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:
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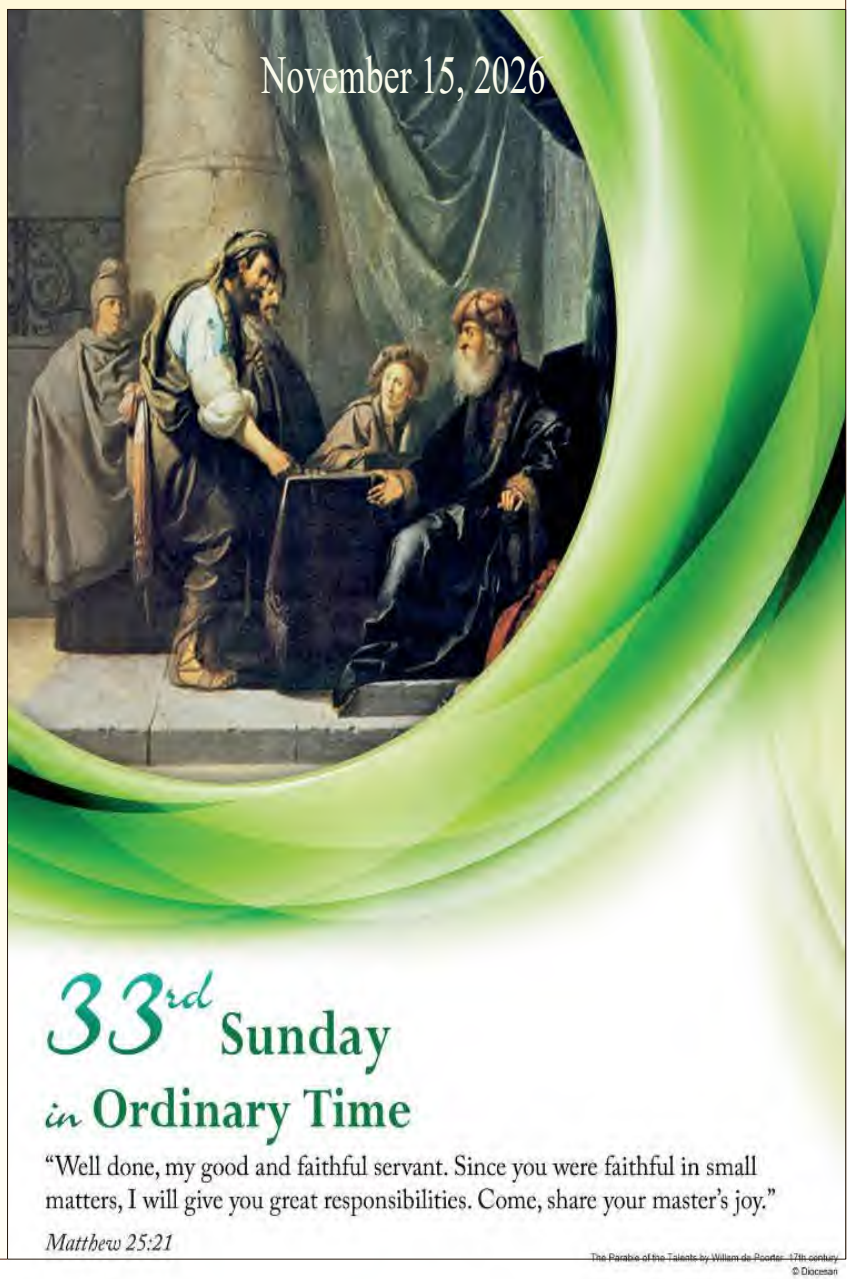
RECONCILIATION:
Saturday: 3:00 pm – 3:45 pm
Sunday: 7:00 am – 7:45 am
30 minutes before weekday Masses

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



Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31
Psalm 128:1-5
1 Thessalonians 5:1-6
Matthew 25:14-30

The day of the Lord is coming, Paul warns in today's Epistle. What matters isn't the time or the season, but what the Lord finds us doing with the new life, the graces He has given to us. This is at the heart of Jesus' parable in today's Gospel. Jesus is the Master. Having died, risen, and ascended into heaven, He appears to have gone away for a long time. By our Baptism, He has entrusted to each of us a portion of His "possessions," a share in His divine life (see 2 Peter 1:4). He has given us talents and responsibilities, according to the measure of our faith (see Romans 12:3, 8). We are to be like the worthy wife in today's First Reading and the faithful man we sing of in today's Psalm. Like them, we should walk in the "fear of the Lord"-in reverence, awe, and thanksgiving for His marvelous gifts. This is the beginning of wisdom (see Acts 9:31; Proverbs 1:7).

This is not the "fear" of the useless servant in today's parable. His is the fear of a slave cowering before a cruel master, the fear of one who refuses the relationship that God calls us to.

God has called us to be trusted servants, fellow workers (see 1 Corinthians 3:9), using our talents to serve one another and His kingdom as good stewards of His grace (see 1 Peter 4:10). In this we each have a different part to play.

Though the good servants in today's parable were given different numbers of talents, each "doubled" what he was given. And each earned the same reward for his faithfulness-greater responsibilities and a share of the Master's joy.

So let us resolve again in this Eucharist to make much of what we've been given, to do all for the glory of God (see 1 Corinthians 10:31). That we, too, may approach our Master with confidence and love when He comes to settle accounts.

Scott Hahn

We fear the future because we are wasting the today.

Saint Teresa of Calcutta

REFLECTIONS
THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Each of us has been blessed with abilities and talents that are given to us to use in the service of others. Reflect on yours. Ask the Spirit to help you identify what they are. Consider what you have done to develop those gifts. Look at how you are using them or can use them to help others. Acknowledging and developing our gifts is not pride but an act of humility. Using those gifts for others is an act of gratitude to God who gave them to us.

Happy are you who fear the Lord,
who walks in His ways. -Psalm 128:1

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PARISH VOCATION CROSS

The Vocation Cross is taken by:

Mary Pesson

(October 15-October21)

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.

Nativity of Our Lady Non-Perishable Food Drive

Nativity of Our Lady is collecting non-perishable food items for the **Disch-DeClouet Social Service Center Food Bank** until Sunday, November 29, 2026.

Baskets are provided at all entrances of the Church, for you to place your items in, or you can drop them off at the Church Office. For more info. Please call Janet Viator 337-365-3759 at Barsen Hall or the Church office at 337-364-8360.

Nativity will **NOT** be distributing Thanksgiving Baskets this year, due to Nativity no longer having a Youth Group. All food items we collect from this drive are going to Disch-DeClouet Social Service Center Food Bank at 432 Bank Ave in New Iberia. Their # is 337-369-6384, if you are in need. Thank you.





November 17: Saint Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious—Memorial

Patron Saint of Third Order Franciscans, bakers, beggars, brides, charitable societies and workers, exiles, falsely accused people, homeless people, hospitals, lacemakers, nursing homes, nursing services, people ridiculed for their piety, widows, invoked against in-law problems, the death of children, and toothache.

Canonized by Pope Gregory IX on May 27, 1235

Elizabeth was born to King Andrew II and Queen Gertrude of Hungary; her mother would be assassinated when Elizabeth was six years old. When Elizabeth was four years old, knights arrived to take her to Thuringia, about five hundred miles away, to be brought up in the court of Hermann I, Landgrave (ruler) of Thuringia. Elizabeth was brought up alongside Hermann I's eleven-year-old son, Louis IV, to whom she was betrothed in marriage.

Despite her luxurious life at court, Elizabeth prayed, practiced mortification, and fell in love with her Lord. Raised together, she and Louis formed a deep spiritual and personal bond. At age sixteen, Louis succeeded his father as Landgrave of Thuringia. Four years later, the couple were wed.

Elizabeth was sensitive to the poor, sought virtue, and preferred simplicity, making her an object of gossip and slander among "refined" members of the court. Louis, however, admired her virtues and dismissed any criticism of his wife. He supported Elizabeth when she personally distributed food and clothing to the poor. Told one day that Elizabeth was stealing from the castle, Louis asked her what she was carrying in her apron. When she opened it, beautiful roses appeared, which Louis took as a sign of divine favor. Once, she put a leper into her own bed to care for him. When Elizabeth's indignant mother-in-law complained to Louis, he went to strip the infected sheets. As he did, he saw in a vision that it was Christ Himself whom Elizabeth cared for.

In 1227, Louis joined Holy Roman Emperor Frederick II's army for the sixth crusade. On the way, disease spread through the troops and Louis fell ill, dying shortly afterwards. News of her husband's death devastated twenty-year-old Elizabeth who devoted herself to Christ's mission.

Elizabeth and Louis had three children. Gertrude became abbess of Altenburg Abbey. Sophie married Henry II, Duke of Brabant. The oldest, Hermann, succeeded his father as Landgrave of Thuringia at age four. Louis' brother, Henry, seized control from Elizabeth as Hermann's regent, running Elizabeth and her children out of the castle. Hermann died unexpectedly several years later before he could make his claim as Landgrave, and Henry assumed full control.

After wandering for a while, Elizabeth entrusted her children to the care of some of Louis' family members who eventually secured Elizabeth refuge in the Castle of Marburg. There, with the guidance of her spiritual director—Friar Conrad—Elizabeth dedicated herself to God's service. She made private vows, took a gray habit, and formed a small community with friends. With the remainder of her dowry, she built a hospital for the poor and spent the next three years caring for the sick. In 1231, at age twenty-four, Elizabeth came down with a high fever and, after days of suffering, offered herself to God. Soon after she died, miracles were attributed to her intercession. Four years later, Pope Gregoy IX canonized her and built a church in Marburg in her honor.

Saint Elizabeth, you dedicated yourself to your loving and crucified Lord, rejecting the world's vanities. Despite many temptations and hardships, you remained true to your King. Please pray that I will reject all that is vain and choose my Lord and His will above all else. Saint Elizabeth of Hungary, pray for me. Jesus, I trust in You.

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Mass Intentions for the Week

Tuesday, November 17, 2026
7:00am Emma G. Trahan (liv bd)

Wednesday, November 18, 2026
9:00am Victor Bernard, Fernand Degravelle
Eugene & Rita Segura
Walter Degravelle, Jr.
Jean & Karen Broussard

Thursday, November 19, 2026
7:00am All Souls in Purgatory

Friday, November 20, 2026
7:00am Raymond & Pearlie Romero
Thanksgiving

Saturday, November 21, 2026
4:00pm Fr. Tom Finley, Juliette C Dubois
Lynward Ransonet, William Kell Lewis
Rachel R. Romero, Steven G. Delcambre
Ken & Elaine Cole

Sunday, November 22, 2026
8:00am Parishioners, Patrick LeBlanc
Donna M. Snoddy, Dominic Corson (liv)
Clint & Margaret Claudy

10:00am Msgr. H.J. Barsen, Fr. A.J. Boumans
Harvey & Joyce DeCourt
Ernie & Sylvia Broussard
Steven Michael Gondran & Children

St. Frances Xavier Cabrini was an Italian-born Roman Catholic nun and founder of the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart. She was the first United States citizen to be canonized as a saint in the Roman Catholic Church and is revered as the patron saint of immigrants and missionaries. Her feast day is November 13th.



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, Billy Simon, Edward Simon, Lynette Landry, Janet Viator, 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, The Greig & Belaire Fly, Josephine Delcambre, Jody Ellen Hudson, Jim & Brenda Prejean, Deacon John Sarkies, Mike & Doris Degeyter Fly, Nickas Bonin, Gene Gonsoulin, John Babin, Sandra Upton, Hardy Jenkins, Roland & Faye Boudreaux, Duppy Duplantis, Caroline Dubois, Nettie Voorhies, Donald Voorhies, Matt Elmer, Fr. Paul Onuegbe, Carlos Bedia, Shawn Dugas, Celeste Guardia, Bru Kokenge & Fly, Zachary Richard, Connie Olivier, Randy Gonsoulin, Craig Herndon, Ty & Katelyn & Cassie Daigle, Jacob Ransonet, Carlson-Claudy Fly, Jeremy Vice, Patricia Manos, Huey & Susan Guidry, Barbara Breaux, Hazel Delahoussaye & Fly, Brennan Lasseigne, David Picou, Bob Bernard, Mike Comeaux, Marlene Mouton, Shalee Landry, Mary Miller, Kandis Bouterie, Bonnie Marceaux, Gayle Johnson, Hadley Babin Fly, Hazel Babin Courville Fly, Alton Babin Fly, Bonnie Bourque, Starla Bonin, James & Doreen Norman, Gage & Bailey Tucker, Myrna & Millard Poche, Bryan Babin.

Please also pray for those who, although in need of your prayers, have requested that their names not be publicized for privacy reasons.



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

OUR GIFTS TO GOD	11/01/2026
Loose	3,165.00
Envelopes	3,434.00
Total (collected)	6,599.00
Mailed in offertory	1,098.00
Online Giving offertory	913.00
Total offertory (week).....	8,610.00
All Saints Day	992.00

A Note of Thanks & Gratitude

Thank you from the bottom of my heart to all who celebrated my birthday with me or took part in any way in the celebration. Please know that you are all in my thoughts and prayers always.

Fr. Matthew P. Higginbotham

CURRENT EVENTS

Tuesday, November 17, 2026
Mass at 7:00 am
Bible Study 9:00 am - Barsen Hall
Wednesday, November 18, 2026
Pro-Life Rosary - 8:20 am
Mass at 9:00 am
Thursday, November 19, 2026
Mass at 7:00 am
Bible Study 6:00 pm - Barsen Hall
Friday, November 20, 2026
Mass at 7:00 am
Saturday, November 21, 2026
Mass at 4:00 pm
Sunday, November 22, 2026
Masses at: 8:00 am & 10:00 am

SANCTUARY LIGHT:

In Memory of:

Mona Simon

MASS SERVERS
November 17, 2026 - November 22, 2026

DAY DATE	TIME	CELEBRANT	READERS	LAY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION	ALTAR SERVERS
Tuesday 11/17/26	***7:00am***	Fr. Matthew Higginbotham	Ellen Claudy		Sacristan
Wednesday 11/18/26	***9:00am***	Fr. Ed Degeyter	Ginger Comeaux	Melissa Dworaczyk Ross & Cindy Landry Marilyn Gerrets	Sacristan
Thursday 11/19/26	***7:00am***	Fr. Matthew Higginbotham	Vikki Morgan		Sacristan
Friday 11/20/26	***7:00am***	Fr. Matthew Higginbotham	Chad Courtois		Sacristan
Saturday 11/21/26	***4:00pm***	Fr. Matthew Higginbotham	Jenny Gonsoulin	Willie & Cynthia Elmer	Comeaux Fly
Sunday 11/22/26	***8:00am***	Fr. Matthew Higginbotham	Mary Pesson	Percy Barrilleaux Ricky Segura	Bedia Fly
	10:00am	Fr. Matthew Higginbotham	Lan Nguyen	Linda Viator Vicki Murdock	Nguyen Fly

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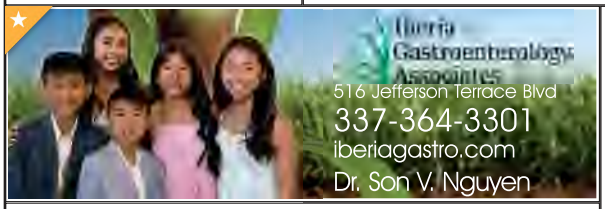

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