

# *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 Degeyer*

## **BOOKKEEPER:**

*Linda L. Viator*

## **SECRETARY:**

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## **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

The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner  
who went out at dawn  
to hire laborers for his vineyard.

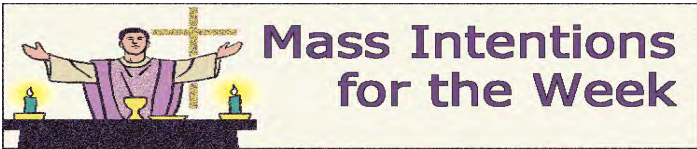
Matthew 20:1



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September 20, 2020

**Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**



# Mass Intentions for the Week

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- Tuesday, September 22, 2020**  
**5:30pm** Sophia Elise Viator (liv)(bd)
- Wednesday, September 23, 2020**  
**9:00am** Quang V. Nguyen, Gloria Lising  
 Joseph Viator, Patti Gagnard  
 Patty Fontenot, Kryslin Guillotte (liv)(bd)
- Thursday, September 24, 2020**  
**5:30pm** Mike Belaire, Sr. (bd), Clark Mouton  
 Wilda Soirez, Elliot Armand
- Friday, September 25, 2020**  
**6:30am** Tammy Gillard (liv)(bd)
- Saturday, September 26, 2020**  
**4:00pm** Harvey & Joyce DeCourt, Noemi Louviere  
 Amelia Segura Selph, Lynward Ransonet  
 Marcella Brasher, Winclise Bourque (bd)  
 John & Mercedes Girouard, Oris Gachassin  
 Liv. & Dec. Dressel & Ransonet Fly  
 Whitney & Thelma Gautreaux
- Sunday, September 27, 2020**  
**7:00am** Parishioners, Anna Mae Broussard  
 Marlene T. Broussard, Tan & Jean Dugas  
 M/M Raymond Landry, Mona B. Simon  
 Savannah & Lane Krai (liv), Charles Froisy
- 9:00am** Msgr. H. J. Barsen, Melvin Petry  
 Gerald "Bick" Girouard (7 yr ann of death)  
 Mary Grace Rentrop, Patty Fontenot  
 Otis & Rita Norris, Quang V. Nguyen  
 Irene & O'Neil Simon, Agapito A. Castro  
 Betty & Gilbert Dugas, Gilman Dugas
- 11:00am** Fr. A.J. Boumans, Donna M. Lanza  
 Msgr. J. Robert Romero (liv)(bd)  
 Ronnie Ackal, Ricky Guidry

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.***

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

OUR GIFTS TO GOD week ending September 6<sup>th</sup>

Loose .....	\$ 1,672.77
Envelopes .....	\$ 2,183.00
Total (collected).....	\$ 3,855.77
Online Giving offertory.....	\$ 1,140.00
Mailed in offertory.....	\$ 1,195.00
Total offertory (week) .....	\$ 6,190.77

OUR GIFTS TO GOD week ending September 13<sup>th</sup>

Loose .....	\$ 1,386.00
Envelopes .....	\$ 4,757.00
Total (collected).....	\$ 6,143.00
Online Giving offertory.....	\$ 863.00
Mailed in offertory.....	\$ 1,234.00
Total offertory (week) .....	\$ 8,240.00
Nativity Building Fund .....	\$ 1,201.00
Diocese of Lake Charles/ Hurricane Laura Relief.....	\$ 4,682.06

**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-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time** - The Sunday Gospel recounts the story of the vineyard owner who hired workers throughout the day and then paid everyone for a full day's work. Many sympathize with the workers who put in a full day and feel this was unfair. Some just think the owner must be nuts paying people more than they had earned. But that misses the point - this is about the reign of God. God does not play by our little rules nor does God deal with us as we deserve. God is generous. We need to learn to rejoice in his unconditional love for all of us.

*"The Lord is good to all and compassionate to all his works." - Psalm 145:9*  
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## Carlos Acutis (1991-2006)

Currently, Carlos Acutis has the title in the Catholic Church of Venerable. He will be Beatified on October 10, 2020 in Assisi, Italy. His formal acceptance of his cause occurred on May 13, 2013 and became titled Servant of God. Pope Francis confirmed his life of heroic virtue on July 5, 2018 and named him as Venerable. Medical experts approved a miracle attributed to him on November 14, 2019. This miracle was that of a young Brazilian boy being cured of a rare disease due to his intercession. When he is Beatified his title will be Blessed. He needs one more miracle to receive the title Saint.

**Carlo Acutis** died at a tender age of 15 of leukemia, leaving in the memory of all those who had known him a great feeling of emptiness and a profound admiration for what was his brief but intense testimony of an authentic Christian life.

After Carlo received his First Communion at the age of 7, he never failed to attend Holy Mass daily. He always tried to spend time in adoration before the Tabernacle in the Real Presence of the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament before and after the Eucharistic celebration. Our Lady was his trusted friend and he always honored her by reciting the Rosary every day. Carlo's modern and up-to-date ways was in harmony with his deep Eucharistic and Marian devotion which made him a very special youth everyone admired and loved.

Carlo was very gifted in the field of computer technology to the point that he helped his friends and adults with computer engineering degrees considered him a genius.

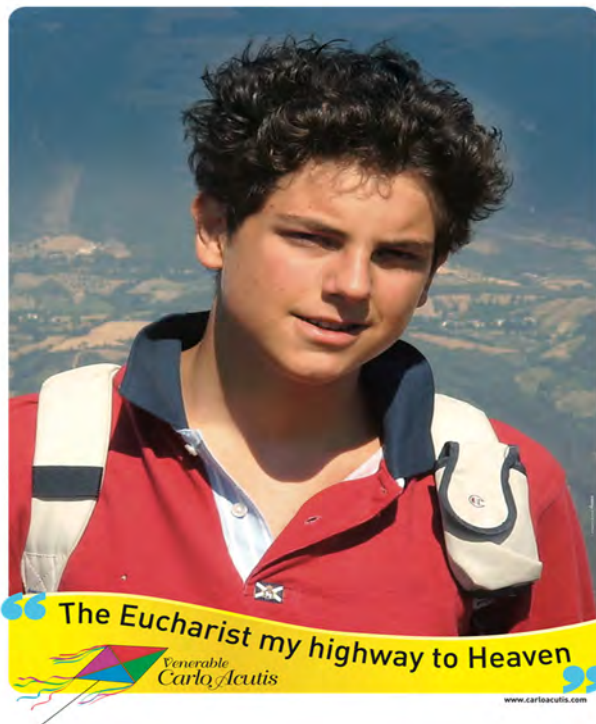
Everyone was amazed at his ability to decipher the secrets of informatics that are usually accessible to those with specialized university degrees. Carlo's interests ranged from computer programming, film editing, creating websites, to editing and laying out small publications. He also served as a volunteer to help the neediest, especially children and elderly people. Indeed, this young believer from the Diocese of Milan, was a mystery, who amid his suffering before dying was able to offer it up for the Pope and the Church.

Cardinal Angelo Comastri highlights Carlo Acutis' life this way:

**“To always be united with Jesus, this is my plan of life”**. With these few words Carlo Acutis outlined the distinctive feature of his short life: living with Jesus, for Jesus, in Jesus”. To quote Carlo's words: **“Our goal must be the infinite and not the finite. Infinity is our homeland. We are always expected in Heaven”**. Another phrase of his was: **“All people are born as originals but many die as photocopies”**. To move towards this goal and not “die as photocopies” Carlo said that our compass must be the Word of God, that we have to measure up to constantly. But to reach such a lofty goal very special measures are necessary: the Sacraments and prayer. In particular, Carlo placed the Sacrament of the Eucharist at the center of his life and he called it **“my highway to Heaven”**.

We can find material on Carlo Acutis by visiting [carloacutis.com](http://carloacutis.com) on the internet. Of special note is his website on the Eucharistic Miracles. This website can be found at [miracolieu-caristici.org](http://miracolieu-caristici.org) on the internet. This is an international exhibition of Eucharistic Miracles created and designed by Carlo Acutis.

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### **PILGRIMAGE DAY TRIP**

St. Mary Mother of the Church, Lafayette will be offering an opportunity to visit the St. Joseph Churches in Patterson, Centerville and Loreauville on Tuesday, September 22. Due to Covid 19, we will not be going by bus, but carpooling in our own cars. The day includes traveling to the churches, learning about the history of their church, and praying together. A Lunch break will be provided (pay your own way). For those interested, we will meet in the parking lot (the Parish Hall side of the complex) of St. Mary Church, Lafayette at 8:45 a.m. to make sure people have their booklets and driving directions. If you have any questions or may be interested in joining this pilgrimage, please register with JoAnn LeJune 337-703-3041, on or before September 21.

## 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 Aguiard, Dale Landry, Charles Gautreaux, Jason Walker, Peggy Migues, 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, 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, Elaine L. Bourque, Carrol Romero, Jr., Betty LaSalle, Larry Romero, Daniel Bienvenu

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 Good and Evil**

**Q: If God is good, why is there evil in the world?**

**A:** The problem of evil is perplexing. If God is all-powerful and all-good, why doesn't He stop bad things from happening? He must either not be all-powerful, or perhaps He's not very good after all. Human beings have faced the possibility of evil since the very beginning of our existence. In granting us free will, God gives us the ability to make free choices. God does not force us into moral perfection. We are not forced to love Him or to love our neighbor. We must make the decision ourselves. This means, of course, that we have the ability to choose against love.

One small decision of selfishness, jealousy, or pride may not seem so bad. But every decision — good or bad — is like a stone dropped into a still pond. The ripples extend much farther than the original stone. When decisions against love begin to compound, they affect families, neighborhoods, and nations. This is all the more reason for Christians to be faithful to our baptismal call to love one another as Christ has loved us!

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## SANCTUARY LIGHT:

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## **PRAYER FOR HURRICANE SEASON**

O God, Master of this passing world, hear the humble voices of your children. The Sea of Galilee obeyed your order and returned to its former quietude. You are still the Master of land and sea. We live in the shadow of a danger over which we have no control; the Gulf, like a provoked and angry giant, can awake from its seeming lethargy, overstep its conventional boundaries, invade our land and spread chaos and disaster

During this hurricane season we turn to You, O loving Father. Spare us from past tragedies whose memories are still so vivid and whose wounds seem to refuse to heal with passing of time. O Virgin, Star of the Sea, Our Beloved Mother, we ask you to plead with your Son in our behalf, so that spared from the calamities common to this area and animated with a true spirit of gratitude, we will walk in the footsteps of your Divine Son to reach the heavenly Jerusalem where a storm less eternity awaits us. **AMEN**

*Bishop Maurice Schexnayder, Second Bishop of Lafayette*

## TODAY'S READINGS

**Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
September 20, 2020**

**Reading I: Isaiah 55:6-9**

- While still in captivity in Babylon, Isaiah urged the Israelites to seek the Lord, for the Lord is near even in exile. When have you felt the Lord's presence in dark periods of your life?

**Reading II: Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a**

- In his letter to the Philippians written from prison and toward the end of his life, St. Paul reflects on his spiritual dilemma between life and death. How do you work through spiritual dilemmas?

**Gospel: Matthew 20:1-16a**

- Jesus' parable of the workers in the vineyard of the Lord offers us important insights into the Kingdom of Heaven and God's generosity. To whom do you think this parable is unsettling?

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## CURRENT EVENTS

**Monday, September 21, 2020**

Faith Formation Pick-up Day - Grades 9 & 10

**Tuesday, September 22, 2020**

"The Sacraments" Discussion Group  
- 9am - Parish Hall

Mass at 5:30pm

Faith Formation Pick-up Day - Grades 5,6,7 & 8

**Wednesday, September 23, 2020**

Faith Formation Pick-up Day - Grades 1, 3, & 4

**Thursday, September 24, 2020**

Mass at 5:30pm

"The Sacraments" Discussion Group  
- 6:05pm - Barsen Hall

Women's Ultreya - 7pm - Parish Hall

**Friday, September 25, 2020**

Mass at 6:30am

**Saturday, September 26, 2020**

Mass at 4pm

**Sunday, September 27, 2020**

***Happy Birthday Msgr. Romero!***

Masses at: 7am, 9am & 11am

Collection for the New Iberia Poor & Needy



**Novena Prayer to St. Therese (*made privately*) September 23 - October 1, 2020**

**Novena Prayer cards are located at the exits of the church.**

As we prepare for St. Therese's feast on October 1, we ask her to enlighten and strengthen us to imitate her and St. Joseph in the acceptance of all that our merciful Father sends into our lives. She will surely help us, as surely as she will intercede for the needs and intention we place in her care during the novena in her honor.

*- Monastery of Mary, Mother of Grace, Lafayette, LA*

MASS SERVERS September 15 - 20, 2020					
DAY DATE	TIME	CELEBRANT	READERS	LAY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION	ALTAR SERVERS
<b>Tuesday</b> 9/22/20	<b>5:30pm</b>	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	Kimberly Clay	Percy Barrilleaux	Sacristan
<b>Wednesday</b> 9/23/20	<b>9:00am</b>	Fr. Ed Degeyter	Ginger Comeaux	Ross Landry, Lisa Dooley Barbara Breaux	Sacristan
<b>Thursday</b> 9/24/20	<b>5:30pm</b>	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	Madeline Domingues	Linda Viator	Sacristan
<b>Friday</b> 9/25/20	<b>6:30am</b>	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	Keith Comeaux	Mike Degeyter	Sacristan
<b>Saturday</b> 9/26/20	<b>4:00pm</b>	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	Jenny Gonsoulin	Mike & Doris Degeyter Nancy Barras	Ryan Gonsoulin Cohen Schlicher
<b>Sunday</b> 9/27/20	<b>7:00am</b>	Fr. Ed Degeyter	Paul Broussard	Phil & Reneé Haney Percy Barrilleaux	Jesse Clay Sophia Comeaux
	<b>9:00am</b>	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	Margo LeBlanc	Agnes Castro, Linda Viator Brenda Robicheaux	Luke Salsman Madalynn Salsman
	<b>11:00am</b>	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	Dona Schexnayder	Holli Cambre, Rickey Huval Lloyd Nicholson	Garrett Meaux Michael Bertrand

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