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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:

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PRESIDENT: *Andrée Schlicher*

RECONCILIATION:

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

*Come
Holy Spirit,
fill the
hearts
of your
faithful*

Pentecost Sunday
June 8, 2025



Mass Intentions for the Week

Tuesday, June 10, 2025

5:30pm Liv & Dec Fly of Msgr J. Robert Romero

Wednesday, June 11, 2025

9:00am Madison Claire Olivier, Carrol Romero, Sr
Patty Babineaux Fontenot, Mark Gagnard
Sandy Crochet, Joseph Viator

Thursday, June 12, 2025

5:30pm Victims of Abuse

Friday, June 13, 2025

6:30am Lupe & Polly (liv) Camacho
Doug Eaddy (liv) (bd)
Kimberly Richard (liv bd)

Saturday, June 14, 2025

4:00pm Fr. Tom Finley, Lynward Ransonet
Jules & Leona Broussard, Roy Flores
Harold Smith, Jay Landry
Willie Upton, Winclise Bourque
Warren Barras, Gil Simon
Mark A. Bourque

Sunday, June 15, 2025 - Happy Father's Day

8:00am Parishioners, Carroll Aucoin

J.D. Snoddy, Enrique G. Escoto

10:00am Msgr. H.J. Barsen, Fr. A.J. Boumans
Harvey & Joyce DeCourt, Donna M. Lanza
Leroy Aucoin, Bobby Norris, Cliff Aucoin
Tony Cangemi, C.A. Aucoin, Lee Lumury
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Murriel Trahan, Rod Vizinat
Richard Lamury, Harry Pennison

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

SANCTUARY LIGHT:

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Bert Rogers



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

OUR GIFTS TO GOD	May 25, 2025
Loose	\$ 1,186.00
Envelopes	\$ 2,388.00
Total (collected)	\$ 3,574.00
Online Giving offertory	\$ 583.00
Mailed in offertory	\$ 280.00
Total offertory (week)	\$ 4,437.00
Central & Eastern Europe	\$ 655.00

Thank you for your generosity!!!!

TODAY'S READINGS

Acts 2:1-11

Psalm 104:1, 24, 29-31, 34

1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13

John 20:19-23

The giving of the Spirit to the new people of God crowns the mighty acts of the Father in salvation history.

The Jewish feast of Pentecost called all devout Jews to Jerusalem to celebrate their birth as God's chosen people in the covenant Law given to Moses at Sinai (see [Leviticus 23:15-21](#); [Deuteronomy 16:9-11](#)).

In today's First Reading the mysteries prefigured in that feast are fulfilled in the pouring out of the Spirit on Mary and the Apostles (see [Acts 1:14](#)).

The Spirit seals the new law and new covenant brought by Jesus, written not on stone tablets but on the hearts of believers, as the prophets promised (see [2 Corinthians 3:2-8](#); [Romans 8:2](#)).

The Spirit is revealed as the life-giving breath of the Father, the Wisdom by which He made all things, as we sing in today's Psalm. In the beginning, the Spirit came as a "mighty wind" sweeping over the face of the earth (see [Genesis 1:2](#)). And in the new creation of Pentecost, the Spirit again comes as "a strong, driving wind" to renew the face of the earth.

As God fashioned the first man out of dust and filled him with His Spirit (see [Genesis 2:7](#)), in today's Gospel we see the New Adam become a life-giving Spirit, breathing new life into the Apostles (see [1 Corinthians 15:45, 47](#)).

Like a river of living water, for all ages He will pour out His Spirit on His body, the Church, as we hear in today's Epistle (see also [John 7:37-39](#)).

We receive that Spirit in the sacraments, being made a "new creation" in Baptism (see [2 Corinthians 5:17](#); [Galatians 6:15](#)). Drinking of the one Spirit in the Eucharist (see [1 Corinthians 10:4](#)), we are the first fruits of a new humanity—fashioned from out of every nation under heaven, with no distinctions of wealth or language or race, a people born of the Spirit.

Scott Hahn

PARISH VOCATION CROSS

The Vocation Cross is taken by:

(June 8th - June - 14th)

Linda L. Viator



Each week, a family or an individual from our parish receives the vocation cross. If you or your family would like to receive the vocation cross, please sign-up on the sign-up sheet near the tabernacle in church. We appreciate the prayers. Thank you.

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

Prayer Before Meals – June 8, 2025

Prayer Before Meals, *Explained*

Anyone who has ever dined in a Catholic home has probably heard the prayer before meals that begins with the famous words: “Bless us, O Lord, and these thy gifts.” These words in particular are first found in the Galesian Sacramentary, a book of Christian liturgy that dates to the seventh or eighth century, but the practice of praying before meals is Biblical, harkening back to the Jewish ritual washing of hands before eating. In the Gospels, Jesus is shown praying before the Last Supper and other meals, setting an example followed by Paul in Acts 27:35.

In his 2015 encyclical *Laudato SI'*, Pope Francis urged the faithful “to return to this beautiful and meaningful custom.”

“That moment of blessing,” he wrote, “reminds us of our dependence on God for life; it strengthens our feeling of gratitude for the gifts of creation... (and) reaffirms our solidarity with those in greatest need.”

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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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**PRACTICING CATHOLIC
RECOGNIZE GOD
IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS**

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Mini Reflection: What’s so special about Pentecost that it wasn’t until this moment — and not any of the equally world-changing moments that came in the weeks before it — that the Apostles became the Church?

Leaving the Room

I was a full-grown adult before I realized that Pentecost is known as “the birthday of the Church,” and it only resonated with me because someone showed up to a church function with cake and candles. Leave it to buttercream frosting to drive home a theological reality I had been missing for 25 years.

I knew what Pentecost *was*, of course. It simply went over my head that, despite all the incredible, world-changing things that had come *before* the moment of Pentecost, prior to this day, the Apostles were just a group of guys in a room. It wasn’t until Pentecost that they became the Church.

So what makes the Church...well, the Church, capital C? What makes it more than just a group of guys in a room? It’s true, they were a very special group of guys. They had the Truth — capital T. They had borne witness to Christ’s miracles, to his life and to his passion and death. But they were still in that room.

When the time for Pentecost was fulfilled, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they received graces and gifts that made them fit to carry out the Great Commission. The Truth wasn’t enough, even with a capital T. They needed the Spirit — capital S — and more than that, they needed to receive it with the courage and faith necessary to do what needed to be done. To get up and leave the room. Because what good is any of it unless they leave the room? What does it matter, the tongues of fire and the miraculous bilingualism and, frankly, the coming of the Spirit, if no one ever hears about it?

The mission is what made them the Church. It’s what makes us the Church. Without it, we’re just a bunch of guys in a room.

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**Women’s
Praise & Worship**
“ALL WELCOMED”
**Wednesday
June 18, 2025
6:00 PM**
Our Lady of Perpetual Help



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, Patricia Grosselle

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



WHY DO WE DO THAT? CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED Why Use Incense?



Question: Why do we use incense at Mass?

Answer: The use of incense in religious ceremonies and worship is a practice that predates Christianity, and which is also found in many other religious traditions today.

Incense, which is made from resin infused with aromatic spices and oils, is one of those fundamentally human symbols that incorporates more than one of our senses, helping us to reflect on realities that transcend the everyday details of our lives.

The use of incense in the Church’s liturgy — in the Mass, as well as in devotions to the Eucharist and the Liturgy of the Hours — is inspired by the use of incense in the Jewish tradition. In the writings of the Old Testament, we hear about incense being used in the worship of the temple, and Psalm 141 asks, “Let my prayer be incense before you; my uplifted hands an evening offering” (vs. 2). The image here is that, as the incense gently rises to heaven, our prayers also rise to God as something sweet and pleasant.

Another ancient use of incense that has also become part of our Catholic tradition is the idea that when we incense something, it’s because it is something special or sacred. This is why the Book of the Gospel is incensed during the Liturgy of the Word and the bread, wine, priest celebrant, and congregation are incensed at the presentation of the gifts. To this, we can also add the incensing of the Blessed Sacrament during eucharistic adoration and benediction, and the body of the deceased at the end of the Mass of the Resurrection (the Funeral Mass).

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GOSPEL MEDITATION June 8, 2025 - Pentecost Sunday John 20:19-23



When I was a seminarian almost 20 years ago, a bank vice president taught us etiquette classes. She said, “Gentlemen, please make sure your breath isn’t bad. Take some breath mints before you hear confessions, okay?” We nervously laughed because the proximity that makes breath noticeable (whether pleasant or not) can be a bit awkward.

When Jesus breathes on his Apostles (John 20:22), he must have been within inches of at least some of them. This closeness of his breath has a purpose: the purpose of forgiveness of sins. **“Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them” (John 20:23).** Why in the world would the almost uncomfortable closeness of his breath forgive sins?

In the Bible, breath is spirit or wind. It comes from above and makes that which is below to have identity. To not have a single identity is to be multiple, divided. The word “sin” comes from an ancient word that means “to split” or “render asunder.” Sin divides us sinners and the world around us; our spiritual “breath” leaves us and our identity splinters. Only breath from above restores. For example, a shattered vase is rendered whole because the craftsman breathes the spirit of the vase back into it when he repairs it. A human being shattered by sin is made whole by the breath of God, breathed by Jesus through his priests. His breath alone forgives sins. It’s always done with his gentle, loving closeness.

Father John Muir

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CURRENT EVENTS



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.



Save the Date

July 7-11, 2025

8:30-12:00

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Tuesday, June 10, 2025

Mass at 5:30pm
Patriotic Rosary - 6pm - Church

Wednesday, June 11, 2025

Pro-Life Rosary - 8:20am
Mass at 9:00am
K.C. & Ladies Auxiliary Supper & Meeting

Thursday, June 12, 2025

Mass at 5:30pm
Baptismal Class

Friday, June 13, 2025

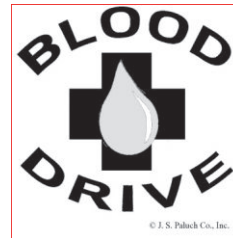
Mass at 6:30am

Saturday, June 14, 2025

Mass at 4pm

Sunday, June 15, 2025 - Happy Father's Day

Masses at: 8am & 10am
2nd Collection - Bishop's Services Appeal



Nativity of Our Lady K. C. Ladies Auxiliary Blood Drive (The Gift of Life)

Sunday, June 8, 2025
7:30AM-1:00PM
Church Parking Lot



Treat Your Sweet Tooth Our Lady's Altar Society "Sweet Sale"

This weekend after all the Masses.

MASS SERVERS June 10 - June 15, 2025					
DAY DATE	TIME	CELEBRANT	READERS	LAY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION	ALTAR SERVERS
Tuesday 6/10/25	5:30pm	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	Kimberly Clay	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	Sacristan
Wednesday 6/11/25	9:00am	Fr. Ed Degeyter	Ginger Comeaux	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	Sacristan
Thursday 6/12/25	5:30pm	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	Janis Dugas	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	Sacristan
Friday 6/13/25	6:30am	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	Keith Comeaux	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	Sacristan
Saturday 6/14/25	4:00pm	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	Jenny Gonsoulin	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	Charlie Salsman Morgan Salsman
Sunday 6/15/25	8:00am	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	Karl Boudreaux	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	Ephraim Trahan Benjamin Trahan
	10:00am	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	Michelle Moss	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	Amari Romero Khoi Nguyen

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