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MASS SCHEDULE:

Saturday: 4:00 pm

Sunday: 8:00 am, 10:00 am

Weekdays:

7:00 am (Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday)

9:00 am (Wednesday)

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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PRESIDENT: *Andrée Schlicher*

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

August 3, 2025

let your true light
shine

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

TODAY'S READINGS



Eighteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time

Readings:

[Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21–23](#)

[Psalm 90:3–4, 5–6, 12–13, 14, 17](#)

[Colossians 3:1–5, 9–11](#)

[Luke 12:13–21](#)

Trust in God—as the Rock of our salvation, as the Lord who made us His chosen people, as our shepherd and guide. This should be the mark of our following of Jesus.

Like the Israelites we recall in this week's Psalm Response, we have made an exodus, passing through the waters of Baptism, freeing us from our bondage to sin. We too are on a pilgrimage to a promised homeland, the Lord in our midst, feeding us heavenly bread, giving us living waters to drink (see [1 Corinthians 10:1–4](#)).

We must take care to guard against the folly that befell the Israelites, that led them to quarrel and test God's goodness at Meribah and Massah.

We can harden our hearts in ways more subtle but no less ruinous. We can put our trust in possessions, squabble over earthly inheritances, kid ourselves that what we have we deserve, store up treasures and think they'll afford us security and rest.

All this is “vanity of vanities,” a false and deadly way of living, as this week's First Reading tells us.

This is the greed that Jesus warns against in this week's Gospel. The rich man's anxiety and toil expose his lack of faith in God's care and provision. That's why Paul calls greed “idolatry” in the Epistle this week. Mistaking having for being, possession for existence, we forget that God is the giver of all that we have, we exalt the things we can make or buy over our Maker (see [Romans 1:25](#)).

Jesus calls the rich man a “fool”—a word used in the Old Testament for someone who rebels against God or has forgotten Him (see [Psalm 14:1](#)).

We should treasure most the new life we have been given in Christ and seek what is above, the promised inheritance of heaven. We have to see all things in the light of eternity, mindful that He who gives us the breath of life could at any moment—this night even—demand it back from us.

Scott Hahn

DEVOTION FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST

The Immaculate Heart of Mary

The Catholic Church dedicates the month of August to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. The Immaculate Heart is often venerated together with the Sacred Heart of Jesus (the devotion we celebrate in June), and with good reason. Just as the Sacred Heart represents Christ's love for mankind, the Immaculate Heart represents the desire of the Blessed Virgin to bring all people to her Son.

Catholic Quotes

“If you ever feel distressed during your day, call upon Our Lady. Just say this simple prayer: Mary, Mother of Jesus, Please be a mother to me now.”
Mother Teresa



Prayer: O heart of Mary, mother of God, and our mother; heart most worthy of love, in which the adorable Trinity is ever well-pleased, worthy of the veneration and love of all the angels and of all men; heart most like to the Heart of Jesus, of which thou art the perfect image; heart, full of goodness, ever compassionate toward our miseries; deign to melt our icy hearts and grant that they may be wholly changed into the likeness of the Heart of Jesus, our divine Savior. Pour into them the love of thy virtues, enkindle in them that divine fire with which thou thyself dost ever burn. In thee let Holy Church find a safe shelter; protect her and be her dearest refuge, her tower of strength, impregnable against every assault of her enemies. Be thou the way which leads to Jesus, and the channel, through which we receive all the graces needful for our salvation. Be our refuge in time of trouble, our solace in the midst of trial, our strength against temptation, our haven in persecution, our present help in every danger and especially at the hour of death, when all hell shall let loose against us its legions to snatch away our souls, at that dread moment, that hour so full of fear, whereon our eternity depends. Ah, then most tender virgin, make us to feel the sweetness of thy motherly heart, and the might of thine intercession with Jesus, and open to us a safe refuge in that very fountain of mercy, whence we may come to praise Him with thee in paradise, world without end. Amen.

AUGUST CHALLENGE

Draw your own heart like the saint you want to become. Attend Mass on a feast day this month. Receive Holy Communion August 15th, the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Most importantly, go to confession and confess anything and everything impure in your heart.

What to Reflect on in August:

1. What would your heart look like if it was drawn?
2. What areas in your heart need a Mother's help mending?
3. Who do you know who reminds you of Mother Mary's love most?
4. Whose pain pierces your heart?
5. Do you have a heart like Christ?



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.

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, 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, Beverly B. Walet, Jerome Guilotte, Leoni Derouen, Cade T., Betty DeRouen, Sloane Deshotel, Geraldine T. Babin, Robert McDaniel, Denna Judice.

Please also pray for those individuals who, although in need of your prayers, have requested that their names not be publicized for privacy reasons.

Reminder

Some of the families who had their pictures taken for the pictorial directory book, have not picked up their copy yet. Please come by the Church Office to pick yours up. Thanks.



PARISH VOCATION CROSS

The Vocation Cross is taken by:

Dan & Ellen Claudy
(August 3rd - August 9th)

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.

SANCTUARY LIGHT:

In Memory of:
Bayne Olivier



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

OUR GIFTS TO GOD	July 21, 2025
Loose	\$ 1,848.67
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Online Giving offertory	\$ 658.00
Mailed in offertory	\$ 525.00
Total offertory (week).....	\$ 4,846.67
Bishop's Services Appeal	\$ 351.54

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NEW WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

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



Please keep Fr. Matthew Higginbotham and all priests in your prayers.

REFLECTIONS **Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time** - Today's readings challenge us to take a look at our priorities. It is natural to want the "good life" but we can become so focused on getting "things" that we miss what is really important. Reflect on what gives you the greatest joy. Think about some of the "things" you desire - a particular car, a house, some jewelry, whatever it may be that you wish you had. Consider how those things affect what gives you joy: Are you so busy accumulating things that you have no time to spend with family and friends - or God?

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts. - Psalm 95:7
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MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday, August 5, 2025

7:00am

Wednesday, August 6, 2025

9:00am

Victor Bernard, Carrol Romero, Sr.
Kevin Elmer, Cynthia Elmer (liv bd)
Alvin "Motch" Maturin, Madison Claire Olivier
Oswald & Rose Migues, Kim Migues

Thursday, August 7, 2025

7:00am Teachers & Students

Friday, August 8, 2025

7:00am Geraldine T. Babin (liv), John Babin (liv)

Saturday, August 9, 2025

4:00pm

Fr. Tom Finley, Roy Flores
Rachel R. Romero (2 yr. ann of death)
Lynward Ransonet, Harold Smith
Allen & Judy & Sissy Douet
Romero & Walker Fly

Sunday, August 10, 2025

8:00am

Parishioners, Carroll Aucoin
Louis & Hazel Broussard
Donna M. Snoddy, Clark Romero
Brenda Bourque, Henry & Dorothy McDonald

10:00am

Msgr. H.J. Barsen, Fr. A.J. Boumans
Harvey & Joyce DeCourt, Donna M. Lanza
Gil Simon (ann of death)

Eucharistic Procession Along Bayou Teche

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Friday, August 15, 2025

Feast of the Assumption

For more information, go to website:

www.fetiedieuduteche.org

or call 337-394-6550.

CURRENT EVENTS

Tuesday, August 5, 2025

Mass at 7:00am

Wednesday, August 6, 2025

Pro-Life Rosary - 8:20am

Mass at 9:00am

Holy Hour 9:30am - 10:30am

Thursday, August 7, 2025

Mass at 7:00am

Pastoral Council Meeting

6:15pm - Church Office

Friday, August 8, 2025

Mass at 7:00am

Saturday, August 9, 2025

Mass at 4:00pm

Sunday, August 10, 2025

Masses at: 8am & 10am

Nativity of Our Lady is hosting a

BIRTHDAY RECEPTION FOR FR.

ED following the **9am Mass** on

Wednesday, August 13th. Please

bring your favorite finger foods. Please

contact Margo LeBlanc if you have any

questions at marleb1947@gmail.com or

337-380-3319.

Inspirational Catholic Quotes

"The sound of your footsteps in search of souls to love should be like sweet music for Jesus. Keep the thirst for souls ever burning in your hearts." - Mother Teresa

MASS SERVERS August 5 - August 10, 2025

DAY DATE	TIME	CELEBRANT	READERS	ALTAR SERVERS
Tuesday 8/5/25	7:00am	Fr. Matthew Higginbotham	See Reader Schedule	Sacristan
Wednesday 8/6/25	9:00am	Fr. Ed Degeyter	See Reader Schedule	Sacristan
Thursday 8/7/25	7:00am	Fr. Matthew Higginbotham	See Reader Schedule	Sacristan
Friday 8/8/25	7:00am	Fr. Matthew Higginbotham	See Reader Schedule	Sacristan
Saturday 8/9/25	4:00pm	Fr. Matthew Higginbotham	See Reader Schedule	Koi Nguyen Tai Nguyen
Sunday 8/10/25	8:00am	Fr. Matthew Higginbotham	See Reader Schedule	Michael Moss Sophia Comeaux
	10:00am	Fr. Matthew Higginbotham	See Reader Schedule	Morgan Salsman Charlie Salsman

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