

# *Nativity of Our Lady Catholic Church*

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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

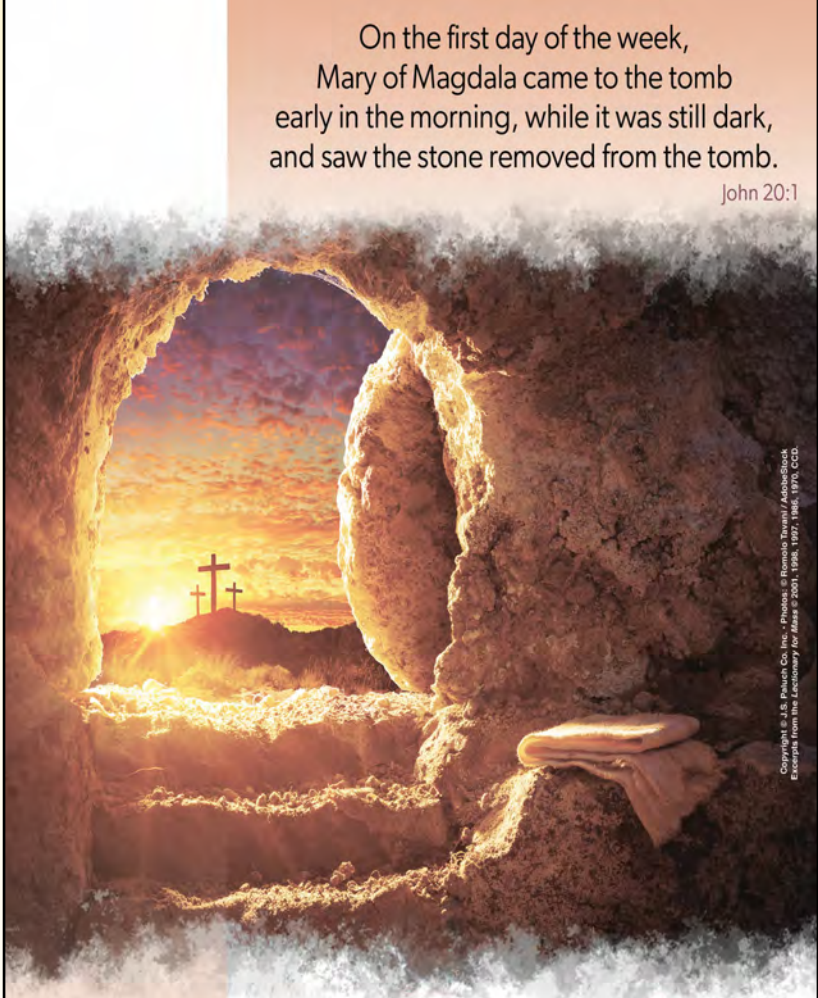
## **ROSARY:**

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

Thursday: 5:00 pm

On the first day of the week,  
Mary of Magdala came to the tomb  
early in the morning, while it was still dark,  
and saw the stone removed from the tomb.

John 20:1



**APRIL**  
**17**  
**2022**

**Easter**  
**SUNDAY**

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## Mass Intentions for the Week

**Tuesday, April 19, 2022**

**5:30pm** Robert Baisden

**Wednesday, April 20, 2022**

**9:00am** Patrick Richard, Lloyd & Nina Geoffroy  
Patty Babineaux Fontenot, Joseph Viator  
Patti Gagnard, Tommy Breaux, Sr.  
Ralph & Lorraine Breaux, R.L. Berard  
Emmet & Marguerite Conery  
Albert Rodriguez, Vance Rodriguez

**Thursday, April 21, 2022**

**5:30pm** Richard Babineaux

**Friday, April 22, 2022**

**6:30am** Jo Thibodeaux

**Saturday, April 23, 2022**

**4:00pm** Harvey & Joyce DeCourt, Roy Flores  
Clyde Guyote, Waverly Ramirez  
Agnes (liv) & Winclise Bourque  
Lynward Ransonet, Patrick Richard  
In Honor of St. Jude

**Sunday, April 24, 2022**

**7:00am** Parishioners, Charles Froisy  
Kimberly Ann Clements, Mona B. Simon  
Adreane Ramos

**9:00am** Msgr. H. J. Barsen, Agapito A. Castro  
Clarence & Violet Lancon, Melvin Petry  
Gerald "Bick" Girouard, Quang V. Nguyen  
Irene & O'Neil Simon  
Linda L. Viator (liv)(bd)  
Carl Joseph Toups, Sr.  
The Cestia Fly (liv), The Richard Fly (liv)  
Oleus Champagne, Sr. (bd)

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

**2:00pm** First Communion Candidates

### ***Easter Decorations Donated in Memory of:***

Elliot & Bobby Armand  
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Bonnie L. Boudreaux  
Elise & Nicholas Viator  
Johnny & Mercedes Viator  
Patrick J. Richard

***Alleluia!! He Is Risen!***  
***Happy Easter from :***  
***Msgr. Romero, Fr. Ed,***  
***Fr. Gene &***  
***Nativity of Our Lady Staff***

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

### **OUR GIFTS TO GOD April 3<sup>rd</sup>**

Loose.....	\$ 2,579.75
Envelopes .....	\$ 2,816.00
Total (collected).....	\$ 5,395.75
Online Giving offertory.....	\$ 340.00
Mailed in offertory.....	\$ 1,901.00
Total offertory (week).....	\$ 7,636.75
Nativity Building Fund.....	\$ 1,161.00

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

### **SANCTUARY LIGHT:**

***In Memory of:  
Seneca Family***



**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 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>. All men of each New Iberia Catholic Church are invited to attend the retreat. Please register online at

**[www.tinyurl.com/2022MensNewIberiaRetreat](http://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** **Easter Sunday** - We are called to be like yeast in this world. While most of us will never become famous or do great deeds that will cause people to honor us, we still have an important contribution to make. Consider some yeast. The grains are very small and do not look like much. They easily dissolve in water. Yet without the yeast, the bread will not rise nor taste as good. How willing are you to allow yourself to become folded and kneaded into the bread of the world so that it may rise and become what God intended?

*"Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,  
For his mercy endures forever." - Psalm 118:1  
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## HAPPY EASTER!



Our CRS Rice Bowl journey has ended, but our prayers, fasting and almsgiving continue as we seek a closer relationship with God and our global family. Let us hold in our hearts our sisters and brothers in Guatemala, Bangladesh and Rwanda and commit to share our Easter joy with those in our local community and around the world. Don't forget to turn in your CRS Rice Bowl in the boxes at Entrances of the church on April 24<sup>th</sup> or donate online at [csrricebowl.org/give](http://csrricebowl.org/give). Visit [csrricebowl.org](http://csrricebowl.org) to learn more.

## 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](http://www.ourladyoftheoaks.com).

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



## Confirmation Class of 2022

Confirmed March 23, 2022

May God Bless All Of You To The Fullest!



Kate Armentor  
Morgan Boutte  
Matthew Clay  
Christopher Darcey

Jesse Delahoussaye  
Brennan Derouen  
Elizabeth Dickerson  
Rome Good  
Cora Landry

Marcus Louis, Jr.  
Hayes Lipari  
Mallory Meaux  
Judith Schlicher  
Grace Slowik

Sarah Trahan  
Emma Tran  
Kayla Trosclair  
Paige Viator

## GOSPEL FOR EASTER SUNDAY IN YEAR C – John 20:1-9 or Luke 24:1-12

Can you imagine that moment? Can you imagine the stomach drop with dizzying realization: "It's all true. All of it is true! The past three years weren't a dream that ended horribly wrong." Can you imagine all the doubts and despair of the past days chased away like smoke on the wind by a rolled up burial cloth? By an empty tomb?

It didn't start that way, of course. "They have taken the Lord from the tomb, and we don't know where they put him." This frantic news from Mary Magdalene would have been another unexpected blow. After all that happened, now his body has been stolen? The love and devotion in Peter and John is apparent. They don't wait to collect more information or stop by the tomb when they have a chance. They run to the site. When is the last time you ran for something? This isn't a run for exercise, but a huffing and puffing bolt fueled by desperation. Can you imagine that moment? The fear pounding in their temples, matching their accelerated heart rate. Can you imagine the impatient affection of John, who outruns Peter but refuses to enter the tomb alone? And then, upon entry, "He saw and believed."

This is the drama of our great feast! The promise that seemed lost has been found. The dead are raised. Long before the Easter eggs and ham, we are invited to meditate on this divine reality. We are invited to feel the desperation and joy of that first Easter Sunday deep in our bones. Because it is not just Mary's story. It's not Peter and John's story. It's our story. From the greatest defeat can come the most awe-inspiring victory, and this is true not just for our God, but for each one of us. He is risen indeed! Alleluia!



## 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, Ruth Bernard, Sirena Rogers, Johnny Dore, Enrique Escot, Darlene Boutte, Jason Goutierrez, Sue Hartwell, Ted Habetz, Gayle Hebert, Shelton "Boo" Hebert, Patricia McGinn, Scotty McGinn, Karen Guilbeau, Rita Gary, Rosie Fermathal, Caroline Dubois, Phil Saltzman

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.

## VOCATION CROSS

At Mass each week, a family or individual accepts the responsibility of praying for vocations to the Priesthood or Religious Life. At Mass they are given a kit that includes prayers, the vocation cross and a statue of Our Lady of Prompt Succor to use as a focal point. The family or individual is either called up at the end of Mass to receive the kit or they can pick it up in the sacristy after Mass. There is a sign-up sheet located on the right side of the tabernacle. Call the church office if you have any questions.

*"Pray therefore the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest." (Mt. 9:38)*

### **Families of Child Loss Memorial Event Mass - Memorial Fun Run/Walk - Food & Music - Family Time**

Saturday, April 30<sup>th</sup>, Cecile Poche Park in Parks, LA Flier for this event is on the bulletin board at the main entrance of church.

## WHY DO WE DO THAT? - CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

**Q: Why does the date of Easter change every year, while most other celebrations are celebrated on the same day?**

**A:** Every feast is celebrated at a certain time for a reason. Saints feast days are commonly the day of their death. While we don't know Jesus' exact birthday, we celebrate the "light of the world" around the time of winter solstice, as dark, wintery days begin to lengthen again. We have a historical clue, however, to when the Easter events occurred. We know that Jesus was crucified the day before Passover. The Jews calculated the date for Passover based on both the solar and lunar calendars. It corresponds to the first full moon after the spring equinox. The early Christians maintained this connection in their celebrations of Easter on the first Sunday after the paschal full moon.

We don't re-calculate the full moon every year. As astronomy developed, so too did the forecasts of when Easter would occur in future years. The Church has created a table of calculated dates, projecting the date of Easter decades in advance. The date of Easter also determines the date of Ash Wednesday and the season of Lent, as well as the feast days following in the Easter season, including Pentecost. So these feasts move, too! This tradition may seem complicated, but it connects our Christian faith now to what has come before - our Jewish roots and the real, historical reality of Christ's suffering, death, and resurrection.

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## CHOSEN

Diocesan Priesthood and Religious Life  
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## TODAY'S READINGS

**Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord**  
**April 17, 2022**

**Reading I: Acts 10:34a, 37-43**

- Peter delivered this speech in the household of Cornelius, where a group of Gentile believers in Christ had assembled. The content of Peter's speech represents the message with which Gentiles were evangelized to the faith. In what ways do you find Peter's words convincing?

**Reading II: Colossians 3:1-4**

- What do you find compelling about Paul's metaphorical use of yeast and dough in his discussion of Christ as the sacrificed Paschal Lamb?

**Gospel: Luke 24:13-35**

- St. Luke is the only evangelist to record the resurrected Jesus' appearance on the road to Emmaus. In the story, the two disciples eventually recognize that Jesus "was made known to them in the breaking of the bread." How is that experience one of the central tenets of our Catholic faith?

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## CURRENT EVENTS

**Tuesday, April 19, 2022**

Mass at 5:30pm

**Wednesday, April 20, 2022**

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

**Thursday, April 21, 2022**

Mass at 5:30

**Friday, April 22, 2022**

Mass at 6:30am

**Saturday, April 23, 2022**

Mass at 4:00pm

1<sup>st</sup> Communion Practice - 5:30pm - Church

**Sunday, April 24, 2022**

Masses at: 7am, 9am & 11am

2<sup>nd</sup> Collection - New Iberia Poor Needy

1<sup>st</sup> Communion - 2pm



Everyone's Invited.....You're Invited!  
 Please join the Dean Agency on May 3, 2022, at St. Peter's Catholic Church Parish Hall at 6:00 P.M. for an "Investment and Financial Planning Strategies Seminar."

Refreshments and Door Prizes provided.

Please RSVP with James Provost FICF Field Agent  
 (337)579-4523 or james.provost@kofc.org.

Jesus

*Salvation is found in no one else,  
 for there is no other name  
 under heaven given to men  
 by which we must be saved.*  
Acts 4:12

# TRUST GOD

MASS SERVERS April 19 - 24, 2022					
DAY DATE	TIME	CELEBRANT	READERS	LAY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION	ALTAR SERVERS
Tuesday 4/19/22	5:30pm	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	Volunteer	Percy Barrilleaux	Sacristan
Wednesday 4/20/22	9:00am	Fr. Ed Degeyter	Ginger Comeaux	Ross & Cindy Landry Curt Fontenot	Sacristan
Thursday 4/21/22	5:30pm	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	Volunteer	Percy Barrilleaux	Sacristan
Friday 4/22/22	6:30am	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	Keith Comeaux	Ricky Segura	Sacristan
Saturday 4/23/22	4:00pm	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	Dona Schexnayder	Margo LeBlanc, Bea Romero André Schlicher	Judith Schicher
Sunday 4/24/22	7:00am	Fr. Ed Degeyter	Janis Dugas	Percy Barrilleaux, Nancy Barras Brenda Oubre	Lexi Anderson
	9:00am	Fr. Ed Degeyter	Michelle Moss	Wayne Duhon Willie & Cynthia Elmer	Ryan Gonsoulin
	11:00am	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	Keith Comeaux	Melissa Dworaczyk Julie Roy	Sophia Comeaux Serena Bedia
	2:00pm	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	1 <sup>st</sup> Communion Students	Janis Dugas Willie & Cynthia Elmer	Morgan Salsman Madalynn Salsman



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