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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

SACRAMENTAL MINISTER:

Fr. Ed Degeyter

BOOKKEEPER:

Linda L. Viator

SECRETARY:

Polly Camacho

DIRECTOR OF FAITH FORMATION

Brenda Romero — 365-3759

PASTORAL COUNCIL

PRESIDENT: *Barbara Breaux*

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


**Fifth Sunday
of
LENT**

"Let the one among you
who is without sin
be the first to throw
a stone at her."

John 8:7

April 3, 2022

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Mass Intentions for the Week

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Tuesday, April 5, 2022

5:30pm Fly of Carrol & Brenda Romero

Wednesday, April 6, 2022

9:00am Patrick Richard, A Special Intention
 Patty Babineaux Fontenot, Joseph Viator
 Patti Gagnard, Carroll Geoffroy
 Larry Crochet, Theresa Olmstead
 Ralph & Lorraine Breaux, Lois Broussard
 Emmet & Marguerite Conery, Gene Lopez
 Liv. & Dec. Fly of Warren & Sandra Gaspard
 M/M Wade Broussard, Sr.

Thursday, April 7, 2022

5:30pm Patty Babineaux
 Maria Nguyen (ann of death)

Friday, April 8, 2022

6:30am Clint P. Trahan (liv)(bd)

Saturday, April 9, 2022

4:00pm Harvey & Joyce DeCourt, Hope Ramirez
 Lynward Ransonet
 Sister Francis Marie Calhoun, OSF

Sunday, April 10, 2022

7:00am Parishioners, Charles Froisy
 Kimberly Ann Clements

9:00am Msgr. H. J. Barsen, Agapito A. Castro
 Clarence & Violet Lancon, Melvin Petry
 Gerald "Bick" Girouard, Quang V. Nguyen
 L.J. & Edna Begnaud, Loretta Trahan
 L.E. & Barbara Dugas, Joey Breaux
 Theonie & Ernest Breaux, Sr.
 Kenny Byrom, Ernest P. Breaux, Jr. (liv)
 Sandra Gaspard (liv)(bd)

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

SANCTUARY LIGHT:

*In Memory of:
 Leslie Romero*



*Donations for Easter and decorations can now be made by calling the office. 364-8360
 Deadline: April 6th.*

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

OUR GIFTS TO GOD March 27th

Loose	\$ 1,517.14
Envelopes	\$ 2,517.00
Total (collected).....	\$ 4,034.14
Online Giving offertory.....	\$ 841.00
Mailed in offertory.....	\$ 565.00
Total offertory (week).....	\$ 5,440.14
Catholic Relief Services.....	\$ 962.97

Thank you for your generosity!!!!

1 lb. Boiled Shrimp, Corn & Potato

Knights of Columbus

Council #12997 Fundraiser

Sunday, April 3, 2022

**Pickup is under the Carport behind the Church
 Office (behind Church) from 11AM - 1PM**

Tickets are \$15.00 each. Tickets will be sold after each weekend Mass and are available from any KC member. Also, the Ladies K.C. Auxiliary members will be selling brownies at pickup time.



St. Katharine Drexel Coalition of New Iberia

The Catholic Pastors of New Iberia have come together to form a Coalition of the ACTS Retreats. ACTS is an acronym for Adoration, Community, Theology, and Service. There are women's and men's ACTS Retreats. We have a men's retreat schedule for **May 19 - 22, 2022**. A women's retreat is scheduled for October 13 - 16, 2022. A "pulpit talk" was given at the Masses of February 26th & 27th. All men of each New Iberia Catholic Church are invited to attend the retreat. Please register online at

www.tinyurl.com/2022MensNewIberiaRetreat.

All Catholics in New Iberia are asked to bring the ACTS program to prayer, praying everyone in New Iberia will be blessed with a more intense love of God and neighbor through the ACTS Retreats.

REFLECTIONS Fifth Sunday of Lent - The Gospel story of the woman caught in adultery presents us with quite a challenge. Here is someone who has clearly violated the civil and moral laws and deserves the proscribed punishment of being stoned to death. Jesus does not defend the woman nor excuse her behavior. He does not say that the people have no right to be outraged and want to punish her. He simply says that the person with no sin should cast the first stone. We need to consider our own sinfulness and how the Lord has dealt with us before passing judgment on others. How might that awareness affect your attitudes toward others?

*"The Lord has done great things for us;
 we are glad indeed." - Psalm 126:3*

MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Hunger impacts millions of women, men and children around the world. Throughout Lent we have encountered communities in Guatemala, Bangladesh and Rwanda that are overcoming this problem so their members can have brighter futures. How is your community working to address hunger or other injustices locally and globally? Visit crsricebowl.org to learn more.



Disch-DeClouet Social Service Center

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Disch-DeClouet Annual Campaign

The Disch-DeClouet Social Service Center is a non-profit organization with an all volunteer staff. The Center has served the poor and needy of Iberia Parish providing for critical and basic human needs (food, clothing, utility and rent assistance, and other help) for 46 years. We service approximately 400 families a month.

We are conducting our Annual Campaign which will run through the Lenten Season, and we need your help. We ask that you prayerfully consider investing in those less fortunate by sharing your gifts. Without additional financial support we cannot maintain the level of service that we have been giving for many years.

Please use the campaign envelope for your tax-deductible donation and see the brochure for more information. May God bless you for your generosity. Thank you!

John L. Indest
Executive Director

Our Lady of the Oaks, Grand Coteau Upcoming Retreat:

New Iberia Retreat for Men

May 19 - 22, 2022

Contact: Tommy Hebert 364-1003 or
Glenn Eldridge 519-0361

For more information, please contact Our Lady of the Oaks Retreat House in Grand Coteau at (337) 662-5410 or visit the website at www.ourladyoftheoaks.com.

Call Our Lady of the Oaks for the any of their other retreats.

Pope recites special prayer for end to war in Ukraine

Forgive us for war, O Lord.

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on us sinners!

Lord Jesus, born in the shadows of bombs falling on Kyiv, have mercy on us!

Lord Jesus, who died in a mother's arms in a bunker in Kharkiv, have mercy on us!

Lord Jesus, a 20-year-old sent to the frontlines, have mercy on us!

Lord Jesus, who still behold armed hands in the shadow of your Cross, have mercy on us!

Forgive us, O Lord.

Forgive us, if we are not satisfied with the nails with which we crucified Your hands, as we continue to slate our thirst with the blood of those mauled by weapons.

Forgive us, if these hands which You created to tend have been transformed into instruments of death.

Forgive us, O Lord, if we continue to kill our brother;

Forgive us, if we continue like Cain to pick up the stones of our fields to kill Abel.

Forgive us, if we continue to justify our cruelty with our labors, if we legitimize the brutality of our actions with our pain.

Forgive us for war, O Lord. Forgive us for war, O Lord.

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, we implore You! Hold fast the hand of Cain!

Illumine our consciences

May our will not be done;

Abandon us not to our own actions!

Stop us, O Lord, stop us!

And when you have held back the hand of Cain, care also for him. He is our brother.

O Lord, put a halt to the violence!

Stop us, O Lord!

Amen.

SOURCE: VATICAN NEWS - 16 March 2022 By Devin Watkins

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, Tricia Estave, Christine Jumonville, Max Borres, Clifton Babin, Norvelle Belaire, Ace, Jenny & Jersii Mayeaux, J.R. Romero, Sr., Donna Snoddy, Raymond & 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, Neal Seago, Steven Meyers, Terry & Mary Broussard, Victor Bernard, Ruth Bernard, Sirena Rogers, Johnny Dore, Enrique Escot, Darlene Boutte, Jason Goutierrez, Sue Hartwell, Ted Habetz, Howard Bourque, Gayle Hebert, Shelton "Boo" Hebert, Patricia McGinn, Scotty McGinn, Karen Guilbeau, Rita Gary

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.

WHY DO WE DO THAT? - CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

Q: Lent always seems to help me renew my relationship with God and strengthen my religious practice. Do you have any suggestions as to what I could do to achieve that the rest of the year?

A: The obvious answer may seem to be to do whatever you do during Lent all year-round. But part of the power of Lent is that we focus as a community on renewing our faith and preparing for Easter. Our Lenten practices have a purpose and a goal. Therein lies the secret. When we focus our efforts on one virtue, try to change one bad habit, or seek to deepen our understanding of one aspect of faith, we focus our efforts and give our full attention to what we are trying to accomplish. We tend to be more successful achieving our goals. More importantly, it has a ripple effect in our lives: one thing changes or is added to the spiritual mix of our lives and many aspects are changed.

All too often, we leave our spiritual growth to chance and the practice of faith to habit, and then wonder why we have no sense of growth or progress. Think of it in terms of exercise. We walk, lift weights, and bend and stretch to attain the maximum benefit from what we do. In addition, to keep those benefits, we eat healthful food and get enough vitamins and rest. Spirituality requires the same kind of attention: we pray, fast, read the Bible, receive sacraments, and do charitable work to maximize the benefits of practicing faith. Keeping Lent year-round keeps us in spiritual shape!

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A Day of Reflection

For women 16-40

Discerning the call to consecrated life

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Saturday April 23rd, 2022

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TODAY'S READINGS

Fifth Sunday of Lent
April 3, 2022

Reading I: Isaiah 43:16-21

- During Israel's captivity in Babylon (circa 550 B.C.), the Lord revealed to Isaiah the future restoration of Israel: "Remember not the things of the past ... see, I am doing something new!" When have you experienced a new beginning in your own spiritual journey?

Reading II: Philippians 3:8-14

- In speaking of his past experiences as a person who has come to faith in Jesus, St. Paul tells the Philippians that he has "been taken possession of by Christ Jesus." Who are some people in our faith community that exhibit a similar depth of faith?

Gospel: John 8:1-11

- The religious leaders of Jerusalem tried to trap Jesus with a specific teaching on condemning adultery under the Mosaic Law. But Jesus countered with a stunning example of God's mercy. When have you shown mercy toward another over judgment?

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CURRENT EVENTS

Monday, April 4, 2022

Faith Formation 9, 10 - 6:30pm

Tuesday, April 5, 2022

Mass at 5:30pm

Faith Formation 5, 6, 7 & 8 - 6:30pm

Wednesday, April 6, 2022

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

Eucharistic Adoration Holy Hour -
9:30am - 10:30am - Church

Faith Formation Grades 1, 2, 3 & 4 - 5:30pm

Thursday, April 7, 2022

Mass at 5:30pm

Friday, April 8, 2022

Mass at 6:30am

Stations of the Cross - 5:30pm - Church

Saturday, April 9, 2022

First Communion Retreat

Mass at 4pm

Sunday, April 10, 2022

Masses at: 7am, 9am & 11am

2nd Collection - Bishop's Services Appeal

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.

**When we are weak,
GOD IS STRONG.**

MASS SERVERS April 5 - 10, 2022					
DAY DATE	TIME	CELEBRANT	READERS	LAY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION	ALTAR SERVERS
Tuesday 4/5/22	5:30pm	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	<i>See Reader Schedule</i>	Brenda Romero	Sacristan
Wednesday 4/6/22	9:00am	Fr. Ed Degeyter	<i>See Reader Schedule</i>	Willie & Cynthia Elmer Curt Fontenot	Sacristan
Thursday 4/7/22	5:30pm	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	<i>See Reader Schedule</i>	Mary Taylor	Sacristan
Friday 4/8/22	6:30am	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	<i>See Reader Schedule</i>	Mike Degeyter	Sacristan
Saturday 4/9/22	4:00pm	Fr. Ed Degeyter	<i>See Reader Schedule</i>	Lionel & Doris Louviere Bea Romero	<i>See Altar Server Schedule</i>
Sunday 4/10/22	7:00am	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	<i>See Reader Schedule</i>	Janis Dugas Percy Barrilleaux	<i>See Altar Server Schedule</i>
	9:00am	Fr. Ed Degeyter	<i>See Reader Schedule</i>	Ross & Cindy Landry Margo LeBlanc	<i>See Altar Server Schedule</i>
	11:00am	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	<i>See Reader Schedule</i>	Mike & Brenda Comeaux	<i>See Altar Server Schedule</i>

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