

# *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*

## **BOOKKEEPER:**

*Linda L. Viator*

## **SECRETARY:**

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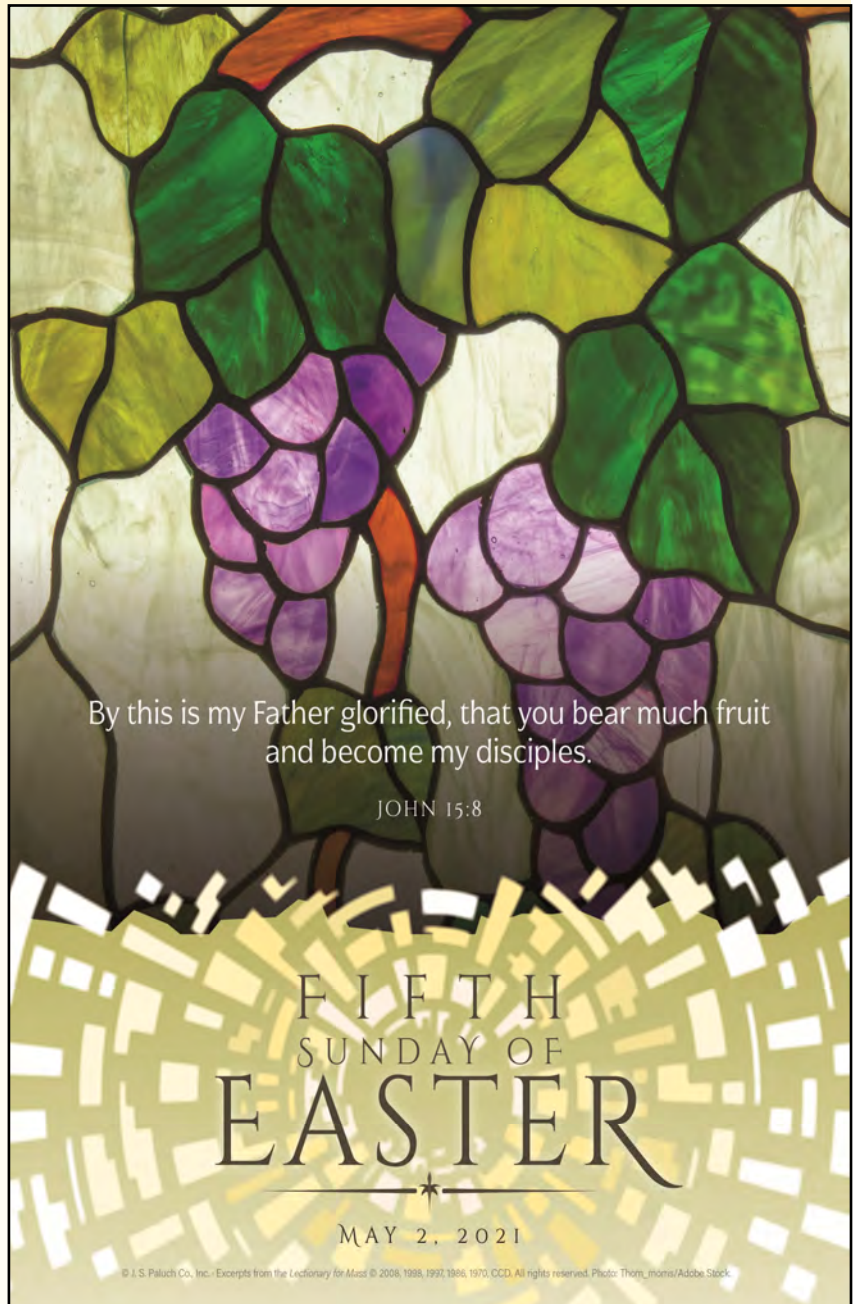
## **RECONCILIATION:**


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

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**Tuesday, May 4, 2021**

**5:30pm** Clarence Lancon, Earl Weber

**Wednesday, May 5, 2021**

**9:00am** Joseph Viator, Patti Gagnard

Ray Comeaux, Rodney Comeaux

Joyce Broussard, Lorna G. David

**Thursday, May 6, 2021**

**5:30pm** Larry Melancon

**Friday, May 7, 2021 - First Friday**

**6:30am** Don Taylor, Martin "Lee" Broussard

Janell Broussard, United States Military

United States of America

**Saturday, May 8, 2021**

**4:00pm** Harvey & Joyce DeCourt, Bill Ramirez

Lynward Ransonet, Carroll J. Navarre, Sr.

Rita Sandoz, M/M Alphan Fontenot

M/M Allen Dupre, Sharon Jones

Maudry Pellerin, Mae Domingue

June C. Guyote, Gertrude Derise

Malvina Broussard, Donald Dupuis

M/M Pastor Chauvin, Andrew Dupuis

Antoine & Marie Judice, Hope Ramirez

Dalton & Vernice Robicheaux, Lily Elmer

Leslie Romero, M/M Clay Walker

M/M Israel Olivier, M/M Lucius Smith

M/M Holden Quebedeaux, Roy Flores

M/M Luke Stelly, Clevance Olivier

Mabel Smith, Elizabeth Delahoussaye

**Sunday, May 9, 2021**

**7:00am** Parishioners, Doralisse Hebert

Mona B. Simon, Janell Broussard

Barbara Boudoin LeBlanc, Charles Froisy

**9:00am** Msgr. H. J. Barsen, Agapito A. Castro

Melvin Petry, Clarence & Violet Lancon

Gerald "Bick" Girouard, Quang V. Nguyen

Martha Tran, Nancy Gachassin

Henry McDonald & deceased mothers

Loretta Trahan, Sharon Cunningham

L.J. & Edna Begnaud, Dee Butler

Joseph & Amelia Borel, Robert Baisden

Arthur & Agnes Romero, Georgia D. Viator

Gloria & Cyrus Rider, Maudrey C. Landry

Bonnie L. Boudreaux, Elise D. Viator

Mercedes B. Viator, Susan M. Trahan

Mable B. Pennison, Ruth Vizanat

Carolyn C. Fuselier, Larry Delcambre

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*



**Sunday, May 9, 2021 - Continued**

**9:00am** Joe & Pearl Jabbia, Ed "Butch" Nelson

Issac & Georgia Delcambre

**11:00am** Fr. A.J. Boumans, Leona Broussard

Donna M. Lanza, Eve Crochet

Harvey & Joyce DeCourt, Yvonne Gagnard

June Aucoin, Senora Aucoin

Viola LeGendre, Rosa Cangemi

Prejean, Moss & Anslem mothers

Lydia Olivier, Minos & Dora C. Hebert

Thonis & Lorena Buteaux, Harry Buteaux

### Annual Baby Bottle Campaign

A fundraising campaign will be held next weekend to benefit the Unexpected Pregnancy Center which serves Iberia, St. Mary and St. Martin Parishes. Because of your generous donations in the past, the center is able to provide pregnancy testing, consulting, ultrasound imaging, maternal-family education, as well as adoption options and other services to pregnant women in need all free of charge. Since opening in 2018, the center has served over 280 pregnant women in our community. *After receiving these services, over 80% of abortion minded mothers will choose life rather than abortion.*

**Blue envelopes will be distributed after all services next week  
for you to fill and return the following week.**

Join us in

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**REFLECTIONS - Fifth Sunday of Easter** - "I am the vine, you are the branches." To bear fruit, we must be connected to the vine. Consider what it means to be connected to the vine. What do you do to stay connected? What role would study and reflection on the scriptures have in the effort? How does your connection to the vine influence and inform your choices and actions?

*"Let us love in deed and in truth  
and not merely talk about it." - 1 John 3:18  
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**Building Intergeneration Wealth**

Nativity of Our Lady Church, Ben L. Kiper, K.C. Council #12997 is hosting a group viewing of "Building Intergenerational Wealth" at Nativity Parish Hall on Tuesday, May 4, 2021 at 7pm. Please call Ricky Segura @ 337-967-3650 or Terry Broussard @ 337-967-1035 if interested. Men and women are invited.

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

**OUR GIFTS TO GOD April 25<sup>th</sup>**

Loose.....	\$ 1,525.00
Envelopes .....	\$ 2,506.00
Total (collected).....	\$ 4,031.00
Online Giving offertory.....	\$ 944.00
Mailed in offertory.....	\$ 345.00
Total offertory (week) .....	\$ 5,320.00
New Iberia Poor & Needy.....	\$ 1,053.00

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

**MAY 5<sup>TH</sup>  
SPEND  
-A-DAY**

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Students will spend a full day at CHS and get to experience what it's like to be a Panther. You must sign up by going to our website, clicking Spend-A-Day, and completing the sign up form.

**[www.chspanthers.com](http://www.chspanthers.com)**



**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.

**First Communicants  
Of 2021**

Abgail Comeaux  
Allie Comeaux  
William Davis  
Kylon Delcambre  
Luke Derise

Lux Ellison  
Gabriela Guidry  
Caroline Huval  
Juliet Mason

Mollie Matt  
Khoi Nguyen  
Elliana Oliva  
Anna-Katherine Popp

Olivia Romero  
Benjamin Trahan  
Genevieve Vidrine  
Reeve Williams



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## 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 Aguilard, 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, Amber Gaspard, Rosetta Mouton, Keisha Castille, Irene Hebert, Tricia Estave, Christine Jumonville, Max Borres

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

**Q: My best friend is Lutheran and is a good Christian. I would like her to be my child's sponsor, but I'm wondering, does she have to be a practicing Catholic?**

**A:** The practice of two godparents for an infant's baptism goes back to the time when church law and civil law were one and the same in Europe. If anything did happen to the parents, the custody and well-being of the child became the responsibility of the godparents. For Adult baptism, it is required that one have a sponsor from the church who would act as a guide or mentor, in bringing the person to faith.

Today, being a godparent has no legal implications according to civil law. It is a spiritual matter. We need at least one godparent who must be a practicing Catholic. A non-Catholic Christian is not a godparent but can be a Christian witness. This distinction recognizes the difference between faith and religion. A Christian can be a witness because of his or her relationship to God (faith), but the Catholic is a mentor in the practice of the religion.

In any event, it is vital that parents give serious consideration to the people they choose to be a child's godparent. That choice should be based on practice of faith, solid moral character, and ability to give good example. Too often the choice is left to whose turn it is in the family, or to friends that parents wish to honor or acknowledge in some way. The choice of godparents is the first lesson of faith a parent teaches their child. Make it count!

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

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

#### ***Altar Server***

A beautiful way for the young people of our parish to get into ministry is to serve Our Lord on the altar. To be so close when the host and wine are changed into the Body and Blood of Christ! Wow! It's a way to serve the people in the church also. Anyone at the end of his or her 4<sup>th</sup> grade year or older wishing to serve in this wonderful ministry, call Andréé Schlicher @ 337-577-1414.

***Sign-up forms (for all our ministries)  
are at the doors of church.***

## TODAY'S READINGS

### Fifth Sunday of Easter May 2, 2021

**Reading I: Acts 9:26-31**

- Today's reading records the initial reaction of the Disciples to Paul's conversion. What do you think would have been the Disciples' main concern?

**Reading II: 1 John 3:18-24**

- John challenges his community to love one another in both word and deed. What obstacles stand in the way of this charge?

**Gospel: John 15:1-8**

- What do you think Jesus means when he says believers are "pruned" by God in order to bear more fruit?

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### Retrouvaille Weekend

Retrouvaille is a program for troubled marriages. The weekend provides a safe setting; encouraging couples to learn communication in marriage in a respectful manner. Visit the website for more information about upcoming retreat weekends and to register [www.helpourmarriage.com](http://www.helpourmarriage.com).

## CURRENT EVENTS

**Tuesday, May 4, 2021**

Mass at 5:30pm

**Wednesday, May 5, 2021**

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

Eucharistic Adoration Holy Hour -  
9:30am - 10:30am - Church

**Thursday, May 6, 2021**

Mass at 5:30pm

**Friday, May 7, 2021 - First Friday**

OLAS, K.C. Ladies Auxiliary & K.C. Members  
to attend 6:30am Mass

**Saturday, May 8, 2021**

4<sup>th</sup> Grade Faith Formation Mass - 4pm

Mass at 4pm

**Sunday, May 9, 2021**

Masses at: 7am, 9am & 11am

Collection for New Iberia Poor & Needy

Baby "Bottle" Campaign - Envelopes Distributed

### 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>. Anyone interested in participating in the event can join our Facebook group, at Nativity Youth Group Online Fundraiser.

		MASS SERVERS May 4 - 9, 2021			
DAY DATE	TIME	CELEBRANT	READERS	LAY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION	ALTAR SERVERS
Tuesday 5/4/21	5:30pm	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	<i>See Reader Schedule</i>	<i>See Lay Minister Schedule</i>	Sacristan
Wednesday 5/5/21	9:00am	Fr. Ed Degeyter	<i>See Reader Schedule</i>	<i>See Lay Minister Schedule</i>	Sacristan
Thursday 5/6/21	5:30pm	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	<i>See Reader Schedule</i>	<i>See Lay Minister Schedule</i>	Sacristan
Friday 5/7/21	6:30am	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	<i>See Reader Schedule</i>	<i>See Lay Minister Schedule</i>	Sacristan
Saturday 5/8/21	4:00pm	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	<i>See Reader Schedule</i>	<i>See Lay Minister Schedule</i>	<i>See Altar Server Schedule</i>
Sunday 5/9/21	7:00am	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	<i>See Reader Schedule</i>	<i>See Lay Minister Schedule</i>	<i>See Altar Server Schedule</i>
	9:00am	Fr. Ed Degeyter	<i>See Reader Schedule</i>	<i>See Lay Minister Schedule</i>	<i>See Altar Server Schedule</i>
	11:00am	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	<i>See Reader Schedule</i>	<i>See Lay Minister Schedule</i>	<i>See Altar Server Schedule</i>

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