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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:

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




Kindness
and truth shall meet;
justice and peace shall kiss.
Truth shall spring out of the earth,
and justice shall look down from heaven.

Psalm 85:11-12

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August 9, 2020 • Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Mass Intentions for the Week

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Tuesday, August 11, 2020

5:30pm Mark Landry (liv)(bd), Jessie Guidry (bd)
Mable Pennison (bd)

Wednesday, August 12, 2020

9:00am Cecile & Robert Halphen, Sr.
Quang V. Nguyen

Thursday, August 13, 2020

5:30pm Malvina Broussard
Peggy L. Meyers (liv)(bd)

Friday, August 14, 2020

6:30am Carlyle Hebert, Jr.

Saturday, August 15, 2020

Feast of the Assumption Mass

9:00am The Alogna Fly, Thomas Damian Romero
Annette Tucker

Saturday, August 15, 2020

4:00pm Harvey & Joyce DeCourt, Warren Barras
Amelia Segura Selph, Lynward Ransonet
Oris Gachassin, Howard & Dustin McCoy
Roy Flores, Gloria & Cyrus Rider
Marcella Brasher

Sunday, August 16, 2020

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

9:00am Msgr. H. J. Barsen, Agapito A. Castro
Gerald "Bick" Girouard, Quang V. Nguyen
Melvin Petry, Camille Broussard & Fly
Irene & O'Neil Simon
Henriette Broussard & Fly
Liv. & Dec. Fly of Warren & Sandra Gaspard

11:00am *Please note: time change*

Fr. A.J. Boumans, Donna M. Lanza
Ronnie Ackal, Irwin & Jeanette Sibille
Phyllis Guilbeau Biglane, Olive Dartez (bd)
Jules & Leona Broussard
Gracie Brasseaux (1yr ann of death)

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!
August 18, 2020

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 August 2nd

Loose.....	\$ 455.00
Envelopes	\$ 3,770.00
Total (collected).....	\$ 4,225.00
Online Giving offertory.....	\$ 700.00
Mailed in offertory.....	\$ 1,315.00
Total offertory (week).....	\$ 6,240.00
Nativity Building Fund.....	\$ 596.00

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 - Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Have you ever wished God would just send you a letter and tell you what to do? We pray for all sorts of things and want to get an answer, but more often than not, we feel disappointed. Things just don't seem to go the way we wanted or expected then to go. God does answer. The problem is our ability to see and hear the answer! Like Elijah, we expect something dramatic while God is whispering in our ear. We need to learn to be still, look and listen. God's message will often come in unexpected and seemingly insignificant ways that are easy to miss.

"Get hold of yourselves! It is I. Do not be afraid." - Matthew 14:27

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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.

The discussion groups will be held on Tuesday morning at 9am or Thursday evening at 6:15pm beginning Tuesday, September 15th or Thursday, September 17th 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 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, visit us on FB at www.facebook.com/CommunityofJesusCrucified, send us an email at 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

fetedieuduteche@gmail.com

<https://www.facebook.com/Fete-Dieu-du-Teche-791548894286660/>

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, 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, Beverly Dugas, Doris Broussard, Betty LeBlanc, Cathy Delahoussaye

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 Marian Feasts

Q: Why does Mary have so many feast days and names?

A: Christians first began celebrating feast days in honor of Mary, the Mother of Jesus, in the fifth century. That celebration (originally called the Feast of the Dormition and now known by Roman Catholics as the Solemnity of the Assumption) was celebrated on August 15. Very soon, however, other special days dedicated to Mary began to appear in Jerusalem, Rome, and other major cities of the Christian world. These days of feasting became important parts of the life of the community. But, more importantly, each of these unique celebrations became an opportunity to focus on a different facet of the Christian faith, as believers focused their attention on specific events or mysteries of the lives of Mary and her Son.

Over the centuries, some of these celebrations became universal (such as the Assumption on August 15, the Immaculate Conception on December 8, and the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God on January 1). Other celebrations were more closely tied to certain religious orders (such as the Carmelites celebration of “Our Lady of Mount Carmel” on July 16 or the Servite Friars feast of the “Seven Sorrows of Mary,” which is now celebrated as the Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows on September 15).

In more recent times, Marian apparitions (like Guadalupe, Lourdes, and Fatima) have inspired special liturgical celebrations. Pope Francis has added two new celebrations of Mary to the Church’s calendar: The Memorial of Mary, Mother of the Church (on the Monday after Pentecost) and the Commemoration of Our Lady of Loreto (on December 10). The various titles of Mary (like those we find in the Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary) help us to reflect on different aspects of Mary’s faith and the ways that the Holy Spirit is at work in her and through her, especially as the Mother of Jesus.

In the end, whatever the event or mystery being celebrated in a particular liturgy or the title of Mary being used, we are invited to always see Mary in connection with the saving work of her Son. She is, of course, a patroness and protector for every Christian, but she is also a model of discipleship and contemplation: “Having entered deeply into the history of salvation, Mary, in a way, unites in her person and re-echoes the most important doctrines of the faith: and when she is the subject of preaching and worship she prompts the faithful to come to her Son, to his sacrifice and to the love of the Father” (Lumen Gentium, 65).

UPDATE ON YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH - DIOCESE OF LAFAYETTE

As you’re aware, the Year of St. Joseph was set to begin on March 19th of this year. In light of our current situation, those opening events were canceled. The schedule is adjusted accordingly.

The year will now open on Sunday, August 16th, 2020. At Saturday anticipated Masses and Sunday Masses for next weekend, the bishop is directing all parishes to celebrate the **Votive Mass of St. Joseph** with its accompanying readings instead of the usual 20th Sunday of Ordinary Time (GIRM 374).

Bishop Deshotel will celebrate two opening events: **Opening Mass at St. Joseph in Patterson on Sunday, August 16th at 9:00am;** and **Adoration & Evening Prayer at the Cathedral on Sunday, August 16th at 6:00pm.**

The year will close on Saturday, May 1st, 2021. Bishop Deshotel will celebrate a **Closing Mass at St. Joseph’s in Milton on Saturday, May 1st at 10:00am,** with food and music following on the grounds there in Milton.

Our 13 St. Joseph’s parishes, each deanery, as well as the offices and ministries at the chancery are also organizing events for the year.

TODAY'S READINGS

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 9, 2020

Reading I: 1 Kings 19:9a, 11-13a

- The Lord taught the prophet Elijah not to look for him in the usual places. When have you found God's voice in an unexpected circumstance?

Reading II: Romans 9:1-5

- St. Paul was puzzled and deeply saddened over fellow Jews (God's covenantal people) who did not believe that Jesus was the long-awaited Messiah. What convinces you of Jesus' identity as our Lord and Savior?

Gospel: Matthew 14:22-33

- St. Peter shows himself to be a man of "little faith" when faced with the grave danger of drowning. Who are the people in your life who show a depth of faith in times of extreme duress?

CURRENT EVENTS

Tuesday, August 11, 2020

Mass at 5:30pm

Wednesday, August 12, 2020

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

Thursday, August 13, 2020

Mass at 5:30pm

Baptismal Class - 6:30pm - Church Office

Friday, August 14, 2020

Mass at 6:30am

Saturday, August 15, 2020

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Mass at 9am

Baptisms

Votive Mass of St. Joseph Mass at 4pm

Sunday, August 16, 2020

Votive Mass of St. Joseph

Masses at:

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

SANCTUARY LIGHT:

In Memory Of:
Gil Simon



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. Lafayette, LA 70501

MASS SERVERS August 11 - 16, 2020					
DAY DATE	TIME	CELEBRANT	READERS	LAY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION	ALTAR SERVERS
Tuesday 8/11/20	5:30pm	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	Pete Aucoin	Percy Barrilleaux	Sacristan
Wednesday 8/12/20	9:00am	Fr. Ed Degeyter	Christine Halphen	Linda Viator, Barbara Breaux Agnes Castro, Percy Barrilleaux	Sacristan
Thursday 8/13/20	5:30pm	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	Madeline Domingus	Mary Taylor	Sacristan
Friday 8/14/20	6:30am	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	Chad Courtois	Mike Degeyter	Sacristan
Saturday 8/15/20	9:00am	Fr. Ed Degeyter	<i>Volunteer</i>	Cynthia & Willie Elmer Linda Viator, Barbara Breaux	Sacristan
	4:00pm	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	Kimberly Clay	Lionel & Doris Louviere Nancy Barras	Cohen Schilcher Ryan Gonsoulin
Sunday 8/16/20	7:00am	Fr. Ed Degeyter	Paul Broussard	Percy Barrilleaux, Ross Landry Ricky Segura	Jesse Clay
	9:00am	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	Jenny Gonsoulin	Linda Viator, Brenda Robicheaux Janis Dugas	Luke Salsman Madalynn Salsman
	11:00am	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	Margo LeBlanc	Pat & Lisa Dooley Holli Cambre	Autumn Trahan Ephraim Trahan

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