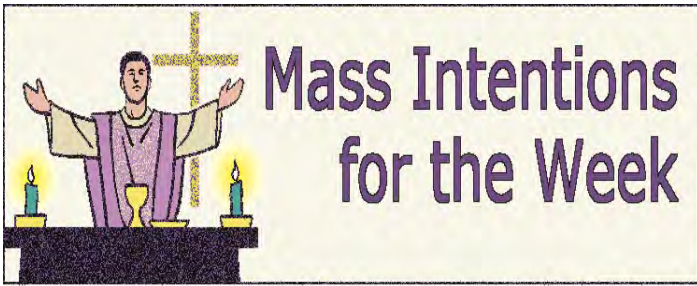
Saturday: 3:00 pm — 3:45 pm and
30 minutes before weekday Masses

ROSARY:

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

Thursday: 5:00 pm





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Tuesday, March 23, 2021

5:30pm Mary Taylor (liv)(bd)

Wednesday, March 24, 2021

9:00am Patty Babineaux Fontenot, Patti Gagnard
Joseph Viator, A Special Intention
In Thanksgiving to St. Jude
Liv. & Dec. Fly of Carrol & Brenda Romero

Thursday, March 25, 2021

5:30pm Bryan "Bear" Granger

Friday, March 26, 2021

6:30am Annette L. Angelle (liv)(bd)

Saturday, March 27, 2021

4:00pm Harvey & Joyce DeCourt, Roy Flores
Lynward Ransonet, Carroll J. Navarre, Sr.
Romero & Walker Fly
Helen Harrison (1 yr ann of death)

Sunday, March 28, 2021

7:00am Parishioners, Mona B. Simon
Charles Froisy, United States of America

9:00am Msgr. H. J. Barsen, Georgia D. Viator
Agapito A. Castro, Martha Tran
Melvin Petry, Clarence & Violet Lancon
Gerald "Bick" Girouard, Quang V. Nguyen
Nancy & Oris Gachassin, Robert Baisden
Conversion of our U.S. Government
Ray J. Breaux, Eve Crochet
Patricia Johnston

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

With Sincere Thanks & Gratitude

Nativity of Our Lady Parishioners and Staff would like to say a heartfelt THANK YOU to Lisa Dooley, who graciously gave her time and shared her talents as our Décor Team Director for 13 years! Lisa, we will miss your loving touch to Nativity of Our Lady Church.

Bishop Deshotel has asked us to remind parishioners that **the wearing of masks or face covering continues to be expected** for Masses and all other church gatherings. This is important to continue our efforts to make all safe from COVID-19 cases.

Thank you for your cooperation.

SANCTUARY LIGHT:

By:
Our Lady's Altar Society



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. 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.

REFLECTIONS - Fifth Sunday of Lent - Knowing God's will is not always easy. It is tempting to allow others to tell us what to do. According to Jeremiah, God has said, "I will place my law within them and write it upon their hearts." The more we seek the guidance of the Holy Spirit, the easier it becomes to know God's will. Others can help guide us in this; but ultimately, we must make our own choices. How do you try to learn God's will? Do you seek the Spirit's help in little everyday things or only in major decisions? How might you become more attuned to God's will?

*"A clean heart create for me, O God,
and a steadfast spirit renew within me." - Psalm 51:10
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1 lb. Boiled Shrimp, Corn & Potato
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Council #12997 Fundraiser

THIS 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.

COMMUNITY IN MADAGASCAR

Poor nutrition can lead to devastating long-term consequences for individuals, communities and entire countries. That's why communities must work together to ensure that all children have access to better food and nutrition. New planting and cooking techniques are helping many communities in Madagascar improve the health and wellbeing of their children. How does your community work together for the good of others? Visit csrricebowl.org to learn more.



Donations for Easter flowers and decorations can now be made by calling the office. 364-8360

Deadline: March 23rd.



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HOLY THURSDAY

April 1st

Holy Thursday commemorates the institution of the Eucharist, so the liturgy of the day is especially devoted to the Sacrament.

The Holy Thursday liturgy will begin at 7:00 in the evening. After the Eucharistic Sacrifice, the Blessed Sacrament will be reposed in the tabernacle for an hour of prayer. Please make plans to join our Lord in prayer.

GOOD FRIDAY

April 2nd

The Good Friday Service will be at 3:00pm, and it will consist of the Liturgy of the Word, the Veneration of the Cross, and Holy Communion.

EASTER VIGIL

April 3rd

The Easter Vigil will begin at 8pm in all parishes in the Diocese of Lafayette. It will consist of the Service of Light; the Liturgy of the Word, the renewal of our Baptismal Promises and the Liturgy of the Eucharist.

NOTE: NO 3pm Confessions and NO 4pm MASS.

EASTER SUNDAY MASSES

April 4th

**7:00 AM
9:00 AM
11:00 AM**

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

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Loose.....	\$ 1,008.00
Envelopes	\$ 2,563.00
Total (collected).....	\$ 3,571.00
Online Giving offertory.....	\$ 1,855.00
Mailed in offertory.....	\$ 1,559.00
Total offertory (week).....	\$ 6,985.00
Catholic Relief Services.....	\$ 731.00

Thank you for your generosity!!!!

Confirmation Class of 2021

Confirmed March 10, 2021

May God Bless All Of You To The Fullest!



Zachary Adams
 Nicholas Aguiard
 Lexi Anderson
 Alex Boutte'
 Tori Broussard
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 Hunter Miguez
 Bailey Mire

Alix Peré
 Taylor Peré
 Cali Prevost
 Zachary Richard
 Cye Romero
 Cohen Schlicher

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, Tricia Estave, Christine Jumonville

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 is spiritual communion, and do you need to be in a state of grace to receive it?

A: The practice of making a “spiritual communion” dates back several centuries and St. Thomas Aquinas described it as “an ardent desire to receive Jesus in the Holy Sacrament and a loving embrace as though we had already received Him.” Traditionally, a prayer of spiritual communion has been used by those who are unable to receive sacramental communion because of health, inability to attend Mass, or who cannot receive communion because of grave sin. This practice has been encouraged by many saints and spiritual writers and most recently Pope Francis encouraged the practice when the realities of the COVID-19 pandemic prevented so many Catholics from taking part in the Mass or receiving sacramental communion.

Although the graces offered in spiritual communion are not the same as those offered in the sacramental communion of the Mass, this practice is still a powerful opportunity to express our desire for union with the Lord and to be united with Christ and the Church, even in an imperfect way.

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TODAY'S READINGS

Fifth Sunday of Lent
March 21, 2021

Reading I: Jeremiah 31:31-34

- Around 600 BC, Jeremiah prophesied that God would establish a new, unbreakable covenant with his people, one written “upon their hearts.” In what ways is your faith heart-felt?

Reading II: Hebrews 5:7-9

- The author of Hebrews teaches us that Jesus learned “obedience” from his suffering. What have been some fruits from the suffering in your life?

Gospel: John 12:20-33

- We hear today of Jesus’ own struggle with his impending death. During this Lenten season, what has been a struggle for you?

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Nativity of Our Lady Youth Group

...will be hosting its very first **online auction** on April 25th, from 2pm-6pm and is looking for donations. If any businesses or person of talent would like to donate please contact Macie Monté at 337-967-9543.

CURRENT EVENTS

Monday, March 22, 2021

RCIA - 6:30pm - Office

Tuesday, March 23, 2021

Mass at 5:30pm

Wednesday, March 24, 2021

Pro-Life Rosary - 8:20am - Mass - 9am

Faith Formation - 2nd Grade

Thursday, March 25, 2021

Mass at 5:30pm

Women’s Ultreya - 7pm - Parish Hall

Friday, March 26, 2021

Mass at 6:30am

Stations of the Cross - 5:30pm - Church

Saturday, March 27, 2021

Mass at 4pm

Sunday, March 28, 2021

Masses at: **7am, 9am & 11am**

Collection for New Iberia Poor & Needy



Project Joseph (for men suffering after an abortion) is coming to the Diocese of Lafayette.

In honor of the year of St. Joseph, The Office of Pro-Life Apostolate will be offering the Diocese of Lafayette’s first Project Joseph Retreat exclusively for men. This ministry offers men the opportunity to heal after an abortion. If you or someone you know would like to attend a Project Joseph Retreat, please call 337-261-5598. Upcoming retreat is scheduled for Summer of 2021! Pre-registration is required. All inquiries are confidential

MASS SERVERS March 23 - 28, 2021					
DAY DATE	TIME	CELEBRANT	READERS	LAY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION	ALTAR SERVERS
Tuesday 3/23/21	5:30pm	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	Pete Aucoin	Mary Taylor	Sacristan
Wednesday 3/24/21	9:00am	Fr. Ed Degeyter	Christine Halphen	Curt Fontenot	Sacristan
Thursday 3/25/21	5:30pm	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	Madeline Domingues	Brenda Romero	Sacristan
Friday 3/26/21	6:30am	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	Keith Comeaux	Mike Degeyter	Sacristan
Saturday 3/27/21	4:00pm	Fr. Ed Degeyter	Kimberly Clay	Brenda Robicheaux Curt Fontenot	Ryan Gonsoulin Sophia Comeaux
Sunday 3/28/21	7:00am	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	Ellen Claudy	Janis Dugas Brenda Oubre	Jesse Clay Serena Bedia
	9:00am	Fr. Ed Degeyter	Nena Suit	Karl & Sarah Boudreaux	Cohen Schlicher
	11:00am	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	Margo LeBlanc	Holli Cambre Rickey Huval	Morgan Salsman Lexi Anderson

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