

# *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 Degeyter*

## **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

## **TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**




SEPTEMBER

**27**

2020

Humbly regard others as  
more important than yourselves,  
each looking out not  
for his own interests,  
but also for those of others.

Philippians 2:3-4



# Mass Intentions for the Week

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**Tuesday, September 29, 2020**  
**5:30pm** Gilbert Jackson

**Wednesday, September 30, 2020**  
**9:00am** Quang V. Nguyen, Patty Fontenot  
 Joseph Viator, Patti Gagnard  
 Kolton Romero (liv)(bd), Larry Forrest  
 Millie Simon Swatlaski, Lawrence Simon

**Thursday, October 1, 2020**  
**5:30pm** Dale G. Mouton (liv)(bd)

**Friday, October 2, 2020 - First Friday**  
**6:30am** Fr. Eugene Tremie (liv)(bd), Don Taylor  
 Janell Broussard, Phyllis Guilbeau Biglane  
 Pat Robicheaux, United States Military  
 Earl & Shirley Robicheaux, Sr.

**Saturday, October 3, 2020 - First Saturday**  
**9:00am** Quang V. Nguyen, Marlene T. Broussard  
 Brother & Claire LaBauve, Larry Romero  
 Francis J. Meyers (liv)(bd)  
 Christopher Hollier (liv)(bd)  
 United States of America

**4:00pm** Memorial Book Intentions, Roy Flores  
 Harvey & Joyce DeCourt, Wilson Bernard  
 Amelia Segura Selph, Lynward Ransonet  
 Marcella Brasher, Errol J. Guyote  
 Oris Gachassin, Vernice & A.J. Estilette  
 Vera & Avery DeHart, James Ramirez  
 Stuart Guyote

**Sunday, October 4, 2020**  
**7:00am** Memorial Book Intentions, Parishioners  
 Marlene T. Broussard, Tan & Jean Dugas  
 Mona B. Simon, Charles Froisy

**9:00am** Memorial Book Intentions, Melvin Petry  
 Msgr. H. J. Barsen, Robert Bonin, Sr.  
 Gerald "Bick" Girouard, Inez Vincent  
 Quang V. Nguyen, Presidential Election  
 Irene & O'Neil Simon, Agapito A. Castro  
 Patty Fontenot, Gilman Dugas  
 Betty & Gilbert Dugas

**11:00am** Memorial Book Intentions, Dean Smith  
 Fr. A.J. Boumans, Donna M. Lanza  
 Ronnie Ackal, Aline & Asa Stewart  
 Kenny Byrom, Theonie & Ernest Breaux

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 20<sup>th</sup>

Loose .....	\$ 1,778.25
Envelopes .....	\$ 2,794.00
Total (collected).....	\$ 4,572.25
Online Giving offertory.....	\$ 1,243.00
Mailed in offertory.....	\$ 1,000.00
Total offertory (week).....	\$ 6,815.25
Bishop's Services Appeal.....	\$ 160.00

**Thank you for your generosity!!!!**

**SANCTUARY LIGHT:**

*In Memory Of:  
 Creig Broussard*



**Happy Birthday Msgr. Romero  
 Sunday, September 27<sup>th</sup>!**

**Happy Birthday Fr. Gene  
 Friday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>!**



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**REFLECTIONS - Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time** - Our human nature finds it very difficult to accept God's way of doing things as "just." Many of Jesus' parables tell us that God does not judge things the way we would. God knows our hearts and understands our struggles in a way that even we don't understand ourselves, much less anyone else. There is nothing to be gained by trying to measure our "goodness" nor in comparing it to others. Our focus should be on how well we are trying to follow Jesus and leave the rest in the hands of our merciful God.

*"Your ways, O Lord, make known to me; teach me your paths." - Psalm 25:4*  
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# Nativity of Our Lady Catholic Church

## October 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>4 Pray for Bishop Emeritus Michael Jarrell</p> <p>Memorial Book <i>Nativity Building Fund</i></p>	<p>5 Pray for Fr. Joseph Campion</p>	<p>6 Pray for Fr. Michael Champagne</p> <p>"The Sacraments" Discussion 9am</p>	<p>7 Pray for Fr. Gregory Chauvin</p> <p>Pro-Life Rosary Holy Hour 9:30am Living Rosary 6:30pm - St. Peter Church</p>	<p>1 Pray for Pope Francis "The Sacraments" Discussion 6:05pm</p>	<p>2 Pray for Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI</p> <p>First Friday</p>	<p>3 Pray for Bishop Douglas Deshotel</p> <p>First Saturday</p>
<p>11 Pray for Fr. Nathan Comeaux</p> <p>Holy Land Sales After all Masses</p>	<p>12 Pray for Fr. Gregory Cormier</p>	<p>13 Pray for Msgr. Douglas Courville</p> <p>"The Sacraments" Discussion 9am Patriotic Rosary 6pm</p>	<p>14 Pray for Fr. Randy Courville</p> <p>Pro-Life Rosary</p>	<p>8 Pray for Fr. Michael Chesney</p> <p>Baptismal Class "The Sacraments" Discussion 6:05pm</p>	<p>9 Pray for Fr. Blaine Clement</p>	<p>10 Pray for Fr. Ugochukwu Cletus</p> <p>Baptisms Holy Land Sales After 4pm Mass</p>
<p>18 Pray for Fr. Francis Damoah</p> <p><i>Bishop's Services Appeal</i></p>	<p>19 Pray for Fr. Hampton Davis</p>	<p>20 Pray for Msgr. Jefferson DeBlanc</p> <p>"The Sacraments" Discussion 9am</p>	<p>21 Pray for Fr. Michael DeBlanc</p> <p>Pro-Life Rosary</p>	<p>15 Pray for Fr. Robert Courville</p> <p>"The Sacraments" Discussion 6:05pm</p>	<p>16 Pray for Fr. Angelo Cremaldi</p>	<p>17 Pray for Fr. Barry Crochet</p>
<p>25 Pray for Msgr. Keith DeRouen</p> <p><i>New Iberia Poor &amp; Needy</i></p>	<p>26 Pray for Fr. Kenneth Domingue</p> <p><b>Faith Formation Pick-up Day</b></p>	<p>27 Pray for Fr. Dustin Dought</p> <p>"The Sacraments" Discussion 9am</p> <p><b>Faith Formation Pick-up Day</b></p>	<p>28 Pray for Fr. Gregory Downs</p> <p>Pro-Life Rosary</p> <p><b>Faith Formation Pick-up Day</b></p>	<p>22 Pray for Fr. Ed Degeyter</p> <p>"The Sacraments" Discussion 6:05pm Women's Ultreya 7pm - Parish Hall</p>	<p>23 Pray for Fr. Michael Delcambre</p>	<p>24 Pray for Fr. Mark Derise</p>
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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 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., Chuck Sickle, Daniel Bienvenu, Deanna Romero, Eva Gaspard, Randall 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 The Tradition of Genuflection**

### **Q: Why do Catholics Genuflect?**

**A:** Genuflection is an act of devotion that literally means “to bend the knee.” For many Catholics, it’s an almost automatic gesture that we perform before entering our pew or row of seats at Mass. But, like many of the symbols and gestures of our faith tradition, genuflecting can also be an invitation for deeper reflection.

The practice of “bending the knee” is an ancient way of recognizing the presence of someone greater than we are. It has been said that the practice dates back to the time of Alexander the Great, but it became a common part of etiquette in the royal courts of the Middle Ages. From throne rooms and palaces, it was a small step to genuflecting becoming part of the devotional lives of Christians, who used this secular gesture as a way of recognizing the presence of the One who is King of Kings, especially in the Eucharist.

Today, Catholics are asked to genuflect in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament (whether in the tabernacle or exposed on the altar during eucharistic adoration). So, while it has become second nature to genuflect before entering your seat in church, we should pay attention to where the Blessed Sacrament is kept in each church or chapel that we visit, and genuflect in the direction of the tabernacle where the Blessed Sacrament is kept. In churches or chapels in which the tabernacle is in a separate space, we are invited to simply bow toward the altar.

In addition to genuflecting before the Blessed Sacrament, we are also instructed to genuflect before the cross used for veneration on Good Friday (during the solemn celebrations of the Lord’s Passion) and any time a relic of the True Cross is displayed for veneration. This long-standing tradition is a way of honoring the cross as the great sign of our salvation and of showing devotion to the passion of Jesus.

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## ***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.

## TODAY'S READINGS

**Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
September 27, 2020**

**Reading I: Ezekiel 18:25-28**

- The prophet Ezekiel warned that even the just at times turn away from justice. But the just are saved through repentance. How do you turn away from your sin?

**Reading II: Philippians 2:1-11 or 2:1-5**

- St. Paul presents in Philippians one of the Church's earliest Christological hymns, emphasizing the humility of Christ. Who do you see as a model of humility in your life?

**Gospel: Matthew 21:28-32**

- In a tense exchange between Jesus and the religious leaders of Jerusalem, those on the margins of society are held in higher regard by Jesus because of their repentance. What do you think motivates anyone to repent?

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## CURRENT EVENTS

**Monday, September 28, 2020**

Faith Formation - 11<sup>th</sup> Grade Begins

**Tuesday, September 29, 2020**

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

Mass at 5:30pm

"Come & See" for RCIA - 6:30pm - Office

**Wednesday, September 30, 2020**

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

Faith Formation - 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Begins

**Thursday, October 1, 2020**

Mass at 5:30pm

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

**Friday, October 2, 2020 - First Friday**

***Happy Birthday Fr. Gene!***

OLAS, K.C. Ladies Auxiliary & K.C. Members  
to attend 6:30am Mass

**Saturday, October 3, 2020 - First Saturday**

OLAS, K.C. Ladies Auxiliary & K.C. Members  
to attend 9am Mass

Mass at 4pm

**Sunday, October 4, 2020**

Masses at: **7am, 9am & 11am**

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### ST. JOSEPH'S PRAYER FOR THE GRACE OF PURITY

Saint Joseph, father and guardian of virgins, to whose faithful keeping Christ Jesus, innocence itself, and Mary, the virgin of virgins was entrusted, I pray and beseech you by that twofold and most precious charge, to save me from all uncleanness, to keep my mind untainted, my heart and body pure in my vocation; and to help me always to serve Jesus and Mary in perfect purity. Amen.

MASS SERVERS September 29 - October 4, 2020					
DAY DATE	TIME	CELEBRANT	READERS	LAY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION	ALTAR SERVERS
Tuesday 9/29/20	5:30pm	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	Pete Aucoin	Percy Barrilleaux	Sacristan
Wednesday 9/30/20	9:00am	Fr. Ed Degeyter	Christine Halphen	Linda Viator, Barbara Breaux Reneé Haney	Sacristan
Thursday 10/1/20	5:30pm	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	<i>See Reader Schedule</i>	<i>See Lay Minister Schedule</i>	Sacristan
Friday 10/2/20	6:30am	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	<i>See Reader Schedule</i>	<i>See Lay Minister Schedule</i>	Sacristan
Saturday 10/3/20	9:00am	Fr. Ed Degeyter	<i>See Reader Schedule</i>	<i>See Lay Minister Schedule</i>	Ryan Gonsoulin
	4:00pm	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	<i>See Reader Schedule</i>	<i>See Lay Minister Schedule</i>	Cohen Schlicher Sophia Comeaux
Sunday 10/4/20	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>	Ryan Gonsoulin Michael Bertrand
	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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