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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:

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PASTORAL COUNCIL

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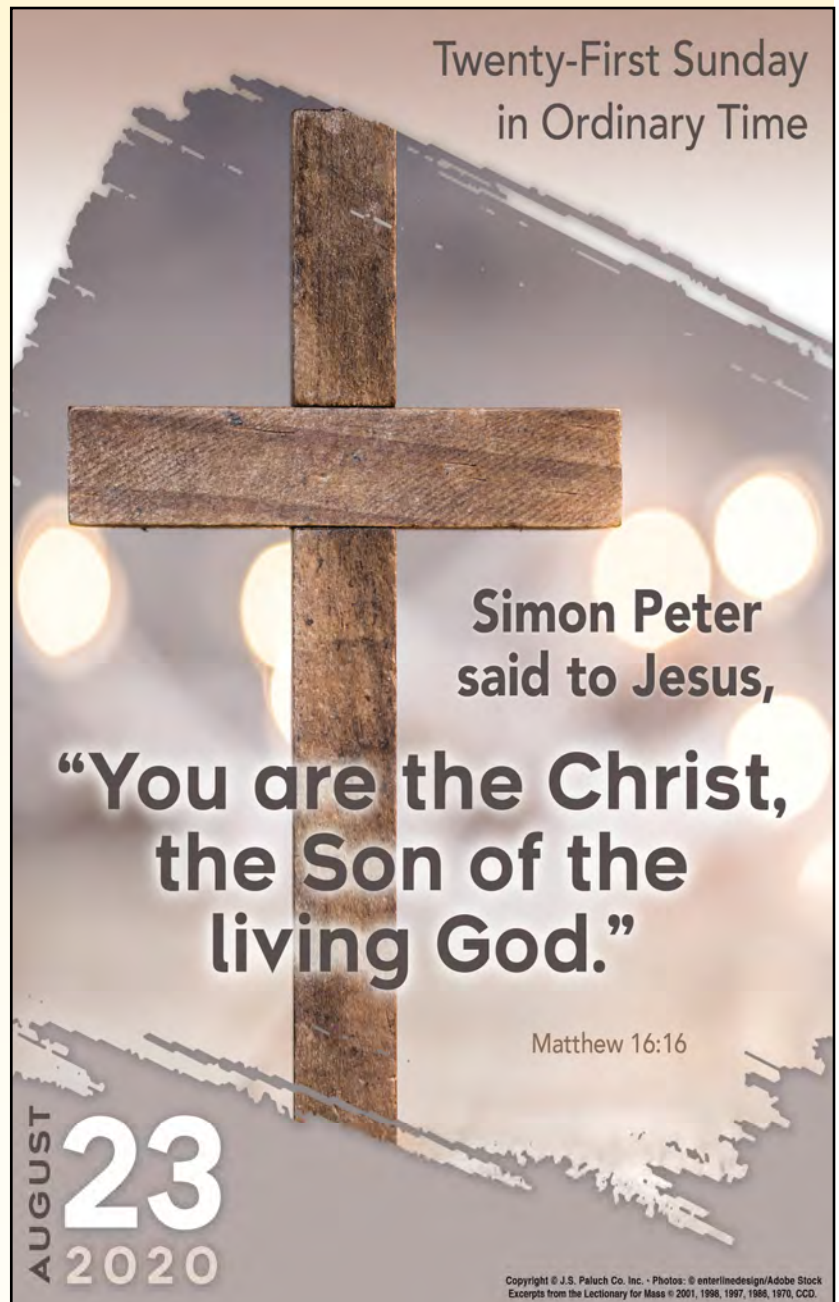
RECONCILIATION:

Saturday: 3:00 pm — 3:45 pm and
30 minutes before weekday Masses

ROSARY:

Wednesday: 8:20 am (*Pro-Life*)

Thursday: 5:00 pm



Twenty-First Sunday
in Ordinary Time

Simon Peter
said to Jesus,

**“You are the Christ,
the Son of the
living God.”**

Matthew 16:16

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Mass Intentions for the Week

Tuesday, August 25, 2020

5:30pm Otis Norris

Wednesday, August 26, 2020

9:00am Cecile & Robert Halphen, Sr.
Quang V. Nguyen, Lydia Olivier
Kagon Hebert (liv)(bd)
Romero & Walker Fly

Thursday, August 27, 2020

6:30pm Confirmation Students

Friday, August 28, 2020

6:30am Carmen Augustine Daigre
Elise D. Viator (bd), Alta & Lee Fontenot
Elise G. Champagne (bd)
Linden Champagne, Sr. (bd)
Harold J. Champagne (liv)(bd)

Saturday, August 29, 2020

4:00pm Harvey & Joyce DeCourt, Patty Fontenot
Amelia Segura Selph, Michael Cole
Oris Gachassin, Robert Bonin, Sr.
Inez Vincent

Sunday, August 30, 2020

7:00am Parishioners, Tan & Jean Dugas
Marlene T. Broussard, Charles Froisy
Mona B. Simon, Gene Lopez (ann of death)

9:00am Msgr. H. J. Barsen, Melvin Petry
Gerald "Bick" Girouard, Quang V. Nguyen
Irene & O'Neil Simon, Agapito A. Castro
Cecile Halphen (1 yr ann of death)

11:00am Fr. A.J. Boumans, Donna M. Lanza
Ronnie Ackal, Ricky Guidry
Lynward Ransonet (2 yr ann of death)

SANCTUARY LIGHT:

*In Memory Of:
Gayle Derouen*



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:

<u>OUR GIFTS TO GOD week ending August 16th</u>	
Loose.....	\$ 482.00
Envelopes	\$ 4,544.00
Total (collected).....	\$ 5,026.00
Online Giving offertory.....	\$ 1,610.00
Mailed in offertory.....	\$ 1,135.00
Total offertory (week).....	\$ 7,771.00

Thank you for your generosity!!!!

THE LIVING ROSARY DEVOTION

The Living Rosary Devotion has brought the Roman Catholic communities of New Iberia together for many decades. As a family of faith, we join in praying the Rosary before our Blessed Lord ever-present in the Holy Eucharist during Eucharistic Adoration. We remember in our prayer the needs of: our city, our nation, the protection of the unborn, protection from violent and devastating storms, as well as the petitions that have been entrusted to the petition boxes. We will follow all social distancing guidelines as well as properly sanitize the church before and after the devotion. Please remember that face masks are mandatory. We invite all to join us for this beautiful devotion on **Wednesday, October 7, 2020 at 6:30pm** at St. Peter's Church, located at 108 East St. Peter Street, New Iberia.

Nativity of Our Lady will have a petition box at the main entrance of church. Due to the current pandemic, we are not able to provide paper or pencils. You should prepare your petition in advance and place your petition and drop it in the box. Your petitions will be brought to the Living Rosary Devotion.

REFLECTIONS - **Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time** - Who is Jesus to you? Is he a miracle worker, judge, superhuman, or a friend? We cannot take walks or sit down and chat with Jesus. We know the stories about his life and teachings; but that all happened a long time ago. Still, Jesus is with us inviting us to spend time with him and learn from him. Consider your relationship with Jesus and pray for the grace to allow Jesus to be your best friend and counselor.

"When I called, you answered me; you built up strength within me." - Psalms 138:3
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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 15th or Thursday, September 17th until the end of October.

Call Benda Romero, 365-3759 to register.

PONTIFICAL MISSION COOPERATIVE APPEAL 2020

Because of COVID-19, we will be having a special appeal for the Catholic Mission in India. It is an appeal for the initiative of **Telugu Catholic Bishops Council** which comprises two big Telugu language speaking states (100 million population) in South India. They work for the cause of Evangelization, faith formation, social change and to promote awareness through TV programming and by way of training unemployed youth, drop out girls, and women for life skills.

Ordinarily we would have a priest from India directly present the appeal, but this year we will have our priest present the appeal.

Next weekend we will have extra baskets that will be specially marked for the appeal. The baskets will be at the exits. Please be generous in your support of Telugu Catholic Bishops Council in India. *Thank you for your support.*

Prayer to Saint Joseph after the Rosary/Litany

To you, O Blessed Joseph, we come in our trials, and having asked the help of your most holy spouse, we confidently ask your patronage also. Through that sacred bond of charity which united you to the Immaculate Virgin Mother of God and through the fatherly love with which you embraced the Child Jesus, we humbly beg you to look graciously upon the beloved inheritance which Jesus Christ purchased by his blood, and to aid us in our necessities with your power and strength.

O most provident guardian of the Holy Family, defend the chosen children of Jesus Christ. Most beloved father, dispel the evil of falsehood and sin. Our most mighty protector, graciously assist us from heaven in our struggle with the powers of darkness. And just as you once saved the Child Jesus from mortal danger, so now defend God's Holy Church from the snares of her enemies and from all adversity. Shield each one of us by your constant protection, so that, supported by your example and your help, we may be able to live a virtuous life, to die a holy death, and to obtain eternal happiness in heaven. 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 Aguilard, Dale Landry, Charles Gautreaux, Jason Walker, Peggy Miguez, Alvin Theriot, Rose Guilbeau, Peter & Bernadine Williams, Mike & Dolores Boutte, Jerome Reed, Hiroe Argobright, Neal Boutte, Christy Lannie, Sherry Darcey, Chandler Dore, Betty Duhon, Emile & Doris Barras, Kiersten Price, Dawn Broussard, Stephen Etienne, Linda Sundberg, Raphael Duplechain, Dr. Angela Langlinois, Myrna & Millard Poche, 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, 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, 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, Sable, Jimmy & John Forestier Fly, Ernest Estave, Doris Broussard, Betty LeBlanc, Cathy Delahoussaye, Wilton Butch Anthony, Ronald Fino, Henry Peltier

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 Priestly Ordination of Men

Q: Why are only men allowed to be priests or deacons in the Church?

A: One of the most debated and — in some circles — contentious teachings of the Church is that only men can be ordained as priests and deacons. Critics see it as a way of strengthening a patriarchal system in which women have little or no voice. Those who support this teaching look to New Testament teaching (where we read of Jesus choosing only men to be apostles) and the long-standing practice of the Church. This was certainly the perspective of St. John Paul II who, in his 1994 apostolic letter, *Ordinatio Sacerdotalis*, closed the discussion on the possibility of ordaining women as priests.

In the letter, he reflected on the dignity of women and their call to share in the life and mission of the Church, but he concluded by solemnly declaring that “the Church has no authority whatsoever to confer priestly ordination on women and that this judgment is to be definitely held by all the Church’s faithful” (no. 4).

This position has been upheld by Pope Francis in interviews, most notably as he returned from his 2016 visit to Sweden. The ordination of women to the diaconate is another question and one which is being studied. In 2016, Pope Francis created a 12-member commission to study the question from several perspectives (theological, liturgical, historical, etc.). The commission issued an initial report for Pope Francis who later said that the commission had not yet produced a “definite response” to the question because of a lack of agreement on the role of female deacons in the Early Church.

For now, however, regardless of what changes might come from ongoing study and debate, the Church continues to reserve ordination to the diaconate to men only, recognizing a vital link between the diaconate and the priesthood and the lack of certainty about the presence and function of female deacons throughout history.

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Prayer for Reopening of Schools

Oh God, the COVID-19 outbreak has disrupted many aspects of our lives, including our schools. Despite the uncertainties caused by the pandemic, we have faith that Your love guides us. We give you thanks and praise for the goodness that shines through the relationships formed, knowledge learned, and memories made through our schools. Loving God, we ask that you protect all students and teachers who are returning to school, and give parents and guardians peace about their well-being. Bless the body, mind, and soul of every students, teacher, and faculty member. May they celebrate your glory and use their education to build your kingdom of peace. In Jesus Christ’s name. AMEN

TODAY'S READINGS

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 23, 2020

Reading I: Isaiah 22:19-23

- The Lord condemns Shebna (a scribe under King Hezekiah) for ignoring Isaiah's prophetic warning and elevates Eliakim with "a seat of honor." How well do you listen to prophetic voices?

Reading II: Romans 11:33-36

- We hear today St. Paul's concluding remarks from Romans 9:11 (reflections on God's plan of salvation for Jews and Gentiles). St. Paul contends that God's ways are beyond our understanding. Do you find this comforting or unsettling?

Gospel: Matthew 16:13-20

- Jesus informs St. Peter that his confession of him as "the Messiah, the Son of the living God" is divinely inspired. How do you imagine St. Peter personally reacted to the news of this revelation? ©LPi

CURRENT EVENTS

Tuesday, August 25, 2020

Mass at 5:30pm

Wednesday, August 26, 2020

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

Confirmation Practice - 5:30pm - Church

Thursday, August 27, 2020

Confirmation - 6:30pm - Church

NO Mass at 5:30pm

Friday, August 28, 2020

Mass at 6:30am

Saturday, August 29, 2020

Mass at 4pm

Sunday, August 30, 2020

Masses at: 7am, 9am & 11am

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!

Missionary of Mercy (Special Confessor)

Bishop J. Douglas Deshotel is pleased to announce that **Reverend Monsignor Jefferson J. DeBlanc**, Pastor of Our Lady of Fatima Parish in Lafayette, has been appointed by the Holy See as a **Missionary of Mercy (Special Confessor)** with the special mandate to preach and teach about the Mercy of God and of absolving penalties attached to certain sins normally reserved to the Holy See.

For more information, please visit diolaf.org.

MASS SERVERS August 25 - 30, 2020					
DAY DATE	TIME	CELEBRANT	READERS	LAY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION	ALTAR SERVERS
Tuesday 8/25/20	5:30pm	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	Pete Aucoin	Percy Barrilleaux	Sacristan
Wednesday 8/26/20	9:00am	Fr. Ed Degeyter	Christine Halphen	Lloyd Nicholson, Agnes Castro Lisa Dooley	Sacristan
Thursday 8/27/20	6:30pm	Fr. William Blanda	Confirmation Students	Fr. William Blanda Msgr. J. Robert Romero	Sacristan
Friday 8/28/20	6:30am	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	Chad Courtois	Mike Degeyter	Sacristan
Saturday 8/29/20	4:00pm	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	Kimberly Clay	Brenda Robicheaux	Cohen Schlicher Ryan Gonsoulin
Sunday 8/30/20	7:00am	Fr. Ed Degeyter	Janis Dugas	Percy Barrilleaux, Ross Landry Wayne Duhon	Jesse Clay Lexi Anderson
	9:00am	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	Jenny Gonsoulin	Margo LeBlanc, Linda Viator Mary Taylor	Madalynn Salsman Garrett Meaux
	11:00am	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	Dona Schexnayder	Holli Cambre, Rickey Huval Kathy Indest	Autumn Trahan Ephraim Trahan

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