

# *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 Degeyter*

## **BOOKKEEPER:**

*Linda L. Viator*

## **SECRETARY:**

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## **PASTORAL COUNCIL**

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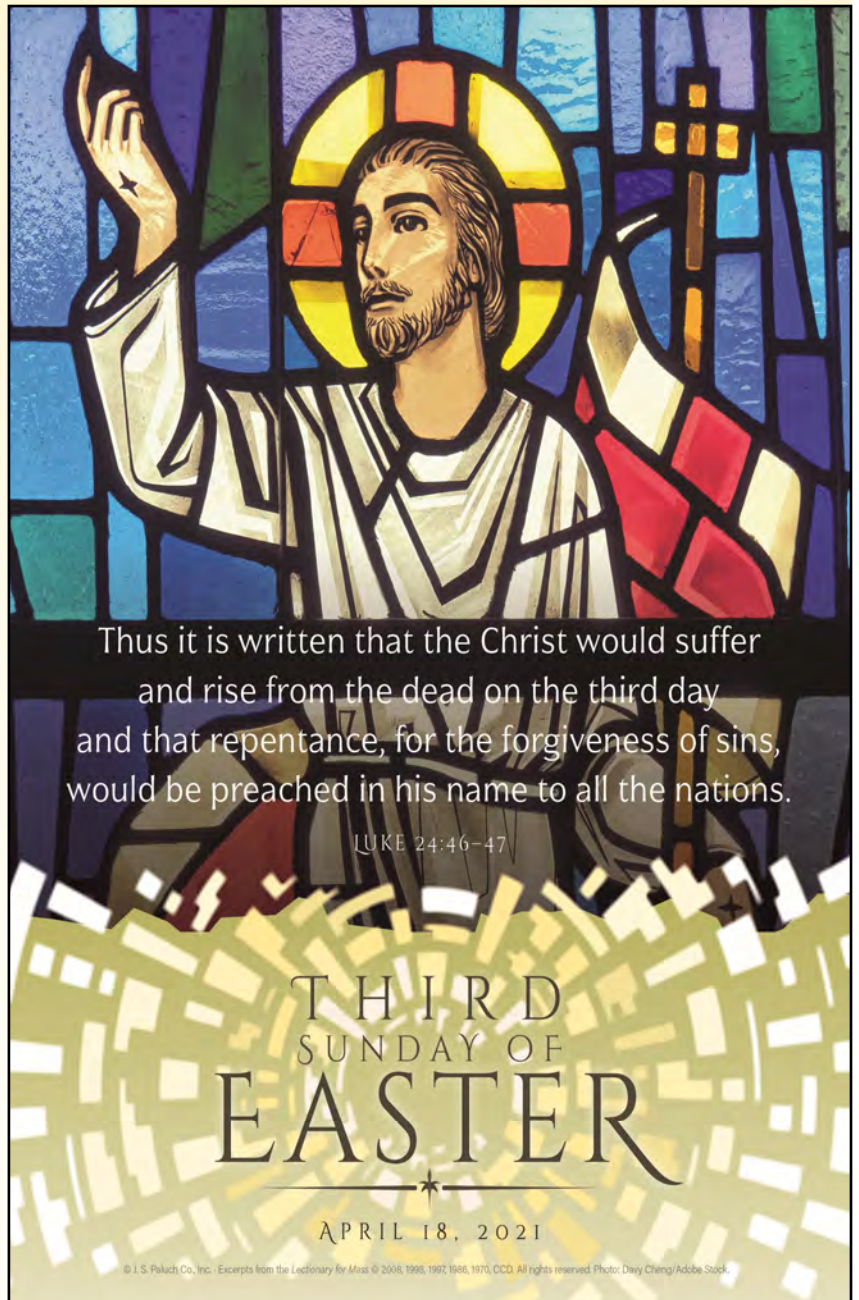
## **RECONCILIATION:**

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, April 20, 2021**

**5:30pm** Tommy Breaux, Sr. (bd), Earl Weber

**Wednesday, April 21, 2021**

**9:00am** Joseph Viator, Lloyd & Nina Geoffroy  
Patti Gagnard, Albert Rodriguez  
R.L. Bernard, Vance Rodriguez

**Thursday, April 22, 2021**

**5:30pm** Bonnie L. Boudreaux (ann of death)

**Friday, April 23, 2021**

**6:30am** Willie Verret, Sr. (bd)  
Linda Viator (liv)(bd)

**Saturday, April 24, 2021**

**4:00pm** Harvey & Joyce DeCourt, Roy Flores  
Lynward Ransonet, Carroll J. Navarre, Sr.  
Clyde Guyote, M/M Israel Olivier  
Agnes (liv) & Winclise Bourque  
Waverly Ramirez, M/M Lucius Smith  
M/M Holden Quebedeaux  
M/M Luke Stelly, Clevance Olivier  
Liv. & Dec. Fly of Carrol & Brenda Romero

**Sunday, April 25, 2021**

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

**9:00am** Msgr. H. J. Barsen, Agapito A. Castro  
Melvin Petry, Clarence & Violet Lancon  
Gerald "Bick" Girouard, Quang V. Nguyen  
Martha Tran, Nancy & Oris Gachassin  
Liv. & Dec. Fly of Warren & Sandra Gaspard

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

### Prayer for Peace

Lord, You have given all mankind one common origin, and it is Your will that we live together as one human family in joy and peace.

By sharing the blessings that come from You, we have the ability to secure the justice and courage You want every one of Your children to enjoy.

Help me to do my part to end hurt and strife. Help me to see the world, not just as it is, but as You would have it be, and to use my personal blessings and gifts to create love, peace, and glory to You every day. In Jesus' name, Amen.

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:

*In Memory Of:  
Maudrey C. Landry*



### 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 - Third Sunday of Easter** - Catholic tradition has not encouraged the laity to explore the Scriptures on their own. Sunday readings and the accompanying homily were deemed sufficient. Since Vatican II, the attitude has changed. More people are reading and reflecting on the Scriptures in groups and alone. There are many resources available to help us. Consider making an effort to use these resources and making time to reflect on the Scriptures. If you can, join with others who are interested in reflecting on the Scriptures. There is no particular order you must use but a good place to start might be Paul's letters to the Corinthians. Select what draws your attention and use a commentary too.

*"O Lord, Let the light of your countenance shine upon us." - Psalm 4:6*

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**Annual Mother's Day of Reflection**

The Annual Mothers' Day of Reflection will be held on **Wednesday, May 5, 2021** at the Immaculata Center (1408 Carmel Drive, Lafayette 70501). Join us as Laura Huval, founder of Joyful Noise Ministries, discusses "Scripture & Song" and "Overwhelmed: How to Let Go"

The day will begin promptly at 9:00 AM and end at 2:00 PM. The cost for the day is \$25.00, which includes your lunch and materials for the day. Visit [www.diolaf.org/marriage](http://www.diolaf.org/marriage) to register. **Pre-registration is required no later than April 30th.**

Laura Berard Huval is the founder of Joyful Noise Ministries. She is a wife and mother, a Catholic School music educator, a recording artist, a member of the music group, Sweet Cecilia, and founder of the Al Berard Memorial Music Fund. Huval is a native of the culturally rich community of Cecilia, Louisiana where she is a parishioner of St. Joseph's Catholic Church. She and her husband Adrian have two sons, Nate and Rex, and reside in Cecilia, Louisiana. [www.laurahuval.com](http://www.laurahuval.com)

Due to COVID restriction, masks are required in the building and we will be social distancing. Also, we will be emailing you a COVID questionnaire that will be required upon entry.

**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.

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**Nativity of Our Lady Youth Group**

...will be hosting its very first **online auction** starting at 2pm on April 25<sup>th</sup> and ending at 6pm on May 2<sup>nd</sup>. If any businesses or person of talent would like to donate please contact Macie Monté at 337-967-9543, the last day to donate is April 18<sup>th</sup>. Anyone interested in participating in the event can join our Facebook group, at Nativity Youth Group Online Fund-raiser.

## 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: Do children need to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation before their First Communion?**

**A:** For centuries the Catholic Church has taught that a person needs to be in a state of grace (free from mortal sins) in order to worthily receive the Eucharist. To that end, Catholics should make an effort to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation any time they recognize the need for the sacrament (and in keeping with the precept of the Church that asks that we celebrate this sacrament at least once each year).

In the case of children preparing for their First Communion, the Code of Canon Law is very clear that they should also celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation before receiving the Eucharist for the first time: "It is the responsibility, in the first place, of parents and those who take the place of parents as well as of the pastor to see that children who have reached the use of reason are correctly prepared and are nourished by the divine food as early as possible, preceded by sacramental confession" (Canon 914).

While some might question the significance of the Sacrament of Reconciliation — especially in the case of children who might not fully understand the reality of sin or the meaning of the sacrament itself — a child's "First Confession" can be a wonderful time for families to reflect together on the quality of their relationships, how they put their faith into practice, and, when it is possible, to celebrate the sacrament as a family. In the end, the celebration of these two sacraments marks important moments in the spiritual journeys of children and we hope their "First Confession" and "First Communion" help instill in them a love of the sacraments of the Church.

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Now that COVID-19 restrictions are starting to improve...

### ***Is your dormant bulb ready to bloom?***

#### ***Nativity Wake Ministry***

"Blessed are they who mourn, for they will be comforted." Matthew 5:4

Leading and reciting the Rosary at the funeral home with the family who has lost a loved one is a great help and comfort to those in grief. The Coordinator is Ruth Bernard and there are multiple teams. If you are interested in joining this ministry or for more information, please call Ruth Bernard @ 337-364-9748.

#### ***Our Lady of Sorrow***

Helping cook food for a family who has lost a loved one is a great help and comfort to those in grief. We are in need of volunteers at this time. Please consider using your time and talents in this beautiful ministry. Call Barbara Breaux @ 337-365-7133 or the office @ 337-364-8360 to inquire.

## TODAY'S READINGS

**Third Sunday of Easter**  
**April 18, 2021**

**Reading I: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19**

- In publicly bearing witness to Jesus' resurrection, Peter urged the people to repent of their sin of ignorance and their denial of Jesus. How does Jesus' resurrection from the dead inspire you to repentance?

**Reading II: 1 John 2:1-5a**

- John teaches his community that the key to avoiding sin is to follow Jesus' commandments. What do you find challenging in this seemingly simple and clear instruction?

**Gospel: Luke 24:35-48**

- Luke tells us that the resurrected Jesus opened the minds of the disciples "to understand the Scriptures" and see how his suffering, death, and resurrection was connected to repentance and forgiveness of sins. What tools do you use to better understand our faith?

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## CURRENT EVENTS

**Tuesday, April 20, 2021**

Mass at 5:30pm  
Faith Formation Pick-up Day -  
Grades 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 & 10

**Wednesday, April 21, 2021**

Pro-Life Rosary - 8:20am - Mass - 9am  
Faith Formation Pick-up Day - Grades 1, 3, & 4

**Thursday, April 22, 2021**

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

**Friday, April 23, 2021**

Mass at 6:30am

**Saturday, April 24, 2021**

Mass at 4pm  
5<sup>th</sup> Grade Faith Formation to  
participate in 4pm Mass

**Sunday, April 25, 2021**

Masses at: 7am, 9am & 11am  
Collection for New Iberia Poor & Needy

### National Infertility Awareness Week April 18-24, 2021

"Struggling with infertility and miscarriage is a great burden for couples, especially when they so deeply desire to live out their vocation to welcome the gift of children from God. All may seem hopeless. In moments such as these, remember that despite infertility, couples "can have a married life that is filled with love and meaning". For more resources, please visit <https://www.usccb.org/topics/natural-family-planning/infertility>

MASS SERVERS April 20 - 25, 2021					
DAY DATE	TIME	CELEBRANT	READERS	LAY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION	ALTAR SERVERS
<b>Tuesday</b> 4/20/21	<b>5:30pm</b>	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	Pete Aucoin	Mary Taylor	Sacristan
<b>Wednesday</b> 4/21/21	<b>9:00am</b>	Fr. Ed Degeyter	Ginger Comeaux	Linda Viator	Sacristan
<b>Thursday</b> 4/22/21	<b>5:30pm</b>	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	Madeline Domingues	Brenda Romero	Sacristan
<b>Friday</b> 4/23/21	<b>6:30am</b>	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	Chad Courtois	Mike Degeyter	Sacristan
<b>Saturday</b> 4/24/21	<b>4:00pm</b>	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	Dona Schexnayder	Brenda Robicheaux Curt Fontenot	Ryan Gonsoulin Cohen Schlicher
<b>Sunday</b> 4/25/21	<b>7:00am</b>	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	Ellen Claudy	Janis Dugas Brenda Oubre	Jesse Clay Serena Bedia
	<b>9:00am</b>	Fr. Ed Degeyter	Margo LeBlanc	Karl & Sarah Boudreaux	Morgan Salsman Madalynn Salsman
	<b>11:00am</b>	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	Carmen Nicholson	Holli Cambre Rickey Huval	Michael Bertrand Lexi Anderson

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