

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

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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

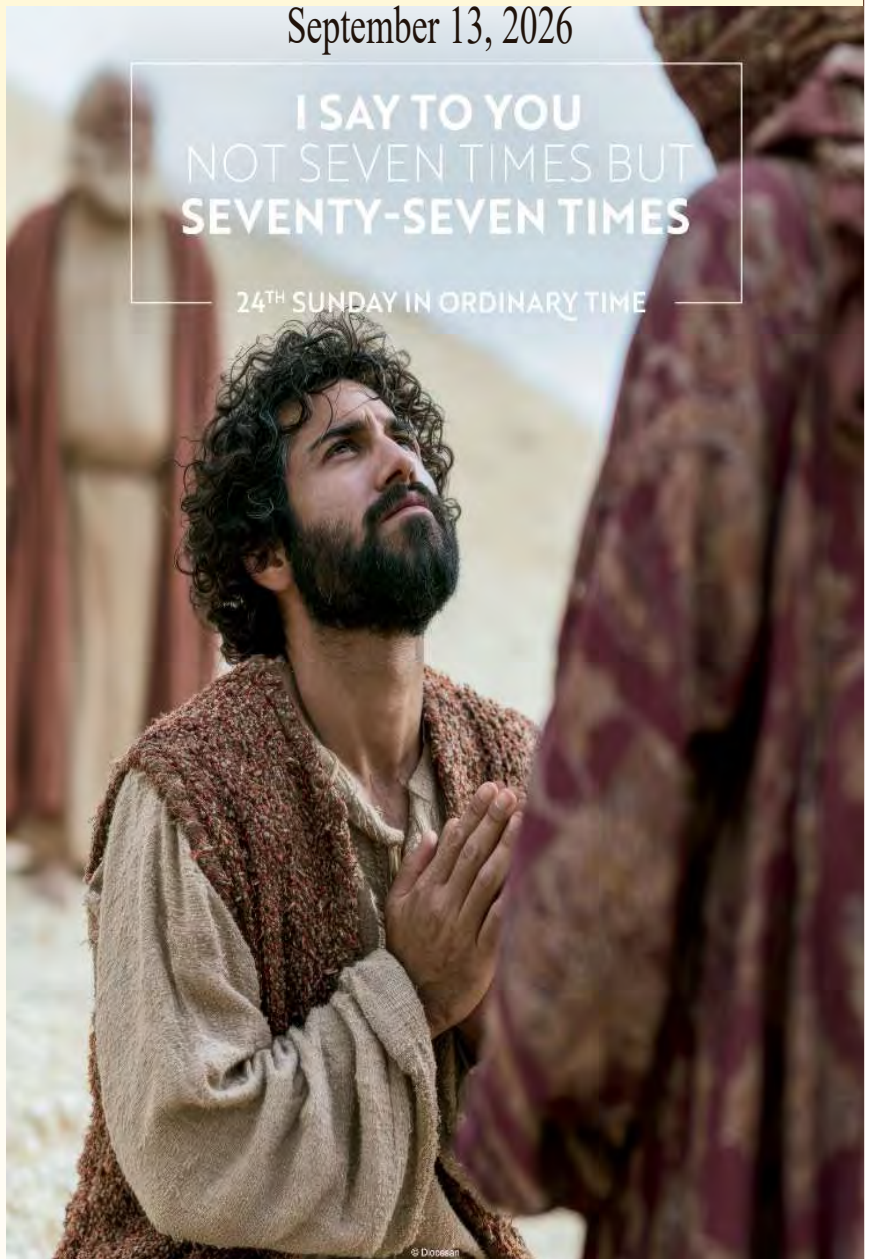
First Saturday: 8:20 am

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

September 13, 2026

I SAY TO YOU
NOT SEVEN TIMES BUT
SEVENTY-SEVEN TIMES

24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



TODAY'S READINGS



Sirach 27:30-28:7
Psalm 103:1-4, 9-12
Romans 14:7-9
Matthew 18:21-35

Mercy and forgiveness should be at the heart of the Christian life. Yet, as today's First Reading wisely reminds us, often we cherish our wrath, nourish our anger, and refuse mercy to those who have done us wrong. Jesus, too, strikes close to home in today's Gospel with His realistic portrayal of the wicked servant who will not forgive a fellow servant's debt, even though his own slate has just been wiped clean by their master. It cannot be this way in the kingdom, the Church. In the Old Testament, seven is frequently a number associated with mercy and the forgiveness of sins. The just man sins seven times daily; there is a seven fold sprinkling of blood for atonement of sins (see Proverbs 24:6; Leviticus 16). But Jesus tells Peter today that we must forgive not seven times, but seventy times seven times. That means: every time. We are to be merciful as our Father in heaven is merciful (see Luke 6:36; Matthew 5:48). But why? Why does Jesus repeatedly warn that we cannot expect forgiveness for our trespasses unless we are willing to forgive others their trespasses against us? Because, as Paul reminds us in today's Epistle, we are the Lord's. Each of us has been purchased by the blood of Christ shed for us on the Cross (see Revelation 5:9). As we sing in today's Psalm, though we deserved to die for our sins, He does not deal with us according to our crimes. The mercy and forgiveness we show to others should be the heartfelt expression of our gratitude for the mercy and forgiveness shown to us. This is why we should remember our last days, set our enmities aside, and stop judging others. We know that one day we will stand before the judgment seat and give account for what we have done with the new life given to us by Christ (see Romans 14:10, 12). So, we forgive each other from the heart, overlook each others faults, and await the crown of His kindness and compassion.

Scott Hahn

REFLECTIONS

Twenty-Fourth Sunday In Ordinary Time

The passage from Sirach gives us a clear guide to how we should conduct our relationships. We are told to forgive injustices, refrain from nursing our anger, and treat others with mercy. These are not things that come easy to us. We want wrongs punished and we long for revenge. If we would be disciples of Christ, we must learn to forgive and be merciful with others just as we have been forgiven and granted mercy from our Lord. Consider those things that nurse your anger and your resentment and pray for the grace to let go of those feelings.

Forgive your neighbor's injustice, then when you pray, your own sins will be forgiven. -Sirach 28:2

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PARISH VOCATION CROSS

The Vocation Cross is taken by:
Willie & Cynthia Elmer
 (September 13 - September 19)

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



✦ Every Family
 ✦ Every Generation
 ✦ Every Household

Participate in the
 Parish Census.



FAMILY Worship NIGHT

A NIGHT TO GATHER, WORSHIP AND GROW TOGETHER AS A FAMILY.

WEDNESDAY SEPT. 23RD

6:00PM – 8:00PM

NATIVITY PARISH HALL

Live Music!
COME SING AND WORSHIP!

Faith. | Family. | Worship. All are welcome! ♥



ADVENT DAY OF REFLECTION

with Behold Catholic Ministries

Waiting with Mary

Enter the quiet of Advent

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2026

8:30AM - 2:00PM Starting with morning Mass
\$100 PER GUEST

MAGDALEN PLACE
2 South Magdalen Square
Abbeville, LA

Includes 2 reflections, rosary, all art supplies & 11x14 painting, lunch and music.



MORNING WELCOME
Singer-songwriter and inspirational speaker **Kitty Cleveland** will guide our morning with spiritual reflections, singing and meditative rosary.



ARTISTIC JOURNEY
After lunch, **Michelle Morein**, Artist, Owner & Founder of Sacred Treasures, will guide us on a beautiful painting experience with live music. All art supplies are included.

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SPEND-A-DAY

25 SEPT. FRIDAY

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Mass Intentions for the Week

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Tuesday, September 15, 2026

7:00am Amy Daniels, Gladys Carlsen

Wednesday, September 16, 2026

9:00am Walter Degraeville, Jr.
Victor Bernard, Carrol Romero, Sr.

Thursday, September 17, 2026

7:00am Jerry J. Trahan, Sr. (3yr da)
Hadley & Geri Babin (liv 65yr. ann)

Friday, September 18, 2026

7:00am Raymond & Pearlie Romero

Saturday, September 19, 2026

4:00pm Fr. Tom Finley, Juliette DuBois
Gloria Tauzin, Lynward Ransonet
William Kell Lewis
Emmet & Marguerite Conery
Ralph & Lorraine Breaux
Jules & Leona Broussard, Mrs Terry Borrel
Rachel R. Romero, Steven G. Delcambre
Mona Simon, Leslie Romero
Dorothy "Dot" Breaux, Warren Barras
Nadine & Justin Boudoin (liv ann)

Sunday, September 20, 2026

8:00am Parishioners, Quang V. Nguyen
Henry & Dorothy McDonald

10:00am Msgr. H.J. Barsen, Fr. A.J. Boumans
Harvey & Joyce DeCourt
Donna M. Lanza
Steven Michael Gondran & Children
Paul Sidney Guilbeau
Madison Claire Olivier (bd)

Reminder: Don't forget to pick up dinners today!

**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.

Also, the Ladies K.C. Auxiliary members are 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, 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, Kandis Bouterie.

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:
Jerry J. Trahan, Sr.

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

OUR GIFTS TO GOD		Aug. 30, 2026
Loose	\$	1,461.00
Envelopes	\$	1,885.00
Total (collected).....	\$	3,346.00
Mailed in offertory.....	\$	260.00
Online Giving offertory	\$	856.15
Total offertory (week).....	\$	4,462.15

Thank you for your generosity!!!!

With Heartfelt Thanks From Fr. Ed

It was a great joy to have so many of you, Nativity Parishioners and our guests, present for my Birthday Mass and reception. My sincere thanks to all of those who took part in any way in the celebration. Please know how special all of you are to me, and be assured of my continued prayers and remembrance. May God's choicest blessings be with you, and may our Mother Mary's prayers and intercessions for you support and strengthen you.

Fr. Ed

CURRENT EVENTS

Monday, September 14, 2026

O.L.A.S. Meeting - 5:00 pm

Tuesday, September 15, 2026

Mass at 7:00 am

Bible Study 9:00 am - Barsen Hall

Wednesday, September 16, 2026

Pro-Life Rosary - 8:20 am

Mass at 9:00 am

Thursday, September 17, 2026

Mass at 7:00 am

Bible Study 6:00 pm - Barsen Hall

Friday, September 18, 2026

Mass at 7:00 am

Saturday, September 19, 2026

Mass at 4:00 pm

Sunday, September 20, 2026

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

2nd Collection - New Iberia Poor & Needy

Our Catholic family of New Iberia will come together on Tuesday, October 6, 2026, at 6 pm for our annual Living Rosary. During the Living Rosary we will join our voices in prayer for our own personal intentions as well as all the intentions trusted to our prayer boxes. We invite you and your family to join us at St. Peter Church on Tuesday, October 6, 2026, at 6 pm for the Living Rosary.

MASS SERVERS September 15, 2026 - September 20, 2026

DAY DATE	TIME	CELEBRANT	READERS	LAY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION	ALTAR SERVERS
Tuesday 9/15/26	7:00am	Fr. Matthew Higginbotham	Ellen Claudy		Sacristan
Wednesday 9/16/26	9:00am	Fr. Ed Degeyter	Ginger Comeaux	Ross & Cindy Landry Linda Viator Mike Degeyter	Sacristan
Thursday 9/17/26	7:00am	Fr. Matthew Higginbotham	Vikki Morgan		Sacristan
Friday 9/18/26	7:00am	Fr. Matthew Higginbotham	Chad Courtois		Sacristan
Saturday 9/19/26	4:00pm	Fr. Matthew Higginbotham	Bill Miller	Willie & Cynthia Elmer	Comeaux Fly
Sunday 9/20/26	8:00am	Fr. Matthew Higginbotham	June Jones	Wayne Duhon Percy Barrilleaux	Nguyen Fly
	10:00am	Fr. Matthew Higginbotham	Vincent Borne	Doc Voorhies Brenda Romero	Trahan Fly

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