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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

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Fr. Ed Degeyer

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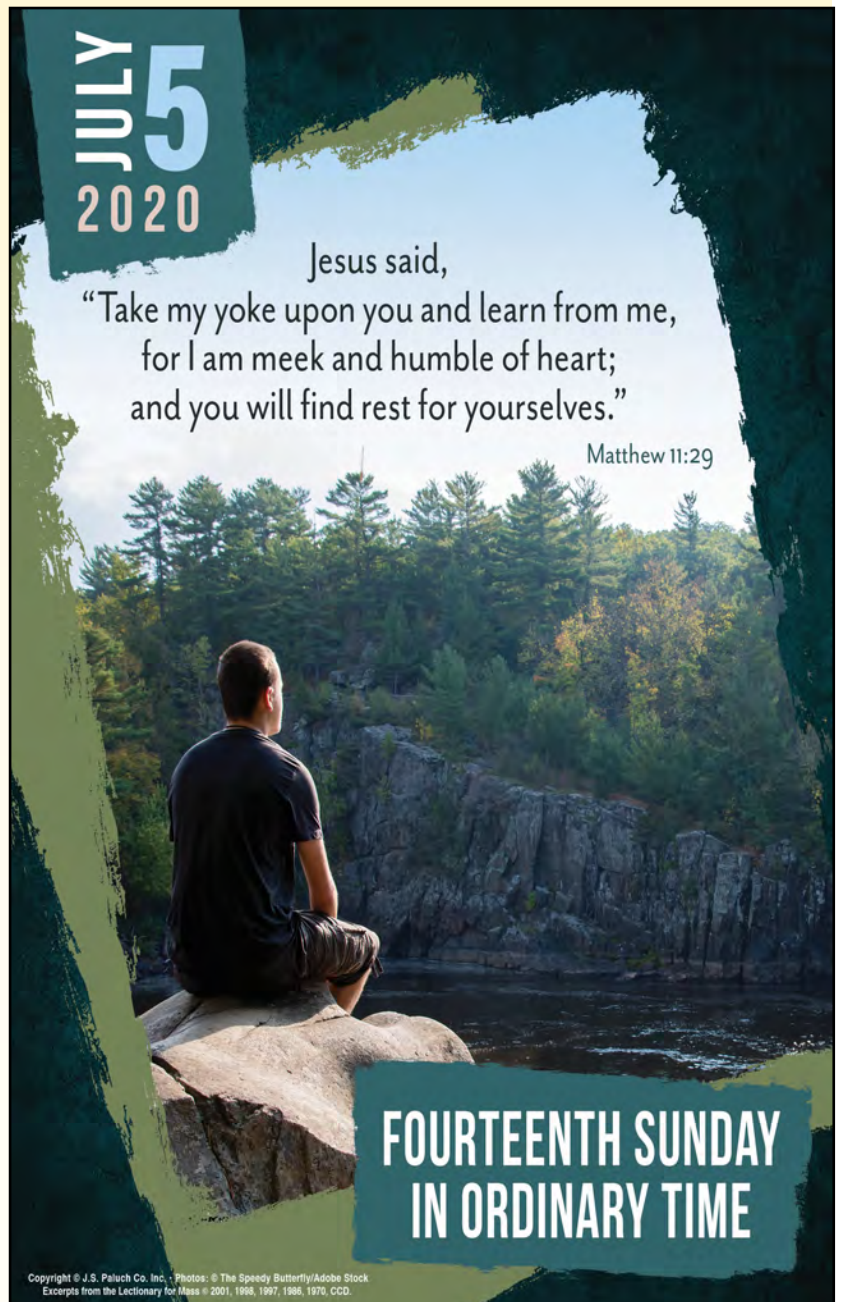
RECONCILIATION:

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, July 7, 2020

5:30pm Lucas P. Trahan (liv)(bd)

Wednesday, July 8, 2020

9:00am Cecile & Robert Halphen, Sr.
Quang V. Nguyen
Patti Gagnard, Joseph Viator

Thursday, July 9, 2020

5:30pm June Conklin, Michael J. Landry (liv)(bd)

Friday, July 10, 2020

6:30am Ellen V. Garacci (liv)(bd)

Saturday, July 11, 2020

4:00pm Gwendolyn S. Gaspard (bd), Judy Ramirez
Amelia Segura Selph, Oris Gachassin
Lynward Ransonet, Larry Guyote
Harvey & Joyce DeCourt, Donald Dupuis
Lloyd & Nina Geoffroy, Andrew Dupuis
Antoine & Marie Judice
Liv. & Dec. Dressel & Ransonet Fly

Sunday, July 12, 2020

7:00am Parishioners, Mona B. Simon
Charles Froisy, Marlene T. Broussard
Carlyle Hebert, Sr., Tan & Jean Dugas

9:00am Msgr. H. J. Barsen, L.J. & Edna Begnaud
Gerald "Bick" Girouard, Quang V. Nguyen
Irene & O'Neil Simon, Agapito A. Castro
Loretta Trahan, Joseph & Amelia Borel
Arthur & Agnes Romero, Inez Vincent
Robert Bonin, Sr., Melvin Petry

11:00am *Please note: time change*

Fr. A.J. Boumans, Donna M. Lanza
Warren Barras, Edmund Patout
A Special Intention

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:

Seminary Burse - Diocese of Lafayette
1408 Carmel Dr.
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**We are a sacrificial giving Parish,
giving of our Time, Talent and Treasure:**

OUR GIFTS TO GOD week ending June 28th

Loose	\$ 498.00
Envelopes	\$ 3,063.00
Total (collected).....	\$ 3,561.00
Online Giving offertory.....	\$ 360.00
Mailed in offertory.....	\$ 1,020.00
Total offertory (week).....	\$ 4,941.00
Peter's Pence	\$ 657.00

Thank you for your generosity!!!!

1 lb. Boiled Shrimp, Corn & Potato

Knights of Columbus

Council #12997 Fundraiser

**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.**

It is with deep regret that we will not be able to hold our Vacation Bible Camp this year. This makes us sad but there is no way it could have been held safely. God willing, it will happen in 2021.

SANCTUARY LIGHT:

*In Memory Of:
Tan & Jean Dugas*



With 5 altar servers graduating high school and our altar server program, we are in great need of altar servers. Altar servers must be at least going into the fourth grade and any grade level above that is welcome! We train all of our new servers and have two group practices per year. We try our best to accommodate everyone's schedules. Please call Andree Schlicher at 577-1414 for more information. We hope you prayerfully consider joining our Altar Server program!

REFLECTIONS - Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Usually, when we find life a continuous struggle and we become stressed out and depressed, we never think that the problem might be within us rather than circumstances around us. Jesus has told us what to do when we find life burdensome - come to him and be refreshed. There will always be problems and things we find difficult but they don't have to overwhelm us. Take time to just sit with the Lord and pour out your heart to him. Ask for the grace to see clearly what you can do and to accept what you cannot change. A peaceful spirit will enable you to endure any storm.

*"The Lord lifts us all who are failing
and raises up all who are bowed down." - Psalm 145:14
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A Prayer for America by John Carroll, First U.S. Bishop

Pope Pius VI named John Carroll the first bishop of the United States of America in 1789. His cousin, Charles Carroll, was one of America's Founding Fathers and the only Catholic to sign the Declaration of Independence. Bishop John Carroll would go on to become America's first archbishop when the Diocese of Baltimore, Maryland—the mother diocese of the United States—was elevated to the status of archdiocese. Archbishop Carroll wrote the following prayer for our newly formed government on November 10, 1791, to be recited in parishes throughout his diocese. The text of the prayer below is taken from EWTN's National Catholic Register.



It is an excellent prayer especially for the times we live in now, over 200 years later, to remind us of the crucial role faith and prayer has always played in our nation since its beginning. Also each year on July 4th, Independence Day, we can especially pray for our government as St. Paul recommends in Sacred Scripture:

I desire therefore, first of all, that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all men: For kings, and for all that are in high station: that we may lead a quiet and a peaceable life in all piety and chastity. For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, Who will have all men to be saved, and to come to the knowledge of the truth. (1 Timothy 2 1-4)

Prayer for Our Government by Archbishop John Carroll (1791)

We pray, O almighty and eternal God, who through Jesus Christ has revealed thy glory to all nations, to preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church, being spread through the whole world, may continue with unchanging faith in the confession of your name.

We pray Thee, who alone are good and holy, to endow with heavenly knowledge, sincere zeal and sanctity of life, our chief bishop, the pope, the vicar of Our Lord Jesus Christ, in the government of his Church; our own bishop, all other bishops, prelates and pastors of the Church; and especially those who are appointed to exercise among us the functions of the holy ministry, and conduct your people into the ways of salvation.

We pray O God of might, wisdom and justice, through whom authority is rightly administered, laws are enacted, and judgment decreed, assist with your Holy Spirit of counsel and fortitude the president of these United States, that his administration may be conducted in righteousness and be eminently useful to your people over whom he presides; by encouraging due respect for virtue and religion; by a faithful execution of the laws in justice and mercy; and by restraining vice and immorality.

Let the light of your divine wisdom direct the deliberations of Congress, and shine forth in all the proceedings and laws framed for our rule and government, so that they may tend to the preservation of peace, the promotion of national happiness, the increase of industry, sobriety and useful knowledge; and may perpetuate to us the blessing of equal liberty.

We pray for his excellency, the governor of this state, for the members of the assembly, for all judges, magistrates, and other officers who are appointed to guard our political welfare, that they may be enabled, by your powerful protection, to discharge the duties of their respective stations with honesty and ability.

We recommend likewise, to your unbounded mercy, all our brethren and fellow citizens throughout the United States, that they may be blessed in the knowledge and sanctified in the observance of your most holy law; that they may be preserved in union, and in that peace which the world cannot give; and after enjoying the blessings of this life, be admitted to those which are eternal.

Finally, we pray to you, O Lord of mercy, to remember the souls of your servants departed, who are gone before us with the sign of faith and repose in the sleep of peace; the souls of our parents, relatives and friends; of those who, when living, were members of this congregation, and particularly of such as are lately deceased; of all benefactors who, by their donations or legacies to this Church, witnessed their zeal for the decency of divine worship and proved their claim to our grateful and charitable remembrance. To these, O Lord, and to all that rest in Christ, grant, we beseech you, a place of refreshment, light and everlasting peace, through the same Jesus Christ, Our Lord and Savior. ***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 Aguillard, 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, Emile & Doris Barras, Kiersten Price, Dawn Broussard, Stephen Etienne, Michael & Linda Sundberg, Raphael Duplechain, Dr. Angela Langlinais, Myrna & Millard Poche, Jaquie Gondran, Ed McVey, Tammy Johnson, Celia Camacho, Carmen Merryman, Fran & Gilbert 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, 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 & Curtis Hulin, Dwayne Dugas, 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, Holly Hargett, Ava Campbell, Troy Bonin, Jean-Paul Marceaux

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.

2019 Contributions Statement

If you would like to have a copy of your 2019 Statement of Contributions mailed to you, please call the office at (337)364-8360 to request one.

WHY DO WE DO THAT? - CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED Kissing the Altar at Mass

Q: Why do priests kiss the altar at the start of Mass?

A: Our churches and chapels are filled with symbols. We might think of the more common symbols (like the crucifix, statues, stained-glass windows, vestment color and altar cloths) as well as major symbols (such as the paschal candle and the baptismal font). But there are some things that we can take for granted in our sacred spaces, because unfortunately, they seem to just be part of the building, including three of the main symbols of our liturgy: the ambo (lectern), the chair for the priest celebrant, and the altar.

These three objects are placed in a specially designated area called the sanctuary. They are the places where the Word of God is proclaimed, where the priest prays and presides at the celebration, and where the bread and wine are offered by the priest during the Eucharistic Prayer. Although each of these objects is sacred because of the role they play in our worship, the altar holds a special place. In a document containing the rules and instructions for the Mass — the “General Instruction of the Roman Missal” — we read: “The altar on which the Sacrifice of the Cross is made present under sacramental signs is also the table of the Lord to which the People of God is called together to participate in the Mass, as well as the center of the thanksgiving that is accomplished throughout the Eucharist” (no. 296).

One of the ways that we recognize the importance of the altar is when the priest and deacon kiss the altar at the beginning of Mass. Kissing is an ancient act of devotion. Remember, we also kiss the cross on Good Friday, and the deacon or priest kisses the “Book of the Gospels” after the Gospel is proclaimed. This act of devotion reminds us that the altar is a symbol of Jesus, the “living stone” (see 1 Peter 2:4), the foundation stone of our faith. It is a symbolic gesture, but it is a powerful reminder of the One on whom our faith is built and in whose name we gather as the “household of faith” (see Galatians 6:10).

To learn more, see the “Catechism of the Catholic Church” (no. 1382-1383).

TODAY'S READINGS

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time July 5, 2020

Reading I: Zechariah 9:9-10

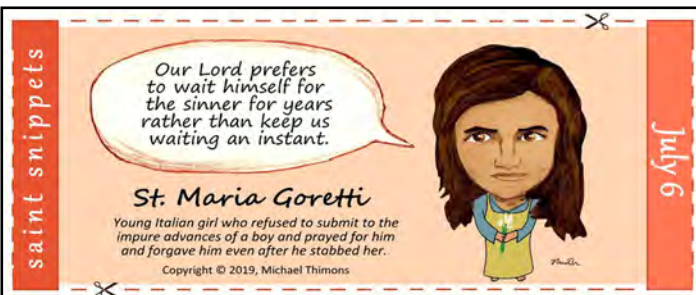
- The prophet Zechariah envisioned a future king for the people of Israel who would rule the nations with justice and humility. How do you see these virtues as a strength in leadership?

Reading II: Romans 8:9, 11-13

- St. Paul speaks of the promise of the resurrection from the dead for believers who reject the flesh and live according to the Spirit. What spiritual exercises do you practice that help reject the flesh?

Gospel: Matthew 11:25-30

- Jesus praises his Father for the irony of the wise and learned who are unable to see what is revealed to the childlike. What does this tell us about the kingdom of heaven?



CURRENT EVENTS

Tuesday, July 7, 2020

Mass at 5:30pm

Wednesday, July 8, 2020

Pro-Life Rosary - 8:20am with Mass at 9am
K.C. & K.C. Ladies Auxiliary Supper & Meeting
6:30pm - Parish Hall

Thursday, July 9, 2020

Mass at 5:30pm
Baptismal Class - 6:30pm - Church Office

Friday, July 10, 2020

Mass at 6:30am

Saturday, July 11, 2020

Baptisms - 11am - Church
Mass at 4pm

Sunday, July 12, 2020

Masses at:
7am, 9am & 11am - (10:30am Mass moved)

Novena Honoring Our Lady of Mt. Carmel July 8th - July 16th

The Monastery of Mary, Mother of Grace is asking all of us to participate in the Novena Honoring Our Lady of Mt. Carmel. For each of the nine days the focus will be on a particular saint and how he or she achieved sanctity through Our Lady's intercession and through their imitation of her, the Queen and Beauty, the Mother and Splendor of all Carmel's sons and daughters. We invite you to pray the Novena privately. Unfortunately because of COVID-19 restrictions, we WILL NOT HAVE THE PUBLIC NOVENA THIS YEAR. Copy of the Novenas are at the available at our church entrances & exits. The link to the Novena & the Mary & the Saints of Carmel Novena Brochure & the Novena Prayer is <https://lafayettecarmelites.org/mtcarmelnovena2020/>

MASS SERVERS July 7 - 12, 2020

DAY DATE	TIME	CELEBRANT	READERS	LAY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION	ALTAR SERVERS
Tuesday 7/7/20	5:30pm	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	Pete Aucoin	Percy Barrilleaux	Sacristan
Wednesday 7/8/20	9:00am	Fr. Ed Degeyter	Ginger Comeaux	Linda Viator, Lisa Dooley Ross Landry, Cynthia Elmer	Sacristan
Thursday 7/9/20	5:30pm	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	Madeline Domingues	Mary Taylor	Sacristan
Friday 7/10/20	6:30am	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	Chad Courtois	Mike Degeyter	Sacristan
Saturday 7/11/20	4:00pm	Fr. Ed Degeyter	Paul Broussard	André Schlicher, Wayne Duhon Curt & Patty Fontenot	Ryan Gonsoulin Sophia Comeaux
Sunday 7/12/20	7:00am	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	Ellen Claudy	Ross Landry, Brenda Oubre Percy Barrilleaux	Luke Salsman Madalynn Salsman
	9:00am	Fr. Ed Degeyter	Jennifer Reynolds	Agnes Castro, Margo LeBlanc Mike & Doris Degeyter	Jack Reynolds Garrett Meaux
	11:00am	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	Lloyd Verret	Nancy Barras, Peggy Fitch Rickey Huval, Lloyd Nicholson	Anna, Carmyn, JP & John (2020 Seniors)

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