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MASS SCHEDULE:

Saturday: 4:00 pm

Sunday: 8:00 am, 10:00 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

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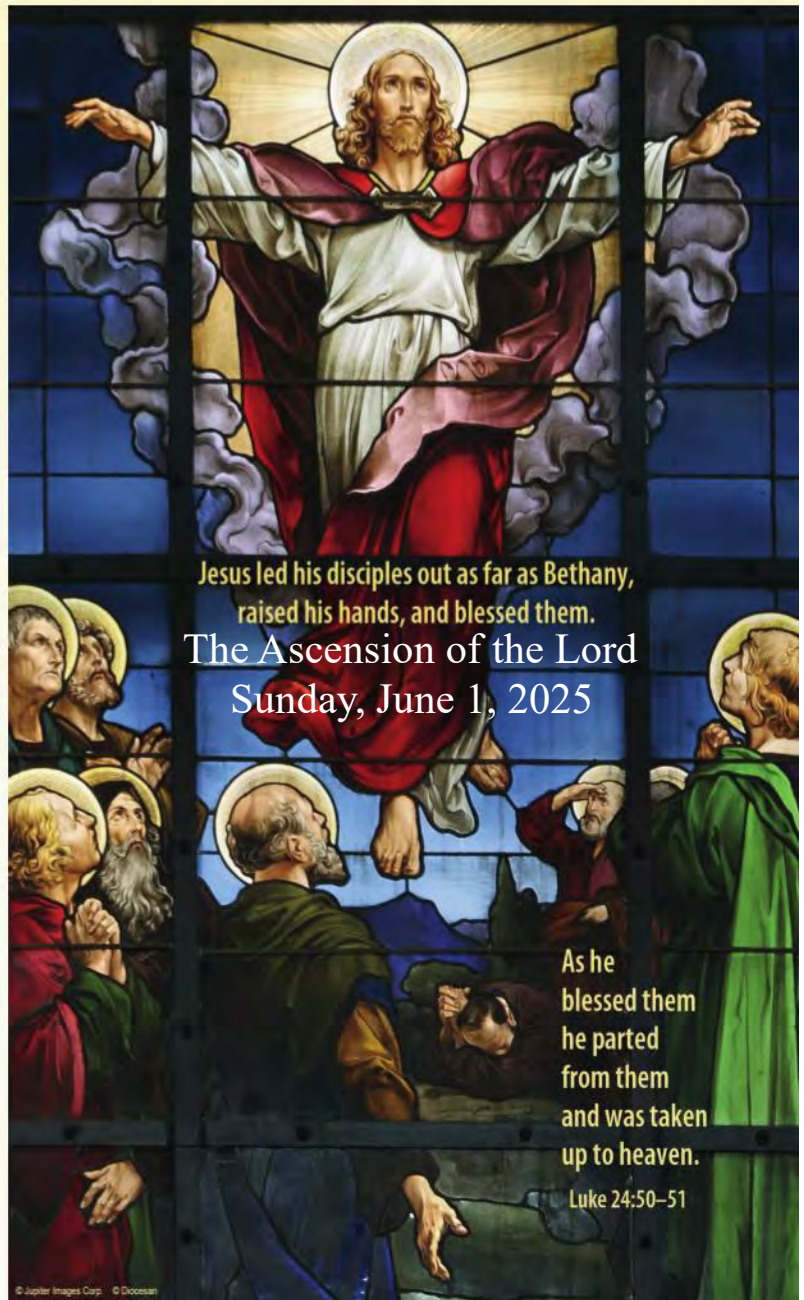
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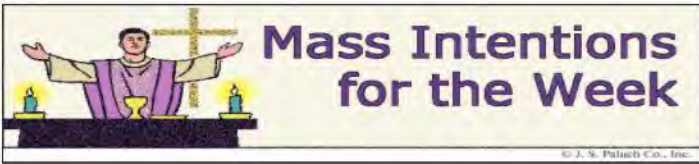
Saturday: 3:00 pm — 3:45 pm and
30 minutes before weekday Masses

ROSARY:

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

First Saturday: 8:20 am





Tuesday, June 3, 2025
5:30pm Msgr. J. Robert Romero (liv)
Wednesday, June 4, 2025
9:00am Victor Bernard, Kathy Foret Gurney
 Patty Babineaux Fontenot
Thursday, June 5, 2025
5:30pm Phero Tran (ann of death)
Friday, June 6, 2025
6:30am Larry & Kathleen Viator (liv ann)
 Don Taylor, Lee Broussard
 Janell Broussard
 Carlyle Hebert Fly, “Brick” Claudy
 Special Intention, Dan Claudy (liv bd)
 The United States of America
Saturday, June 7, 2025
9:00am M/M Raymond Landry, Rudy Delcambre Fly
 Brother & Claire LaBauve
 Paul Delcambre Fly
 Carol Fishburn, The U.S. Military
4:00pm Fr. Tom Finley, Lynward Ransonet
 Rachel R. Romero, DeHart & Estilette Fly
 Dressel & Ransonet Fly, U.S. Military
Sunday, June 8, 2025
8:00am Parishioners, Carroll Aucoin
10:00am Msgr. H.J. Barsen, Fr. A.J. Boumans
 Harvey & Joyce DeCourt, Donna M. Lanza

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

OUR GIFTS TO GOD	May 18, 2025
Loose.....	\$ 820.00
Envelopes	\$ 1,800.00
Total (collected).....	\$ 2,620.00
Online Giving offertory	\$ 738.00
Mailed in offertory.....	\$ 1,305.00
Total offertory (week).....	\$ 4,663.00
New Iberia Poor & Needy.....	\$ 1,181.00

Thank you for your generosity!!!!

Prayer of Christian Unity

Help us to be one, Lord Jesus,
 as you prayed to the Father.
 Gather us all to you, diverse in culture,
 gift, call, way of life, and perspective.
 May the love we have for you overflow
 into the love we have for each other.
 Amen.

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TODAY’S READINGS

Acts 1:1–11
Psalm 47:2–3, 6–7, 8–9
Ephesians 1:17–23 **Luke 24:46–53**

In today’s First Reading from the Acts of the Apostles, St. Luke gives the surprising news that there is more of the story to be told. The story did not end with the empty tomb, or with Jesus’ appearances to the Apostles over the course of forty days. Jesus’ saving work will have a liturgical consummation. He is the great high priest, and He has still to ascend to the heavenly Jerusalem, there to celebrate the feast in the true Holy of Holies.

The truth of this feast shines forth from the Letter to the Hebrews, where we read of the great high priest’s passing through the heavens, the sinless intercessor’s sacrifice on our behalf (see [Hebrews 4:14–15](#)). Indeed, His intercession will lead to the Holy Spirit’s descent in fire upon the Church. Luke spells out that promise in the First Reading for the feast of the Ascension: “in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit” ([Acts 1:5](#)). The Ascension is the preliminary feast that directs the Church’s attention forward to Pentecost. On that day, salvation will be complete; for salvation is not simply expiation for sins (that would be wonder enough), but it is something even greater than that. Expiation is itself a necessary precondition of our adoption as God’s children. To live that divine life we must receive the Holy Spirit. To receive the Holy Spirit we must be purified through Baptism.

The Responsorial Psalm presents the Ascension in terms familiar from the worship of the Jerusalem Temple in the days of King Solomon: “God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord” (Psalm 47). The priest-king takes his place at the head of the people, ruling over the nations, establishing peace.

The Epistle strikes a distinctively Paschal note. In the early Church, as today, Easter was the normal time for the baptism of adult converts. The sacrament was often called “illumination” or “enlightenment” because of the light that came with God’s saving grace (see, for example, [Hebrews 10:32](#)). Saint Paul, in his Letter to the Ephesians, speaks in terms of glory that leads to greater glories still, as Ascension leads to Pentecost: “May the eyes of your hearts be enlightened,” he writes, as he looks to the divinization of the believers. Their “hope” is “his inheritance among the holy ones,” the saints who have been adopted into God’s family and now rule with Him at the Father’s right hand.

This is the “good news” the Apostles are commissioned to spread—to the whole world, to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem—at the Ascension. It’s the good news we must spread today. Scott Hahn

**DEVOTIONS, EXPLAINED!
CONNECT WITH TRADITION AND
GROW YOUR FAITH**

Prayer After Meals – June 1, 2025

Prayer After Meals, Explained

Just as praying before a meal, praying after a meal is meant to inspire in Christians an attitude of thanksgiving and an acknowledgment of our dependence on God.

Though it is a less common practice in the modern world, early Church fathers like Tertullian and St. Jerome extolled the importance of praying after a meal, and the Christian poet Prudentius composed hymns for before and after meals (“*ante cibum*” and “*post cibum*”).

There are no “official” prayers for after a meal, but the most common one said by Catholics is this: “We give thee thanks, almighty God, for all your benefits, who lives and reigns forever and ever. And may the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God rest in peace.” It is a benediction which recalls our perpetual fellowship with the entire Body of Christ, including those who have passed from this life.

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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, 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 stormless eternity awaits us. **AMEN**

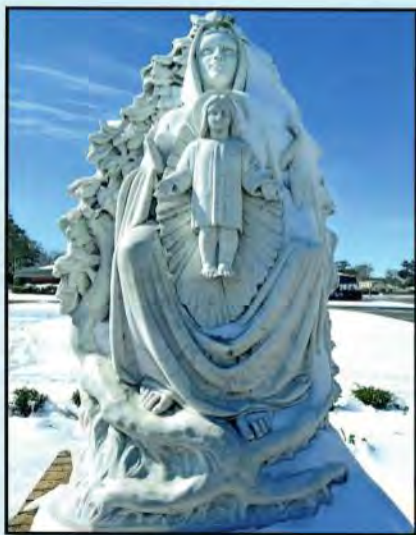
*Bishop Maurice Schexnayder, Second Bishop of Lafayette
Imprimatur: August 29, 1967*

Saint Medard, patron of protection against Hurricanes,
pray for us.

If you are one of the 103 families who had your picture taken for the Parish Pictorial Directory, please pick up your copy in the Church Office.

Thank you.

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MEMORIAL BOOK

The weekend of the first Sunday of every month the "Memorial Book" is placed in the sanctuary as a reminder that we pray for all those who have been enrolled. You can enroll any deceased person by making a donation to Our Lady's Altar Society (minimum \$5.00) This money stays with the Altar Society to assist the parish with Altar needs. Call Sheryl Bourque @ 364-8360.

Whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die.
John 11:26

Note: The cost for the sanctuary light is \$8. Please call (364-8360) or come by the office to make arrangements.

SANCTUARY LIGHT:

In Memory Of
Phillip Saltzman



**Retirement Reception for
Msgr. J. Robert Romero**



The Knights of Columbus are hosting a Fairwell Retirement Reception for Msgr. J. Robert Romero after the 4:00pm Mass on **Saturday, June 28, 2025** in the Parish Hall. Please come out and celebrate with Msgr. Romero and show him your love and appreciation for his years of service here at Nativity of Our Lady, and wish him well with his new adventures with his upcoming retirement. Thank you.



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 337-364-8360.

Lena Lopez, Debbie Johnson & Fly, Cameron Alba, Mel & Stacey Boutte, Betty C. Champagne, Donna Francis, Farina Guidry, Betty Robichaux, Earline Estave, Chad Babineaux, Tammy Dore, Dylan Ducote, Judy Meyers, Garland Reed, Carly Tajmir, Diane & Ronald Broussard, Lance Castille, Grace Armendariz, Hardy Jenkins, Louis Boudreaux, Jr., Gloria Comeaux, Larry Romero, Scotty Champagne, Sirena Rogers, Monica Harrington, Janis & Nathan Dugas, Billy Simon, Edward Simon, Lynette Landry, Janet Viator, Ronnie Landry, Betty B. Leblanc, Barbara Martin, Michael "Tee" Theriot, Elise C. Verret, Phyllis S. Bourque, Doris Scheldon, Ovide Buteaux, David Spelly, Dean Delahoussaye, Patsy & Percy Barrilleaux, Patsy Thibodeaux, Tom Stowe, Tim & Staci Stowe, John & NeCole Babin, Fran Jackson, Reed Michael & Cody Lynn Romero, David & Robin Viator Fly, Sheryl S. Bourque, Michael & Claire Landry Fly, Dustin & Nicole V. Ortego Fly, Linda & Clint Trahan Fly, Ruth Bernard, Bridget Aitken, Norvelle Belaire, Caroline Dubois, Norrie B. Kenner, Josephine Delcambre, Mary Saltzman, Zachary Richard, Sarah Richard, Duppy Duplantis, Joylynn Trosclair, Earline Romero, Jarrod Lege Jay Jacquemoud, Jody Ellen Hudson, Jim & Brenda Prejean, Toni Boudreaux, Rick Boudreaux, Steve Chambers, Mike Degeyter, Gloria Trahan, Dickie Broussard, Bill Lasseigne, Jessica Gary Dubois, Joni Gullotta, Fisher Whitaker, The Babin Fly, Deacon John Sarkies, James & Doreen Norman, Pansy Landry, Melvin "Boo" & Brenda DeRouen, Myrna & Millard Poche, Gloria K. Bonin, Daphne C. Lopez, Calvin Segura

Please also pray for those individuals who, although in need of your prayers, have requested that their names not be publicized for privacy reasons.

DEVOTION FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE

The Sacred Heart of Jesus

The month of June is set apart for devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. "From among all the proofs of the infinite goodness of our Savior none stands out more prominently than the fact that, as the love of the faithful grew cold, He, Divine Love Itself, gave Himself to us to be honored by a very special devotion and that the rich treasury of the Church was thrown wide open in the interests of that devotion." These words of Pope Pius XI refer to the Sacred Heart Devotion, which in its present form dates from the revelations given to Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque in 1673-75. The devotion consists in the divine worship of the human heart of Christ, which is united to His divinity and which is a symbol of His love for us. The aim of the devotion is to make our Lord king over our hearts by prompting them to return love to Him (especially through an act of consecration by which we offer to the Heart of Jesus both ourselves and all that belongs to us) and to make reparation for our ingratitude to God.

Prayer to the Sacred Heart:

Hail! O Sacred Heart of Jesus, living and quickening source of eternal life, infinite treasure of the Divinity, and burning furnace of divine love. Thou art my refuge and my sanctuary, O my amiable Savior. Consume my heart with that burning fire with which Thine is ever inflamed. Pour down on my soul those graces which flow from Thy love, and let my heart be so united with Thine, that our wills may be one, and mine in all things be conformed to Thine. May Thy divine will be equally the standard and rule of all my desires and of all my actions. Amen.

Devotion to the Sacred Heart was the characteristic note of the piety of Saint Gertrude the Great (1256-1302), Benedictine nun and renowned mystic. She was, in fact, the first great exponent of devotion to the Sacred Heart. In our efforts to honor the Heart of Jesus we have this prayer as a model for our own.

June Challenge

Visit Jesus in Adoration every week, especially on the Solemnity of Corpus Christi (June 20) Tell Him your deepest regrets and desires. Talk to Him like you talk to your spouse or closest friend because He is even closer to you than them. Spread His love this month to everyone you meet.

How to Incorporate His Sacred Heart into you life this June

1. Hang an image of the Sacred Heart in your home.
2. Pray the Sacred Heart of Jesus novena.
3. Do an act of Consecration to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.
4. Learn more about the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.
5. Read a book related to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.




CURRENT EVENTS


Our Ladies Altar Society is holding their “Sweet Sale” on **Saturday, June 7th & Sunday, June 8th**, after all Masses. OLAS needs volunteers to bake sweets for the fundraiser. Please bring donated “sweets” to the Church at the Mass you are attending for the weekend. Your support is greatly appreciated. Contact **Margo**




Tuesday, June 3, 2025
 Mass at 5:30pm
Wednesday, June 4, 2025
 Pro-Life Rosary - 8:20am
 Mass at 9:00am
Thursday, June 5, 2025
 Mass at 5:30pm
Friday, June 6, 2025 - First Friday
 OLAS, K.C. Ladies Auxiliary & K.C. Members to attend 6:30am Mass
Saturday, June 7, 2025 - First Saturday
 OLAS, K.C. Ladies Auxiliary & K.C. Members to attend 9:00am Mass
 Mass at 4pm
 OLAS “SWEET SALE” - Church Front Entrance
Sunday, June 8, 2025
 Masses at: **8am & 10am**
 K.C. Ladies Auxiliary Blood Drive
 7:30am to 1pm - Nativity Parking Lot
 OLAS “SWEET SALE” - Church Front Entrance



Save the Date
 July 7-11, 2025
 8:30-12:00
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 Trusting Jesus In A Wild World
 Registration now open
 and closes on Monday, June 30th





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 K. C. Ladies Auxiliary
 Blood Drive
 (The Gift of Life)**
 Sunday, June 8, 2025
 7:30AM-1:00PM
 Church Parking Lot

MASS SERVERS June 3 - June 8, 2025					
DAY DATE	TIME	CELEBRANT	READERS	LAY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION	ALTAR SERVERS
Tuesday 6/3/25	5:30pm	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	See Reader Schedule	See Signup Sheet Inside Church	Sacristan
Wednesday 6/4/25	9:00am	Fr. Ed Degeyter	See Reader Schedule	See Signup Sheet Inside Church	Sacristan
Thursday 6/5/25	5:30pm	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	See Reader Schedule	See Signup Sheet Inside Church	Sacristan
Friday 6/6/25	6:30am	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	See Reader Schedule	See Signup Sheet Inside Church	Sacristan
Saturday 6/7/25	9:00am	Fr. Ed Degeyter	See Reader Schedule	See Signup Sheet Inside Church	Sacristan
	4:00pm	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	See Reader Schedule	See Signup Sheet Inside Church	See Altar Server Schedule
Sunday 6/8/25	8:00am	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	See Reader Schedule	See Signup Sheet Inside Church	See Altar Server Schedule
	10:00am	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	See Reader Schedule	See Signup Sheet Inside Church	See Altar Server Schedule

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