

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

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PRESIDENT: *Andrée Schlicher*

RECONCILIATION:

Saturday: 3:00 pm — 3:45 pm

Sunday: 7:00 am — 7:45 am

30 minutes before weekday Masses

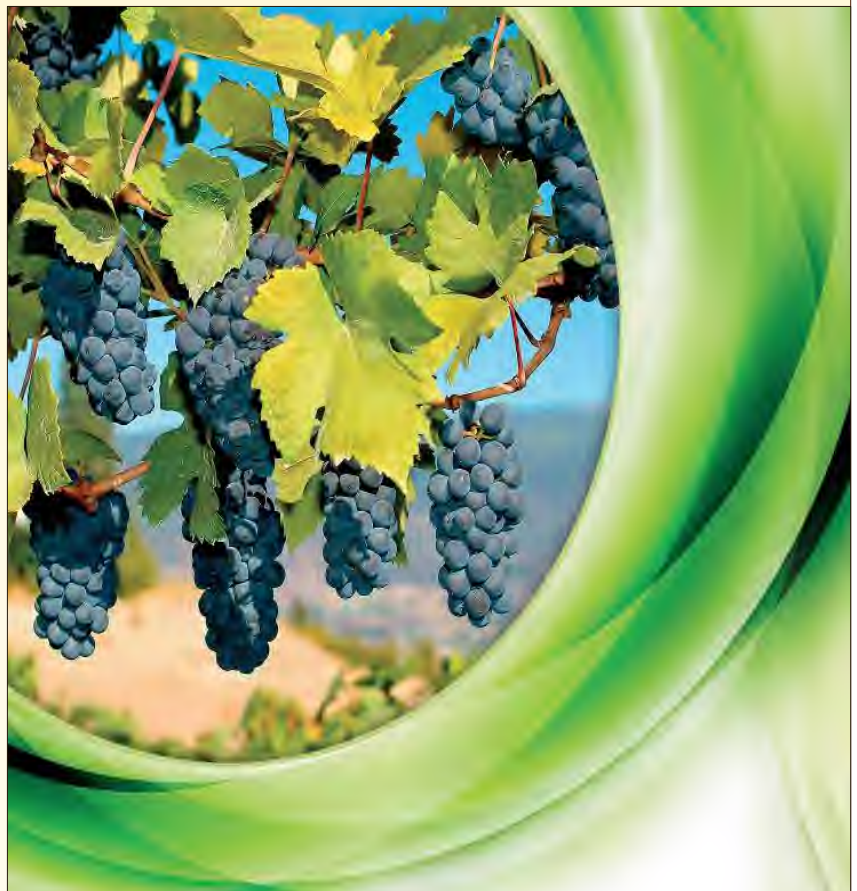
ROSARY:

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

First Friday: 6:30 am

First Saturday: 8:20 am

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



27th Sunday
in Ordinary Time

October 4, 2026

"The kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given
to a people that will produce its fruit."

Matthew 21:43

TODAY'S READINGS



Isaiah 5:1-7
Psalm 80:9, 12-16, 19-20
Philippians 4:6-9
Matthew 21:33-43

In today's Gospel Jesus returns to the Old Testament symbol of the vineyard to teach about Israel, the Church, and the kingdom of God. And the symbolism of today's First Reading and Psalm is readily understood. God is the owner and the house of Israel is the vineyard. A cherished vine, Israel was plucked from Egypt and transplanted in a fertile land specially spaded and prepared by God, hedged about the city walls of Jerusalem, watched over by the towering Temple. But the vineyard produced no good grapes for the wine, a symbol for the holy lives God wanted for His people. So God allowed His vineyard to be overrun by foreign invaders, as Isaiah foresees in the First Reading. Jesus picks up the story where Isaiah leaves off, even using Isaiah's words to describe the vineyard's wine press, hedge, and watchtower. Israel's religious leaders, the tenants in His parable, have learned nothing from Isaiah or Israel's past. Instead of producing good fruits, they've killed the owner's servants, the prophets sent to gather the harvest of faithful souls. In a dark foreshadowing of His own crucifixion outside Jerusalem, Jesus says the tenants' final outrage will be to seize the owner's son, and to kill him outside the vineyard walls. For this, the vineyard, which Jesus calls the kingdom of God, will be taken away and given to new tenants—the leaders of the Church, who will produce its fruit.

We are each a vine in the Lord's vineyard, grafted onto the true vine of Christ (see John 15:1-8), called to bear fruits of the righteousness in Him (see Philippians 1:11) and to be the "first fruits" of a new creation (see James 1:18). We need to take care that we don't let ourselves be overgrown with the thorns and briars of worldly anxiety. As today's Epistle advises, we need to fill our hearts and minds with noble intentions and virtuous deeds, rejoicing always that the Lord is near.

Scott Hahn

REFLECTIONS

Twenty-Seventh Sunday In Ordinary Time

Consider the things that worry and concern you. How do you attempt to deal with them? The reading from Philippians reminds us to present our needs to God in every form of prayer. Worry can distract us from paying attention to the present moment and it does nothing to resolve the problem. The next time you find your thoughts troubled by worry, try asking the Spirit to help you. Ask for God's peace and the insight to see the opportunities and graces hidden in this worry. Pray for the wisdom to see what you can do and the fortitude to do it.

Live according to what you have learned and accepted...
 Then will the God of peace be with you. Philippians 4:9

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PARISH VOCATION CROSS

The Vocation Cross is taken by:

Ricky & Kathie Segura

(October 4 - October 10)

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.



DEVOTION FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER

- The Holy Rosary

The month of October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary.

According to an account by fifteenth-century Dominican, Alan de la Roch, Mary appeared to St. Dominic in 1206 after he had been praying and doing severe penances because of his lack of success in combating the Albigensian heresy. Mary praised him for his valiant fight against the heretics and then gave him the Rosary as a mighty weapon, explained its uses and efficacy, and told him to preach it to others. Since the prayers of the Rosary come from such excellent sources — from Our Lord Himself, from inspired Scripture, and from the Church — it is not surprising that the Rosary is so dear to our Blessed Mother and so powerful with heaven. "Today, when dangers far greater than those of the ancient Turks threaten not only Christianity but all civilization, we are urged by our Blessed Mother to turn again to the Rosary for help. If men in sufficient numbers do this, and at the same time carry out the other conditions that she has laid down, we have the greater reason for confidence that we will be delivered from our dangers.

Prayer to the Lady of the Rosary

O Virgin Mary, grant that the recitation of thy Rosary may before me each day, in the midst of my manifold duties, a bond

of unity in my actions, a tribute of filial piety, a sweet refreshment, an encouragement to walk joyfully along the path of duty. Grant, above all, O Virgin Mary, that the study of thy fifteen mysteries may form in my soul, little by little, a luminous atmosphere, pure, strengthening, and fragrant, which may penetrate my understanding, my will, my heart, my memory, my imagination, my whole being. So shall I acquire the habit of praying while I work, without the aid of formal prayers, by interior acts of admiration and of supplication, or by aspirations of love. I ask this of thee, O Queen of the Holy Rosary, through Saint Dominic, thy son of predilection, the renowned preacher of thy mysteries, and the faithful imitator of thy virtues. Amen.

OCTOBER CHALLENGE

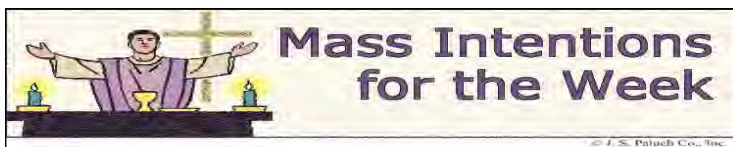
October Challenge, Are you ready? This is a big one! Your challenge for the month of October is to pray the rosary every single day. If you miss a day, don't give up. Pick it up the next day. You will understand the power of prayer, intercession, the Gospel, and God's love more and more each day.

WHAT TO REFLECT ON IN OCTOBER

1. How do you pray the rosary? With Scripture? With special added prayers?
There are many different ways to personalize the rosary.
2. Which mysteries of the Gospel mean the most to your spiritual life this month?
3. How can you remove any obstacles that are between you and a daily rosary?
4. How do you share the rosary with others, even non-Catholics?

October 4th is Respect Life Sunday which kicks off Respect Life Month! We consider more deeply why every human life is valuable, and reflect on how to build a culture that protects life from conception to natural death.





Tuesday, October 6, 2026

7:00am John Babin (liv bd), Clifton Babin
David D. Viator (liv bd)

Wednesday, October 7, 2026

9:00am James E. Comeaux
David P. Comeaux, Paul Dominique
Michael Boutte, Sr.
Ray & Betty Comeaux
Ernest "Topper" Breaux, Lucas Curry (liv bd)
Mary & Mike Pesson (liv ann)
Carrol Romero, Sr., Bob Emmett (liv)
Walter DeGravelle, Jr., Leroy Tuch
Stephanie Arabie, Lupe Camacho Fly
Lloyd J. Landry (bd), Clifton Babin

Thursday, October 8, 2026

7:00am Babin, Trahan, & Richard Fly
Clifton Babin

Friday, October 9, 2026

7:00am Raymond & Pearlle Romero
Bobby Norris

Saturday, October 10, 2026

4:00pm Fr. Tom Finley, Gloria Tauzin
Ted Pisani (bd), Lynward Ransonet
William Kell Lewis, Bob Emmet (liv)
Jules & Leona Broussard
Rachel R. Romero, Steven G. Delcambre

Sunday, October 11, 2026

8:00am Parishioners, Frances Wencker
Robert & Mary Hicks Fly
Minos Delcambre, Jr. (bd), Clark Romero

10:00am Msgr. H.J. Barsen, Fr. A.J. Boumans
Harvey & Joyce DeCourt
Donna M. Lanza, JoAnn Cangemi
Steven Michael Gondran & Children
Leroy & June Aucoin, Cliff Aucoin
Dorothy "Dot" Breaux, Tony Cangemi
Dawn R. Mestayer, Carly D. Tajmir
Lisa Touchet VanValen (24th da)

People die suddenly all the time, so it could happen to us at any moment. Yesterday is gone and tomorrow has not yet come; we must live each day as if it were our last, so that when God calls us we are ready to go home to God with a clean heart.

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 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, 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, Hadley Babin Fly, Hazel Babin Courville Fly, Alton Babin Fly.

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:
Gil Simon

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

OUR GIFTS TO GOD Sept. 20, 2026

Loose	1,366.00
Envelopes	1,788.00
Total (collected)	3,154.00
Mailed in offertory	605.00
Online Giving offertory	693.00
Total offertory (week).....	4,452.00
New Iberia Poor & Needy.....	1,582.00

Thank you for your generosity!!!!

Join Us

Public Square Rosary Rally

in honor of the anniversary of Our Lady's Apparitions in Fatima, Portugal

Saturday, October 10th
12:00 pm - 2:00 pm
outside in front of City Hall, New Iberia.

Please join us, along with so many others around our country, in offering reparation for our sins & the conversion of the United States. Don't we all need the power of the Rosary in our lives? If you desire peace in your heart, in your home, in your country, pray the Rosary. Bring your Rosary Group, Bible Study Group, Youth Group, Children of Mary. Start praying the Rosary for the first time. Please come and pray with us.

Call Linda @ 337-636-4080 or
 Jill @ 337-519-1024 with any questions.



CURRENT EVENTS

Tuesday, October 6, 2026

Mass at 7:00 am
 Bible Study 9:00 am - Barsen Hall Living
 Rosary - 6pm - St. Peter Church

Wednesday, October 7, 2026

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

Thursday, October 8, 2026

Mass at 7:00 am
 Bible Study 6:00 pm - Barsen Hall
 Baptismal Class - 6:30pm - Church Office

Friday, October 9, 2026

Mass at 7:00 am

Saturday, October 10, 2026

Mass at 4:00 pm
 Baptisms - 5pm - Church
 Public Square Rosary - City Hall -12pm

Sunday, October 11, 2026

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

Nativity of Our Lady Knights of Columbus are hosting a **Birthday Celebration** for **Fr. Matthew** following the **4pm Mass on Saturday, November 7, 2026**. All are invited to wish him a happy birthday & thank him for all he does for our church parish. Please bring a covered dish or your favorite finger foods. Come out and show him how much you appreciate him. For any questions please contact Mike & Doris Degeyter at 337-256-6571.

MASS SERVERS

October 6, 2026 - October 11, 2026

DAY DATE	TIME	CELEBRANT	READERS	LAY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION	ALTAR SERVERS
Tuesday 10/6/26	7:00am	Fr. Matthew Higginbotham	Ellen Claudy		Sacristan
Wednesday 10/7/26	9:00am	Fr. Ed Degeyter	Ginger Comeaux		Sacristan
Thursday 10/8/26	7:00am	Fr. Matthew Higginbotham	Vikki Morgan		Sacristan
Friday 10/9/26	7:00am	Fr. Matthew Higginbotham			Sacristan
Saturday 10/10/26	4:00pm	Fr. Matthew Higginbotham			Sacristan
Sunday 10/11/26	8:00am	Fr. Matthew Higginbotham			Trahan Fly
	10:00am	Fr. Matthew Higginbotham			Nguyen Fly

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