

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

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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



Ezekiel 18:25-28
Psalms 25:4-9
Philippians 2:1-11
Matthew 21:28-32

Echoing the complaint heard in last week's readings, today's First Reading again presents protest that God isn't fair. Why does He punish with death one who begins in virtue but falls into iniquity, while granting life to the wicked one who turns from sin? This is the question that Jesus takes up in the parable in today's Gospel. The first son represents the most heinous sinners of Jesus' day-tax collectors and prostitutes-who by their sin at first refused to serve in the Lord's vineyard, the kingdom. At the preaching of John the Baptist, they repented and did what was right and just. The second son represents Israel's leaders-who said they would serve God in the vineyard, but refused to believe John when he told them they must produce good fruits as evidence of their repentance (see Matthew 3:8). Once again, this week's readings invite us to ponder the unfathomable ways of God's justice and mercy. He teaches His ways only to the humble, as we sing in today's Psalm. And in the Epistle today, Paul presents Jesus as the model of that humility by which we come to know life's true path Paul sings a beautiful hymn to the Incarnation. Unlike Adam, the first man, who in his pride grasped at being God, the New Adam, Jesus, humbled Himself to become a slave, obedient even unto death on the cross (see Romans 5:14). In this He has shown sinners-each one of us-the way back to the Father. We can only come to God to serve in His vineyard, the Church, by having that same attitude as Christ. This is what Israel's leaders lacked. In their vain glory, they presumed their superiority-that they had no further need to hear God's Word or listen to God's servants. But this is the way to death, as God tells Ezekiel today. We are always to be emptying ourselves, seeking forgiveness for our sins and frailties, confessing on bended knee that He is Lord, to the glory of the Father.

Scott Hahn

REFLECTIONS

Twenty-Sixth Sunday In Ordinary Time

Our human nature finds it very difficult to accept God's way of doing things as "just." Many of Jesus' parables tell us that God does not judge things the way we would. God knows our hearts and understands our struggles in a way that even we don't understand ourselves, much less anyone else. There is nothing to be gained by trying to measure our "goodness" nor in comparing it to others. Our focus should be on how well we are trying to follow Jesus and leave the rest in the hands of our merciful God.

Your ways, O Lord, make known to me;
 teach me your paths. Psalm 25:4

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PARISH VOCATION CROSS

The Vocation Cross is taken by:
Warren & Sandra Gaspard

(September 27 - October 3)

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.



The Living Rosary

Our Catholic family of New Iberia will come together on Tuesday, Oct. 6, 2026, at 6pm for our annual Living Rosary we will join our voices in prayer for our own personal 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.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Pray for Pope Leo XIV 7:00 am Mass	2 Pray for Bishop Douglas Deshotel First Friday 7:00 am Mass Eucharistic Adoration	3 Pray for Bishop Emeritus Michael Jarrell First Saturday 9:00 am Mass 4:00 pm Mass
4 Pray for Fr. Kenneth Mayne Memorial Book Mass at 8am & 10am	5 Pray for Fr. Garrett McIntyre	6 Pray for Fr. Glenn Meaus 7:00 am Mass Bible Study 9am Bareen Hall	7 Pray for Fr. Aaron Melancon Pro-Life Rosary 9:00 am Mass	8 Pray for Fr. Bill John Melancon 7:00 am Mass Baptism Class - 6:30pm Church Office Bible Study 6pm Bareen Hall	9 Pray for Fr. Stephen Melancon 7:00 am Mass	10 Pray for Fr. Andre Metrejean 4:00 pm Mass Baptisms - 6pm - Church
11 Pray for Fr. Mark Milley Mass at 8am & 10am	12 Pray for Fr. Michael Moody	13 Pray for Fr. Joshua Munterim 7:00 am Mass Bible Study 9am Bareen Hall	14 Pray for Fr. Randall Moreau Pro-Life Rosary 9:00 am Mass K.C. & Ladice Aux. Supper & Meeting	15 Pray for Fr. Joseph Nasser 7:00 am Mass Bible Study 6pm Bareen Hall	16 Pray for Fr. Charles Kaboya Ndumbi 7:00 am Mass	17 Pray for Fr. James Bam Nguyen 4:00 pm Mass
18 Pray for Fr. Theodore Nnabugo Mass at 8am & 10am New Iberia Poor & Needy	19 Pray for Fr. Albert Gayle Nunes	20 Pray for Fr. Godwin Nzeh 7:00 am Mass Patriotic Rosary Bible Study 9am Bareen Hall	21 Pray for Fr. Benard Obuya Pro-Life Rosary 9:00 am Mass	22 Pray for Fr. Mark Olewo Odoguje 7:00 am Mass Bible Study 6pm Bareen Hall	23 Pray for Fr. Anselm Ofodum 7:00 am Mass	24 Pray for Fr. John Okebule 4:00 pm Mass
25 Pray for Fr. Paul Onuegbе Mass at 8am & 10am	26 Pray for Fr. Arockia Does Palthasar Women's Ulitreya 7:00pm Parish Hall	27 Pray for Fr. John Paul 7:00 am Mass Bible Study 9am Bareen Hall	28 Pray for Fr. Rene Pellesier Pro-Life Rosary 9:00 am Mass	29 Pray for Fr. Stephen Pellesier 7:00 am Mass Bible Study 6pm Bareen Hall	30 Pray for Fr. Donald Pelous 7:00 am Mass	31 Pray for Fr. Jesuraj Perkmans 4:00 pm Mass

Nativity Event Calendar - October 2026



Tuesday, September 29, 2026

7:00am Amy Daniels

Wednesday, September 30, 2026

9:00am Walter Degraeville, Jr.
Carrol & Brenda Romero Fly
Gretchen Elmer Yax (liv bd)
Ernest "Topper" Breaux

Thursday, October 1, 2026

7:00am Amy Daniels

Friday, October 2, 2026

7:00am Raymond & Pearlle Romero
Carlyle Hebert Fly, Janell Broussard
Elaine & Warren Broussard, Wayne Bell
E.J. & Gloria Segura, Kent Smith
Patrick Domingue (liv bd), U.S. Military
Lee Broussard, Lionel Sutton
Thanksgiving, Don Taylor

Saturday, October 3, 2026

9:00am Brother & Claire LaBauve, Lionel Sutton
M/M Raymond Landry, Andre LaBauve
Todd Anthony D'Albor, U.S.A.
Special Intention
Ernest "Topper" Breaux (da)

4:00pm Fr. Tom Finley, Gloria Tauzin
Paul Domingue Fly, Lynward Ransonet
William Kell Lewis, Rudy Delcambre Fly
Dressel & Ransonet Fly
Rachel R. Romero, Steven G. Delcambre
Dorothy "Dot" Breaux,
DeHart & Estilette Fly

Sunday, October 4, 2026

8:00am Parishioners, Thelma Broussard
Larry Andrus, Donna M. Snoddy

10:00am Msgr. H.J. Barsen, Fr. A.J. Boumans
Harvey & Joyce DeCourt
Donna M. Lanza
Steven Michael Gondran & Children
Emily & Tuttie Romero, Jr.

Jesus loves you. Even more—He longs for you. He misses you when you don't come close. He thirts for you, even when you don't feel worthy.

Saint Teresa of Calcutta

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 McDaniell, 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, Bonnie Marceaux, Gayle Johnson.

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:
Ernest "Topper" Breaux

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

OUR GIFTS TO GOD	Sept. 13, 2026
Loose	\$ 1,551.00
Envelopes	\$ 1,807.00
Total (collected).....	\$ 3,358.00
Mailed in offertory.....	\$ 2,830.00
Online Giving offertory	\$ 1,738.00
Total offertory (week).....	\$ 7,926.00

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Saint Francis
In 1223, Francis arranged for the first Christmas nativity scene. In 1224, he received the stigmata, (is a term used by members of the Christian faith to describe body marks, sores, or sensations of pain in locations corresponding to the crucifixion wounds of Jesus Christ, such as the hands, wrists, and feet making him the first recorded person to bear the wounds of Christ's Passion. He died during the evening hours of October 3, 1226, while listening to a reading he had requested of Psalm 140.

CURRENT EVENTS

Monday, September 28, 2026

Women's Ultreya -7pm - Parish Hall

Tuesday, September 29, 2026

Mass at 7:00 am

Bible Study 9:00 am - Barsen Hall

Wednesday, September 30, 2026

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

Thursday, October 1, 2026

Mass at 7:00 am

Bible Study 6:00 pm - Barsen Hall

Friday, October 2, 2026- First Friday

OLAS, K.C. Ladies Aux. & K.C. Members

to attend 7:00 am Mass

Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction

Saturday, October 3, 2026-First Saturday

OLAS, K.C. Ladies Aux. & K.C. Members

to attend 9:00 am Mass

Mass at 4:00 pm Memorial Book

Sunday, October 4, 2026

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

Memorial Book

Remember when you leave this earth, you can take nothing that you have received, but only what you have given: a full heart, enriched by honest service, love, sacrifice, and courage. St. Francis of Assisi

MASS SERVERS

September 29, 2026 - October 4, 2026

DAY DATE	TIME	CELEBRANT	READERS	LAY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION	ALTAR SERVERS
Tuesday 9/29/26	7:00am	Fr. Matthew Higginbotham	Ellen Claudy		Sacristan
Wednesday 9/30/26	9:00am	Fr. Ed Degeyter	Ginger Comeaux	Phil & Renee Haney Nancy Barras Percy Barrilleaux	Sacristan
Thursday 10/1/26	7:00am	Fr. Matthew Higginbotham	Vikki Morgan		Sacristan
Friday 10/2/26	7:00am	Fr. Matthew Higginbotham			Sacristan
Saturday 10/3/26	9:00am 4:00pm	Fr. Ed Fr. Matthew			Sacristan Comeaux Fly
Sunday 10/4/26	8:00am	Fr. Matthew Higginbotham			Bedia Fly
	10:00am	Fr. Matthew Higginbotham			Trahan Fly

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