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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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Fr. Ed Degeyter

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PASTORAL COUNCIL

PRESIDENT: *André Schlicher*

RECONCILIATION:

Saturday: 3:00 pm — 3:45 pm

Sunday: 7:00 am — 7:45 am

30 minutes before weekday Masses

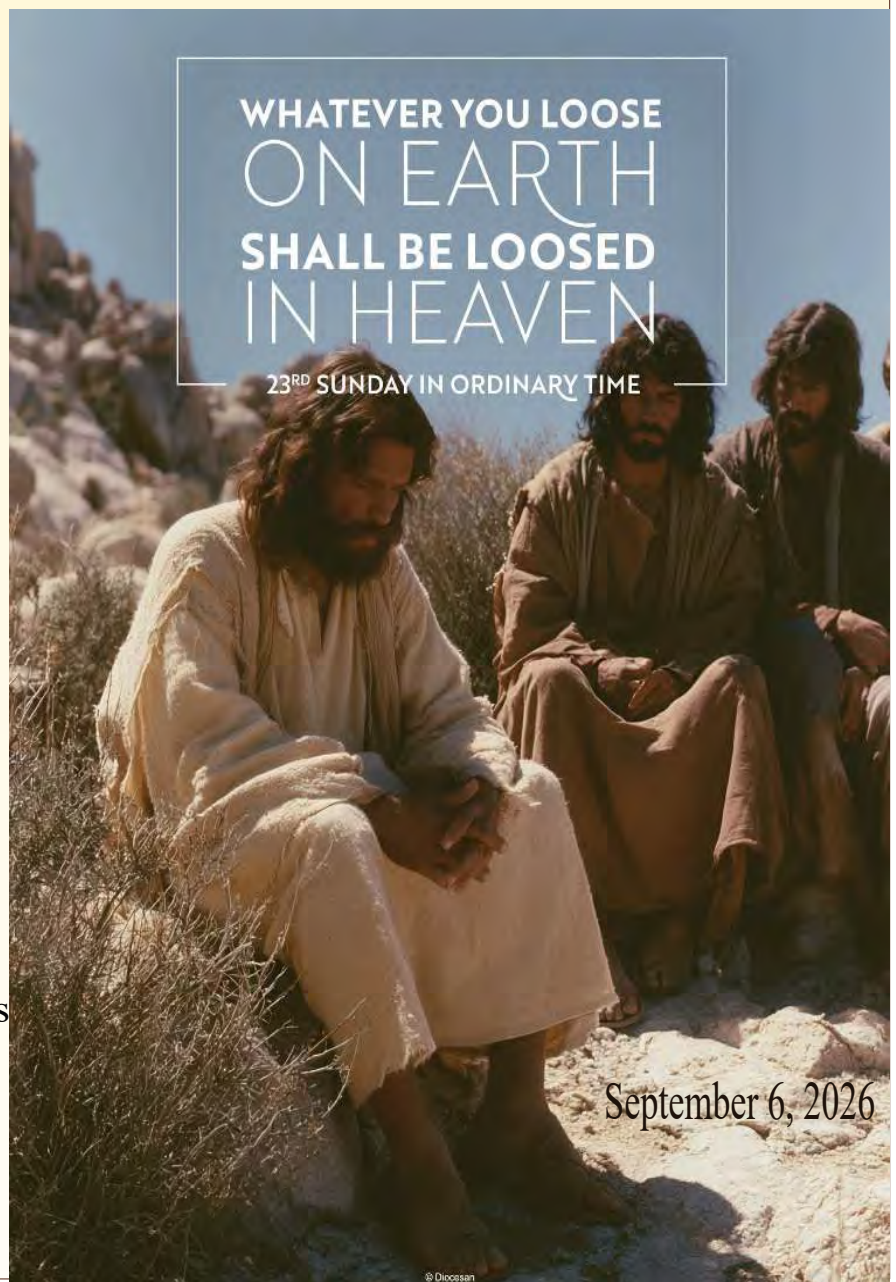
ROSARY:

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



Ezekiel 33:7-9
Psalms 95:1-2,6-9
Romans 13:8-10
Matthew 18:15-20

As Ezekiel is appointed watchman over the house of Israel in today's First Reading, so Jesus in the Gospel today establishes His disciples as guardians of the new Israel of God, the Church (see Galatians 6:16). He also puts in place procedures for dealing with sin and breaches of the faith, building on discipline prescribed by Moses for Israel (see Leviticus 19:17-20; Deuteronomy 19:13). The heads of the new Israel, however, receive extraordinary powers, similar to those given to Peter (see Matthew 16:19). They have the power to bind and loose, to forgive sins, and to reconcile sinners in His name (see John 20:21-23). But the powers He gives the apostles and their successors depend on their communion with Him. As Ezekiel is only to teach what he hears God saying, the disciples are to gather in His name and to pray and seek the will of our heavenly Father. But today's readings are more than a lesson in Church order. They also suggest how we're to deal with those who trespass against us, a theme that we will hear in next week's reading as well. Notice that both the Gospel and the First Reading presume that believers have a duty to correct sinners in our midst. Ezekiel is even told that he will be held accountable for their souls if he fails to speak out and try to correct them. This is the love that Paul in today's Epistle says we owe to our neighbors. To love our neighbors as ourselves is to be vitally concerned for their salvation. We must make every effort, as Jesus says, to win our brothers and sisters back, to turn them from the false paths. We should never correct out of anger, or a desire to punish. Instead, our message must be that of today's Psalm, urging sinners to hear God's voice, not to harden their hearts, and to remember that He is the one who made us, and is the rock of our salvation.

Scott Hahn

REFLECTIONS

Twenty-Third Sunday In Ordinary Time

The Ten Commandments give us a list of "rules" to follow if we want to obey God. They are very simple and yet volumes have been written to "explain" what they mean. There is a level of comfort in having such a list. But then, Jesus comes along and says it all boils down to loving God and your neighbor. Doing the loving thing, treating people with love is not easy-some are just not very lovable! Still that is what we are to do. Pray for a deeper understanding of what it means to love others and when examining your conscience, look at how well you have loved others.

Love never does any wrong to the neighbor,
hence love is the fulfillment of the law. -Romans 13:10

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PARISH VOCATION CROSS

The Vocation Cross is taken by:
Willie & Cynthia Elmer

(September 06 - September 12)

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.

Diocese of Lafayette

PARISH CENSUS



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DEVOTION FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER

The Immaculate Heart of Mary

"Due to her feast day on September 15, the month of September has traditionally been set aside to honor Our Lady of Sorrows. All the sorrows of Mary (the prophecy of Simeon, the three days' loss, etc.) are merged in the supreme suffering at the Passion. In the Passion, Mary suffered a martyrdom of the heart because of Our Lord's torments and the greatness of her love for Him. "She it was," says Pope Pius XII, "who immune from all sin, personal or inherited, and ever more closely united

with her Son, offered Him on Golgotha to the Eternal Father together with the holocaust of her maternal rights and motherly love. As a new Eve, she made this offering for all the children of Adam contaminated through his unhappy fall. Thus

she, who was the mother of our Head according to the flesh, became by a new title of sorrow and glory the spiritual mother of all His members."

Prayer: O Mary, most holy Virgin and Queen of Martyrs, accept the sincere homage of my filial affection. Into thy heart, pierced by so many swords, do thou welcome my poor soul. Receive it as the companion of thy sorrows at the foot of the Cross, on which Jesus died for the redemption of the world. With thee, O sorrowful Virgin, I will gladly suffer all the trials, contradictions, and infirmities which it shall please our Lord to send me. I offer them all to thee in memory of thy sorrows, so that every thought of my mind, and every beat of my heart may be an act of compassion and of love for thee. And do thou, sweet Mother, have pity on me, reconcile me to thy divine Son Jesus, keep me in His grace, and assist me in my last agony, so that I may be able to meet thee in heaven and sing thy glories. Amen.

September Challenge

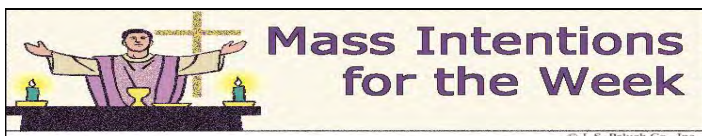
Attend Mass and/or pray the seven sorrows on September 15. Throughout the month, intentionally bring the Good News to those who need to hear it, even if it's not explicitly reading the Bible to them. Offer your efforts to Jesus through Our Lady of Sorrows.

What to Reflect on in September

1. What sorrows are in your life and how can you see God's love sustaining you in them? What areas in your heart need a Mother's help mending?
2. How can you help people in your life who need help turning sadness and struggles into a love-filled sorrow and perhaps even an unexplainable joy?
3. Who can you share the Seven Sorrows of Mary prayer with?
4. How do you pray in times of sorrow?

You should have received your yearly **OLAS** enrollment and dues letter by snail-mail by now. Please complete the form with your \$10.00 yearly dues and drop it into the collection basket at any mass or mail to Cindy Landry, or drop off at church office. Make sure that you include your email address on the form. Also, invite other ladies to join. We need younger ladies to help with events. Just share their contact info with Mary Pesson (337-344-2490) with the name, email and address and she will send her an invite to join.

Please mark your calendar for the **OLAS** meetings for the upcoming year. Our meetings will be held at Barsen Hall at 5:00 pm, on 9/14/26, 11/9/26, 1/11/26, and 3/8/26. Please try to attend. We plan to make fall flower arrangements again. We start on Wed., Sept. 9th after 9:00am mass. We plan to sell them at the masses the weekend of 10/10&10/11 for All Saints/All Souls days.



Tuesday, September 8, 2026

7:00am Calise & Maline O. Trahan
Gloria A. Landry (bd)

Wednesday, September 9, 2026

9:00am Walter Degraeville, Jr.
Whitney & Una Broussard
Todd Anthony D'Albor
Edmond Delcambre, Carrol Romero, Sr.

Thursday, September 10, 2026

7:00am Anthony Stephen Landry

Friday, September 11, 2026

7:00am Raymond & Pearlle Romero

Saturday, September 12, 2026

4:00pm Fr. Tom Finley, Roy Flores
Gloria Tauzin, Lynward Ransonet
William Kell Lewis
Rachel R. Romero
Joycelyn Louviere
Todd Anthony D'Albor
Etienne & Lorraine Boutte
Steven G. Delcambre
Lionel & Florence Louviere Sr.

Sunday, September 13, 2026

8:00am Parishioners, Clark Romero
Roland Judice

10:00am Msgr. H.J. Barsen, Fr. A.J. Boumans
Harvey & Joyce DeCourt
Donna M. Lanza, James Comeaux
Steven Michael Gondran & Children
Elizabeth V. Stafford (liv bd)
David Comeaux, Dorothy "Dot" Breaux

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.

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

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, Karin Kwami, Mary Miller.

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:
Jill B. Reed

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

OUR GIFTS TO GOD	Aug. 23, 2026
Loose	\$ 1,299.00
Envelopes	\$ 2,325.00
Total (collected).....	\$ 3,624.00
Mailed in offertory.....	\$ 1,045.00
Online Giving offertory	\$ 523.00
Total offertory (week).....	\$ 5,192.00

Thank you for your generosity!!!!

Faith Formation Sacraments

1st Communion: There will be a registration meeting on Tuesday, September 8, 2026 from 6:00-7:00 pm. Registration forms have been mailed, so please bring complete form with a copy of baptism certificate, and payment to the meeting.

Confirmation: There will be a Registration meeting on Wednesday, September 9, 2026 from 6:30-7:30 pm. Registration forms have been mailed, so please bring form with a copy of Baptism/First Communion certificates, and payment to the meeting. Any questions call Janet Viator @ 337-365-3759.

CURRENT EVENTS

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

Tuesday, September 8, 2026

Mass at 7:00 am
Bible Study 9:00 am - Barsen Hall

Wednesday, September 9, 2026

Pro-Life Rosary - 8:20 am Mass at 9:00 am
K.C. & Ladies Aux. Supper & Meeting

Thursday, September 10, 2026

Mass at 7:00 am
Bible Study 6:00 pm - Barsen Hall

Friday, September 11, 2026

Mass at 7:00 am

Saturday, September 12, 2026

Mass at 4:00 pm
Census Weekend
Baptisms - 5pm - Church

Sunday, September 13, 2026

Masses at: 8:00 am & 10:00 am
Census Weekend
K.C. BBQ Pork Chop Dinner - 11am - 1pm
Pickup dinner behind Church Office

MASS SERVERS September 8, 2026 - September 13, 2026

DAY DATE	TIME	CELEBRANT	READERS	LAY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION	ALTAR SERVERS
Tuesday 9/8/26	7:00am	Fr. Matthew Higginbotham	Ellen Claudy		Sacristan
Wednesday 9/9/26	9:00am	Fr. Ed Degeyter	Ginger Comeaux	Willie & Cynthia Elmer Phil & Renee Haney	Sacristan
Thursday 9/10/26	7:00am	Fr. Matthew Higginbotham	Vikki Morgan		Sacristan
Friday 9/11/26	7:00am	Fr. Matthew Higginbotham	Keith Comeaux		Sacristan
Saturday 9/12/26	4:00pm	Fr. Matthew Higginbotham	Jenny Gonsoulin	Marilyn Gerrets Willie Elmer	Comeaux Fly
Sunday 9/13/26	8:00am	Fr. Matthew Higginbotham	Janis Dugas	Julie Roy Ricky Segura	Sacristan
	10:00am	Fr. Matthew Higginbotham	Paul Broussard	Vincent Borne Vicki Murdock	Nguyen Fly

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