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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

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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

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Owe nothing to anyone,
except to

*love one
another.*

Romans 13:8



September 6, 2020



Mass Intentions for the Week

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Tuesday, September 8, 2020

5:30pm Eva Cormier (liv)(bd)
Anna Robicheaux (bd)

Wednesday, September 9, 2020

9:00am Quang V. Nguyen, Lester Comeaux
Edmond Delcambre, O'Neil Simon (bd)
Joseph Viator, Patti Gagnard
Patty Fontenot, Marlene T. Broussard

Thursday, September 10, 2020

5:30pm Wilda Soriez

Friday, September 11, 2020

6:30am Elizabeth V. Stafford (liv)(bd)

Saturday, September 12, 2020

4:00pm Harvey & Joyce DeCourt, Patty Fontenot
Amelia Segura Selph, Lynward Ransonet
Oris Gachassin, Antoine & Marie Judice
Andrew Dupuis, Donald Dupuis
Liv. & Dec. Dressel & Ransonet Fly
Etienne Boutte

Sunday, September 13, 2020

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

9:00am Msgr. H. J. Barsen, Melvin Petry
Gerald "Bick" Girouard, Quang V. Nguyen
Irene & O'Neil Simon, Agapito A. Castro
Loretta Trahan, L.J. & Edna Begnaud
Thomas D. Romero

11:00am Fr. A.J. Boumans, Donna M. Lanza
Ronnie Ackal, A Special Intention
Whitney & Thelma Gautreaux

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.***



Due to recent storms, we will report the collections for the week ending August 30th in next weekend's bulletin.

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-third Sunday in Ordinary Time - The Ten Commandments gives us a list of "rules" to follow if we want to obey God. They are very simple and yet volumes have been written to "explain" what they mean. There is a level of comfort in having such a list. But then, Jesus comes along and says it all boils down to loving God and your neighbor. Doing the loving thing, treating people with love is not easy - some are just not very loveable! Still that is what we are to do. Pray for deeper understanding of what it means to love others and when examining your conscience, look at how well you have loved others.

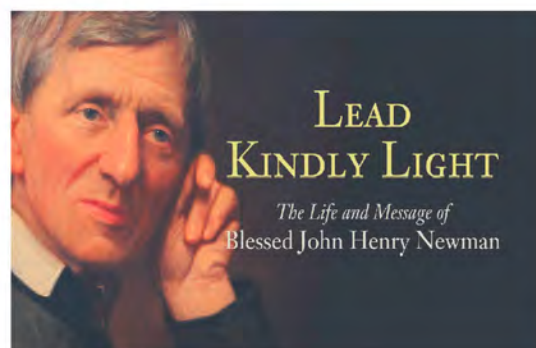
"Love never does any wrong to the neighbor, hence love is the fulfillment of the law." - Romans 13:10

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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, 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 Langlinais, 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, 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, Billy & Barbara Simon, Scott Romero, Ronald Romero

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 Choosing Organ Donation

Q: Are Catholics allowed to donate their organs?

A: Yes, Catholics are allowed to donate their organs. In fact, the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* praises this practice when it notes that, “Organ donation after death is a noble and meritorious act and is to be encouraged as an expression of generous solidarity” (no. 2296).

The Church has a series of guidelines for health care providers called *The Ethical and Religious Directives for Catholic Health Services*. This document helps us see organ donation as an act of charity, but it also reminds us that we have to be sure that donations of organs by living donors do not “sacrifice or seriously impair any essential bodily function and the anticipated benefit to the recipient is proportionate to the harm to the donor” (no. 30); trained medical professionals can help to make this assessment. In the case of organ donation at the end of life, we must be sure of the intentions of the donor or of their proxy are always respected, and that the dignity of the human body is always respected.

In the end, we can look to Pope Saint John Paul II and his encyclical *Evangelium Vitae*, where he noted that organ donation is a beautiful act of expressing the culture of life, when “performed in an ethically acceptable manner, with a view to offering a chance of health or even of life itself to the sick who sometimes have no other hope” (no. 86).

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Nativity of Our Lady Parish Bishop's Services Appeal: (as of July 31, 2020)

Goal: \$ 35,858.00

Payments year to date: \$ 17,644.70

Percentage of goal met: 49.2%

*Don't Forget to mail your pledge donation
to the Bishop's Services Appeal!*

We thank you for your continued participation

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-third Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 6, 2020**

Reading I: Ezekiel 33:7-9

- The prophet Ezekiel is presented as the Lord's "sentinel," announcing both God's salvation and judgment. How would you react to such a divine command?

Reading II: Romans 13:8-10

- St. Paul argues that "love is the fulfillment of the Law." What does this mean to you as a Christian?

Gospel: Matthew 18:15-20

- Jesus challenges his disciples to confront sin directly, even when it occurs with those closest to you. Why do you think Jesus encouraged this approach?

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CURRENT EVENTS

Monday, September 7, 2020 - Labor Day

Nativity Church Office Closed

Tuesday, September 8, 2020

Mass at 5:30pm

Wednesday, September 9, 2020

Pro-Life Rosary - 8:20am

Thursday, September 10, 2020

Mass at 5:30pm

Our Lady's Altar Society Mtg - 6pm - Parish Hall

Baptismal Class - 6:30pm - Church Office

Friday, September 11, 2020

Mass at 6:30am

Saturday, September 12, 2020

Baptisms - 11am - Church

Mass at 4pm

Sunday, September 13, 2020

Masses at: 7am, 9am & 11am

Bishop's Services Appeal Collection

SANCTUARY LIGHT:

*In Memory Of:
Don Taylor*



St. Joseph's Pray for Employment

Saint Joseph, you were yourself once faced with the responsibility of providing the necessities of life for Jesus and Mary. Look down with fatherly compassion upon me in my anxiety over my present inability to support my family. Please help me to find gainful employment very soon, so that this heavy burden of concern will be lifted from my heart and that I am soon able to provide for those whom God has entrusted to my care. Help us to guard against bitterness and discouragement, so that we may emerge from this trial spiritually enriched and with even greater blessings from God. Amen.

MASS SERVERS September 8 - 13, 2020					
DAY DATE	TIME	CELEBRANT	READERS	LAY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION	ALTAR SERVERS
Tuesday 9/8/20	5:30pm	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	<i>See Reader Schedule</i>	<i>See Lay Minister Schedule</i>	Sacristan
Wednesday 9/9/20	9:00am	Fr. Ed Degeyter	<i>See Reader Schedule</i>	<i>See Lay Minister Schedule</i>	Sacristan
Thursday 9/10/20	5:30pm	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	<i>See Reader Schedule</i>	<i>See Lay Minister Schedule</i>	Sacristan
Friday 9/11/20	6:30am	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	<i>See Reader Schedule</i>	<i>See Lay Minister Schedule</i>	Sacristan
Saturday 9/12/20	4:00pm	Fr. Ed Degeyter	<i>See Reader Schedule</i>	<i>See Lay Minister Schedule</i>	Cohen Schlicher Ryan Gonsoulin
Sunday 9/13/20	7:00am	Fr. Ed Degeyter	<i>See Reader Schedule</i>	<i>See Lay Minister Schedule</i>	Luke Salsman Madalynn Salsman
	9:00am	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	<i>See Reader Schedule</i>	<i>See Lay Minister Schedule</i>	Michael Bertrand Garrett Meaux
	11:00am	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	<i>See Reader Schedule</i>	<i>See Lay Minister Schedule</i>	Autum Trahan Ephraim Trahan

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