

# *Nativity of Our Lady Catholic Church*

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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:**

*Fr. Matthew P. Higginbotham*

## **SACRAMENTAL MINISTER:**

*Fr. Ed Degeyter*

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## **PASTORAL COUNCIL**

**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 Friday: 6:30 am

First Saturday: 8:20 am

Third Tuesday: 7:30 am (*Patriotic*)

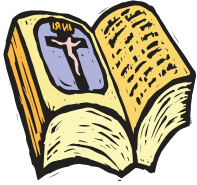
**PENTECOST SUNDAY**  
**MAY 24, 2026**



**COME  
HOLY  
SPIRIT**

**FILL THE HEARTS  
OF YOUR  
FAITHFUL**

# TODAY'S READINGS



Acts 2:1-11  
Psalm 104:1, 24, 29-31, 34  
1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13  
John 20:19-23



## Pentecost Sunday

The giving of the Spirit to the people of God crowns the mighty acts of the Father in salvation history. The Jewish feast of Pentecost called all devout Jews to Jerusalem to celebrate their birth as God's chosen people, in the covenant Law given to Moses at Sinai (see Leviticus 23:15-21; Deuteronomy 16:9-11). In today's First Reading the mysteries prefigured in that feast are fulfilled in the pouring out of the Spirit on Mary and the Apostles (see Acts 1:14). The Spirit seals the new law and new covenant brought by Jesus, written not on stone tablets but on the hearts of believers, as the prophets promised (see 2 Corinthians 3:2-8; Romans 8:2). The Spirit is revealed as the life-giving breath of the Father, the Wisdom by which He made all things, as we sing in today's Psalm. In the beginning, the Spirit came as a "mighty wind" sweeping over the face of the earth (see Genesis 1:2). And in the new creation of Pentecost, the Spirit again comes as "a strong, driving wind" to renew the face of the earth. As God fashioned the first man out of dust and filled him with His Spirit (see Genesis 2:7), in today's Gospel we see the New Adam become a life-giving Spirit, breathing new life into the Apostles (see 1 Corinthians 15:45, 47). Like a river of living water, for all ages He will pour out His Spirit on His body, the Church, as we hear in today's Epistle (see also John 7:37-39). We receive that Spirit in the sacraments, being made a "new creation" in Baptism (see 2 Corinthians 5:17; Galatians 6:15). Drinking of the one Spirit in the Eucharist (see 1 Corinthians 10:4), we are the first fruits of a new humanity fashioned from out of every nation under heaven, with no distinctions of wealth or language or race, a people born of the Spirit. The Most Holy Trinity.

Scott Hahn

## REFLECTIONS Pentecost Sunday


Pentecost celebrates one of the most important gifts we have been given: the Holy Spirit. The Spirit is our companion and guide through life. The Spirit, if we are open to it, will help us see what we are called to be and do. Through the Spirit we discover our gifts and how to use them for the benefit of the whole community. How open are you to the promptings of the Spirit? Do you take some time each day to ask the Spirit to help and guide you? The Spirit speaks to us in many ways through the silence in our hearts and through people we meet, even casually throughout our day. Pray to become more attune to what the Spirit is saying to you.

*When you send forth your spirit, they are created,  
and you renew the face of the earth. - Psalm 104:30*

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**DAILY PRAYER  
TO THE HOLY SPIRIT**



**BREATHE IN ME O HOLY SPIRIT,  
THAT MY THOUGHTS MAY ALL BE HOLY.  
ACT IN ME O HOLY SPIRIT,  
THAT MY WORK, TOO, MAY BE HOLY.  
DRAW MY HEART O HOLY SPIRIT,  
THAT I LOVE BUT WHAT IS HOLY.  
STRENGTHEN ME O HOLY SPIRIT,  
TO DEFEND ALL THAT IS HOLY.  
GUARD ME, THEN, O HOLY SPIRIT,  
THAT I ALWAYS MAY BE HOLY.  
AMEN**

*St Augustine*



*Heavenly Father,*

On this Memorial Day, we pray for those who courageously laid down their lives for the cause of freedom. May the example of their sacrifice inspire in us the selfless love of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Bless the families of our fallen troops, and fill their homes and their lives with your strength and peace. We pray through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

ROBERT DANIEL DELL  
SCM

The K.C. Ladies Auxiliary Members would like to thank everyone who purchased a ticket for a chance at the beautiful quilt that was raffled off on Sunday, May 10, 2026. The winner is Janis Dugas.

Our Lady of Lourdes Blood Center BUS will be at

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Registration Ends: Friday 7/3/26  
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## Mass Intentions for the Week

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**Tuesday, May 26, 2026**  
**7:00am** Lloyd J. Landry (da)

**Wednesday, May 27, 2026**  
**9:00am** Mark Heitman, Eve Crochet  
 Andre LaBauve, Connie Olivier (liv)  
 Carrol Romero, Sr., Patti Gagnard  
 Walter DeGravelle, Jr., Joseph Viator  
 Donna M. Lanza (bd)

**Thursday, May 28, 2026**  
**7:00am** Janell Broussard (da), Theresa Tran (da)  
 Fr. Matthew P. Higginbotham (liv)

**Friday, May 29, 2026**  
**7:00am** Stuart Hulin  
 Raymond & Pearlle Romero


**Saturday, May 23, 2026**  
**4:00pm** Fr. Tom Finley, Rachel R. Romero  
 Lynward Ransonet, Mona Simon  
 Bayne Olivier, William Kell Lewis  
 Paul Dominique, Rudy Delcambre  
 Warren Barras, Neelis Saltzman

**Sunday, May 31, 2026**  
**8:00am** Parishioners, Connie Olivier (liv)  
 Henry & Dorothy McDonald, Miller Fly  
 Community of Cloistered Hearts

**10:00am** Msgr. H.J. Barsen, Fr. A.J. Boumans  
 Harvey & Joyce DeCourt  
 Donna M. Lanza


**SANCTUARY LIGHT:**

In Memory/Honor of:  
**Nicholas Viator**  
**Lloyd Landry**



**Monthly Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction**

Eucharistic Adoration on the **First Friday** of every month following the 7am Mass, with Benediction at 10am.



## 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.**

Sirena Rogers, Janis & Nathan Dugas, Billy Simon, Edward Simon, Lynette Landry, Janet Viator, Ronnie Landry, The Delahoussaye Fly, Patsy & Percy Barrilleaux, Fran Jackson, David & Robin Viator Fly, Sheryl S. Bourque, Michael & Claire Landry Fly, Dustin & Nicole V. Ortego Fly, Linda & Clint Trahan Fly, Ruth Bernard, Bridget Aitken, The Greig & Belaire Fly, Josephine Delcambre, Jody Ellen Hudson, Jim & Brenda Prejean, Joni Gullotta, Fisher Whitaker, The Babin, Trahan & Richard Fly, Deacon John Sarkies, James & Doreen Norman, Myrna & Millard Poche, Gloria K. Bonin, Daphne C. Lopez, Beverly B. Walet, Jerome Guillotte, Leoni Derouen, Cade T., Betty DeRouen, Robert McDaniel, Ron Cutrera, Lori Aguilar, Bailey & Gage Tucker, Raywood & Virginia Buteaux, Barbara Keegan, Mike & Doris Degeyter Fly, Rory Suire, Crystal Elizabeth Olivier, Nickas Bonin, Gene Gonsoulin, Coty Bourque, Erskine Katz, Randy & Jessica Broussard, Jane Arceneaux, Rebecca Segura, Terry & Gloria Trahan, John Babin, Phil Duplantis, Ray Landry, Shane DeRouen, Cody Theriot, Sandra Upton, Kay Charpentier Green, Hardy Jenkins, Bridgette Louviere, Amye Hammond Bellot, Roland & Faye Boudreaux, Delina Lafont, Emma Judice, Kathleen & Larry Viator, Duppy Duplantis, Caroline Dubois, Bailey Prudhomme, Jane Patin, Juanita & Hargis Lewis, Nettie Voorhies, Johnathon Angers, Alice Trahan, Francine Gauthier, Betty Romero, Deborah Plouet, Donald Voorhies, Megan B. Broussard, Beverly Simoneaux, Adrain Wilson, Alexis Wilson, Ronnie & Madeline Duhon, Matt Elmer, Fr. Paul Onuegbe, Carlos Bedia, Shawn Dugas, Celeste Guardia, Bru Kokenge, Coleen K. Woolard, Katherine Kokenge, Victoria Kokenge, Connie Olivier, Anna Kober, Cornelius Joseph, Randy Gonsoulin, Daniel & Brailyn Segura Fly, Mark & Magie Bihm Fly, Craig Herndon, Ty & Katelyn & Cassie Daigle, Jacob Ransonet.

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

**Catholic Quotes**

To students: I pray that all those young people who have graduated, do not carry just a piece of paper with them but that they carry with them love, peace, and joy. That they become the sunshine of God's love to our people, the hope of eternal happiness, and the burning flame of love wherever they go. That they become carriers of God's love. That they be able to give what they have received. For they have received not to keep but to share. Saint Teresa of Calcutta

Please return your filled baby bottles to the collection area of the church. Also, return any unused bottles so that they may be re-used for other campaigns. We appreciate your prayerful contribution and generosity. Thank you for joining us in Honoring Life and Preserving the Family.

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|-------------------------------|--------------|
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| Envelopes .....               | \$ 2,519.00  |
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| Mailed in offertory.....      | \$ 315.00    |
| Online Giving offertory ..... | \$ 798.00    |
| Total offertory (week).....   | \$ 5,013.00  |

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

Please keep  
**Fr. Matthew P. Higginbotham**  
**Fr. Ed Degeyter**  
and all priests in your prayers

**PARISH VOCATION CROSS**



The Vocation Cross is taken by:

**Linda Viator**

(May 24<sup>th</sup> - May 30<sup>th</sup>)

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.

**CURRENT EVENTS**

**Monday, May 25, 2026**  
Office Closed - Memorial Day  
Women's Ultreya Meeting

**Tuesday, May 26, 2026**

Mass at 7:00 am

**Wednesday, May 27, 2026**

Pro-Life Rosary - 8:20 am

Mass at 9:00 am

**Thursday, May 28, 2026**

Mass at 7:00 am

Fr. Matthew's

32<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary

of Ordination to the Priesthood

**Friday, May 29, 2026**

Mass at 7:00 am

**Saturday, May 30, 2026**

Mass at 4:00 pm

**Sunday, May 31, 2026**

Masses at: 8:00 am & 10:00 am



**FYI**

The **Church Office** will be **closed** on **Monday, May 25, 2026**, in observance of **Memorial Day**.

**MASS SERVERS**  
**May 26, 2026 - May 31, 2026**

| DAY DATE                            | TIME           | CELEBRANT                | READERS          | LAY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION               | ALTAR SERVERS |
|-------------------------------------|----------------|--------------------------|------------------|---|---------------|
| <b>Tuesday</b><br><b>5/26/26</b>    | <b>7:00am</b>  | Fr. Matthew Higginbotham | Ellen Claudy     |   | Sacristan     |
| <b>Wednesday</b><br><b>5/27/26</b>  | <b>9:00am</b>  | Fr. Ed Degeyter          | Ginger Comeaux   | Willie & Cynthia Elmer<br>Ross & Cindy Landry | Sacristan     |
| <b>Thursday</b><br><b>5/28/26</b>   | <b>7:00am</b>  | Fr. Matthew Higginbotham | Vikki Morgan     |   | Sacristan     |
| <b>Friday</b><br><b>5/29/26</b>     | <b>7:00am</b>  | Fr. Matthew Higginbotham | Keith Comeaux    |   | Sacristan     |
| <b>Saturday</b><br><b>5/30/2026</b> | <b>4:00pm</b>  | Fr. Matthew Higginbotham | Michelle Moss    | Holli Cambre<br>Andree Schlicher              | Nguyen Fly    |
| <b>Sunday</b><br><b>5/31/26</b>     | <b>8:00am</b>  | Fr. Matthew Higginbotham | June Jones       | Wayne Duhon<br>Mary Pesson                    | Bedia Fly     |
|                                     | <b>10:00am</b> | Fr. Matthew Higginbotham | Carmen Nicholson | Vincent Borne<br>Vicki Murdock                | Moss Fly      |

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