

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

BOOKKEEPER:

Polly Camacho

SECRETARY:

Kimberly Richard

RECEPTIONIST:

Sheryl S. Bourque

DIRECTOR OF FAITH FORMATION:

Janet Viator — 337-365-3759

PASTORAL COUNCIL

PRESIDENT: *Andrée Schlicher*

RECONCILIATION:

Saturday: 3:00 pm — 3:45 pm

Sunday: 7:00 am — 7:45 am

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*)

August 16, 2026

O WOMAN
GREAT IS YOUR FAITH

20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

TODAY'S READINGS



Isaiah 56:1, 6-7
Psalm 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8
Romans 11:13-15, 29-32
Matthew 15:21-28

Most of us are the foreigners, the non-Israelites, about whom this week's First Reading prophesies. Coming to worship the God of Israel, we stand in the line of faith epitomized by the Canaanite woman in the Gospel this week. Calling to Jesus as Lord and Son of David, this foreigner shows her great faith in God's covenant with Israel. Jesus tests her faith three times. He refused to answer her cry. Then, He tells her His mission is only to Israelites. Finally, He uses "dog," an epithet used to disparage non-Israelites (see Matthew 7:6). Yet she persists, believing that He alone offers salvation. In this family drama, we see fulfilled Isaiah's prophecy and the promise we sing of in Sunday's Psalm. In Jesus, God makes known among all the nations His way and His salvation (see John 14:6). At the start of salvation history, God called Abraham (see Genesis 12:2). He chose His offspring, Israel, from all the nations on the face of the earth, to build His covenant kingdom (see Deuteronomy 7:6-8; Isaiah 41:9). In God's plan, Abraham was to be the father of many nations (see Romans 4:16-17). Israel was to be the firstborn of a worldwide family of God, made up of all who believe what the Canaanite professed—that Jesus is Lord (see Exodus 4:22-23; Romans 5:13-24). Jesus came first to restore the kingdom to Israel (see Acts 1:6; 13:46). But His ultimate mission was the reconciliation of the world, as Paul declares in Sunday's Epistle. In the Mass we join all peoples in doing Him homage. As Isaiah foretold, we come to His holy mountain, the heavenly Jerusalem, to offer sacrifice at His altar (see Hebrews 12:22-24, 28). With the Canaanite, we take our place at the Master's table, to be fed as His children.

Scott Hahn

Enroll your deceased loved one in the Nativity Memorial Book. Just a one time donation of \$5.00 (min.) or more. Call the Church Office @364-8360 for more information.

REFLECTIONS

Twentieth Sunday In Ordinary Time

Today's Gospel recounts the story of a Canaanite woman who ask Jesus to help her daughter who was possessed by a demon. Although Jesus ignores her, she keeps after him and in the end her faith is rewarded. It is easy to think that our time and energy should be devoted to those in our own community and ignore the needs of others. But that is not what discipleship is about. We are called to serve others according to the talents and resources we have. It is not required that we even like those who need help. It is not our place to judge their "worthiness." We are simply to do what we can to help others.

Thus says the Lord: Observe what is right,
do what is just. - *Isaiah 56:1*

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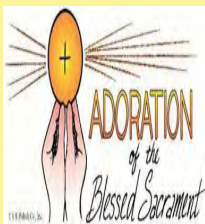
Reflection on the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary August 15, 2026

The Solemnity of the Assumption celebrates the Blessed Mother's entrance into heavenly glory. The Catechism explains that Mary "was taken up body and soul into the glory of heaven, where she already shares in the glory of her Son's Resurrection, anticipating the resurrection of all members of his Body" (CCC, 974). Mary's Assumption into heaven reminds us that life on earth is a pilgrimage to our ultimate destination. We prepare in hope for our own passage into eternal life by the choices we make today. When we choose to love and follow God in our daily lives, we strengthen our relationship with Him, and this relationship is the true meaning of heaven: "To live in heaven is 'to be with Christ'" (CCC, 1025).



Monthly Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction

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



Birthday Prayer for Fr. Ed Degéyter

Heavenly Father,

Bless and guide our beloved priest on his birthday, filling his life with joy, health, and continued spiritual strength.

Happy Birthday Father Ed! May God continue to bless you, keep you, and shine His face upon you, filling your life with peace, joy, and abundant grace.

We thank God for giving us a precious gift like you. You have touched our hearts, minds, and souls in ways we cannot explain. May your birthday bring you happiness, good health, and lots of love.

You inspire us to be better versions of ourselves every day. You are not just a priest, but a friend, mentor, and guide. We pray that your birthday is filled with unforgettable memories.

Amen.

Nativity of Our Lady is hosting a **BIRTHDAY RECEPTION FOR FR. ED** following the **9am Mass on Wednesday, August 19th**. Please bring your favorite finger foods. Please contact Margo LeBlanc if you have any questions @ marleb1947@gmail.com or 337-380-3319.

MEMORIAL OF SAINT STEPHEN OF HUNGARY, KING AND SAINT ROCH, CONFESSOR FEAST DAY ~ AUGUST 16TH:

Today, we celebrate the Memorial of Saint Stephen of Hungary, King and Saint Roch (Rocco), Confessor. Through the intercession of our Blessed Mother Mary and the Saints on this feast day, we humbly pray for all those who are single and seeking for life partners, may God bless them with loving and God-fearing life partners. We pray for the sick and dying, especially those who are sick with heart and lung diseases, knee problems, skin diseases and those suffering from cancers and other terminal diseases. We pray for peace, love, justice and unity in our families and our world. We pray for all workers and those seeking for employment, for the poor and needy in our world. And we continue to pray for our Holy Father, Pope Leo, the Bishops, the Clergy, for vocations to the priesthood and religious life, for the Church, for persecuted Christians, for the conversion of sinners, and Christians all over the world. Amen 🙏

In 1038, on the feast of the Assumption of the Virgin Mary, St. Stephen delivered his final words to leaders of the Church and state, telling them to protect and spread the Catholic faith. To the Virgin Mary, the king directed one of his final prayers: "To thee, O Queen of heaven, and to thy guardianship, I commend the holy Church, all the bishops and the clergy, the whole kingdom, its rulers and inhabitants; but before all, I commend my soul to thy care." St. Stephen died on August 15, 1038, the feast of the Assumption of our Lady, to whom he had consecrated his kingdom.

TIMELINE

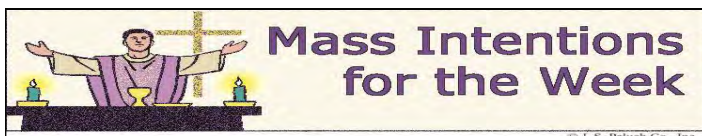
Diocese of Lafayette PARISH CENSUS



 **Aug. 25 & Sept. 1 - Email**
Look for email from OSV Hub with a link to update your info.

 **Sept. 5 & 6 - Online**
QR Code will be out for those who didn't receive an email.

 **Sept. 12 & 13 - "Census Weekend"**
Parish Census Committee members will have paper forms and offer help with the online entry to those who need assistance.



Mass Intentions for the Week

Tuesday, August 18, 2026

7:00am Fr. Ed Degeyter (liv bd)
Carson Viator (liv bd)

Wednesday, August 19, 2026

9:00am Walter Degravelle, Jr., Creed Dugas
Patti Gagnard, Joseph Viator
Dorothy "Dot" Breaux, Kate M. Logan
Timothy Guillory, Barbara Krai
Helen Barrilleaux, Fr. Ed Degeyter (liv)

Thursday, August 20, 2026

7:00am Zachary Michael Richard (liv)

Friday, August 21, 2026

7:00am Robert & Mary Hicks Fly
Raymond & Pearl Romero

Saturday, August 22, 2026

4:00pm Fr. Tom Finley, Lynward Ransonet
Rachel R. Romero, Mona Simon
Romero & Walker Fly, Gloria Tauzin
Steven G. Delcambre
William Kell Lewis, Warren Barras
Ralph & Lorraine Breaux
Emmet & Marquerite Conery
Jules & Leona Broussard

Sunday, August 23, 2026

8:00am Parishioners

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

Catholic Quotes

God has created us to love and to be loved,
and this is the beginning of prayer-to know that
He loves me, that I have been created for
greater things.

Let us always meet each other with a smile,
for the smile is the beginning of love.

Saint Teresa of Calcutta

SANCTUARY LIGHT:

In Honor of:
Fr. Ed Degeyter (liv bd)
Happy Birthday!!!



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 Walet, Jerome Guillotte, Leoni Derouen, Betty DeRouen, Robert McDaniel, 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, Juanita & Hargis Lewis, Nettie Voorhies, Johnathon Angers, Alton & Mary Ann Babin, 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, Amber Neel, Dan Claudy, Carlson-Claudy Fly, Jeremy Vice, Christine Thibodeaux, Patrica Manos, The Traversa Fly, Huey & Susan Guidry, Barbara Breaux, Hazel Delahoussaye & Fly, Brennan Lasseigne, David Picou, Bob Bernard.

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

Knights of Columbus Council 12997 Fundraiser BBQ Pork Chop, BBQ Beans, Rice Dressing, & Pistolette

Sunday, September 13, 2026

Pickup is 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, and in the Church office. Also, the Ladies K.C. Auxiliary members will be selling treats on 9/13/26.

For more information call
Wayne Duhon at 337-339-1602.



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

OUR GIFTS TO GOD	August 2, 2026
Loose	\$ 2,675.00
Envelopes	\$ 3,936.00
Total (collected).....	\$ 6,611.00
Mailed in offertory.....	\$ 764.00
Online Giving offertory	\$ 1,043.00
Total offertory (week).....	\$ 8,418.00

Thank you for your generosity!!!!

**PSALMS: THE SCHOOL OF PRAYER
BEGINS IN SEPTEMBER!**

Join us in September to understand the **Book of Psalms** at our **Fall Bible Study** from Ascension Press. For more information contact Janet Viator at Barsen Hall, 337-365-3759.

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

CURRENT EVENTS

Tuesday, August 18, 2026

Mass at 7:00 am

Happy Birthday Fr. Ed !

Wednesday, August 19, 2026

Pro-Life Rosary - 8:20 am

Mass at 9:00 am

Fr. Ed's B-day Celebration - Parish Hall

Thursday, August 20, 2026

Mass at 7:00 am

Friday, August 21, 2026

Mass at 7:00 am

Saturday, August 22, 2026

Mass at 4:00 pm

Sunday, August 23, 2026

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



Faith Formation Registration began on Monday, August 10th and will end on Monday, August 31st. Forms for current students have been mailed. For new students needing to be registered, please call Janet Viator at 337-365-3759 for information.

MASS SERVERS
August 18, 2026 - August 23, 2026

DAY DATE	TIME	CELEBRANT	READERS	LAY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION	ALTAR SERVERS
Tuesday 8/18/26	7:00am	Fr. Matthew Higginbotham	Ellen Claudy		Sacristan
Wednesday 8/19/26	9:00am	Fr. Ed Degeyter	Ginger Comeaux	Ross & Cindy Landry Vicki Murdock Brenda Romero	Sacristan
Thursday 8/20/26	7:00am	Fr. Matthew Higginbotham	Vikki Morgan		Sacristan
Friday 8/21/26	7:00am	Fr. Matthew Higginbotham	Chad Courtois		Sacristan
Saturday 8/22/26	4:00pm	Fr. Matthew Higginbotham	Jenny Gonsoulin	Phil & Renee Haney	Comeaux Fly
Sunday 8/23/26	8:00am	Fr. Matthew Higginbotham	Nena Suit	Wayne Duhon Percy Barrilleaux	Bedia Fly
	10:00am	Fr. Matthew Higginbotham	Lan Nguyen	Melissa Dworaczyk Vincent Borne	Nguyen Fly

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