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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

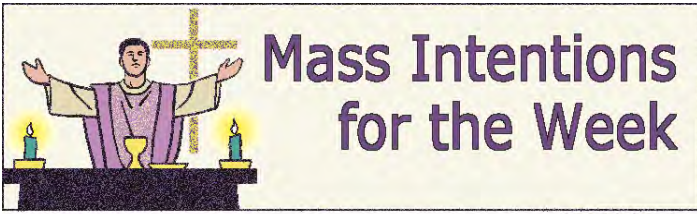
THIRTY-SECOND
SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME

November 7, 2021

*This poor widow put in
more than all the other
contributors to the treasury.*

Mark 12:43





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****NOTE: Due to early bulletin deadline, we will report the Sunday collections for October 31st in next weekend's bulletin. Thank you for your generosity.**

Tuesday, November 9, 2021

5:30pm Alan Perret, William "Bill" Broussard
Emile Perret, Phil Saltzman (liv)(bd)
Earl Weber, Randy Delcambre

Wednesday, November 10, 2021

9:00am James Boudreaux, Remy & Yola Barras
Quang V. Nguyen, Helen D. Courrege
Mitch & Bertha P. Delcambre
Patty Babineaux Fontenot, Lee Bigler (bd)
A Special Intention, Terry Bourque & Fly
Peyton Pommier (liv)(bd)
Paul & Celia Camacho Fly
Deceased Barrilleaux Fly
Jack & Magdalen Martin, Eddie Watson

Thursday, November 11, 2021

5:30pm Colin David Trahan (liv)(bd)
Kelly Boudreaux, Jr. (liv)(bd)
Joseph Landry (bd)

Friday, November 12, 2021

6:30am In Reparation to the Holy Face of Jesus
and in Honor of Our Lady of Mount
Carmel & St. Joseph

Saturday, November 13, 2021

4:00pm Lynward Ransonet, Charlene S. Boudreaux
Harvey & Joyce DeCourt, Jerry Dooley
James Boudreaux, Mary Ann Ramirez
Earline & Carroll J. Navarre, Sr.
Ira P. LeFevre, Frederick "Matt" LeFevre
Romero & Walker Fly

Sunday, November 14, 2021

7:00am Parishioners, Mona B. Simon
Kimberly Ann Clements, Charles Froisy
M/M Leon Minville, Jr.
9:00am Msgr. H. J. Barsen, Agapito A. Castro
Gerald "Bick" Girouard, Quang V. Nguyen
Melvin Petry, Nancy & Oris Gachassin
Loretta Trahan, LJ & Edna Begnaud
Irene & O'Neil Simon
Lawrence "Jake" Bernard
11:00am Fr. A.J. Boumans, Clark Mouton
Donna M. Lanza, Ruby Seneca

SCHEDULE CAMPUS TOURS TODAY

CONTACT ADMISSIONS OFFICE (ADMISSIONS@CHSPANTERS.COM)

Nativity of Our Lady Bishop's Services Appeal Update
Sept.: \$ 1,220.84 Year to Date: \$27,147.84
Goal : \$ 30,721.00 Percentage of Goal Met: 86.4%
Don't Forget to mail your pledge donation to the Bishop Service Appeal!

SANCTUARY LIGHT:

*In Memory of:
Kevin Elmer*

Please join the Men of Christ prayer group in praying the Rosary and Holy Mass Friday, November 12, 2021 at Sacred Heart of Jesus. The Rosary starts at 6:30am and the Mass is at 7:00am. Every week we rotate churches in New Iberia. We invite all to attend and pray with us . Contact Tommy Vilcan with Men of Christ Prayer Group at (337)380-8531.

K. C. Ladies Auxiliary & Nativity of Our Lady Blood Drive (The Gift of Life)
Sunday, November 14, 2021
7:30 AM-10:30am
Church Parking Lot

REFLECTIONS **Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time** - Human beings have a tendency to judge others even though Jesus has told us not to do that. We admire those who have power and wealth while despising those who appear stingy or low class. We do not know the hearts of others - only our own. That \$1,000 donation may be 1% of someone's income while another's \$5 donation may be 5% of theirs. Put your focus on what you are doing and why. Do what is right, not what will impress others. Give what you can responsibly. Be generous to all those in need. God is the only qualified judge - leave others to his judgment.
"The Lord keeps faith forever, secures justice for the oppressed, gives food to the hungry." - Psalm 146:7

All Souls' Day and Purgatory

Tuesday, November 2, 2021, was **the Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed**. We call it **All Souls Day**. All Souls Day is a time we reach out to our relatives and friends who have gone before us in death to our God and who await the complete purification of their lives into the full holiness of God and perfection of God. From All Souls Day until the First Sunday of Advent, we visit cemeteries and pray for the dead as well as do the same on the anniversary of death.

St. Paul in his second letter to the Corinthians [2 Cor. 5:1, 6-19] gives us an explanation of our faith giving us hope. When our life on earth ends we have a life waiting for us beyond our experience on earth. It is a place God prepares for us. We understand this life beyond our earthly life in faith. In death we leave our body and go as he says, "go home to the Lord." We have to give an accounting of our life in the body and we will receive recompense according to the good or evil we have done. Jesus in St. John's gospel [John 5:24-29] continues St. Paul's message as Jesus talks about the dead coming out of their tombs where "those who have done good deeds to the resurrection of life, but those who have done wicked deeds to the resurrection of condemnation."

We speak of those going to the resurrection of life as going to heaven. We speak of those going to the resurrection of condemnation as going to hell. But those who are not bad enough to go to hell and not good enough to go to heaven, where do they go? Ah! This is where our understanding of purgatory comes. Purgatory means being purified, being cleaned. Purgatory is the place and time where we are on our way to heaven but need more cleansing in life to be holy and perfect as the Heavenly Father is perfect. Purgatory prepares us for heaven after we die, if we do not die in mortal sin. Purgatory is the antechamber of heaven not the antechamber of hell.

Let me give you two explanations from the early Fathers of the church.

St. Basil, in his Commentary on Psalm 7:2, defined purgatory with this description:

The noble athletes of God who have wrestled all their lives with invisible enemies after they have escaped all their persecutions and have come to the end of their lives are examined by the Prince of all, and if they are found to have any wound from their wrestling, and stains or effects of sin, they are detained by Christ for their healing. If, however, they are found unwounded and without stain, they are brought by Christ to their rest.

St. Augustine, in *Enchiridion*, developed an explanation this way:

The time between the death of a man and the final resurrection holds souls in hidden retreats ... [and] the souls of the dead find relief through the prayers of their friends who are still alive when the sacrifice of the Mediator is offered for them or when alms are given in church. But these things are of profit only to those who merited that they could be helped by these things when they were alive.

St. Augustine explained, "It is not so much the length of time as the depth of sorrow that is to be considered here. ... [T]he faithful may be saved, some more slowly, some more quickly in the greater or lesser degree in which they loved the good things that perish, through a certain purifying fire." St. Augustine used the Latin phrase *ignis purgatorium*, from which developed the name "purgatory." [Purifying fire, *ignis purgatorium*].

Another explanation from a 20th Century Saint - **St. Faustina** in a vision of purgatory tells us that:
"I asked these souls what their greatest suffering was. They answered me in one voice that their greatest torment was longing for God."

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: Barbara Breaux, 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, Ernest Sylvester, Eric Simeon, Betty Romero, Juliette Dubois, Sarah Tabor Collette, Linda Bernard, Margaret Peltier, Joseph Collette, Xander Menard, Ellis Labat, Luis Aguilar, Lori Aguilar, Martha Lewis, Mardell Broussard, Fran Jackson, David & Robin Viator family, Theresa Olmsted, Sheryl S. Bourque, Ronnie Landry, Elise C. Verret, Michael & Claire Landry Family, Dustin & Nicole V. Ortego family, Gloria Landry, Linda & Clint Trahan family, Jo Delcambre

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: Can you explain what we mean by a vocation or calling? I have heard this term used in many different contexts and am not sure what it means. Does it apply to religious life?

A: A vocation or calling refers to a spiritual experience whereby a person senses within oneself the closeness of God and what he is asking in one's life. It is a realization of what one's part in God's plan could be. Vocation comes in all kinds of ways. Some are as dramatic as St. Paul's, being knocked off his horse, blinded, and hearing God's voice. Others are less dramatic, often occurring over time through little events and personal interests. Others happen in a hurry, accompanied by great spiritual insight or conversion. We often think that this applies to religious vocation, but in fact, every Christian has a vocation, a calling to serve others in and through the church. Whether married or single, religious or lay, we are all called to live out our baptismal commitment to preach and teach the Gospel message. Each of us has our role to play in God's plan, and we become coworkers with God in the work of redemption. With a little confidence, a willing spirit and God's grace, we can and will respond to his unique call. However, we all have a general call to holiness.

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Nativity Youth Group's Thanksgiving Basket Drive

Nativity Youth Group is holding its annual Thanksgiving Basket Drive, and we are in need of non-perishable foods to fill our baskets. The Youth Group will deliver the baskets during Thanksgiving week to those in our church parish who are in need. **Please check expiration dates.

When: Now through November 23

Where: Can be dropped off in the boxes at each of the entrances of the church. If you have any questions, or would like to speak with someone about making a donation, please call Macie Monté 337-967-9543 or email

nativityoffourladyyouthgroup@gmail.com

THANKSGIVING BASKET SIGN-UP

Name: _____

Address: _____

Number of people in family _____

Phone Number: _____

Member of Nativity Parish? Yes No

TODAY'S READINGS

**Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
November 7, 2021**

Reading I: 1 Kings 17:10-16

- In the story of the initial encounter between Elijah and the widow, we see the widow rewarded for her courage and faith. When has your faith resulted in a positive outcome?

Reading II: Hebrews 9:24-28

- The reading from Hebrews focuses on Jesus' sacrificial death on earth, his intercession for us from heaven, and his eventual return at the end of time. Who do you know needs to hear this succinct summary of our faith in Christ?

Gospel: Mark 12:38-44 or 12:41-44

- In the Gospel reading we hear Jesus criticize the scribes for their hypocrisy and praise the widow for her generosity. How do you ensure your actions and faith are authentic?

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CURRENT EVENTS

Monday, November 8, 2021

Faith Formation Grades 9, 10 & 11 - 6:30pm

Tuesday, November 9, 2021

Mass at 5:30pm

Patriotic Rosary - 6pm - Church

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

Wednesday, November 10, 2021

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

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

K.C. & Ladies Auxiliary Dinner & Meeting

Thursday, November 11, 2021

Mass at 5:30pm

Pastoral Council Meeting - 6pm - Church Office

Friday, November 12, 2021

Mass at 6:30am

Saturday, November 13, 2021

Baptisms

Mass at 4pm

Sunday, November 14, 2021

Masses at: **7am, 9am & 11am**

2nd Collection - New Iberia Poor & Needy

K.C. Ladies Auxiliary Blood Drive

7:30 - 10:30 - Nativity Parking Lot

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.

**Our Lady's Altar Society will be having a Sweet Sale on the weekend of November 20th & 21st.
Donations are appreciated.**

MASS SERVERS November 9 - 14, 2021					
DAY DATE	TIME	CELEBRANT	READERS	LAY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION	ALTAR SERVERS
Tuesday 11/9/21	5:30pm	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	Madeline Domingues	Percy Barrilleaux	Sacristan
Wednesday 11/10/21	9:00am	Fr. Ed Degeyter	Ginger Comeaux	Curt Fontenot Ross & Cindy Landry	Sacristan
Thursday 11/11/21	5:30pm	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	Pete Aucoin	Linda Viator	Sacristan
Friday 11/12/21	6:30am	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	Chad Courtois	Ricky Segura	Sacristan
Saturday 11/13/21	4:00pm	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	Kimberly Clay	Mike & Doris Degeyter	Michael Bertrand
Sunday 11/14/21	7:00am	Fr. Ed Degeyter	Ellen Claudy	Nancy Barras, Janis Dugas Brenda Oubre	Autum, Ephraim & Benjamin Trahan
	9:00am	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	Nena Suit	André Schlicher, Mary Taylor Curt Fontenot	Cohen Schlicher
	11:00am	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	Lloyd Verret	Peggy Fitch Julie Roy	Morgan Salsman Madalynn Salsman

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