

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

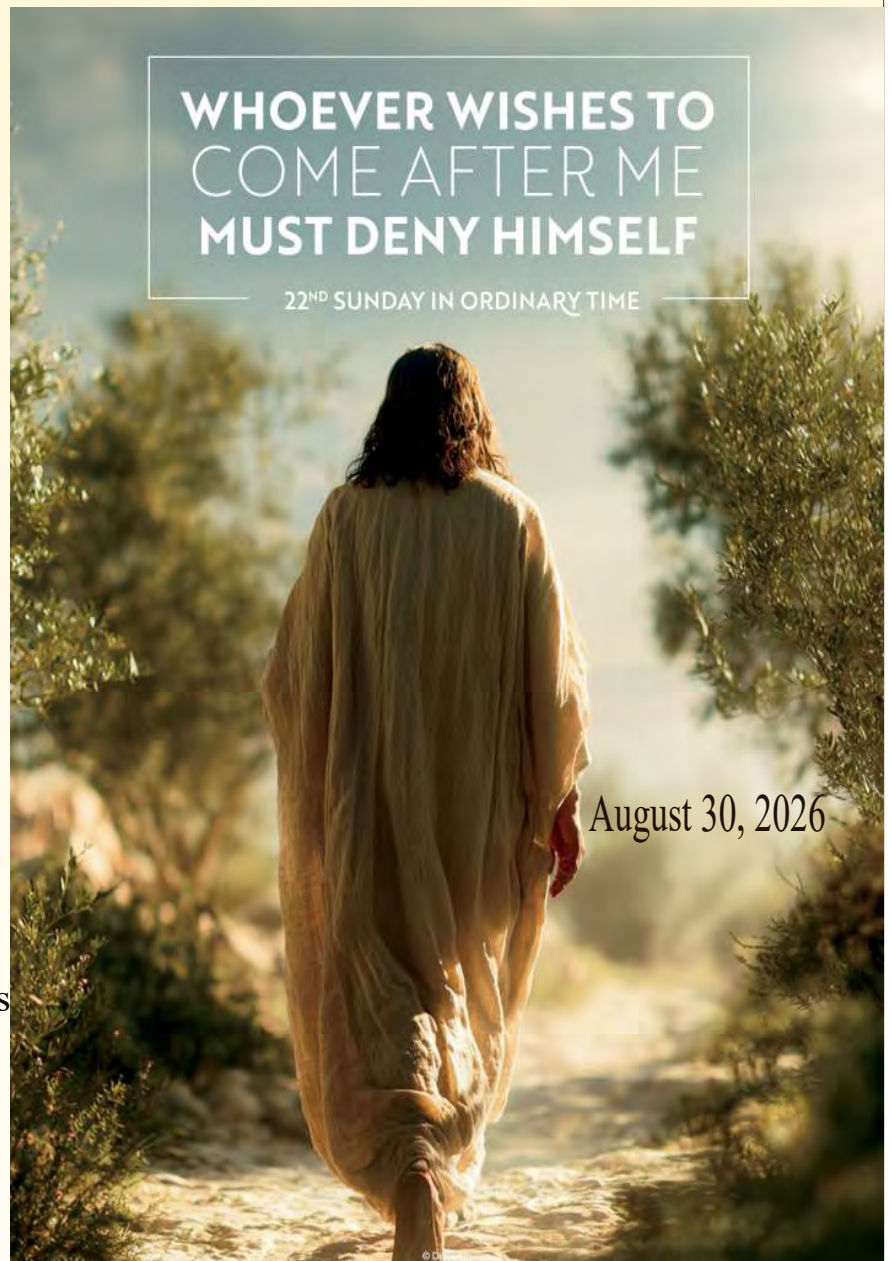
ROSARY:

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

First Friday: 6:30 am

First Saturday: 8:20 am

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



TODAY'S READINGS



Jeremiah 20:7-9
Psalm 63:2-6, 8-9
Romans 12:1-2
Matthew 16:21-27

Today's First Reading catches the prophet Jeremiah in a moment of weakness. His intimate lamentation contains some of the strongest language of doubt found in the Bible. Following God's call, he feels abandoned. Preaching His Word has brought him only derision and reproach. But God does not deceive-and Jeremiah knows this. God tests the just (see Jeremiah 20:11-12), and disciplines His children through their sufferings and trials (see Hebrews 12:5-7). What Jeremiah learns, Jesus states explicitly in today's Gospel. To follow Him is to take up a cross, to deny yourself-your priorities, preferences, and comforts. It is to be willing to give it all up, even life itself, for the sake of His gospel. As Paul says in today's epistle, we must join ourselves to the passion of Christ, to offer our bodies-our whole beings-as living sacrifices to God. By His Cross, Jesus has shown us what Israel's sacrifices of animals were meant to teach: we owe to God all that we have. God's kindness is a greater good than life itself, as we sing in today's Psalm. The only thanks we can offer is our spiritual worship-to give our lives to the service of His will (see Hebrews 10:3-11; Psalm 50:14, 23). Peter does not yet get this in today's Gospel. As it was for Jeremiah, the cross is a stumbling block for Peter (see 1 Corinthians 1:23). This too is our natural temptation-to refuse to believe that our sufferings play a necessary part in God's plan. That is how people think, Jesus tells us today. But we are called to the renewal of our minds-to think as God thinks, to will what He wills. In the Mass, we once again offer ourselves as perfect and pleasing sacrifices of praise (see Hebrews 13:15). We bless Him as we live, confident that we will find our lives in losing them, that with the riches of His banquet, our souls will be satisfied. Scott Hahn

REFLECTIONS

Twenty-Second Sunday In Ordinary Time

Jeremiah never wanted to be a prophet and doing God's will did not bring him honor nor respect. He was mocked and laughed at and some even tried to kill him. Doing God's will, standing up for what is the loving and right thing to do is not easy and it is seldom popular. It takes courage. Pray for the courage to do God's will no matter the cost.

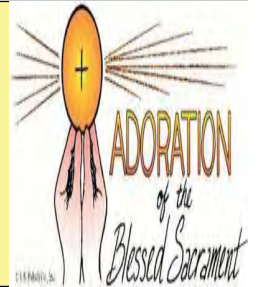
Do not conform yourselves to this age, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind.

Romans 12:2

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Monthly Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction

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



PARISH VOCATION CROSS

The Vocation Cross is taken by:
Kimberly Richard

(August 30 - September 05)

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.

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.

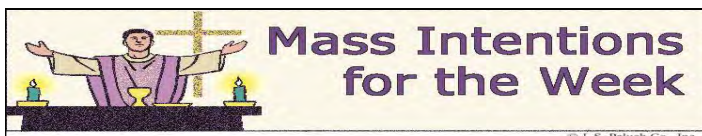


Sept. 12 & 13 - "Census Weekend"

Parish Census Committee members will have paper forms and offer help with the online entry to those who need assistance.

Nativity of Our Lady – Event Calendar – September 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	Pray for Fr. Patrick Hough First Saturday 9:00 am Mass Fr. Ed 4:00 pm Mass Fr. Ed
	Pray for Pope Leo XIV 7:00 am Mass Fr. Matthew	Pray for Bishop Douglas Deshotel Pro-Life Rosary 9:00 am Mass Fr. Ed	Pray for Bishop Emeritus Michael Jarrell 7:00 am Mass Fr. Matthew	Pray for Fr. Matthew Higginbotham First Friday 7:00 am Mass Eucharistic Adoration Fr. Matthew	Pray for Fr. Joseph Kikanda 4:00 pm Mass Fr. Matthew Census Weekend Baptisms -5pm -Church	
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Pray for Fr. Francis Huete Memorial Book Mass at 8am & 10am Fr. Matthew	Pray for Fr. Stephen Sahayaraj Irudayasamy Labor Day Church Office Closed	Pray for Fr. Salingier Istre 7:00 am Mass Fr. Matthew Bible Study 9am Barsen Hall	Pray for Fr. Ravi Jampangi Pro-Life Rosary 9:00 am Mass Fr. Ed K.C. & Ladies Aux. Supper & Meeting Parish & Barsen Hall	Pray for Fr. Johnathan Janise 7:00 am Mass Fr. Matthew Baptism Class -6:30pm Church Office Bible Study 6pm Barsen Hall	Pray for Fr. Stanley Jawa 7:00 am Mass Fr. Matthew	
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Pray for Fr. Andrew Killeen Mass at 8am & 10am Fr. Matthew Census Weekend	Pray for Fr. Clifton Labbe O.L.A.S Meeting 5pm Barsen Hall	Pray for Fr. Donovan Labbe 7:00 am Mass Fr. Matthew Patriotic Rosary Bible Study 9am Barsen Hall	Pray for Fr. Paul Lafleur Pro-Life Rosary 9:00 am Mass Fr. Ed	Pray for Fr. Alex Lancon 7:00 am Mass Fr. Matthew Bible Study 6pm Barsen Hall	Pray for Fr. Michael Keith Landry 7:00 am Mass Fr. Matthew	Pray for Fr. Oneil Landry 4:00 pm Mass Fr. Matthew
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Pray for Fr. Charles Langlois Mass at 8am & 10am Fr. Matthew New Iberia Poor & Needy	Pray for Fr. Steven Leblanc	Pray for Fr. Mark Patrick Ledoux 7:00 am Mass Fr. Matthew Bible Study 9am Barsen Hall	Pray for Fr. Bret Lee Pro-Life Rosary 9:00 am Mass Fr. Ed	Pray for Fr. Seth Lemaire 7:00 am Mass Fr. Matthew Bible Study 6pm Barsen Hall	Pray for Fr. Jaime Lorenzo 7:00 am Mass Fr. Matthew	Pray for Fr. Michael Luxbacher 4:00 pm Mass Fr. Ed
27	28	29	30			
Pray for Msgr. Charles Mallet Mass at 8am & 10am Fr. Matthew	Pray for Msgr. W. Curtis Mallet Women's Ultreya 7:00pm Parish Hall	Pray for Fr. Charles "Billy" Massie 7:00 am Mass Fr. Matthew Bible Study 9am Barsen Hall	Pray for Fr. Suresh Mathangi Pro-Life Rosary 9:00 am Mass Fr. Ed			



Tuesday, September 1, 2026

7:00am Anna Kober
Patsy D. Costas (liv bd)

Wednesday, September 2, 2026

9:00am Walter Degraavelle, Jr., Creed Dugas
Michelle Renee Landry (liv bd)

Thursday, September 3, 2026

7:00am Don Taylor (bd), Katie Hebert (da)

Friday, September 4, 2026

7:00am Don Taylor, Janell Broussard
Carlyle Hebert Fly, Wayne Bell
Lee Broussard, E.J. & Gloria Segura
Elaine & Warren Broussard, Kent Smith
Raymond & Pearl Romero, U.S. Military
Elmer Wencker, Lionel Sutton

Saturday, September 5, 2026

9:00am Brother & Claire LaBauve
M/M Raymond Landry, Andre LaBauve
Todd Anthony D'Albor, Lionel Sutton
Special Intention, U.S. of America

4:00pm

Fr. Tom Finley, DeHart & Estilette Fly
Rachel R. Romero, Paul Domingue Fly
Dressel & Ransonet Fly, Gloria Tauzin
William Kell Lewis, Lynward Ransonet
Rudy Delcambre Fly, Steven Delcambre
Dalton Saltzman (da)

Sunday, September 6, 2026

8:00am Parishioners, Thelma Broussard
Larry Andrus (1yr. da), Creed Dugas
Robert & Mary Hicks Fly, Donna Snoddy

10:00am

Msgr. H.J. Barsen, Fr. A.J. Boumans
Harvey & Joyce DeCourt
Donna M. Lanza, Emily & Tuttie Romero
Steven Michael Gondran & Children
Dawn R. Mestayer, Carly D. Tajmir

**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)
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.



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.

SANCTUARY LIGHT:

In Memory of:
Elise G. Champagne
Elise D. Viator

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

OUR GIFTS TO GOD August 16, 2026

Loose	\$ 1,582.87
Envelopes	\$ 1,918.00
Total (collected).....	\$ 3,500.87
Mailed in offertory.....	\$ 260.00
Online Giving offertory	\$ 2051.99
Total offertory (week).....	\$ 5,812.86
Assumption of Blessed Virgin Mary...	\$ 628.00

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, September 1, 2026

Mass at 7:00 am

Wednesday, September 2, 2026

Pro-Life Rosary - 8:20 am Mass at 9:00 am

Thursday, September 3, 2026

Mass at 7:00 am

Friday, September 4, 2026 - First Friday

OLAS, K.C. Ladies Aux. & K.C. Members
to attend 7:00 am Mass

Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction

Saturday, September 5, 2026 - First Saturday

OLAS, K.C. Ladies Aux. & K.C. Members
to attend 9:00 am Mass

Mass at 4:00 pm

Sunday, September 6, 2026

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

Monday, September 7, 2026 - Labor Day
Church Office Closed

Our Blessed Mother needs all ladies 18 years & up to care for her Son's Altar. Please join Nativity of Our Lady's Altar Society! Annual Membership dues is \$10.00. Membership forms can be found at any of the Church entrances for any new member. Membership forms have been mailed out to all current members, so please don't forget to renew them. For more info: call Mary Pesson at 337-344-2490.

**MASS SERVERS
September 1, 2026 - September 6, 2026**

DAY DATE	TIME	CELEBRANT	READERS	LAY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION	ALTAR SERVERS
Tuesday 9/1/26	7:00am	Fr. Matthew Higginbotham	Ellen Claudy		Sacristan
Wednesday 9/2/26	9:00am	Fr. Ed Degeyter	Ginger Comeaux		Sacristan
Thursday 9/3/26	7:00am	Fr. Matthew Higginbotham	Vikki Morgan		Sacristan
Friday 9/4/26	7:00am	Fr. Matthew Higginbotham			Sacristan
Saturday 9/5/26	9:00am 4:00pm	Fr. Ed Degeyter Fr. Ed Degeyter			Sacristan Comeaux Fly
Sunday 9/6/26	8:00am	Fr. Matthew Higginbotham			Ricky Segura
	10:00am	Fr. Matthew Higginbotham			Trahan Fly

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