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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:

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Saturday: 3:00 pm — 3:45 pm and
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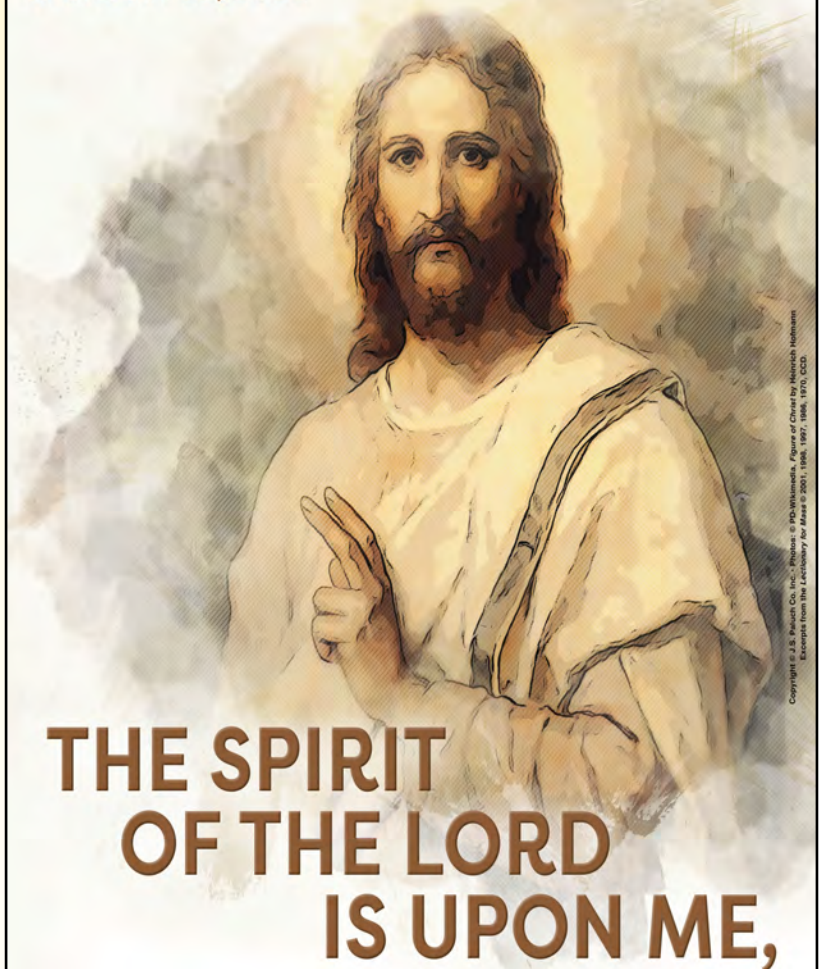
ROSARY:

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

Thursday: 5:00 pm

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

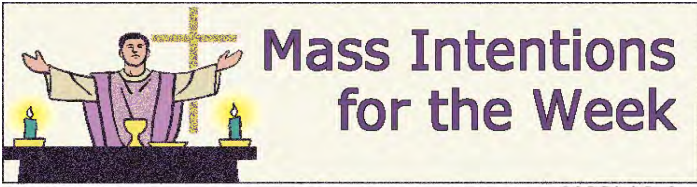
JANUARY 23, 2022



**THE SPIRIT
OF THE LORD
IS UPON ME,**

because he has anointed me
to bring glad tidings to the poor.

LUKE 4:18



Mass Intentions for the Week

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Tuesday, January 25, 2022

6:30am Earl Weber, Jr., M/M Oswald Broussard

Wednesday, January 26, 2022

9:00am Patty Babineaux Fontenot, Robert Baisden
Lloyd & Nina Geoffroy, Chad Landry
Gayle Johnson, Ellen & Dan Claudy (liv)

Thursday, January 27, 2022

5:30pm Glenn Mason (liv)

Friday, January 28, 2022

6:30am Ancil Donald Tuley

Saturday, January 29, 2022

4:00pm Harvey & Joyce DeCourt, Violet Lancon
Lynward Ransonet, Romero & Walker Fly
Jerry Reynolds II (liv)(bd)

Sunday, January 30, 2022

7:00am Parishioners, Mona B. Simon
Kimberly Ann Clements, Charles Froisy
Laura Sonby, Adriana Ramos

9:00am Msgr. H. J. Barsen, Agapito A. Castro
Clarence & Violet Lancon, Melvin Petry
Gerald "Bick" Girouard, Quang V. Nguyen
David D. Viator, Helen Barrilleaux
Jade & Lexi Romero

11:00am Fr. A.J. Boumans, Donna M. Lanza

2021 Contributions Statement

If you would like to have a copy of your 2021 Statement of Contributions mailed to you, please call the office at (337)364-8360 to request one.



Whether it's cancel culture or a general lack of trust of our leaders or feeling like our motives and character are under attack, the world is challenging us as Catholics to hold fast to the lessons of our Savior: to love your neighbor as yourself and to take on their needs before your own. Given the physical, emotional and spiritual challenges of the past two years, Growing in Charity and Love is the focus of the 2022 Bishop's Services Appeal. The virtue of charity or love calls us to be humble servants of one another following the model that Jesus gave us at the Last Supper in the washing of feet. It is a lesson worth remembering in a "me-first" modern world.

And so, as caring Catholics, let us prioritize the needs others express, and welcome God's call to be His hands *in washing the feet of our communities*. Our God is a God of humble service. Where charity and love prevail, God is always found. Please give to the 2022 BSA.

2022 Mass Intentions:

The Mass Intention Book for the 2022 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.

SANCTUARY LIGHT:

*In Memory of:
Don Taylor*



REFLECTIONS **Third Sunday in Ordinary Time** - Have you ever felt that you had nothing to offer others, that your life was without meaning? Consider that God chose to create you in this time, in this place. God has given you certain abilities that you are expected to develop and use. Paul used the image of a body to remind people that each of us has an important role in the life of the community - even if it is a "hidden" one. If you are not using your abilities, then the whole body - the community - is not functioning as well as it could. Pray to understand what your abilities are and how to use them.

"You, then, are the body of Christ.

Every one of you is a member of it." - 1 Corinthians 12:27

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Word of God Sunday

On the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time we celebrate Word of God Sunday. This Sunday highlights the Bible as the Word of God and is inspired by God. Today we offer **Frequently Asked Questions** taken and adapted from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops Website.

What's the difference between a "Catholic Bible" and a "Protestant Bible"?

Catholic and Protestant Bibles both include 27 books in the New Testament. Protestant Bibles have only 39 books in the Old Testament, however, while Catholic Bibles have 46. The seven books included in Catholic Bibles are Tobit, Judith, 1 and 2 Maccabees, Wisdom, Sirach, and Baruch. Catholic Bibles also include sections in the Books of Esther and Daniel which are not found in Protestant Bibles. These books are called the deuterocanonical books. The Catholic Church believes these books to be inspired by the Holy Spirit.

Do we read from the Bible at Mass?

Readings from Scripture are part of every Mass. At least two readings (3 on Sundays and solemnities), one always from the Gospels, make up the Liturgy of the Word. In addition, a psalm or canticle is sung.

For ease, these readings are typically read from a Lectionary, which includes the sections of the Bible to be read on a given day.

What's the difference between a Bible and a Lectionary?

A Lectionary provides the readings and the responsorial psalm assigned for each Mass of the year (Sundays, weekdays, and special occasions). The readings are divided by the day or the theme (baptism, marriage, vocations, etc.) rather than according to the books of the Bible. Introductions and conclusions have been added to each reading. Not all of the Bible is included in the Lectionary.

Individual readings in the Lectionary are called pericopes, from a Greek word meaning a "section" or "cutting." Because the Mass readings are only portions of a book or chapter, introductory phrases, called incipits, are often added to begin the Lectionary reading, for example, "In those days," "Jesus said to his disciples," etc.

How is the Lectionary arranged?

The Lectionary is arranged in two cycles, one for Sundays and one for weekdays.

The Sunday cycle is divided into three years, labeled A, B, and C. 2020 is Year A. 2021 is Year B, 2022 is Year C, etc. In Year A, we read mostly from the Gospel of Matthew. In Year B, we read the Gospel of Mark and chapter 6 of the Gospel of John. In Year C, we read the Gospel of Luke. The Gospel of John is read during Lent and the Easter season in all three years. The first reading, usually from the Old Testament, reflects important themes from the Gospel reading. The second reading is usually from one of the epistles, a letter written to an early church community. These letters are read semi-continuously. Each Sunday, we pick up close to where we left off the Sunday before, though some passages are never read.

The weekday cycle is divided into two years, Year I and Year II. Year I is read in odd-numbered years (2021, 2023, etc.) and Year II is used in even-numbered years (2022, 2024, etc.) The Gospels for both years are the same. During the year, the Gospels are read semi-continuously, beginning with Mark, then moving on to Matthew and Luke. The Gospel of John is read during Christmas, Lent, and the Easter season. For Advent, Christmas, and Lent, readings are chosen that are appropriate to the season. The first reading on weekdays may be taken from the Old or the New Testament. Typically, a single book is read semi-continuously (though some passages are not read) until it is finished and then a new book is started.

The year of the cycle does not change on January 1st, but on the 1st Sunday of Advent (usually late November/early December) which is the beginning of the liturgical year. The liturgical year 2022 began on November 28, 2021 and will end on November 26, 2022.

In addition to the Sunday and weekday cycles, the Lectionary provides readings for feasts of the saints, for common celebrations such as Marian feasts, for ritual Masses (weddings, baptisms, etc.), for votive Masses, and for various needs. These readings have been selected to reflect the themes of these celebrations.

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: 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, Alexis Bourque, Alvin LeBlanc, Evan Garbarino, Stephanie Kelly, Harry Buteaux, Jovi Racca, Stephanie Trahan, Amber Gaspard, Rosetta Mouton, Keisha Castille, Irene Hebert, Tricia Estave, Christine Jumonville, Max Borres, Clifton Babin, Norvelle Belaire, Ace, Jenny & Jersii Mayeaux, J.R. Romero, Sr., Donna Snoddy, Raywood & Virginia Buteaux, Eric Simeon, Betty Romero, Juliette Dubois, Sarah Tabor Collette, Linda Bernard, Margaret Peltier, Xander Menard, Ellis Labat, Luis Aguilar, Lori Aguilar, Martha Lewis, Mardell Broussard, Fran Jackson, David & Robin Viator family, Sheryl S. Bourque, Ronnie Landry, Elise C. Verret, Michael & Claire Landry Family, Dustin & Nicole V. Ortego family, Gloria Landry, Linda & Clint Trahan family, Josephine Delcambre, Abby Musselwhite, Timmie Trahan, Alice Robicheaux, Enola Benoit, Jean-Paul Marceaux, Corliss Ramirez, John Ray. Farina Guidry, Glenn Mason, Mary Saltzman, Rachel Romero, Peyton Norwood, Nicholas Andrus

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.

Valentine's Steak Dinner Fundraiser

When: Saturday, February 12, 2022

Where: Nativity Parish Hall

Cost: \$35 per person (steak dinner) couples 21 years of age & older are invited to attend.

Seating starts at 6:30pm, dinner served at 7pm

Dress: Sunday Best Attire

Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus & Nativity Youth Group. Babysitting available upon request. Music will be provided for your listening and dancing pleasure.

Come enjoy a romantic evening with your sweetheart while supporting Nativity Youth Group! All proceeds will help fund future Youth Group events, service projects, retreats, and travel expenses. Don't fight the crowds on Valentine's. Buy your ticket to Youth Group's Valentine's Steak Dinner Fundraiser! Limited amount of tickets available. Contact Macie Monté at 337-967-9543.

WHY DO WE DO THAT? - CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

Q: Is it right to sue someone? Isn't it a way of getting revenge?

A: Revenge is inflicting harm for harm's sake, the idea of an eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth, and then some. There is often a fine line between justice and mercy, between compensation and forgiveness. Unfortunately, things can happen to us that cause harm, suffering, and damage, regardless of people's intentions. When someone is hurt, especially in such a way that special care or treatment is required, the cost of that care needs to be paid.

In a perfect world, those with special needs, handicaps, or disabilities would find the help and care they need, including those who are injured or hurt. But justice is not always forthcoming, and people are not always fair. So, using the legal system to right a wrong is sometimes the only option.

In some cases, it is the only way that people can get the help they need and deserve. However, frivolous lawsuits, or 'fishing for money' is not only unfair, but immoral as well. The law is there to protect people and making use of it when necessary is a good thing.

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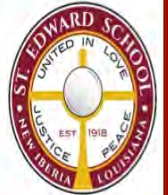
Friday, January 28 -

Thursday, February 3, 2022 at 12 noon

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TODAY'S READINGS

**Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 23, 2022**

Reading I: Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10

- Ezra and Nehemiah were the religious and political leaders of Judah in the mid-5th century BC. They grounded their leadership in Scripture (“the book of the law.”) What role does sacred Scripture have in guiding your life?

Reading II: 1 Corinthians 12:12-30

- St. Paul used the human body as an analogy for the “many parts” of the Christian community in Corinth that should unite as the “one body” of Christ. In what ways do you find this a challenging vision for community?

Gospel: Luke 1-4; 4:14-21

- Today’s reading contains both the opening prologue to the Gospel of Luke and the initial reaction to Jesus’ return to his hometown of Nazareth. Luke is the only Evangelist to provide us with a prologue outlining his motivation to write his Gospel. What details do you find most interesting from Luke’s prologue?

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CURRENT EVENTS

Monday, January 24, 2022

Faith Formation 9, 10 & 11 - 6:30pm
Women’s Ultreya - 7pm - Parish Hall

Tuesday, January 25, 2022

Mass at 5:30pm
Faith Formation Attends March for Life
March for Life - Grotto - 5pm

Wednesday, January 26, 2022

Pro-Life Rosary - 8:20am - Mass - 9am
Faith Formation Grades 1, 2, 3 & 4 - 5:30pm

Thursday, January 27, 2022

Mass at 5:30pm

Friday, January 28, 2022

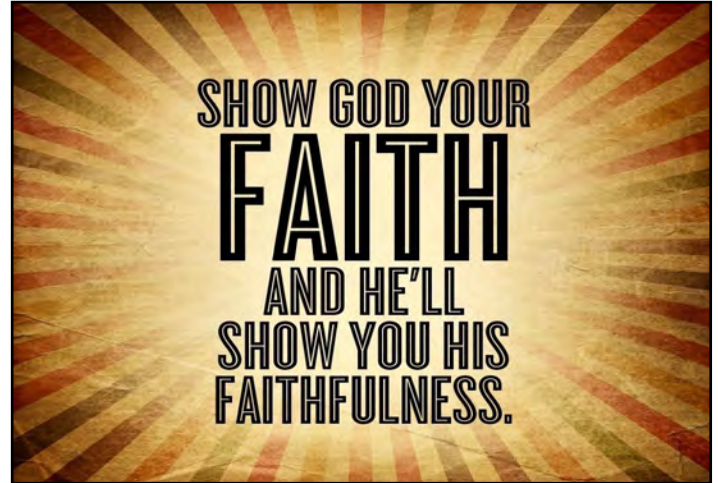
Mass at 6:30am

Saturday, January 29, 2022

Mass at 4pm

Sunday, January 30, 2022

Masses at: 7am, 9am & 11am
2nd Collection - New Iberia Poor & Needy



MASS SERVERS January 25 - 30, 2022					
DAY DATE	TIME	CELEBRANT	READERS	LAY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION	ALTAR SERVERS
Tuesday 1/25/22	5:30pm	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	Pete Aucoin	Percy Barrilleaux	Sacristan
Wednesday 1/26/22	9:00am	Fr. Ed Degeyter	Dona Schexnayder	Curt Fontenot Ross & Cindy Landry	Sacristan
Thursday 1/27/22	5:30pm	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	Madeline Domingues	Percy Barrilleaux	Sacristan
Friday 1/28/22	6:30am	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	Chad Courtois	Mike Degeyter	Sacristan
Saturday 1/29/22	4:00pm	Fr. Ed Degeyter	Carmen Nicholson	Lionel & Doris Louviere Julie Roy	Ryan Gonsoulin Michael Bertrand
Sunday 1/30/22	7:00am	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	Paul Broussard	Janis Dugas Percy Barrilleaux	Jesse Clay
	9:00am	Fr. Ed Degeyter	Nena Suit	André Schlicher, Agnes Castro Brenda Robicheaux	Cohen Schlicher
	11:00am	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	Karl Boudreaux	Karl & Sarah Boudreaux	Luke Salsman

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