

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

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Fr. Ed Degeyter

BOOKKEEPER:

Polly Camacho

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Kimberly Richard

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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

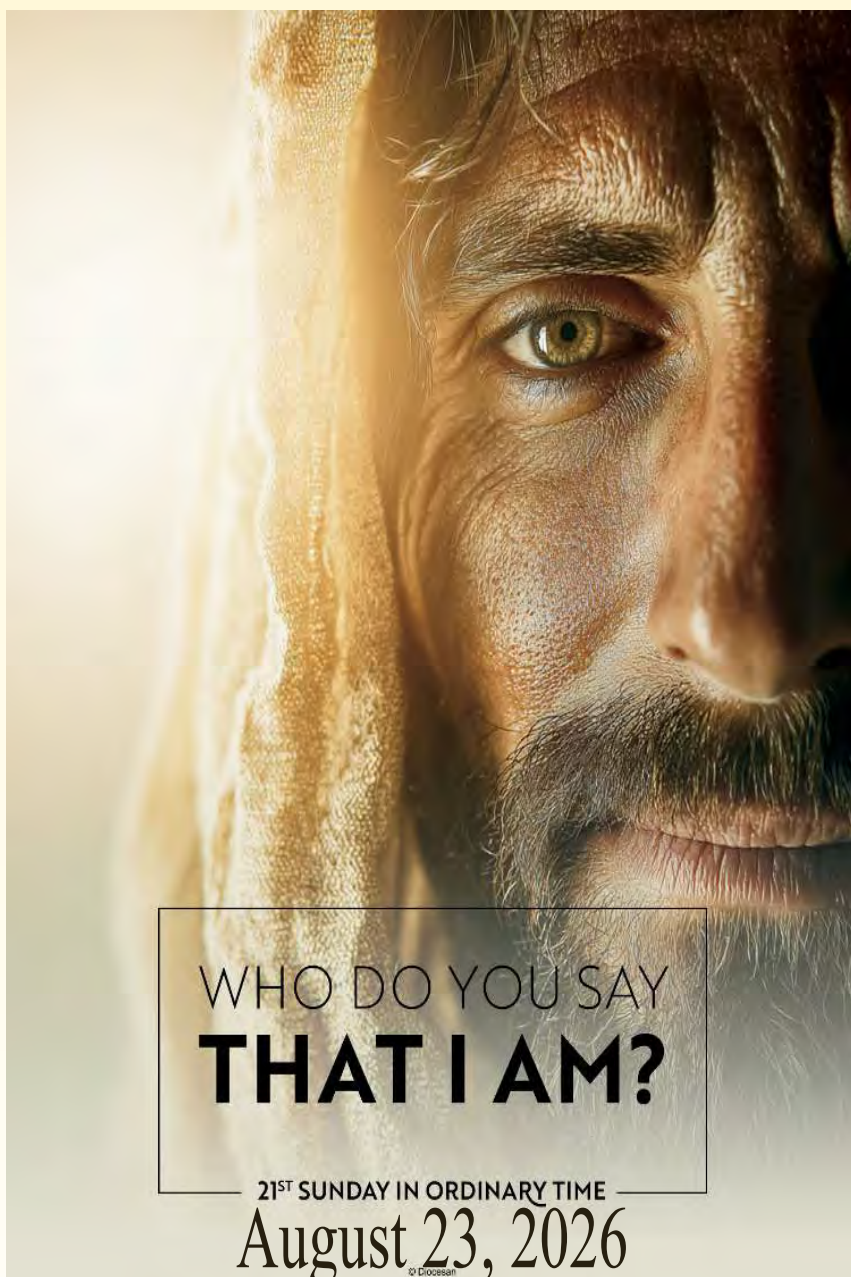
ROSARY:

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

First Friday: 6:30 am

First Saturday: 8:20 am

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



WHO DO YOU SAY
THAT I AM?

21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

August 23, 2026

TODAY'S READINGS



Isaiah 22:19-23
Psalm 138:1-3, 6, 8
Romans 11:33-36
Matthew 16:13-20

“Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God!” Paul exclaims in today’s Epistle. Today’s Psalm, too, takes up the triumphant note of joy and thanksgiving. Why? Because in the Gospel, the heavenly Father reveals the mystery of His kingdom to Peter. With Peter, we rejoice that Jesus is the anointed Son promised to David, the one prophesied to build God’s temple and reign over an everlasting kingdom (see 2 Samuel 7). What Jesus calls “my Church” is the kingdom promised to David’s son (see Isaiah 9:1-7). As we hear in today’s First Reading, Isaiah foretold that the keys to David’s kingdom would be given to a new master, who would rule as father to God’s people. Jesus, the root and offspring of David, alone holds the kingdom’s keys (see Revelation 1:18; 3:7; 22:16). In giving those keys to Peter, Jesus fulfills that prophecy, establishing Peter and all who succeed him as holy father of His Church. His Church, too, is the new house of God, the spiritual temple founded on the “rock” of Peter and built up out of the living stones of individual believers (see 1 Peter 2:5). Abraham was called “the rock” from which the children of Israel were hewn (see Isaiah 51:1-2). And Peter becomes the rock from which God raises up new children of God (see Matthew 3:9). The word Jesus uses—“church” (ecclesia in Greek)—was used in the Greek translation of the Old Testament for the “assembly” of God’s children after the Exodus (see Deuteronomy 18:16; 31:30). His Church is the “assembly of the firstborn” (see Hebrews 12:23; Exodus 4:23-24), established by Jesus’ exodus (see Luke 9:31). Like the Israelites, we are baptized in water, led by the Rock, and fed with spiritual food (see 1 Corinthians 10:1-5). Gathered at His altar, in the presence of angels, we sing His praise and give thanks to His holy name.

Scott Hahn

REFLECTIONS

Twenty-First Sunday In Ordinary Time

Who is Jesus to you? Is He a miracle worker, judge, superhuman, or a friend? We cannot take walks or sit down and chat with Jesus. We know stories about His life and teachings; but that all happened a long time ago. Still, Jesus is with us inviting us to spend time with Him and learn from him. Consider your relationship with Jesus and pray for the grace to allow Jesus to be your best friend and counselor.

When I called, you answered me;
you built up strength within me.

Psalm 138:3

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PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

O God, who wills not the death of a sinner, but rather that he be converted and live, Grant, we beseech you through the intercessions of the Blessed Mary, ever virgin, St. Joseph, her spouse, and all the saints, an increase of laborers for your church, fellow laborers with Christ, to spend and consume themselves for souls. Amen

Prayer for Our Children

Loving Father, we treasure the innocence You’ve bestowed upon our children. We come to You, asking for Your protection over their pure hearts and minds.

Lord, shield our children from experiences and information that may rob them of their innocence too soon. Preserve their childlike faith and wonder in You and Your creation.

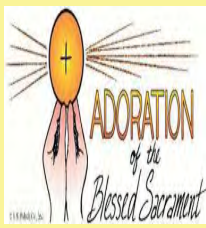
We pray for wisdom to know how to answer our children’s questions appropriately. Help us guide them gently as they learn about the world, always pointing them to Your truth and love.

Amen

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.

Monthly Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction

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



TIMELINE

Diocese of Lafayette

PARISH CENSUS

Connecting Every Catholic Home

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.

Coming Soon: Parish Census!

Help us keep our parish family connected. Watch for information about our upcoming parish census and take a few minutes to make sure your household information is current. Thank you for helping us strengthen our parish community!

Catholic Quotes

God told us, "Love your neighbor as yourself." So first I am to love myself rightly, and then to love my neighbor like that. But how can I love myself unless I accept myself as God has made me? Those who deny that beautiful differences between men and women are not accepting themselves as God has made them, and so cannot accept and love their neighbor. They will only bring division, unhappiness, and destruction of peace to the world.

Saint Teresa of Calcutta

August 23 is notably the feast day of **St. Rose of Lima**, the first saint of the Americas, along with other saints such as Saint Hilarinus.

St. Rose of Lima

St. Rose of Lima, born Isabel Flores in April 1586 in Lima, Peru, is celebrated on August 23 as the **first saint of the Americas** and the **Patroness of the New World**. She is also the patron saint of **florist and gardeners**. From infancy, she was recognized for her mystical devotion, with a rose reportedly appearing on her face as a sign of her calling. Inspired by St. Catherine of Siena, she practiced rigorous penance, fasting at least three times a week, and offered her suffering for the good of other. She disfigured her face to avoid vanity and wore a garland of roses with thorns to symbolize Christ's crown of thorns. After years of resisting marriage, she joined the **Third Order of St. Dominic**, living a life of seclusion and devotion in her family home. St. Rose suffered from arthritis and asthma but remained devoted to prayer and the Blessed Sacrament throughout her life @ catholicfaithpatronsaints.com.

Other Saints Celebrated on Aug. 23

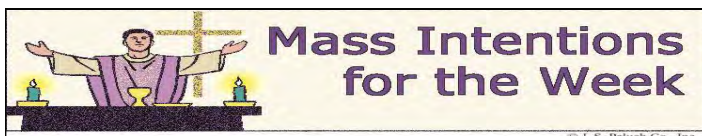
St. Hilarinus: A French saint who died in 731 AD in Langres, France. He is commemorated for his pious life and dedication to the Church @ Leituras Catolicas.

Blessed Juan Soler Garcia and **St. Eoghan of Ardstraw** are also remembered on this day, along with other martyrs and holy figures recognized by the Church @ Leituras Catolicas.

Sts. Zachary and Elizabeth, parents of St. John the Baptist, and **Sts. Abbondio and Irenaeus**, martyrs on the via Tiburtina, are additionally commemorated on Aug. 23 in some liturgical calendars @ www.vaticannews.va.

Significance

August 23 serves as a day to honor these saints' lives, their devotion, and their examples of faith, penance, and service. St. Rose of Lima, in particular, is celebrated for her pioneering role as a saint from the Americas and her deep spiritual commitment, inspiring devotion across the continent and beyond @ catholicfaithpatronsaints.com. Faithful Catholics may observe this day with prayers, reflections on the saints' lives, and participation in liturgical celebrations dedicated to their memory.



Mass Intentions for the Week

Tuesday, August 25, 2026

7:00am Crystal West
Carrol & Brenda Romero Fly

Wednesday, August 26, 2026

9:00am Walter Degraeve, Jr., R.L. Berard
Kate M. Logan, Bert Rogers (bd)

Thursday, August 27, 2026

7:00am Elise G. Champagne (bd)
Harold J. Champagne (bd)
Linden J. Champagne, Sr.

Friday, August 28, 2026

7:00am Elise D. Viator (bd)
Raymond & Pearl Romero

Saturday, August 29, 2026

4:00pm Fr. Tom Finley, Rachel R. Romero,
Lynward Ransonet (8yr da)
Gloria Tauzin, Remy & Yola Barras
Steven G. Delcambre
William Kell Lewis, Michael Cole
Louis Boudreaux, Jr.
Louis Boudreaux, Sr.
Todd Anthony D'Albor

Sunday, August 30, 2026

8:00am Parishioners, Paul Sidney Guilbeau
Charlie & Bertha Pesson (bd)

10:00am Msgr. H.J. Barsen, Fr. A.J. Boumans
Harvey & Joyce DeCourt
Donna M. Lanza
Dorothy "Dot" Breaux
Steven Michael Gondran & Children

PARISH VOCATION CROSS

The Vocation Cross is taken by:
Ross & Cindy Landry

(August 23 - August 29)

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.

SANCTUARY LIGHT:

In Memory of:
Gloria Tauzin



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, Patrick & Margo LeBlanc, Mike Comeaux, Marlene Mouton, Shalee Landry. 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 9, 2026	
Loose	\$ 1,422.25
Envelopes	\$ 2,227.00
Total (collected).....	\$ 3,649.25
Mailed in offertory.....	\$ 925.00
Online Giving offertory	\$ 713.00
Total offertory (week).....	\$ 5,287.25
New Iberia Poor & Needy.....	\$ 1,506.00

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

Monday, August 24, 2026

Women's Ultreya Meeting - 7pm - Parish Hall

Tuesday, August 25, 2026

Mass at 7:00 am

Wednesday, August 26, 2026

Pro-Life Rosary - 8:20 am

Mass at 9:00 am

Thursday, August 27, 2026

Mass at 7:00 am

Friday, August 28, 2026

Mass at 7:00 am

Saturday, August 29, 2026

Mass at 4:00 pm

Sunday, August 30, 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 25, 2026 - August 30, 2026

DAY DATE	TIME	CELEBRANT	READERS	LAY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION	ALTAR SERVERS
Tuesday 8/25/26	7:00am	Fr. Matthew Higginbotham	Carmen Nicholson		Sacristan
Wednesday 8/26/26	9:00am	Fr. Ed Degeyter	Ginger Comeaux	Willie & Cynthia Elmer Percy Barrilleaux Nancy Barras	Sacristan
Thursday 8/27/26	7:00am	Fr. Matthew Higginbotham	Vikki Morgan		Sacristan
Friday 8/28/26	7:00am	Fr. Matthew Higginbotham	Keith Comeaux		Sacristan
Saturday 8/29/26	4:00pm	Fr. Matthew Higginbotham	Bill Miller	Ross & Cindy Landry	Comeaux Fly
Sunday 8/30/26	8:00am	Fr. Matthew Higginbotham	Janis Dugas	Wayne Duhon Ricky Segura	Nguyen Fly
	10:00am	Fr. Matthew Higginbotham	Vincent Borne	Linda Viator Brenda Romero	Trahan Fly

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