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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:

Polly Camacho

DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:

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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

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

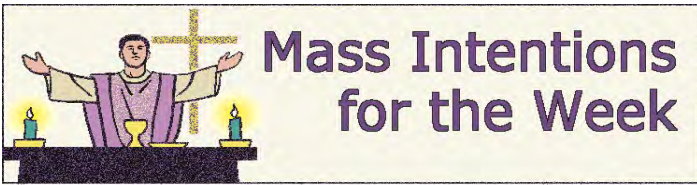
JULY 18, 2021



THE APOSTLES REPORTED ALL THEY HAD
DONE AND TAUGHT. JESUS SAID TO THEM,

**“Come away by yourselves to a
deserted place and rest a while.”**

MARK 6:30, 31



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Tuesday, July 20, 2021

5:30pm Juliette Perrin, Jena Marie Lasseigne

Wednesday, July 21, 2021

9:00am Joseph Viator, Gloria Lising
Patti Gagnard, James Boudreaux
A Special Intention, Lee Bigler

Thursday, July 22, 2021

5:30pm Lloyd J. Landry
Maudrey C. Landry (15 ann of death)

Friday, July 23, 2021

6:30am Barbara Breaux (liv)(bd)
Howard Bourque, Sr.
In Reparation to the Holy Face of Jesus
and in Honor of Our Lady of Mount
Carmel & St. Joseph

Saturday, July 24, 2021

4:00pm Lynward Ransonet, Rodolph Dugas & Fly
Harvey & Joyce DeCourt, Jeff Gerrets
Earline & Carroll J. Navarre, Sr.
Clyde Guyote, Huey Guyote
Mabel Smith, M/M Israel Olivier
M/M Lucius Smith

Sunday, July 25, 2021

7:00am Parishioners, Mona B. Simon
Charles Froisy
9:00am Msgr. H. J. Barsen, Agapito A. Castro
Gerald "Bick" Girouard, Quang V. Nguyen
Melvin Petry, Nancy & Oris Gachassin
Amanita Lamperez
11:00am Fr. A.J. Boumans, Donna M. Lanza
Jules & Leona Broussard

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Bishop's Pro-Life Rose Dinner - Save the Date

Our annual Bishop's Pro-Life Rose Dinner will be held on **August 21, 2021** at River Oaks Catering and Event Center. The Bishop's Pro-Life Rose Dinner will be benefiting six area crisis pregnancy centers (Women's Center of Lafayette, A Pregnancy Center and Clinic, The Unexpected Pregnancy Center, Vermillion Women's Resource Center, The New Life Pregnancy Center and Opelousas Pregnancy Center) and the Diocesan Pro-Life Apostolate office. Tickets are required for entry. Contact the office of Pro-Life Apostolate for more information: 337-261-5607 or visit our website at www.diolaf.org/bishopsdinner.

**Red Bird Ministries:
Loving Through Loss**

The death of a child is never easy and grief is experienced differently by everyone. Red Bird Ministries is a Catholic grief support ministry that focuses on couples who have experienced the loss of a child of any age by loving them through their loss. Core team members of Red Bird Ministries are parents of loss and know all too well what it is to live through such a horrific experience. Our goal is to help couples living this nightmare to not just survive their loss, but to love them through it by sharing our own experiences and healings, in hopes of helping them to survive and thrive in their marriages and in life. Please contact Kelly Breaux at (337) 223-2019 or at kelly@redbird.love for more information. Visit our website at www.redbird.love.

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

OUR GIFTS TO GOD July 11th

Loose.....	\$ 1,612.00
Envelopes	\$ 3,193.00
Total (collected).....	\$ 4,805.00
Online Giving offertory.....	\$ 1,368.00
Mailed in offertory.....	\$ 379.00
Total offertory (week).....	\$ 6,552.00
Nativity Building Fund.....	\$ 1,054.00

Thank you for your generosity!!!!

REFLECTIONS - Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - It is easy to overlook the fact that Jesus took time to go aside from the crowds and his ministry to pray and to rest. No matter how busy we are or how important we believe our work may be, we need to take time for ourselves. Time to rest and reflect and be renewed. It does not have to be a big block of time all at once. It can begin with taking advantage of those small moments during the day. Driving to work, riding in the elevator, waiting in line, or even walking to the car can provide a little space for us to take a deep breath, say a little prayer or be aware of God's presence. Consider how you make time to rest and reflect. Can you make this a priority in your life?

"Beside restful waters he leads me; He refreshes my soul." - Psalm 23:3
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MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS
for the First World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly
“I am with you always”

Dear Grandfathers and Grandmothers,
Dear Elderly Friends,

continued from last weekend's bulletin

At this crucial moment in history, you have a renewed vocation. You may wonder: How this can be possible? My energy is running out and I don't think I can do much. How can I begin to act differently when habit is so much a part of my life? How can I devote myself to those who are poor when I am already so concerned about my family? How can I broaden my vision when I can't even leave the residence where I live? Isn't my solitude already a sufficiently heavy burden? How many of you are asking just that question: isn't my solitude already a sufficiently heavy burden? Jesus himself heard a similar question from Nicodemus, who asked, "How can a man be born when he is old?" (Jn 3:4). It can happen, the Lord replies, if we open our hearts to the working of the Holy Spirit, who blows where he wills. The Holy Spirit whose freedom is such that goes wherever, and does whatever, he wills.

As I have often observed, we will not emerge from the present crisis as we were before, but either better or worse. And "God willing... this may prove not to be just another tragedy of history from which we learned nothing... If only we might keep in mind all those elderly persons who died for lack of respirators... If only this immense sorrow may not prove useless, but enable us to take a step forward towards a new style of life. If only we might discover once for all that we need one another, and that in this way our human frailty can experience a re-birth" (Fratelli Tutti, 35). No one is saved alone. We are all indebted to one another. We are all brothers and sisters.

Given this, I want to tell you that you are needed in order to help build, in fraternity and social friendship, the world of tomorrow: the world in which we, together with our children and grandchildren, will live once the storm has subsided. All of us must "take an active part in renewing and supporting our troubled societies" (ibid., 77). Among the pillars that support this new edifice, there are three that you, better than anyone else, can help to set up. Those three pillars are dreams, memory and prayer. The Lord's closeness will grant to all, even the frailest among us, the strength needed to embark on a new journey along the path of dreams, memory and prayer.

The prophet Joel once promised: "Your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men will have visions" (3:1). The future of the world depends on this covenant between young and old. Who, if not the young, can take the dreams of the elderly and make them come true? Yet for this to happen, it is necessary that we continue to dream. Our dreams of justice, of peace, of solidarity can make it possible for our young people to have new visions; in this way, together, we can build the future. You need to show that it is possible to emerge renewed from an experience of hardship. I am sure that you have had more than one such experience: in your life you have faced any number of troubles and yet were able to pull through. Use those experiences to learn how to pull through now.

Dreams are thus intertwined with memory. I think of the painful memory of war, and its importance for helping the young to learn the value of peace. Those among you who experienced the suffering of war must pass on this message. Keeping memory alive is a true mission for every elderly person: keeping memory alive and sharing it with others. Edith Bruck, who survived the horror of the Shoah, has said that "even illuminating a single conscience is worth the effort and pain of keeping alive the memory of what has been." She went on to say: "For me, memory is life."^[3] I also think of my own grandparents, and those among you who had to emigrate and know how hard it is to leave everything behind, as so many people continue to do today, in hope of a future. Some of those people may even now be at our side, caring for us. These kinds of memory can help to build a more humane and welcoming world. Without memory, however, we will never be able to build; without a foundation, we can never build a house. Never. And the foundation of life is memory.

Finally, prayer. As my predecessor, Pope Benedict, himself a saintly elderly person who continues to pray and work for the Church, once said: "the prayer of the elderly can protect the world, helping it perhaps more effectively than the frenetic activity of many others."^[4] He spoke those words in 2012, towards the end of his pontificate. There is something beautiful here. Your prayer is a very precious resource: a deep breath that the Church and the world urgently need (cf. *Evangelii Gaudium*, 262). Especially in these difficult times for our human family, as we continue to sail in the same boat across the stormy sea of the pandemic, your intercession for the world and for the Church has great value: it inspires in everyone the serene trust that we will soon come to shore.

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 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, Ronnie Landry, Elise C. Verret, Michael & Claire Landry Family, Dustin & Nicole V. Ortego family, Gloria Landry, Linda & Clint Trahan family, Stella & Kole Schouest, 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, 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, Norvelle Belaire, Ace, Jenny & Jersii Mayeaux, J.R. Romero, Sr., Donna Snoddy, Raywood & Virginia Buteaux, Ernest Sylvester, Eric Simeon, Betty Romero, Juliette Dubois

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.

REGISTERED IN THE CHURCH PARISH???

The only way we have of knowing if someone is a member of Nativity of Our Lady Church is if that person is registered in the parish. If you have recently moved into this area or if you are not registered, you may pick up a registration form at the main entrance of Church, print one from our website (www.nativityni.org) or call the Church office to pick up one. Questions, call the office (364-8360).

WHY DO WE DO THAT? - CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

Q: I've heard that we become angels when we die. Is this what the Church teaches?

A: As human beings, we are both spiritual and corporeal. We are body and soul. This makes us unique in all creation. No other physical creature — plant or animal — possesses an immortal soul made in God's image and likeness. Like the distinction with plants and animals, angels have an entirely different sort of existence. Angels are pure immortal spirit, and they have been so since the moment of their creation. While they may take on an appearance of a body in Biblical history, they are not a body like we are. Angels are neither male nor female, despite the art we often see.

As the result of the Fall, human beings experience death. Our souls are temporarily separated from our bodies. However, we do not become something other than human. Every Sunday in the Creed we profess "I believe in the resurrection of the body." As Jesus was united with his body on the third day, so too will we be united with our bodies at the end of time.

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TODAY'S READINGS

**Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 18, 2021**

Reading I: Jeremiah 23:1-6

- The prophet Jeremiah spoke of God's negative reaction to "the shepherds" (false rulers) who neglected and mislead his "sheep" (the people of Israel and Judah). What characteristics make for an ideal leader?

Reading II: Ephesians 2:13-18

- St. Paul taught the Ephesians that through his cross and resurrection, Jesus established unity and peace for all believers. When have you experienced harmony in your faith community?

Gospel: Mark 6:30-34

- Jesus encouraged the apostles to retreat and rest after their successful missionary work, but the crowds made that difficult. What gets in your way from resting and retreating?

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SANCTUARY LIGHT:

*By:
Our Lady's Altar Society*



CURRENT EVENTS

Tuesday, July 20, 2021

Mass at 5:30pm

Wednesday, July 21, 2021

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

Thursday, July 22, 2021

Mass at 5:30pm

Friday, July 23, 2021

Mass at 6:30am

Saturday, July 24, 2021

Mass at 4pm

Sunday, July 25, 2021

Masses at: **7am, 9am & 11am**

2nd Collection - New Iberia Poor & Needy

World Day for Grandparents & The Elderly

Thinking about Separation or Divorce?

Is your marriage or that of a relative or friend heading for divorce? Do you know how to save that marriage? Or do you feel helpless? Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi with a long i) is designed to help troubled marriages regain their health. It helps spouses uncover or re-awaken the love, trust and commitment that originally brought them together. The program is highly successful in saving hurting marriages, even bringing reconciliation to couples who have already separated or divorced. For confidential information about or to register for the Retrouvaille of Acadiana programs call 337-207-5368 or visit the web site at www.helpourmarriage.com

MASS SERVERS July 20 - 25, 2021					
DAY DATE	TIME	CELEBRANT	READERS	LAY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION	ALTAR SERVERS
Tuesday 7/20/21	5:30pm	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	Pete Aucoin	Bea Romero	Sacristan
Wednesday 7/21/21	9:00am	Fr. Ed Degeyter	Lan Nguyen	Curt Fontenot, Brenda Romero Agnes Castro	Sacristan
Thursday 7/22/21	5:30pm	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	Jenny Gonsoulin	Linda Viator	Sacristan
Friday 7/23/21	6:30am	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	Keith Comeaux	Mike Degeyter	Sacristan
Saturday 7/24/21	4:00pm	Fr. Ed Degeyter	Lloyd Verret	Nancy Barras, Margo LeBlanc Brenda Robicheaux	Lexi Anderson Noah Randazzo
Sunday 7/25/21	7:00am	Fr. Ed Degeyter	Janis Dugas	Ricky Segura, Brenda Oubre Percy Barrilleaux	Jesse Clay
	9:00am	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	Lloyd Verret	Wayne Duhon Linda Viator	Cohen Schlicher
	11:00am	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	Michelle Moss	Julie Roy Peggy Fitch	Luke Salsman

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