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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

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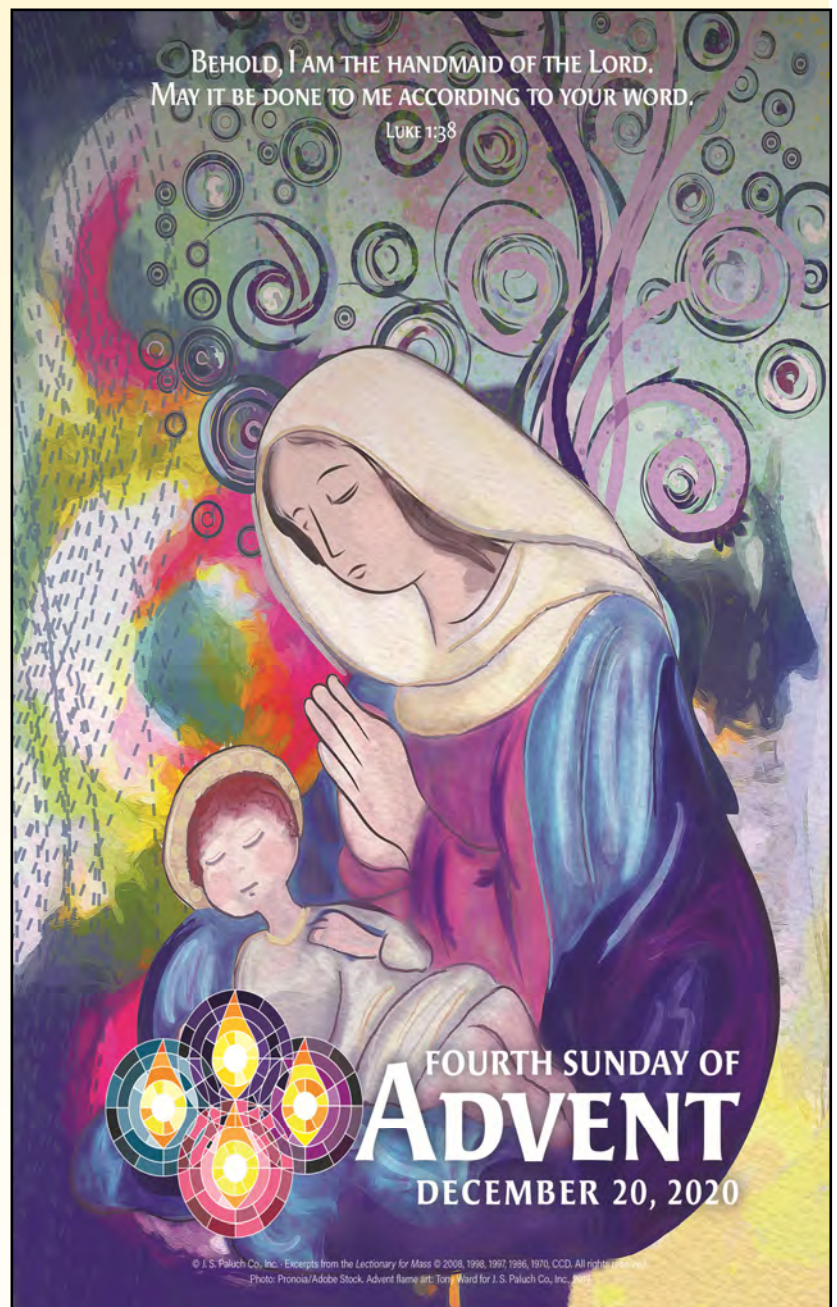
RECONCILIATION:


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

ROSARY:

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

Thursday: 5:00 pm





Mass Intentions for the Week

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Tuesday, December 22, 2020

5:30pm Vernice & Perry Derouen Fly

Wednesday, December 23, 2020

9:00am Patti Gagnard, Joseph Viator
Bertha Delcambre (liv), Quang V. Nguyen
Janell Broussard (bd), Reneé Hoffpauir
Chad Stansbury, Patty Babineaux Fontenot
The Charles Hebert Fly

Thursday, December 24, 2020 - Christmas Eve

Vigil Mass: 4:00pm - See insert

Friday, December 25, 2020 - Christmas

1st Mass: 8:00am - See insert

2nd Mass: 10:00am - See insert

Saturday, December 26, 2020

4:00pm Harvey & Joyce DeCourt, Warren Barras
Amelia Segura Selph, Lynward Ransonet
Oris & Nancy Gachassin, Roy Flores
Charles Heurtevant Fly, Inez Vincent
Collins Blanchard Fly, Robert Bonin, Sr.
Winclise Bourque (ann of death)
Lloyd & Nina Geoffroy
Liv. & Dec. Dressel & Ransonet Fly

Sunday, December 27, 2020

7:00am Parishioners, Mona B. Simon
Marlene T. Broussard, Tan & Jean Dugas
Bert & Sirena (liv)(bd) Rogers

9:00am Msgr. H. J. Barsen, Quang V. Nguyen
Gerald "Bick" Girouard, Melvin Petry
Irene & O'Neil Simon, Agapito A. Castro
Grandchildren & Greatgrandchildren of
Warren & Sandra Gaspard
Clarence & Violet Lancon

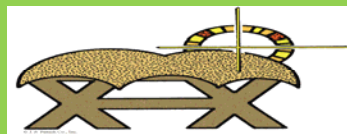
11:00am Fr. A.J. Boumans, Donna M. Lanza
Ronnie Ackal, Tom Greig Fly
Kyle Richard
Family of James & Brenda Prejean

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.

Christmas Masses

Vigil Mass (Thursday, December 24 th)	4:00 pm
First Mass (Friday, December 25 th)	8:00 am
Second Mass (Friday, December 25 th)	10:00 am



New Year's Day Masses

Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God

Anticipated Mass (Thursday, December 31 st)	4:00 pm
First Mass (Friday, January 1 st)	8:00 am
Second Mass (Friday, January 1 st)	10:00 am

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

OUR GIFTS TO GOD December 6th

Loose.....	\$ 1,251.00
Envelopes	\$ 2,801.00
Total (collected).....	\$ 4,052.00
Online Giving offertory.....	\$ 1,130.00
Mailed in offertory.....	\$ 820.00
Total offertory (week).....	\$ 6,002.00
Nativity Building Fund.....	\$ 710.00
Immaculate Conception Collection .	\$ 522.00

Thank you for your generosity!!!!

SANCTUARY LIGHT:

***In Memory Of:
Roy & Mitchell Seneca***



UPDATE ON GIVING TUESDAY -December 1, 2020

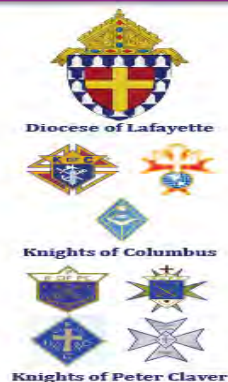
#GivingTuesday for #iGiveCatholic! The Diocese of Lafayette raised \$754,650, more than doubling what we received in 2019. Nativity of Our Lady Parish received \$225. We thank all donors for their contributions and pray God bless each and everyone!

REFLECTIONS - Fourth Sunday of Advent - Have you ever wished an angel would appear to tell you what God wants you to do? It would seem to be a good idea. You wouldn't have to guess any more. Such messages are not the norm. Perhaps it is because God gave us free will and such direct messages might make us feel like we had no choice. God wants us to be free to choose what is good and right. To hear what God wants of us, we must make the effort to discern God's will by reading Scripture, listening to the Church teachings, and praying for the guidance of the Spirit. As we become more open to the promptings of the Spirit, what we are called to do will become clearer.

"The Lord is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer, my God, my rock, in whom I take refuge." - Psalm 18:2
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Please Join Us!

*In praying for an end to abortion
and all pro-death activities in our
nation and in our world.*



South Deanery "March for Life"

*Friday, January 22, 2021
St. Peter's Catholic Church
New Iberia, Louisiana*

- **Silent Eucharistic Procession** (from Grotto on Main Street to St. Peter's Church) 6:00 p.m. (weather permitting)
- **Mass for Life** (A Love Offering Will Be Collected)
- **Five Day Rosary Congress** (24 hour Eucharistic Adoration for five days following March & Mass with Pro-Life Rosary recited every hour on the hour.)

*For more information call any local Catholic Church or
(337) 369-3816*



*Celebrant
Fr. William Blanda
St. Peter's, New Iberia, LA*



Permanent Diaconate Formation

Bishop Douglas Deshotel has announced that a new diaconate formation program to begin with an Inquiry Phase in January 2021. Men that have an interest to know more about the Permanent Diaconate can attend sessions on January 16th and 30th 2021. Meetings will be held at the Immaculata Center at the Offices of the Diocese of Lafayette.

If a man would like more information about the Inquiry phase he can seek out the Permanent Diaconate website link under the Diocese of Lafayette website. A listing of the criteria for the Diaconate is also listed on the Office of Diaconate on the Diocese website. There he will find a Pre Inquiry form to fill out and submit for further information from the Office of the Permanent Diaconate.

THE AQUINAS INSTITUTE

- LAFAYETTE, LA. The Aquinas Institute of Theology & Catholic Studies is offering two Spring 2021 courses for audit or college credit. Deepen your faith by spending time learning about the Catholic faith and your walk to eternity.
- THE 203: CHRISTOLOGY & MARIOLOGY - This course will provide and in-depth introduction to Christology, the discipline within theology which studies the Person of Jesus Christ. We will also cover the Person of Mary in relation to the Person of Christ. 3 SEM. HRS; Instructor: CHRISTA BILLEAUD, MA - Wednesdays 6:00-8:45 pm; Location: St. Cecilia School Library, Broussard, LA ; Classes begin January 20, 2021 thru May 5, 2021; Last Day to Register - January 12, 2021.
- THE 211: ECCLESIOLOGY - 3 SEM. HRS; Explore the Essence of the Church, including sources for ecclesiology; Members of the Church including the Church Militant, Penitent and Triumphant as the Mystical Body of Christ; and the Activity of the Church including Mission, Teaching, Sanctifying and Ruling Offices. Instructor: Rev. FR. CLINTON SENSAT, S.T.L.; Wednesdays 6:00 - 8:45 PM; Location: TBA; Classes January 20, 202 thru May 5, 2021; Last Day to Register - January 12, 2021.

Tuition for a 3-credit hour course is \$748 paid directly to the University of Holy Cross. AI credit seeking students who work directly for the Church (e.g., educators, priests, deacons, religious, DRE's, etc.) in a full or part time capacity will be offered a special reduced rate of \$482. AI catechetical and audit students will register directly with Aquinas Institute and the tuition, \$150 per course. Inquire about scholarships at (337) 394-6550.

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: 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, 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, Fran Jackson, David & Rob-in 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, 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, 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, Ronald Romero, Elaine L. Bourque, Chuck Sickle, Daniel Bienvenu, Deanna Romero, Eva Gaspard, Randall Romero, Barbara Breaux, Coty Lynn Romero, Rhonda Darden, Peggy Lancon, Art & Carmen Merryman, Nicole Guilbeau & Fly, Deacon John & Linda Sarkies. Fr. Eugene Tremie, Lester Simon, Gene Gonsoulin, Celia-Kate Williams, Jane Schaubert

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.

2021 Mass Intentions:

The Mass Intention Book for the 2021 year is now open for parishioners to schedule Masses. Please allow 10 business days if possible, before the requested Mass. Come by the church office to schedule Masses. Call the church office with any questions, 364-8360.

WHY DO WE DO THAT? - CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

Q: What is the difference between apostles and disciples?

A: When we look at the gospel accounts of the life of Jesus, we see two special titles applied to his followers: *apostles and disciples*. At first glance, we might think that these two words are interchangeable, but when we look at what each one means, we quickly see that the evangelists were using them very specifically. When we look more closely, we see that while Jesus had many disciples, the group of apostles was much more limited and referred to Jesus' closest collaborators.

The word *apostle* essentially means "one who is sent forth" or, as we might think of it today, "an ambassador." The group of apostles — sometimes called the Twelve — included those twelve men who formed Jesus' inner circle (see Mark 3:13-14; Luke 6:12-13). It was this group that received the gift of the Holy Spirit and who were sent out by Jesus with the special mission of forgiving sins on that first Easter Sunday (see John 20:19-23). In time, the Catholic Tradition also recognize Saint Paul and Saint Barnabas as apostles, recognizing that they also shared the mandate of going out in the Lord's name to pray, to bless, and to preach. In 2016, during the Jubilee of Mercy, Pope Francis raised the liturgical celebration of Saint Mary Magdalene to the rank of feast, recognizing that she also received a special mandate to proclaim the good news of Jesus' resurrection to the Eleven, becoming the "apostle to the apostles." In a particular way, the bishops continue the mission of the apostles in our own time..

When we think of the word *disciple*, we see that it has a very different meaning. Rather than referring to those who were sent out to carry on the mission of Jesus, disciple literally means "student" or, more specially, an "apprentice learner." The task of the disciple is to learn and integrate into their lives the teachings, values, and way of life of their master teacher. Although a disciple might be called on to explain or represent aspects of their life, in light of the teachings they receive from this master teacher, Christian discipleship is ultimately about living our lives with faith and integrity, guided by the life and mission of Jesus, our Master Teacher. The call to discipleship is the common vocation of all Christians.

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TODAY'S READINGS

Fourth Sunday of Advent December 20, 2020

Reading I: 2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16

- Today's reading from Second Samuel narrates the context in which God establishes his covenantal promise to King David around the year 1000 B.C. In the birth of Jesus, God fulfills his covenant with David. What does this teach us about the idea of "salvation history?"

Reading II: Romans 16:25-27

- St. Paul concludes his letter to the Romans with a hymn of praise to God for the long-awaited revelation that all are saved and justified through faith in Christ. In what ways are you praising God during this season of Advent?

Gospel: Luke 1:26-38

- Today's Gospel reading records the angel Gabriel's announcement to Mary of the upcoming birth of Christ. Mary's acceptance of God's will for her life ("May it be done to me according to your word.") models for all of us unconditional faith. How can we encourage others to embrace such faith? ©LPi

CURRENT EVENTS

Monday, December 21, 2020

No Faith Formation or R.C.I.A. This Week

Tuesday, December 22, 2020

Mass at 5:30pm

Wednesday, December 23, 2020

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

No Faith Formation this week

Thursday, December 24, 2020 - Christmas Eve

Nativity Church Office Closed

Vigil Mass - 4pm

Friday, December 25, 2020 - Christmas

Masses at 8am & 10am

Nativity Church Office Closed

Saturday, December 26, 2020

Mass at 4pm

Sunday, December 27, 2020

Masses at: 7am, 9am & 11am

2021 CALENDARS



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MASS SERVERS December 22 - 27, 2020					
DAY DATE	TIME	CELEBRANT	READERS	LAY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION	ALTAR SERVERS
Tuesday 12/22/20	5:30pm	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	Madeline Domingues	Percy Barrilleaux	Sacristan
Wednesday 12/23/20	9:00am	Fr. Ed Degeyter	Christine Halphen	Linda Viator	Sacristan
Thursday 12/24/20	4:00pm	Msgr. J. Robert Romero Fr. Ed Degeyter	K. Clay P. Aucoin	Bea Romero, Lionel & Doris Louviere Karl & Sarah Boudreaux, Margo LeBlanc	C. Schlicher, R. Gonsoulin A. Trahan, E. Trahan
Friday 12/25/20	8:00am	Fr. Ed Degeyter	Ginger Comeaux	Percy Barrilleaux Ricky Segura	Jesse Clay Serena Bedia
	10:00am	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	Pete Aucoin	Brenda Smith Rickey Huval	Luke Salsman Madalynn Salsman
Saturday 12/26/20	4:00pm	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	Pete Aucoin	Brenda Robicheaux Curt Fontenot	Michael Bertrand Sophia Comeaux
Sunday 12/27/20	7:00am	Fr. Ed Degeyter	Ellen Claudy	Phil & Reneé Haney	Ephraim Trahan Autum Trahan
	9:00am	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	Nena Suit	Brenda Romero Linda Viator	Judith Schlicher Morgan Salsman
	11:00am	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	Jenny Gonsoulin	Peggy Fitch Rickey Huval	Lexi Anderson Garrett Meaux

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