

# *Nativity of Our Lady Catholic Church*

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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*

## **SECRETARY:**

*Kimberly Richard*

## **BOOKKEEPER:**

*Polly Camacho*

## **RECEPTIONIST:**

*Sheryl S. Bourque*

## **DIRECTOR OF FAITH FORMATION:**

*Janet Viator – 337-365-3759*

## **YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT COORDINATOR:**

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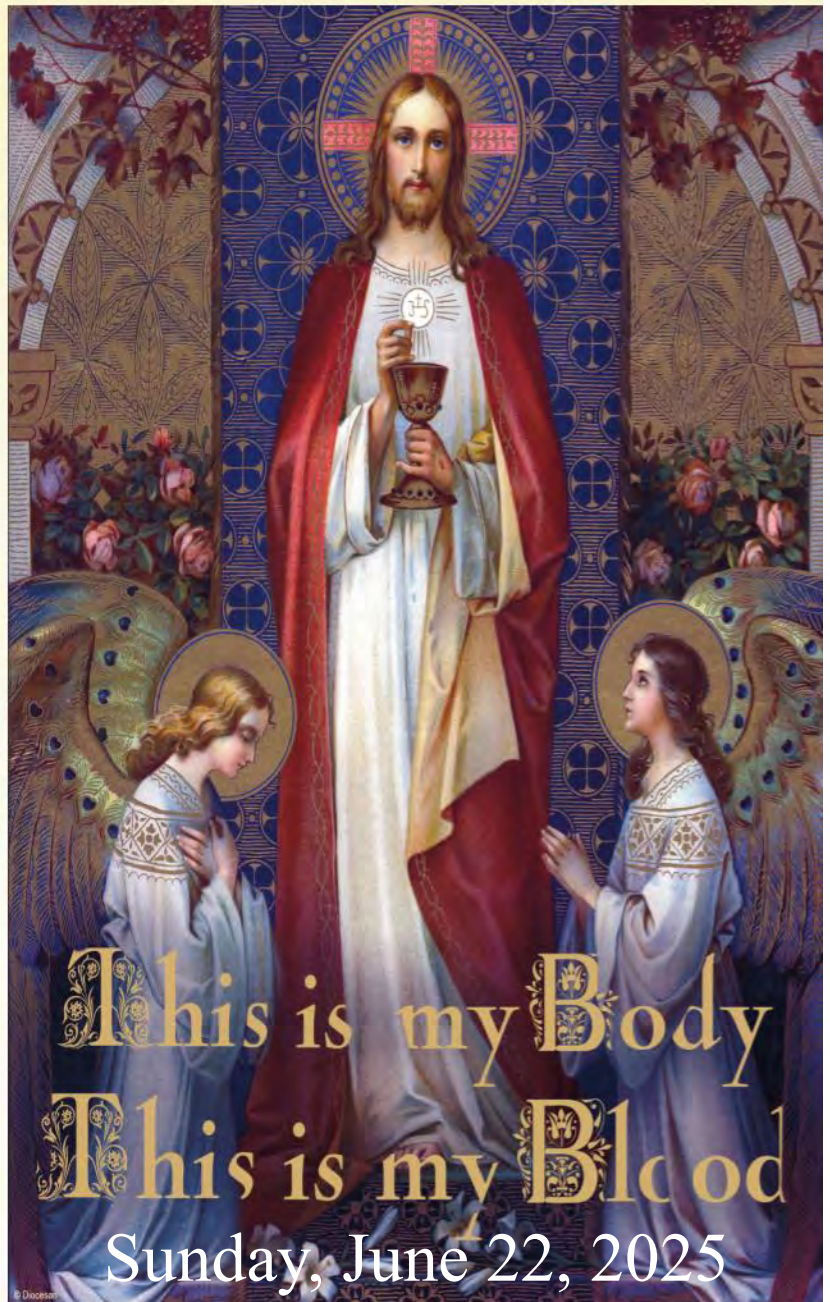
## **RECONCILIATION:**

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

## **ROSARY:**

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

First Saturday: 8:20 am





## Mass Intentions for the Week

### Tuesday, June 24, 2025

**5:30pm** Dylan P. Ortego (liv) (bd)

### Wednesday, June 25, 2025

**9:00am** Judy Detwiler (liv) (bd)  
 Scott & Deborah Detwiler (both liv) (bd)  
 Liv & Dec Fly of Carrol & Brenda Romero

### Thursday, June 26, 2025

**5:30pm** VBS Participants & Volunteers

### Friday, June 27, 2025

**6:30am** Michael & Savannah Duke Fly  
 Community of Cloistered Hearts (liv & dec)

### Saturday, June 28, 2025

**4:00pm** Fr. Tom Finley, Lynward Ransonet  
 Roy Flores, Rachel R. Romero  
 Mona Simon, Erroll Guyote  
 Margaret "Peggy" T. Lancon

### Sunday, June 29, 2025

**8:00am** Parishioners, Carroll Aucoin, Brenda Bourque  
 Liv & Dec Fly of Warren & Sandra Gaspard  
**10:00am** Msgr. H.J. Barsen, Fr. A.J. Boumans  
 Harvey & Joyce DeCourt, Donna M. Lanza

## SANCTUARY LIGHT:

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## NEW WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

Beginning **July 1, 2025** Weekday Mass times will change to **7:00am** on **Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays**. There will no longer be a 5:30pm Mass on Tuesdays and Thursdays, and no longer a 6:30am Mass on Fridays. **Wednesday 9:00am Masses will remain the same.**

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

OUR GIFTS TO GOD	June 8, 2025
Loose .....	\$ 1,124.50
Envelopes .....	\$ 2,021.00
Total (collected) .....	\$ 3,145.50
Online Giving offertory .....	\$ 948.00
Mailed in offertory .....	\$ 1,830.00
Total offertory (week) .....	\$ 5,923.50
Nativity Building Fund .....	\$ 811.25

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

## TODAY'S READINGS

Genesis 14:18-20

Psalm 110:1-4

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

Luke 9:11-17

At the dawn of salvation history, God revealed our future in figures. That's what's going on in today's First Reading: a priest-king comes from Jerusalem (see Psalm 76:3), offering bread and wine to celebrate the victory of God's beloved servant, Abram, over his foes.

By his offering, Melchizedek bestows God's blessings on Abram. He is showing us, too, how one day we will receive God's blessings and in turn "bless God"—how we will give thanks to Him for delivering us from our enemies, sin and death.

As Paul recalls in today's Epistle, Jesus transformed the sign of bread and wine, making it a sign of His body and blood, through which God bestows upon us the blessings of His "new covenant."

Jesus is "the priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek," that God, in today's Psalm, swears will rule from Zion, the new Jerusalem (see Hebrews 6:20-7:3).

By the miracle of loaves and fishes, Jesus in today's Gospel, again prefigures the blessings of the Eucharist.

Notice that He takes the bread, blesses it, breaks it, and gives it to the Twelve. You find the precise order and words in the Last Supper (see Luke 22:19) and in His celebration of the Eucharist on the first Easter night (see Luke 24:30).

The Eucharist fulfills the offering of Melchizedek. It is the daily miracle of the heavenly high priesthood of Jesus.

It is a priesthood He conferred upon the Apostles in ordering them to feed the crowd, in filling exactly twelve baskets with leftover bread—in commanding them on the night He was handed over: "Do this in remembrance of Me."

Through His priests He still feeds us in "the deserted place" of our earthly exile.

And by this sign He pledges to us a glory yet to come. For as often as we share in His body and blood, we proclaim His victory over death, until He comes again to make His victory our own.

Scott Hahn



## PARISH VOCATION CROSS

*The Vocation Cross is taken by:*

*(June 22<sup>nd</sup> - June 28<sup>th</sup>)*

**Linda 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.



### Prayer to the Most Blessed Sacrament

My Lord Jesus Christ, who for the love you bear us, remain night and day in this Sacrament, full of compassion and of love, awaiting, calling and welcoming all who come to visit you. I believe that you are present in the Sacrament of the Altar. I adore you from the abyss of my nothingness and I thank you for all the graces you have given me until now, and in particular, for having given me your Most Holy Mother Mary as my advocate and for having called me to visit you in this church. I now salute your Most Loving Heart, and this for three ends: first, in thanking for this great gift; second, to make amends to you for all the outrages which you receive in this Sacrament from all your enemies; third, I intend by this visit to adore you in all the places on earth in which you are present in this Sacrament and in which you are the least revered and the most abandoned. My Jesus, I love you with my heart. I grieve for having until now so many times offended your infinite goodness. I purpose by your grace never more to offend you for the time to come; and now, miserable and unworthy though I am, I consecrate myself to you without reserve. I give you and renounce my entire will, my affections, my desires, and all that I possess. From now on, use me and all that I have as you wish. All I ask of you and desire is your holy love, final perseverance and the perfect accomplishment of your will. I recommend to you the souls in Purgatory; but especially those who had the greatest devotion to the Most Blessed Sacrament and to the Most Blessed Virgin Mary. I also recommend to you all poor sinners. And finally, my dear Savior, I unite all my affections with the affections of your most loving Heart, and I offer them with you to your Eternal Father and beg him for your sake and for love of you, graciously to accept and grant them. Amen.

*By St. Alphonsus de Liguori*



### OUR LADY'S ALTAR SOCIETY

#### June 2025 Raffle Winners:

- 1 \$100 Cash - John Conery
- 2 \$75 Cash - Debbie Tyler
- 3 \$50 Cash - Nancy Barras
- 4 Who Dat Door Hanger - Wayne Duhon III
- 5 Wood Cross W/Dove - Cynthia Elmer
- 6 Set of Trivets - Dan Romero
- 7 Cardinal Glass Hanger - Ricky Segura
- 8 Tan Leather Weaved Cross - Greg Roberts
- 9 Tower Lantern Set - Harold Tauzin
- 10 Wrought Iron Candle Stick - Dot Gonsoulin
- 11 Leather Women's Wallet - Debbie Tyler
- 12 Watermelon Centerpiece - Lou Ronsonet
- 13 Cook Book - Lenny Dubois
- 14 Orange Button Cross Pillow - Melissa Hulin
- 15 White Button Cross Pillow - Sandra Gaspard
- 16 Virgin & Child Tile - Lillian Breaux
- 17 Tulips Door Hanger - Nicole Duhon
- 18 USA Door Hanger - Gladys Panette
- 19 Bath Towel Set - Glenn Touchet
- 20 Serving Set - Ellen Abney
- 21 Book Set - Marilyn Garret
- 22 Last Supper - Mike Simon
- 23 Hail Mary Blanket - Janet Viator
- 24 Beach Basket - Dale Maturin
- 25 Men's Travel Bag Kit - Becky LaBauve
- 26 Water Globe Lantern - Gloria Tauzin
- 27 Body Set Basket - Laura Miller
- 28 6pc Oyster Tray Set - Mary Delcambre
- 29 \$50 Lowe's Gift Card - Bryan Gautreaux

We wanted to thank everyone who contributed in any way to make our "Sweet" Sale and Raffle such a great success!! The grand total collected: "Sweet" Sale, Raffle and all donations is \$2,117.00.

Thank You!!!!

### CONNECT WITH TRADITION AND GROW YOUR FAITH

#### Marian Consecration, Explained

Marian consecration, the act of consecrating oneself to Jesus through the intercession of his Blessed Mother, is actually rooted in the words of Jesus himself when he beseeched the Apostle John to look upon Mary as his mother (John 19:27) and to "take her into his own home." He was actually instructing us all to do likewise — to "behold your mother" and take Mary into our hearts, for wherever she is beloved, Christ is known and praised.

St. Maximilian Kolbe described Mary as "the stairway to Heaven." Marian consecration, therefore, could be likened to climbing the stairs. Different formulas exist for spiritual development in preparation for the consecration, based on the writings of saints like St. Louis de Montfort, and there are different prayers for the act of consecration. However, there is no "right" way to consecrate oneself to Jesus through Mary, so long as the ultimate goal is closeness to Christ and the glorification of God. @LPi



## 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, 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, Melvin “Boo” & Brenda DeRouen, Myrna & Millard Poche, Gloria K. Bonin, Daphne C. Lopez, Calvin Segura, Patricia Grosselle, Beverly B. Walet, Jerome Guilotte, Leoni Derouen.

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 Sign Before the Gospel

**Question:** I have been going to Mass for years and have always wondered: why do we make the three signs of the cross before the Gospel?

**Answer:** Certainly, many people go to Mass or other devotions, doing and saying things out of habit or reverence and not really understanding the reasons behind some of these things. But everything we do has a meaning or purpose that helps us to worship better, proclaim our beliefs, or focus the attention of the people on something that has a greater importance or significance. A review of the meaning of various gestures and practices can help us have a deeper appreciation for what we do.

There is a little prayer that goes with the three crosses before the Gospel: “May the words of the Holy Gospel be on my mind, on my lips and in my heart.” In standing to hear the Gospel, we acknowledge that Jesus is present, and the words of the Gospel are addressed to us. All of the gestures and special postures we adopt before the Gospel are intended to help us prepare for hearing the Word as well as act on it. The incense, the Alleluia, the deacon or priest, and the special dialogue and announcement that introduces the Gospel help us focus our attention on the Good News we are about to hear. The three signs of the cross show our desire and good intention to hear and live the Gospel.

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### Prayer for the True Presence

Jesus,  
What a gift we have in your True Presence: the assurance of your friendship, your company, your grace, your love. Increase our thirst for you as you, also, desire to draw closer to us. Amen.

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### GOSPEL MEDITATION

June 22, 2025

### The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ Luke 9:11-17

A Catholic friend of mine occasionally says, “The Eucharist is not a noun. It’s a verb.” In so saying, he is making the point that the Eucharist isn’t simply Jesus’ bodily presence given to us in holy Communion. It also manifests the dynamic pattern by which Christ actively loves and saves us. He teaches us to cooperate with that pattern. This Eucharist actually embodies four verbs: Jesus takes, blesses, breaks, and gives. Let’s consider each one.

**He takes:** Do we acknowledge that we are totally in God’s hands? Do we receive everything in our lives as a gift, and act responsibly with it?

**He blesses:** Do we actively reflect that Jesus makes us holy in our baptism? Do we embrace our bodies and souls as temples of God, worthy of love, peace, and joy?

**He breaks:** Do we run from failure and disappointment, from getting old or being ignored? Are we too worried about getting hurt or sick? Do we embrace our sufferings with confidence?

**He gives:** Are we willing to make our lives a gift for others? Are we confident that we will always have enough love to give to others, that God will always provide enough for us? Do we rejoice in giving away what we have to others, expecting nothing in return? This is the dynamic life the Eucharist empowers us to live.

Father John Muir

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# CURRENT EVENTS



## Retirement Reception for Msgr. J. Robert Romero



The Knights of Columbus are hosting a Farewell 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 in his upcoming retirement. Thank you.



## Nativity of Our Lady Catholic Church Vacation Bible School

True North Trusting Jesus In A Wild World

**July 7-11, 2025 8:30am - 12:00 noon**

Registration closes on Mon.6/30/2025

Register at: <https://vbspro.events/p/bc26fc>

VBS Monetary Donations are being accepted in the Church Office. VBS Donation Items on VBS Board (near Tabernacle) can be placed in boxes at Church Entrances or brought to the Church Office.

Thank you in advance for your generosity.



## Monday, June 23, 2025

Women's Ultreya - 7pm - Parish Hall

## Tuesday, June 24, 2025

Mass at 5:30pm

## Wednesday, June 25, 2025

Pro-Life Rosary - 8:20am

Mass at 9:00am

## Thursday, June 26, 2025

Mass at 5:30pm

## Friday, June 27, 2025

Mass at 6:30am

## Saturday, June 28, 2025

Msgr. J. Robert Romero - Retirement Party after 4pm Mass - Parish Hall

## Sunday, June 29, 2025

Masses at: **8am & 10am**

2<sup>nd</sup> Collection - Peter's Pence

## Observances for the week of June 22, 2025

**Sunday:** The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

**Tuesday:** The Nativity of St. John the Baptist

**Friday:** The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

**Saturday:** The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary; St. Irenaeus, Bishop, Martyr and Doctor of the Church

**Next Sunday:** Sts. Peter And Paul, Apostles

## LIVE THE LITURGY

Five loaves and two fish: a measly portion of food for such a large crowd of people. But we must remember that it doesn't matter what the size of our offering is. If we only lay it before Christ, he will take it and make it a mighty bounty.

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MASS SERVERS					
June 24 - June 29, 2025					
DAY DATE	TIME	CELEBRANT	READERS	LAY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION	ALTAR SERVERS
<b>Tuesday</b> 6/24/25	<b>5:30pm</b>	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	Kimberly Clay	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	Sacristan
<b>Wednesday</b> 6/25/25	<b>9:00am</b>	Fr. Ed Degeyter	Ellen Claudy	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	Sacristan
<b>Thursday</b> 6/26/25	<b>5:30pm</b>	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	Pete Aucoin	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	Sacristan
<b>Friday</b> 6/27/25	<b>6:30am</b>	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	Chad Courtois	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	Sacristan
<b>Saturday</b> 6/28/25	<b>4:00pm</b>	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	Carmen Nicholson	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	Allie Comeaux Sophia Comeaux
<b>Sunday</b> 6/29/25	<b>8:00am</b>	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	Paul Broussard	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	Autumn Trahan Gunner Moss
	<b>10:00am</b>	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	Dona Schexnayder	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	Madalyn Salsman Morgan Salsman

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