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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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## **DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:**

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## **PASTORAL COUNCIL**

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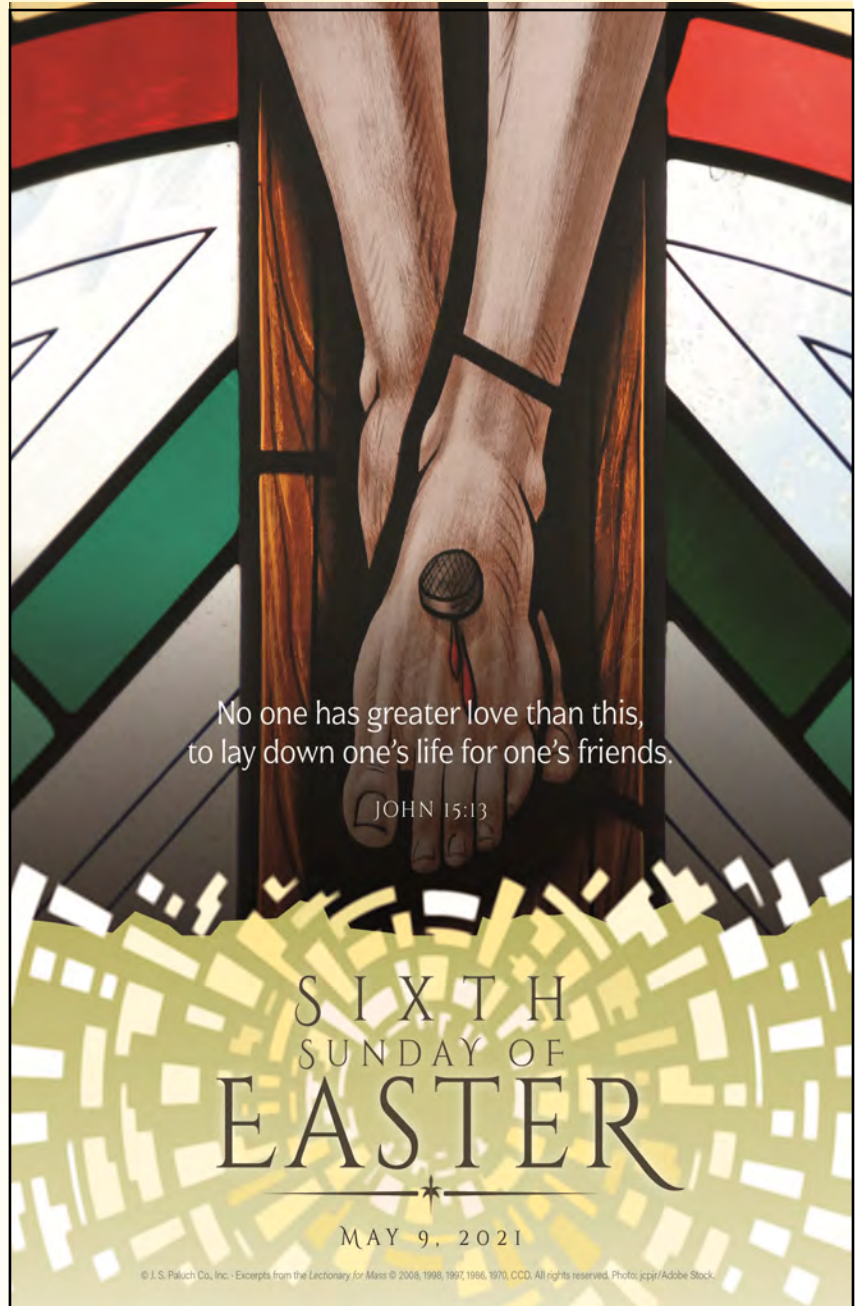
## **RECONCILIATION:**


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, May 11, 2021**

**5:30pm** Fr. Ralph J. Landry (bd)  
Matthew Boudreaux (liv)(bd)

**Wednesday, May 12, 2021**

**9:00am** Joseph Viator, Patti Gagnard  
M/M Clevis Romero, Jr. & Rickey

**Thursday, May 13, 2021**

**5:30pm** Curley J. Broussard  
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**Friday, May 14, 2021**

**6:30am** Larry Melancon

**Saturday, May 15, 2021**

**4:00pm** Harvey & Joyce DeCourt, Marcella Brasher  
Lynward Ransonet, Carroll J. Navarre, Sr.  
Howard & Dustin McCoy  
M/M Paul Domingue, Tim Domingue  
James Ramirez, Enault Cavalier  
M/M Israel Olivier, M/M Lucius Smith  
M/M Holden Quebedeaux  
M/M Luke Stelly, Cleavance Olivier  
James "Zeke" Abadie

**Sunday, May 16, 2021**

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

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

**11:00am** Fr. A.J. Boumans, James Elwood Comeaux  
Donna M. Lanza, David Paul Comeaux  
Ali Scully (liv)(bd), Clevis Romero, Sr.

### Words of Wisdom from Saint (Mother) Teresa of Calcutta

"Some in our country call God *Ishwar*. Others call him *Allah*. And others just call Him *God*. Every one of us has to recognize that He created us for greater things, such as to love and be loved. Who are we to keep our people from looking for God who has created them, who loves them, and to whom we all must return one day?"

### SANCTUARY LIGHT:

*In Memory Of:  
Judice & Dupuis Fly*



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.*

### Baby Bottle Campaign for the Unexpected Pregnancy Center

*Blue Envelopes* will be distributed at the exits of church after all Masses this Weekend.

Thank you in joining us in  
Honoring Life and Preserving the Family



### A Special Mother's Day Prayer:

Mary, Mother of Jesus, we come before you on this Mother's Day to pray for our own special mothers.

May they, like you, be especially blessed by God.

May they be gifted with goodness and grace. Peace and contentment, wisdom and patience, and abundant love and joy.

Bless too, all of our mothers who now rest with you in the heart of God. May the memory of their love and care enrich and sustain us Always.

Gracious and loving Mary, Mother of Jesus, pray for all mothers the world over on this, their special day.

*Amen.*

*Happy Mother's Day!*

**REFLECTIONS - Sixth Sunday of Easter** - The key message and command that Jesus has given to us is that we must love one another as he has loved us. What does it mean to truly love others? Do you have to have warm, fuzzy feelings to affirm that you "love" someone? Can anyone be excluded from our love? Read and reflect on the passage from First Corinthians, Chapter 13, verses 4 through 7. Consider how lovingly you treat others whether they are friend, foe, or stranger.

*"As the Father has loved me; so I have loved you. Live on in my love." - John 15:9*

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 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.

**Fr. Ed Degeyter Seminary Burse:**  
 The Office of Vocations continues to collect for the Burse in Father Ed's honor. A seminary trust fund is to pay for the diocese's annual cost of seminary formation. Currently, the interest from the trust pays 20% of this expense, while the remainder is supplemented by funds raised during the BSA Campaign. The goal of the burse is \$15,000 which represented the total cost of a single seminarian when it was first established, although today the cost is \$200,000.  
 Please make the check payable to: Lafayette Diocese Office of Vocations/Fr. Ed Degeyter Burse # 455:  
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**We are a sacrificial giving Parish,  
giving of our Time, Talent and Treasure:**

**OUR GIFTS TO GOD May 2<sup>nd</sup>**

Loose.....	\$ 1,369.10
Envelopes .....	\$ 2,718.00
Total (collected).....	\$ 4,087.10
Online Giving offertory.....	\$ 890.00
Mailed in offertory.....	\$ 1,512.00
Total offertory (week) .....	\$ 6,489.10
Nativity Building Fund.....	\$ 682.00

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

**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.

**Graduating 2021 Seniors:**

*Nativity of Our Lady is having a Mass for  
all graduating seniors on  
Tuesday, May 11, 2021 at 5:30pm.*

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

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.

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

**Q: What is the difference between a “Saint” and a “blessed?”**

**A:** The process of proclaiming someone as a saint in the Catholic Church has evolved over the course of many centuries. In the beginning, those honored as saints were almost exclusively biblical figures or martyrs. However, after the legalization of Christianity in the fourth century, new holy women and men came to be honored as saints, and this was often done by popular acclaim or by the local bishop or abbot.

It was Pope Gregory IX (who was pope from 1227 to 1241) who officially proclaimed that only the pope had the authority to add someone to the official list (the “canon”) of saints. This is the meaning of the word “canonization.”

Today, the saint-making process includes several steps, including detailed studies of the person’s life and a recognition that they died as a martyr or lived a life of “heroic virtue.” Once someone is recognized as a martyr or if a miracle is attributed to their intercession, they will be beatified and honored as “Blessed.” This means that they can be celebrated by Catholics in a particular country or region or by the members of certain religious community. If another miracle occurs and is approved, then the “Blessed” is canonized and honored with the title “Saint,” meaning that they are now officially recognized as a universal model of holiness and an intercessor.

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

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

#### ***Baptism Team***

Once a month our Baptism Team helps to prepare parents and godparents for their role in the spiritual life of their child. They encourage the parents to pray with their child from the cradle, to protect the child from evil and encourage the child’s reception of the sacraments to enable them to be strong and faithful to their calling as children of God. If you are interested in this ministry, please call the office @ 337-364-8360.

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## TODAY'S READINGS

### Sixth Sunday of Easter May 9, 2021

#### Reading I: Acts 10:25-26, 34-34, 44-48

- In the home of the Gentile-believer, Cornelius, Peter revealed one of the most significant insights from the early Church: "In truth, I see that God shows no partiality." Where do you see this message of unity needed today?

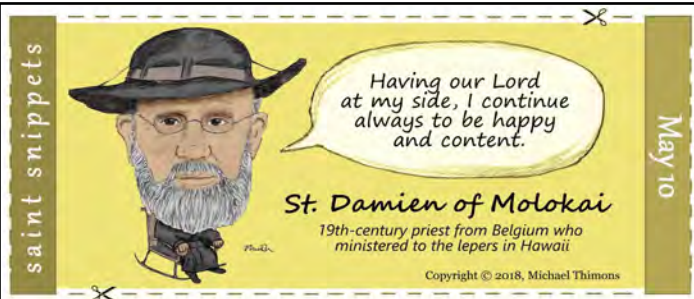
#### Reading II: 1 John 4:7-10

- John saw love at the very core of God's divine identity. In fact, for John, "God is love." For this reason, believers are called to love one another. How do you keep this virtue paramount in your life?

#### Gospel: John 15:9-17

- During his farewell discourse, Jesus refers to his disciples as his "friends." How often do you think of Jesus as your "friend?"

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## CURRENT EVENTS

### Tuesday, May 11, 2021

Mass at 5:30pm  
2021 Graduating Seniors Mass

### Wednesday, May 12, 2021

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

### Thursday, May 13, 2021

Mass at 5:30pm  
Men's ACTS Retreat Begins  
- 5:30pm - Parish Hall

### Friday, May 14, 2021

Mass at 6:30am

### Saturday, May 15, 2021

Mass at 4pm

### Sunday, May 16, 2021

Masses at: **7am, 9am & 11am**  
Collection for Vacation Bible Camp  
Baby "Bottle" Campaign Envelopes Collected  
Men's ACTS Retreat Returns - 11am Mass

### Our Lady of the Oaks, Grand Coteau Upcoming Retreat: Young Adult Retreat (Ages 18-30)

Young Men, Young Women, &  
Young Couples

Directed by Fr. Joe Laramie, S.J.

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MASS SERVERS May 11 - 16, 2021					
DAY DATE	TIME	CELEBRANT	READERS	LAY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION	ALTAR SERVERS
Tuesday 5/11/21	5:30pm	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	Madeline Domingues	Percy Barrilleaux	Sacristan
Wednesday 5/12/21	9:00am	Fr. Ed Degeyter	Ginger Comeaux	Phil & Reneé Haney	Sacristan
Thursday 5/13/21	5:30pm	Fr. Ed Degeyter	Madeline Domingues	Mary Taylor	Sacristan
Friday 5/14/21	6:30am	Fr. Ed Degeyter	Keith Comeaux	Mike Degeyter	Sacristan
Saturday 5/15/21	4:00pm	Fr. Ed Degeyter	Dona Schexnayder	André Schlicher Nancy Barras	<i>See Altar Server Schedule</i>
Sunday 5/16/21	7:00am	Fr. Ed Degeyter	Janis Dugas	Ricky Segura Brenda Oubre	<i>See Altar Server Schedule</i>
	9:00am	Fr. Ed Degeyter	Lan Nguyen	Wayne Duhon Janis Dugas	<i>See Altar Server Schedule</i>
	11:00am	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	Pete Aucoin	Karl & Sarah Boudreaux	<i>See Altar Server Schedule</i>

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