Nativity of Our Lady Catholic Church
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**MASS SCHEDULE:**
- Saturday: 4:00 pm
- Sunday: 7:00 am, 9:00 am, 10:30 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:**
Fr. Mario Romero

**SACRAMENTAL MINISTER:**
Fr. Ed Degeyter

**DEACON:**
Deacon Stephen VanCleve

**BOOKKEEPER:**
Linda L. Viator

**SECRETARY:**
Polly Camacho

**DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:**
Brenda Romero – 365-3759

**YOUTH DIRECTOR:**
Allison Abshire – 365-3759

**PASTORAL COUNCIL PRESIDENT:** Barbara Breaux

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

**ROSARY:**
- Wednesday: 8:25 am (Pro-Life)
- Thursday: 5:00 pm
This year’s theme for Catechetical Sunday is "Prayer: The Faith Prayed." Catechetical Sunday is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the role that each person plays, by virtue of Baptism, in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel. Catechetical Sunday is an opportunity for all to rededicate catechists to this mission as a community of faith.

**IS R.C.I.A. FOR YOU?**
Have you been searching for a Church home, and would like to learn more about the Catholic Church? Or, for whatever reason, you did not receive your First Communion or Confirmation when you were younger? The R.C.I.A. Program, the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, would be the place for you. The R.C.I.A. is a process of catechesis (instructions in the principles of Christianity) and community building. This program is open to all non-baptized adults seeking to join the Catholic Church, as well as those willing to convert from another faith, and those baptized Catholics who would like to enter into full membership in the Church. The “Come & See” night is September 27th. If you would like more information, fliers are available at the entrances of church. Contact Father Mario at the church office - 364-8360

Our Lady’s Altar Society is organizing a lunch to celebrate Father Mario’s Birthday (October 3) & Father Gene’s Birthday (October 2) - The Luncheon will be on Thursday, September 29th at 11:00am - Little River Inn. All are invited, lunch is Dutch treat, call the office to register - 364-8360. Deadline to register is Monday, September 26th.

Next week Nativity of Our Lady Church will have a guest missionary from the Archdiocese of Ha-Noi, as part of the Diocese Office Missionary Cooperative Plan. Father Do Minh Vu will be speaking to us on behalf of his diocese. Please welcome Fr. Vu to our parish.

**Vocation Supper for Young Men**
Wednesday, October 12, 2016 at 6:30pm
Immaculata Center (1408 Carmel Drive, Lafayette)
In Marion Hall
Contact: Fr. Kevin Bordelon,
Dir. Of Vocations 337-261-5690
**Deadline to register:** Friday, October 7, 2016

It is customary that the pastor, a deacon, or a religious accompany the candidate(s) to the Vocation Supper. A sponsoring pastor/deacon/religious may bring one or two candidates. If the young person is under the age of 18 and is the only candidate sponsored by a priest, deacon, or nun, then a parent (or other family member over the age of 18) must also attend the Vocation Supper.
Space is limited to fifteen (15), so please register early.

A meeting for 1st Communion parents and Confirmation parents and students will be held on **Wednesday, September 21st** at 6 pm in Church. The meeting is for parents only for 1st Communion, please do not bring your child with you. The meeting for Confirmation is for parents and Confirmation student. Confirmation students are required to attend the meeting. Please make plans to attend if your child will be making their 1st Communion or Confirmation in 2017. Please bring child’s baptismal certificate. Call Brenda Romero, 365-3759 if you have any questions or concerns.

**Nativity Mausoleum Update**
Our sales campaign is underway for the construction of new mausoleum crypts at Nativity of Our Lady. The new mausoleum is probably 1 year away from completion, therefore, the small number of unsold crypts that we have in current inventory will be reserved for temporary placement for caskets of families who have bought in the new mausoleum and are awaiting completion of the new facilities. We wanted to make this information known so that you can plan accordingly for your family’s burial needs. If you would like to speak to a salesman from the Acme Mausoleum company, please call the church office for their contact information.

**Reflections – Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
The reading today from Timothy reminds us of the importance of praying for others and especially for those in positions of leadership. Our leaders are treated with deference and given many privileges so that it is easy for them to feel they should not have to follow the rules we are to follow. When they mess up we berate them and are shocked; but what have we done to help them? Consider including all leaders in your prayers everyday asking the spirit to give them wisdom and fortitude to serve the people well.

“I know the Lord will help his anointed; He will answer him from his holy heaven.” - Psalm 20:6
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Tuesday, September 20, 2016
5:30pm  M/M V.A. Bernard, Margie Belaire
         Gordon Millet, M/M Joseph Roy Dugas

Wednesday, September 21, 2016
9:00am  Gloria Lising, Dr. Roy Landry
         Gordon Millet

Thursday, September 22, 2016
5:30pm  Wink Alogna (liv), Gordon Millet

Friday, September 23, 2016
6:30am  In Reparation to the Holy Face of Jesus
        and in Honor of Our Lady of Mount Carmel
        & St. Joseph, Susan Smith (liv)

Saturday, September 24, 2016
4:00pm  Harvey & Joyce DeCourt, Rita Hernandez
         Marilyn Landry, Winclise Bourque
         Judy Badeaux, Dr. Clyde Rougeou, Jr.
         John G. Ramirez, Mike Belaire (bd)
         Gwendolyn Gaspard, M/M Israel Olivier
         M/M Arthur Lemoine, M/M Lucius Smith
         Joe & Betty Smith, Joey Huval
         Elliot Armand (bd), Anna Mae Broussard
         Rodney Comeaux, Ray Comeaux

Sunday, September 25, 2016
7:00am  Parishioners, Marlene T. Broussard
         Amelia Segura Selph, Genevieve B. Dugas
         Msgr. H.J. Barsen, Agapito A. Castro
         Gerald “Bick” Girouard, Walter Duplantis
         Rita Mae Cestia, Mickey Hulin
         Metz, Babin & Russo Fly, Theresa Romero

10:30am Fr. A.J. Boumans, Ransonet & Dressel Fly
        Tommy Breaux, Sr., Donna M. Lanza
        Melissa Judice, Louis “Bucket” Belaire
        Lionel Duplechain, Harris Castille
        Allen “Pinky” Hebert, Flo Mestayer
        Hazel & Wesley Pattillo Fly

Below is a copy of a letter to Msgr. H.J. Barsen from Mother Theresa of Calcutta from June of 1978. We have the original letter scanned here, front and back, and plan to have it framed and placed in the Nativity Office reception area. Since Mother Theresa is now a Saint, this letter that she wrote to Msgr. Barsen is a second-class relic!

Dear Msgr. H.J. Barsen,
This letter was sent to me 3 weeks ago.
Thank you for your love and concern for the Poor.
What you and your good people propose is very beautiful - but I cannot accept it for the Mission of Ch.
As we have a $5.00 a week that makes us depend fully on Divine Providence - without security of income - which may take all of us in our Family but I give the address - you write to him - he will be glad to receive it.

This Eminence Card & Preachy
32 Park Street
Calcutta 16

He has many missions stations for which he needs help. I am sending your letter to him - kindly write to him.
Keep the joy of Jesus as your Strength and the Good of needy, poor and peace in your Parish.
Pray for me and our people.

God bless you,
Mother Teresa, M.M.
QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK
September 19 - 25, 2016

PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS
September 19 - 25, 2016

Reading I: Amos 8:4-7
• Don’t trample on the needy!

Reading II: 1 Timothy 2:1-8
• Pray for all, especially those in authority.

• No one can serve two masters.

Theme: “How do we use what God has given us?”

CHILDREN: Clothes, food, toys all cost money. How do you keep your faith more important than money?

YOUTH: The Gospel tells us that money can get in the way of serving God. How can you use all that you have (possessions, money, time, talent) to serve God?

ADULT: Money is an important part of modern life. Suggest one or two ways you can keep the need for money in balance with your faith.

Because our church bulletin is printed out of state, all Mass intentions and announcements should be submitted to the office at least two weeks prior to the requested bulletin date. Thank you.

We are pleased to announce that arrangements have been completed with Acme Mausoleum Corporation to build Phase 4 of our mausoleum here at Nativity of Our Lady. Acme Mausoleum has over 100 years of memorial experience and is the largest builders of mausoleums in the nation. They were the builders of our recent additions to our mausoleum and are here again offering the same trustworthy credentials and satisfactory service. Representatives will be contacting our families over the next few weeks to answer questions about the mausoleum and determine who is interested in making provisions for their families. The number of crypts selected before construction will determine the size of the mausoleum. Spaces are reserved on a first come basis, therefore anyone seeking information should either mail in the return card from the brochure being mailed to you, or by calling Acme at 1-877-620-7875. To be assured of a selection of your preference, you should reserve your space now. Additional brochures are located at the rear of the church for those who may not have received one in the mail.

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.

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: Lester Comeaux, Ross Granger, Chambers Fly, Irene Hebert, Riley Dubois, Virginia Raymond, Laura George, Shawn George, Sylvia Hopes, Ken Viator, Cynthia Picard, Lloyd Romero, Peter Williams, Brent Buteraux, Trace Sutton, Larry Bourque, Ulysse Robicheaux, Judy Babineaux, Linda Romero, Robert Ogle, Wendell Lancon, Peggy H. Vice, Myrna Poche, Pansy Dore Landry, Adalyn Davis, Bennett Lancon, Corliss Ramirez, Nelson Landry, Tanya Mallet, Neal Boutte, Ravis Belaire, Mary Angele, Brandon Maturin, Katie Moore, Mable Romero, Della LaRive, Therese Segura, Wally Elmer, Cindy McDonald, Lydia Nowell, Addison Thompson, Betty Walker, Bridget & Thomas Gilbert, Johanna Brooks, Claudia S. Boudreaux, Peggy Lancon, Kurt Menard, Donna Breaux, Gayle Hebert, Patricia Oubre, Ann Viator, Ciera Marie Davis, Sylvia Pete, Vivian Derouen, Lori Brown, Dr. Charles Miller, Cheryl Gonsoulin, Sheryl Babineaux, Colby Delahoussaye, Fr. Ralph Landry, Doris Boutte, Jay Boutte, Myrtle Oubre, Kyle Taylor, Carol Hebert, Josie Faucheaux, Chad & Danielle Boulaireaux, Carroll Romero, Jr., Beverly Simon, Liz Lancon, George & Joyce Sikes, Sheryl S. Bourque, Mike & Charlene Olmsted, McKenzie Theriot, Lloyd & Ronnie Landry, Nicole Viator Ortego, Elise C. Verret, Michael & Claire Landry family, Landon, Kolton & Talan Mancil, Ruby Seneca, Gloria Landry, Dylan Ortego, Robin L. Viator, Janell Broussard, Clifton E. Babin, Rosemary Mendoza Cormier, Malcolm Daille, Danielle Duhon, Heath Michael Boutte, Gena Bonin, Connor Newman, Zachary black, Jr., Alma Vaughn, Raphael & Marie Duplechain, Edna Collette

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Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
September 18, 2016

God ... wills everyone to be saved and to come to knowledge of the truth.  
— 1 Timothy 2:4

READINGS FOR THE WEEK
Monday:  Prv 3:27-34; Ps 15:2-5; Lk 8:16-18  
Tuesday:  Prv 21:1-6, 10-13;  
          Ps 119:1, 27, 30, 34, 35, 44; Lk 8:19-21  
Wednesday:  Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Ps 19:2-5; Mt 9:9-13  
Thursday:  Eccl 1:2-11; Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17bc;  
           Lk 9:7-9  
Friday:  Eccl 3:1-11; Ps 144:1b, 2abc, 3-4;  
        Lk 9:18-22  
Saturday:  Eccl 11:9 — 12:8; Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17;  
          Lk 9:43b-45  
Sunday:  Am 6:1a, 4-7; Ps 146:7-10; 1 Tm 6:11-16;  
        Lk 16:19-31

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES
Sunday:  Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time;  
         Catechetical Sunday  
Monday:  St. Januarius  
Tuesday:  Ss. Andrew Kim Tae-gŏn and Paul Chŏng Ha-sang and Companions  
Wednesday:  St. Matthew  
Thursday:  Autumn begins  
Friday:  St. Pio of Pietrelcina  
         (Padre Pio)  
Saturday:  Blessed Virgin Mary

CURRENT EVENTS
Tuesday, September 20, 2016
The Eucharist Study Group - 9:00am - Barsen

Wednesday, September 21, 2016
Pro-Life Rosary - 8:25am with Mass at 9am  
1st Communion & Confirmation Meeting  
(see notes in bulletin) - 6pm - Church

Thursday, September 22, 2016
The Eucharist Study Group - 6:10pm - Barsen  
Pastoral Council Meeting  
- 6:15pm - Church Office  
Women’s Ultreya - 7pm - Barsen

Sunday, September 25, 2016
2nd Collection - Missionary Appeal
Jesus is Alive - 5pm - Parish Hall

Rachel’s Vineyard Retreat, October 7-9, 2016:  Rachel’s Vineyard Retreat is an extraordinary opportunity for any person who struggles with the emotional and spiritual pain of abortion. The weekend is a unique and effective process designed specifically to help you experience the mercy and compassion of God. This process is extremely helpful for those who have difficulty forgiving themselves or others. The weekend will help your soul find a voice and transform the pain of the past into hope! For more information and to register call 337.261.5607 or email tlittell@diolaf.org. All inquiries are kept strictly confidential.

FLOWERS:  Our Lady’s Altar Society
SANCTUARY LIGHT:  CD & Melrose

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September 20 - 25, 2016

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