

# *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



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*Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

August 2, 2020

Thus says the Lord:

All you who are thirsty, come to the water!

You who have no money,  
come, receive grain and eat;

Come, without paying and without cost,  
drink wine and milk!

Isaiah 55:1



# Mass Intentions for the Week

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**Tuesday, August 4, 2020**

**5:30pm** Mary Grace Rentrop

**Wednesday, August 5, 2020**

**9:00am** Cecile & Robert Halphen, Sr., Kevin Elmer Quang V. Nguyen, Wilda Soirez Irwin Sibille (ann of death), Clark Mouton Joseph David Broussard (ann of death)

**Thursday, August 6, 2020**

**5:30pm** Wilda Soirez, Clark Mouton

**Friday, August 7, 2020 - First Friday**

**6:30am** Janell Broussard, Fr. Theodore Rothrock Phyllis Guilbeau Biglane, Pat Robicheaux Earl & Shirley Robicheaux, Sr., Don Taylor United States Military

**Saturday, August 8, 2020**

**4:00pm** Harvey & Joyce DeCourt, Leo Crappell, Sr. Amelia Segura Selph, Lynward Ransonet Oris Gachassin, Antoine & Marie Judice Andrew Dupuis, Donald Dupuis Harold Smith, Sterling J. Guyote Darrel Lafont Liv. & Dec. Dressel & Ransonet Fly

**Sunday, August 9, 2020**

**7:00am** Parishioners, Mona B. Simon Charles Froisy, Marlene T. Broussard

**9:00am** Msgr. H. J. Barsen, Agapito A. Castro Gerald "Bick" Girouard, Quang V. Nguyen Melvin Petry, Loretta Trahan Irene & O'Neil Simon, Edwin Fabre Robert Bonin, Sr., Inez Vincent Lonnie Delcambre, L.J. & Edna Begnaud

**11:00am** *Please note: time change*  
Fr. A.J. Boumans, Donna M. Lanza  
Ronnie Ackal, Warren Barras  
Ernest & Olga Lancon

## Be on the lookout . . .

Faith formation registration forms have been mailed out in mid July. Students are not automatically registered, so please complete the registration form and parent/student contract and return both to Nativity Church. Call Brenda Romero with any questions, 365-3759

Bishop Deshotel has asked us to remind parishioners that **the wearing of masks or face covering continues to be strongly recommended** for Masses and all other church gatherings. This is important in the wake of the surge of COVID-19 cases in Acadiana.

**Thank you for your cooperation.**

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY FR. ED DEGEYTER!

Because of COVID-19, we are not having our customary Birthday Party for Father Ed Degeyter. However, we want to offer him a wish of "HAPPY BIRTHDAY and many more"! If anyone would like to forward Father Ed a Birthday Card, please mail it to - P.O. Box 923; St. Martinville, LA 70582-0923.

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

OUR GIFTS TO GOD week ending July 26 <sup>th</sup>	
Loose.....	\$ 472.26
Envelopes .....	\$ 2,076.00
Total (collected).....	\$ 2,548.26
Online Giving offertory.....	\$ 1,185.00
Mailed in offertory.....	\$ 494.00
Total offertory (week).....	\$ 4,227.26
New Iberia Poor & Needy .....	\$ 909.50

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

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 - Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time** - Nothing can separate us from the love of God. No matter what may be happening in our lives, no matter how many stupid or thoughtless things we may have done. God still loves us and is ready to give us the grace we need at the moment. This is the most profound and amazing gift we have been given and it is difficult for us to understand it or even accept it. Every moment of every day, God offers us his love and grace. The only thing we need to do is accept it - not "earn" it. The more open we become to God's love and grace, the more peaceful our spirit becomes and the better we can cope with whatever happens in our life. Do you believe in God's love?

*"All who are thirsty, come to the water!" - Isaiah 55:1*

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Introducing Bishop Robert Barron's newest study program – **THE SACRAMENTS**. The great sacraments of the Church – Baptism, Confirmation, the Eucharist, Reconciliation, the Anointing of the Sick, Matrimony, and Holy Orders – have endured for thousands of years and structured countless lives. Everything in the Church's life comes from and returns to them. But there is far more to these ancient rites than meets the eye.

In this follow-up to *The Mass*, Bishop Barron looks at the greatest sacraments of the Church in all their theological depth, spiritual effects, and pastoral promise. The Sacraments will help you understand these signs and channels of grace and discover the secret behind their persistence sown the ages: the presence and power of the Savior himself.

These sessions will be held on Tuesday morning at 9am or Thursday evening at 6:15pm beginning Tuesday, September 15<sup>th</sup> or Thursday, September 17<sup>th</sup> until the end of October.

**Call Benda Romero, 365-3759 to register.**



**Fête-Dieu du Teche 2020!** This unique 40-mile Eucharistic Procession by boat and foot will take place on the Feast of the Assumption, Saturday, August 15. All are invited to a Mass in French with Bishop Douglas Deshotel and concelebrating priests at St. Leo the Great Catholic Church in Leonville. At the end of Mass there will be a procession with the Blessed Sacrament and a statue of Mary and St. Joseph to the nearby boat landing. At 9:30 AM boats will depart in procession down the Teche toward St. Martinville, retracing the voyage made by the Acadians 255 years ago. The boat procession will stop at churches in the towns along the Teche for Rosary and Benediction (arriving at Arnaudville behind St. Francis Regis at 10:20 AM; arriving behind St. Joseph Church in Cecilia at 11:45

AM; arriving at the Pavilion behind St. Bernard Church in Breaux Bridge at 1:35 PM; arriving at the park behind St. Joseph Church in Parks at 3:15 PM; and arriving at Old Market Street in St Martinville at about 4:45 PM). Upon arriving in St. Martinville, a foot procession will commence to Notre Dame de Perpetual Secours for Benediction, then to St. Martin de Tours for Benediction, and finally down main street to Mater Dolorosa Chapel for Solemn Vespers and Benediction at 5:30 PM. Confessions will be heard in mobile units at each of the stops along the way. Pope Francis has granted participants of Fête-Dieu du Teche a Plenary Indulgence. The indulgence is valid on August 15 for those who attend the 8 am French Mass in Leonville, those who make the procession by boat, and those who participate in the devotions at one of the many stops along the Teche. Those who are impeded for a serious reason from physically attending the procession may also gain the indulgence by spiritually uniting their prayers and trials. The Holy Father asks participants to pray for fidelity to the Christian vocation, for the good of the family, and for priestly and religious vocations. If you have a boat, register it now at [www.jesuscruified.net/events/fete-dieu-du-teche-2020/form](http://www.jesuscruified.net/events/fete-dieu-du-teche-2020/form) If you don't have a boat, follow by vehicle and join us at one or all of the stops for the Rosary and Benediction. For more information or to register a boat visit our website at [www.jesuscruified.net](http://www.jesuscruified.net), visit us on FB at [www.facebook.com/](http://www.facebook.com/) [CommunityofJesusCrucified](https://www.facebook.com/CommunityofJesusCrucified), send us an email at [fetedieuduteche@gmail.com](mailto:fetedieuduteche@gmail.com), or call (337) 394-6550.

## Eucharistic Procession ALONG BAYOU TECHE



**Saturday, August 15th**  
Feast of the Assumption

In Honor of the 255th Anniversary  
of the Arrival of the Acadians and the Catholic Faith.

- Begins with French Mass by Bishop John Douglas Deshotel, D.D., Bishop of Lafayette, at St. Leo's in Leonville at 8:00 am
- Procession to Landing 9:00 am, Boat Procession departs at 9:30 am
- Stops at Each Church on the Bayou: Arnaudville, Cecilia, Breaux Bridge, Parks for Rosary and Benediction
- End up in the evening at Evangeline Oak in St. Martinville
- Disembark and Process into Notre Dame for Benediction
- Process to St. Martin de Tours for Benediction
- Process Down Main St. to Our Lady of Sorrows Chapel for Vespers and Benediction
- Confessions will be Available at All Stops Along the Teche



For More Information, Contact Fr. Michael Champagne, cjc

**(337) 394-6550**

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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 Aguilard, Dale Landry, Charles Gautreaux, Jason Walker, Peggy Miguez, Alvin Theriot, Rose Guilbeau, Peter & Bernadine Williams, Mike & Dolores Boutte, Jerome Reed, Carrol 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 Langlinois, Myrna & Millard Poche, Jaquie Gondran, Ed McVey, Tammy Johnson, Celia Camacho, Carmen Merryman, 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, 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, Ulyse 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, Beverly Dugas, Doris Broussard, Betty LeBlanc

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 Sunday Mass**

**Q: Why do Catholics need to go to Mass every Sunday?**

**A:** The heart of the Church's instruction that we are to attend Mass on Sundays goes back to the Third Commandment: "Take care to keep holy the sabbath day as the LORD, your God, has commanded you" (Deuteronomy 5:12). Although the Jewish People celebrate the Sabbath on Saturday, the first generations of Christians began to observe the sabbath on Sunday, recognizing how important it is for Christians to celebrate the day that Jesus rose from the dead. As the United States Catholic Catechism for Adults observes, "Sunday extends the celebration of Easter throughout the year ... It makes present the new creation brought about by Christ" (364).

The focus of our Sunday should be the celebration of the Eucharist in the Mass. This is our time to be formed by God's Word and nourished at the table of the Lord, becoming prepared to live out and share our faith in the week that follows. In his encyclical, *Dies Domini*, Pope Saint John Paul II reminded us that Christians "cannot live their faith or share fully in the life of the Christian community unless they take part regularly in the Sunday Eucharistic assembly" (no. 81). This is why the Church teaches us that Sunday Mass is a non-negotiable part of being a Christian (see *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, no. 2192).

Beyond being a time of worship, we should also remember that Sunday is intended to be a day of rest, when we make time for recreation, for sharing meals, and enjoying the company of friends and family. Sunday is given to us as a day to take stock of and enjoy the blessings that God has given us (see *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, no. 2187). Pope Francis reminds us, "The day of rest, centered on the Eucharist, sheds its light on the whole week, and motivates us to greater concern for nature and the poor" (*Laudato Si'*, no. 237) .

## **Update on BSA - Bishop's Services Appeal:**

Thus far our parish has raised \$16,617.70 towards its goal of \$35,858.00. That places our parish at 46.3% of our goal. We appreciate parishioner's participation as it is difficult at this particular time with the economy. In the Diocese of Lafayette, only 8% of registered households currently participate in this year's BSA. Imagine what could be done if more Catholics stood in solidarity with the annual appeal: It would positively impact the communications outreach, pro-life work, grief counseling, marriage supports, aid to homeless families, retired clergy and seminarians. 100% of each donation goes to direct service ministries and not to administrative costs. If anyone has not yet participated in the appeal, please consider participating. The more people who participate, the more *good* we can do. If you don't have BSA envelopes, they are at all church doors. Ask God to help you discern how you can participate. We give thanks to all parishioners for their love of God & Church. **God Bless, Msgr. Romero**

## TODAY'S READINGS

**Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**August 2, 2020**

**Reading I: Isaiah 55:1-3**

- Near the end of Israel's captivity in Babylon (597-538 BC), the prophet Isaiah spoke of the Lord's desire to be unimaginably generous and life-giving to his people. How has the Lord been generous in gifts to you and your family?

**Reading II: Romans 8:35, 37-39**

- In his letter to the Christians in Rome, St. Paul speaks of God's inseparable bond of love for us through Jesus Christ. In what ways does this sense of God's love for us help you in times of stress and anxiety?

**Gospel: Matthew 14:13-21**

- In the immediate aftermath of the news of the death of John the Baptist, St. Matthew reports that Jesus, "moved with pity," cured those who were sick in the crowds and fed the entire crowd of 5,000. How do you react toward others for whom you feel "pity"?

**SANCTUARY LIGHT:**

*In Memory Of:  
Edwin Fabre*



## CURRENT EVENTS

**Monday, August 3, 2020**

Pick-Up Faith Formation Make-up Work

**Tuesday, August 4, 2020**

Mass at 5:30pm

Pick-Up Faith Formation Make-up Work

**Wednesday, August 5, 2020**

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

Eucharistic Adoration Holy Hour -

9:30am - 10:30am - Church

Pick-Up Faith Formation Make-up Work

**Thursday, August 6, 2020**

Mass at 5:30pm

**Friday, August 7, 2020- First Friday**

Mass at 6:30am

OLAS, K.C. Ladies Auxiliary & K.C. Members  
to attend 6:30am Mass

**Saturday, August 7, 2020**

Mass at 4pm

**Sunday, August 8, 2020**

Bishop's Services Appeal Fund Collection

Masses at:

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

### MONTHLY HOLY HOUR FOR PERSONAL AND WORLD CONVERSION

On the first Wednesday of each month we have a Eucharistic Holy Hour in Church following our regular 9:00am Wednesday Mass. The Holy Hour will be held from 9:30am – 10:30am and will conclude with Benediction with the Blessed Sacrament. The next Holy Hour is this Wednesday, August 5<sup>th</sup>. All are welcome, please join us.

		MASS SERVERS August 4 - 9, 2020				
DAY DATE	TIME	CELEBRANT	READERS	LAY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION	ALTAR SERVERS	
<b>Tuesday</b> 8/4/20	<b>5:30pm</b>	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	<i>See Reader Schedule</i>	Percy Barrilleaux	Sacristan	
<b>Wednesday</b> 8/5/20	<b>9:00am</b>	Fr. Ed Degeyter	<i>See Reader Schedule</i>	Linda Viator, Lisa Dooley Willie & Cynthia Elmer	Sacristan	
<b>Thursday</b> 8/6/20	<b>5:30pm</b>	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	<i>See Reader Schedule</i>	Linda Viator	Sacristan	
<b>Friday</b> 8/7/20	<b>6:30am</b>	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	<i>See Reader Schedule</i>	Mike Degeyter	Sacristan	
<b>Saturday</b> 8/8/20	<b>4:00pm</b>	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	<i>See Reader Schedule</i>	Curt & Patty Fontenot Nancy Barras	Judith Schlicher	
<b>Sunday</b> 8/9/20	<b>7:00am</b>	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	<i>See Reader Schedule</i>	Ross Landry, Percy Barrilleaux Volunteer	Luke Salsman Morgan Salsman	
	<b>9:00am</b>	Fr. Ed Degeyter	<i>See Reader Schedule</i>	Agnes Castro, Margo LeBlanc Mike & Doris Degeyter	Lexi Anderson Sophia Comeaux	
	<b>11:00am</b>	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	<i>See Reader Schedule</i>	Peggy Fitch, Lloyd Nicholson Rickey Huval	Garrett Meaux Michael Bertrand	



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