

# Nativity of Our Lady Catholic Church

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## MASS SCHEDULE:

Saturday: 4:00 pm

Sunday: 7:00 am, 9:00 am, 10:30 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:

*Polly Camacho*

## DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:

*Brenda Romero — 365-3759*

## PASTORAL COUNCIL

**PRESIDENT:** *Barbara Breaux*

## RECONCILIATION:

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

## ROSARY:

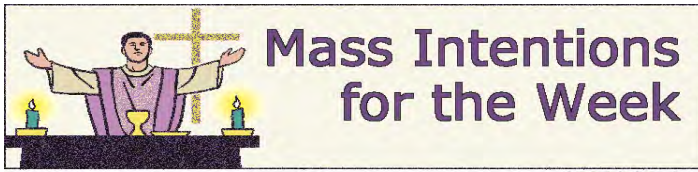
Wednesday: 8:20 am (*Pro-Life*)

Thursday: 5:00 pm

**FIFTH SUNDAY OF**  
*Easter*  
MAY 10, 2020

Jesus said,  
"I am the way and the truth and the life.  
No one comes to the Father except through me."  
John 14:6

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# Mass Intentions for the Week

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Mass Intentions will be prayed for during private Mass by Msgr. Romero

**Tuesday, May 12, 2020**

**5:30pm** Parishioners

**Wednesday, May 13, 2020**

**9:00am** Cecile & Robert Halphen, Sr.

Quang V. Nguyen, Daigre & Merryman Fly  
M/M Allen Daigre & John  
M/M Lewis Merryman & Linda

**Thursday, May 14, 2020**

**5:30pm** Joseph Viator, Patti Gagnard (bd)

**Friday, May 15, 2020**

**6:30am** Parishioners

**Saturday, May 16, 2020**

**4:00pm** Amelia Segura Selph, Oris Gachassin  
Lynward Ransonet, Waverly Ramirez  
Harvey & Joyce DeCourt, Russell Ramirez  
Domingue, Delcambre & Crochet Fly  
Howard & Dustin McCoy, Ronella Bernard  
Romero & Walker Fly  
Mitchel (ann of death) & Marie Babineaux

**Sunday, May 17, 2020**

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

Charles Froisy, Marlene T. Broussard

**9:00am** Msgr. H. J. Barsen, Gerald "Bick" Girouard

Quang V. Nguyen, Agapito A. Castro

M/M Alton Segura, Enault Cavalier

**10:30am** Fr. A.J. Boumans, A Special Intention

Phyllis Guilbeau Biglane, Donna M. Lanza

## SANCTUARY LIGHT:

*In Memory Of:  
The Fritz Wencker Family*



## 1 lb. Boiled Shrimp, Corn & Potato

Knights of Columbus  
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**The fundraiser been postponed.  
Tickets purchased will be used  
for the rescheduled date.**



**If you have any questions, please  
contact Wayne Duhon, Sr. 337-339-1602.**

## Hours the Church is open for prayer:

During the COVID-19 Pandemic

**Church is Closed on Sundays per  
Bishop Deshotel (3/23/2020)**

Monday 9am - 5pm

Tuesday 9am - 5pm

Wednesday 9am - 5pm

Thursday 9am - 5pm

Friday 9am - Noon

Saturday 9am - Noon

Enter & Exit  
only through door  
directly facing  
Parish Hall

### Sacrament of Reconciliation:

By appointment only, call church office 364-8360 and leave a message with our answering service. We will return the call.

**Please remember to maintain social distancing at all times (at least 6 feet between people).**

**Children must be monitored by an adult at all times.**

The Diocese of Lafayette has partnered with Franciscan University in Steubenville, Ohio, to give everyone in the diocese access to workshops that can help in their religious formation. Although some of the workshops are geared toward teachers, many simply give information on topics that many of us want to know more about (i.e. the Eucharist, Mary, New Testament, Old Testament). All you have to do is go to [www.franciscanathome.com/diolaf](http://www.franciscanathome.com/diolaf) to begin to create your account. The office of Catechetics has a short 3 minute video on their webpage that will direct you on how to create an account. Our parish has already been placed in the system, so all you have to do is create your personal account. We believe this is a wonderful opportunity for us to grow in our faith.

Nativity of Our Lady now offers Online Giving, This service is safe and secure. And it is convenient for you and for our parish staff. You can use your checking account, saving account, Visa or MasterCard! Sign up for Online Giving at our church website: [www.nativityni.org](http://www.nativityni.org) and selecting the Online Giving link on the right-hand side of the homepage.

**REFLECTIONS - Fifth Sunday of Easter** - It is all too easy to lose our way when our focus is on what other people are or are not doing. The Spirit is working with each of us, guiding our path if we will listen and follow. We are not to compare ourselves with others nor insist that others follow our path. Our focus should be on our own path. Our eyes and ears focused on what the Spirit is saying and showing to us. Instead of questioning others, we should be asking ourselves: "What would Jesus do?"

*"Do not let your hearts be troubled. Have faith in God." - John 14:1*

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**“NO ONE COMES TO THE FATHER  
EXCEPT THROUGH ME.” (John 14:6b)**

The Eucharistic Prayer for Reconciliation I prays: “Then, freed at last from the wound of corruption and made fully into a new creation, we shall sing to you with gladness the thanksgiving of Christ, who lives for all eternity.”

See how Saint Augustine (born November 13, 354 AD, died August 28, 430 AD - age 75)  
expresses this prayer:

**From a sermon by Saint Augustine, bishop**  
(Sermo 34:1-3.5-6: CCL 41, 424-426)  
**Let us sing to the Lord a song of love**

*Sing to the Lord a new song; his praise is in the assembly of the saints.* We are urged to sing a new song to the Lord, as new men who have learned a new song. A song is a thing of joy; more profoundly, it is a thing of love. Anyone, therefore, who has learned to love the new life has learned to sing a new song, and the new song reminds us of our new life. The new man, the new song, the new covenant, all belong to the one kingdom of God, and so the new man will sing a new song and will belong to the new covenant.

There is not one who does not love something, but the question is, what to love. The psalms do not tell us not to love, but to choose the object of our love. But how can we choose unless we are first chosen? We cannot love unless someone has loved us first. Listen to the apostle John: *We love him, because he first loved us.* The source of man’s love for God can only be found in the fact that God loved him first. He has given us himself as the object of our love, and he has also given us its source. What this source is you may learn more clearly from the apostle Paul who tells us: *The love of God has been poured into our hearts.* This love is not something we generate ourselves; it comes to us *through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.*

Since we have such an assurance, then, let us love God with the love he has given us. As John tells us more fully: *God is love, and whoever dwells in love dwells in God, and God in him.* It is not enough to say: *Love is from God.* Which of us would dare to pronounce the words of Scripture: *God is love?* He alone could say it who knew what it was to have God dwelling within him. God offers us a short route to the possession of himself. He cries out: **Love me and you will have me for you would be unable to love me if you did not possess me already.**

My dear brothers and sons, fruit of the true faith and holy seed of heaven, all you who have been born again in Christ and whose life is from above, listen to me; or rather, listen to the Holy Spirit saying through me: *Sing to the Lord a new song.* Look, you tell me, I am singing. Yes indeed, you are singing; you are singing clearly, I can hear you. But make sure that your life does not contradict your words. Sing with your voices, your hearts, your lips and your lives: *Sing to the Lord a new song.*

Now it is your unquestioned desire to sing of him whom you love, but you ask me how to sing his praises. You have heard the words: *Sing to the Lord a new song*, and you wish to know what praises to sing. The answer is: *His praise is in the assembly of the saints*; it is in the singers themselves. If you desire to praise him, then live what you express. Live good lives, and you yourselves will be his praise.

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This sermon by St. Augustine inspires us to understand and desire to be in heaven living our new creation we began when we were baptized. We shall sing to you [the Heavenly Father] with gladness the thanksgiving of Christ, who lives for all eternity. We also will live for all eternity sharing God’s life, as we are sons and daughters of the Father in the beloved Son, Jesus Christ. St. Augustine encourages us to live, now God’s life, so we can be for all eternity with our God in heaven.

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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: Rhonda Darden, Peggy Lancon, 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, Peggy Miguez, Alvin Theriot, Rose Guilbeau, Peter & Bernadine Williams, Mike & Dolores Boutte, Jerome Reed, Carol Romero, Jr., Hiroe Argobright, Neal Boutte, Christy Lannie, Sherry Darcey, Chandler Dore, Betty Duhon, Keren Viator, Patsy Barrilleaux, Emile & Doris Barras, Kiersten Price, Dawn Broussard, Stephen Etienne, Michael & Linda Sundberg, Raphael & Marie Duplechain, Dr. Angela Langlinais, Myrna & Millard Poche, Jaquie Gondran, Ed McVey, Tammy Johnson, Stephanie Breaux Bradley, Celia Camacho, Carmen Merryman, Fran Jackson, Gilbert Jackson, Robin L. Viator, Theresa Olmsted, Sheryl S. Bourque, Lloyd & Ronnie Landry, Elise C. Verret, Michael & Claire Landry Family, Gloria Landry, Kate & Dylan Ortego, Dustin & Nicole V. Ortego, Colin D. Trahan, Carson Viator, Stella & Kole Schouest, Gerald Viator, Brittany Marceaux, Hadley Babin, 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, Irene Hebert, Janis Dugas, Alice Robicheaux, Thelma Hulin, Dwayne Dugas, Curtis Hulin, Emma Lou Doerle Segura, Abby Musselwhite, Tiffany Segura, Child of Antonio & Jaclyn Aleman, Tara Romero, Billy Slampa, Brenda & Larry Musselwhite, Corliss Ramirez, Dorothy McDonald, Ulysse Robicheaux, Margaret Richard, Brenda Castille, Chuck Estave, Ricky L. Lewis, Keisha Castille, Jerry Shuptrine, Randal Romero

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.

**Thank you!**

Our community changed lives this Lent, and CRS Rice Bowl wants to say thank you! **Don't forget to turn in your CRS Rice Bowl in the boxes located at the entrances to Church.**



**WHY DO WE DO THAT?  
- CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED  
Saints or Sinners?**

**Q: Our prayer group has been reading the lives of some saints, and we were struck by how some of them thought they were such sinners. Why would someone so holy think they had such serious sin?**

**A:** Professional athletes practice the fundamentals of their sport over and over again, reaching for better form, consistency, and performance. They focus on the basics, review past performances, and visualize greater success. Practice makes better, if not perfect!


Spiritual masters such as the saints also looked for perfection. They practiced their faith in the search for holiness, grace, and virtue. Through sacraments, prayer, study, good works, and penance, they raised their level of awareness and their sensitivity to the presence of God, the demands of the Gospel, and the workings of the Holy Spirit. They examined their consciences daily, reviewing the day for moments of failure and times that they could have been more virtuous in one way or another. They resolved to do better, be more attentive, and alert!

Therefore, anything that would distract them or interfere with their relationship with God would be like a small black spot on a bright white wall — you can't miss it! The great saints were aware of sin and the presence of evil because they were so tuned into the struggle between good and evil that was fought in their own lives, hearts, and souls.

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saint snippets

May 14

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“You, Lord, who know the hearts of all, show which one of these two you have chosen.”  
 —The Apostles' prayer before choosing Matthias (Acts 1:24)

**St. Matthias**

One of the seventy-two disciples who followed Christ from the beginning. He was chosen by the apostles to replace Judas who betrayed Jesus.

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## TODAY'S READINGS

**Fifth Sunday of Easter**  
May 10, 2020

**Reading I: Acts 6:1-7**

- In today's reading, St. Luke offers an example of the cultural tensions that existed in the early Church between the Hellenists (Gentiles) and the Hebrews (Jews). The resolution resided in offering service to the other. Why do you think service can be a key to resolving community conflict?

**Reading II: 1 Peter 2:4-9**

- St. Peter emphasizes the importance of faith in Christ for building a strong spiritual house. How has the gift of faith strengthened your home?

**Gospel: John 14:1-12**

- In his farewell discourse, Jesus encourages the disciples, "Whoever has seen me has seen the Father." What inspires you in times of spiritual doubt?

## CURRENT EVENTS

**Tuesday, May 12, 2020**

No Public Mass

**Wednesday, May 13, 2020**

No Public Mass

**Thursday, May 14, 2020**

No Public Mass

**Friday, May 15, 2020**

No Public Mass

**Saturday, May 16, 2020**

No Public Mass (as of time of bulletin submittal)

**Sunday, May 17, 2020**

No Public Mass (as of time of bulletin submittal)

No "Jesus is Alive Prayer Meeting"



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Because of **COVID-19**, it is hard to do social distancing with the congregation gathering for Mass. Yet we may have to learn how to do it as we work into the different stages of coming together.

While our absence from Mass creates a vacuum in our hearts, a vacuum we long for God to fill, let us persevere in living the song of thanksgiving in Christ. Keep close to Christ in a Spiritual Communion. We join St. Alphonsus Liguori in his Spiritual Communion:

**"My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there, and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen."**



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