

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:

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*)

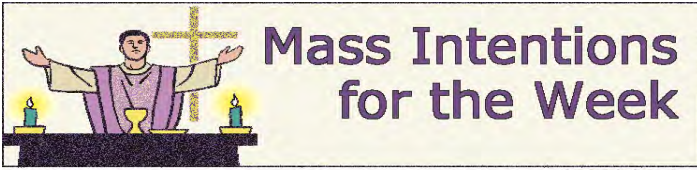
Thursday: 5:00 pm



ASCENSION OF THE
Lord
MAY 24, 2020

Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations
baptizing them in the name of the Father,
and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Matthew 28



Tuesday, May 26, 2020

5:30pm Voorhies Begnaud, Nicholas Viator (bd)
Matthew Boudreaux (liv)(bd)

Wednesday, May 27, 2020

9:00am Cecile & Robert Halphen, Sr.
Quang V. Nguyen, Fly
Janell Broussard (ann of death)
Annie M. Hulin (bd)

Thursday, May 28, 2020

5:30pm Domingue, Delcambre & Crochet Fly
Sandra C. Romero (liv)(bd)

Friday, May 29, 2020

6:30am Joseph Viator (bd), Patti Gagnard
Mike Belaire, Sr.

Saturday, May 30, 2020

4:00pm Amelia Segura Selph, Oris Gachassin
Lynward Ransonet, Larry J. Guyote
Harvey & Joyce DeCourt
Mike Belaire, Sr. Fly, John G. Ramirez
Liv. & Dec. Dressel & Ransonet Fly

Sunday, May 31, 2020

7:00am Parishioners, Mona B. Simon
Charles Froisy, Marlene T. Broussard
Tan & Jean Dugas
Mrs. Terry Borel (1 yr ann of death)

9:00am Msgr. H. J. Barsen, Gerald "Bick" Girouard
Quang V. Nguyen, Agapito A. Castro

11:00am *Please note: time change*
Fr. A.J. Boumans, Donna M. Lanza

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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1408 Carmel Dr.
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SANCTUARY LIGHT:
In Memory Of:
Janell Broussard



1 lb. Boiled Shrimp, Corn & Potato
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Council #12997 Fundraiser
The fundraiser been postponed.
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If you have any questions, please contact Wayne Duhon, Sr. 337-339-1602.



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REFLECTIONS - The Ascension of the Lord - Christ's work on earth did not end with his ascension into heaven. He made it very clear that there was more to be done. He charged his disciples to continue the work he had begun. The disciples spread the teachings they had received from Jesus. Generation after generation has continued to pass on these teachings. Now it is our turn. We do not have to be a theologian nor a preacher. We spread the gospel through our daily lives. We reveal God's love in our respect for others and care for the poor and outcast. What gospel message is your life proclaiming.
"Know that I am with you always, until the end of the world." - Matthew 28:20
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I am with you always, until the end of the age.” (Matthew 28:20b)

A pair of ducks found their way to the same little corner of the property year after year. Sheltered by a little grove of trees, they quickly made their preparations to build a nest, lay eggs, and welcome in a new family. Then one year, only one of the ducks came to that little corner. She went about the business of building a nest, but this time, she was clearly unsettled. She would wander around, sometimes seemingly without purpose, almost hoping perhaps that her mate might come along. But, she remained alone. There were many times when we could hear her “crying”, mourning her loneliness and lack of purpose, sitting on a batch of eggs that would never hatch. One day, she quietly left that little corner never to return again.

Many human beings approach life this way. We silently grieve our loneliness, lack of direction, and sense of purpose. Maybe life once had meaning for us, but nothing seems to claim us and settle our restlessness any longer. We wander around looking and hoping for someone or something to come our way. We may even sob at times, wailing as we sit with the misery of our pain. Will happiness ever come our way again? Or will we simply leave where we are never to return again? Many are lost, wandering souls who are not quite sure where to settle or where to make a home.

We are meant to be in Christ. This glorious feast of the Ascension shows us, with clear vision, who Jesus really is! Understanding ourselves in Christ really changes things up and reorients us to our greater purpose, mission, and meaning. We are part of the cosmic wonder of creation and part of a bigger plan and mystery, destined to be much more than what we now know ourselves to be. Could Jesus’ friends know who he would become? If we can find the Christ present within and see the Christ bursting forth in all creation and beyond, then we can come to know our truth and understand where our home and life is meant to be.

Advancing upon the blessing of each new day with the certain knowledge that you are an unconditionally loved child of God gives you the axis and the safe harbor to cope with whatever comes your way. The gift of joy will be yours, and you can discover your true meaning and purpose. Look within, look without, look above, and look below. You are not alone. Trust that God will lead you where you need to be and transform you into who you really are.

PRAYER

*O Almighty God,
whose blessed Son our Savior Jesus Christ ascended far above all heavens
that he might fill all things:
Mercifully give us faith to perceive that,
according to his promise, he abides with his Church on earth,
even unto the end of the ages;
through the same Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.*

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
Fast Before Communion?**

Q: Why are Catholics required to fast before Communion?

A: How we prepare for an important event helps us with the intentionality of our actions and raises our awareness. We prepare our house for guests. We wash our car before an important trip. We create a nursery for a newborn child. All of these actions heighten our senses for what is about to come.

The fast required by canon law before holy Communion has its roots in Jewish spiritual practices. We fast for cleansing and to demonstrate our reliance on God. Catholics used to fast for much longer periods of time, but it was Pope Paul VI in 1964 who set the time at one hour in an attempt to encourage people to receive the holy Eucharist more frequently. That one hour observance allows us to pause and reflect on what we will participate in, in the very near future. We deny our bodies so that we can focus more clearly on the Body of Christ that we will consume.

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giving of our Time, Talent and Treasure:**

OUR GIFTS TO GOD week ending May 17th
 Online Giving offertory.....\$ 1,158.00
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You are my portion,
Lord. You alone have
I chosen for my whole
inheritance.

May 27

St. Augustine of Canterbury
 6th-century Benedictine monk and archbishop
 known as the "Apostle to the English"

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TODAY'S READINGS

The Ascension of the Lord
May 24, 2020

Reading I: Acts 1:1-11

- The story of the Church as recorded in the Acts of the Apostles begins with Jesus' final instructions and the Apostles' witness of his ascension into heaven. What role does the ascension of Jesus play in your understanding of "Church?"

Reading II: Ephesians 1:17-23

- St. Paul speaks of the unity of the church using the metaphor of the "body" of Christ. Where do you see the Church most united today?

Gospel: Matthew 28:16-20

- Prior to his ascension, Jesus' promise to the disciples was his abiding presence "until the end of the age."

CURRENT EVENTS

Monday, May 25, 2020 - Memorial Day
Nativity Office Closed

Tuesday, May 26, 2020

Mass at 5:30pm

Wednesday, May 27, 2020

Mass at 9am

Thursday, May 28, 2020

Mass at 5:30pm

Friday, May 29, 2020

Mass at 6:30am

Saturday, May 30, 2020

Mass at 4pm

Sunday, May 31, 2020

Masses at:

7am, 9am & 11am - (10:30am Mass moved)
2nd Collection - Bishop's Service Appeal



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