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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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 34:11-12, 15-17
Psalm 23:1-3, 5-6
1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28
Matthew 25:31-46

The Church year ends today with a vision of the end of time. The scene in the Gospel is stark and resounds with Old Testament echoes.
The Son of Man is enthroned over all nations and peoples of every language (see Daniel 7:13-14). The nations have been gathered to see His glory and receive His judgment (see Isaiah 66:18; Zephaniah 3:8). The King is the divine shepherd Ezekiel foresees in today's First Reading, judging as a shepherd separates sheep from goats. Each of us will be judged upon our performance of the simple works of mercy we hear in the Gospel today. These works, as Jesus explains today, are reflections or measures of our love for Him, our faithfulness to His commandment that we love God with all our might and our neighbor as ourselves (see Matthew 22:36-40).
Our faith is dead, lifeless, unless it be expressed in works of love (see James 2:20; Galatians 5:6). And we cannot say we truly love God, whom we cannot see, if we don't love our neighbor, whom we can (see 1 John 4:20).
The Lord is our shepherd, as we sing in today's Psalm. And we are to follow His lead, to imitate His example (see 1 Corinthians 1:11; Ephesians 5:1).
He healed our sickness (see Luke 6:19), freed us from the prison of sin and death (see Romans 8:2, 21), welcomed us who were once strangers to His covenant (see Ephesians 2:12, 19). He clothed us in baptism (see Revelation 3:5; 2 Corinthians 5:3-4), and feeds us with the food and drink of His own body and blood.
At "the end," He will come again to hand over His kingdom to His Father, as Paul says in today's Epistle.
Let us strive to be following Him in right paths, that this kingdom might be our inheritance, that we might enter into the eternal rest promised for the people of God (see Hebrews 4:1; 9-11). Scott Hahn

Once we take our eyes away from ourselves, from our interests, from our own rights, privileges, ambitions- then they become clear to see Jesus around us. St. Teresa of Calcutta

REFLECTIONS
OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

Rules can be helpful guides. However, ultimately, we will not be judged on how well we followed "the rules" but on how well we loved others. What have you done to help feed the hungry, clothe the naked, etc.? Donating to charities is certainly a good thing, but have you extended yourself personally? Reflect on what you could do to reach out to those in need.

Only goodness and kindness follow me all the days of my life. -Psalm 23:5

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PARISH VOCATION CROSS

The Vocation Cross is taken by:

Warren & Sandra Gaspard

(November 22-Novembr 28)

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.

St. Cecilia's Feast Day- November 22nd

St. Cecilia's courage in the face of persecution and her unwavering commitment to her faith serve as an inspiration to Christians of all ages. Her willingness to sacrifice everything for her faith, including her life, demonstrates the depth of her love for Christ. The miracles associated with her martyrdom - her survival of the steam bath and the executioner's inability to behead her completely - show that God protects those who remain faithful to Him. Her story teaches us that true strength comes from faith and that God gives us the courage to face any challenge when we trust in Him.

St. Cecilia's vow of virginity and her commitment to remain pure for Christ have made her a powerful symbol of chastity and spiritual devotion. Her story of the angel appearing to her and Valerian, placing crowns of roses and lilies on their heads, symbolizes the spiritual rewards that come from living a life of purity and devotion to God. St. Cecilia's legacy encourages us to use our talents and gifts to serve God and others, to remain faithful to our commitments, and to trust in God's protection and guidance in all circumstances. She shows us that music and the arts can be powerful tools for evangelization and spiritual growth.

A Prayer You Can Use Today

"O St. Cecilia, you who sang to God in your heart and used your musical talents to glorify Him, help me to use my gifts and talents to serve God and others. Teach me to be courageous in my faith and to stand firm in my beliefs even when faced with opposition. Help me to remain pure of heart and to dedicate my life to Christ. St. Cecilia, pray for me that I may have the inspiration to use my talents for God's glory and the courage to be a witness to Christ in all that I do. Amen."

Solemnity of Christ the King

On the last Sunday of each liturgical year, the Church celebrates the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, or Christ the King.

Pope Pius XI instituted this feast in 1925 with his encyclical Quas primas ("In the first") to respond to growing secularism and atheism. He recognized that attempting to "thrust Jesus Christ and his holy law" out of public life would result in continuing discord among people and nations. This solemnity reminds us that while governments come and go, Christ reigns as King forever.

During the early twentieth century, in Mexico, Russia, and some parts of Europe, militantly secularistic regimes threatened not just the Catholic Church and its faithful but civilization itself. Pope Pius XI's encyclical gave Catholics hope and—while governments around them crumbled—the assurance that Christ the King shall reign forever. Jesus Christ "is very truth, and it is from him that truth must be obediently received by all mankind" (Quas primas, 7).

Christ's kingship is rooted in the Church's teaching on the Incarnation. Jesus is fully God and fully man. He is both the divine Lord and the man who suffered and died on the Cross. One person of the Trinity unites himself to human nature and reigns over all creation as the Incarnate Son of God. "From this it follows not only that Christ is to be adored by angels and men, but that to him as man angels and men are subject, and must recognize his empire; by reason of the hypostatic union Christ has power over all creatures" (Quas primas, 13).

The Church calls us to acknowledge Christ's kingship with our whole lives:
He must reign in our minds, which should assent with perfect submission and firm belief to revealed truths and to the doctrines of Christ. He must reign in our wills, which should obey the laws and precepts of God. He must reign in our hearts, which should spurn natural desires and love God above all things, and cleave to him alone. He must reign in our bodies and in our members, which should serve as instruments for the interior sanctification of our souls, or to use the words of the Apostle Paul, 'as instruments of justice unto God.' -Quas primas, 33

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Mass Intentions for the Week

Tuesday, November 24, 2026
7:00am Mazel C Dwyer (bd)

Wednesday, November 25, 2026
9:00am Jude Broussard, Fernand Degravelle
Eugene & Rita Segura, Jerry Dooley
Walter Degravelle, Jr., Sharon Olivier
Domingue & Delcambre Flys
Carrol Romero, Sr. Fly

Thursday, November 26, 2026
8:00am Leblanc & Heurtevant Fly
Rachel R. Romero
Quang V. Nguyen
Lynward Ransonet
Ronald Cutrera
Dorothy "Dot" Breaux
Barry Stevens Fly, USA
Carlson-Claudy Fly
Roland Romero
Donna M. Snoody
Creed Dugas, Gloria Tauzin
Lawrence F Dugas, Sr.
Florence E. Dugas
Lawrence Estilette
Carroll Estilette
L.J. & Felicie Estilette
Leroy J. Estilette
Dennis & Corrine Dugas
Marcial & Lula Belle Tauzin
Leroy Landry

Friday, November 27, 2026
7:00am Raymond & Pearlie Romero
Kelly Boudreaux, Sr.

Saturday, November 28, 2026
4:00pm Fr. Tom Finley, Sharon Olivier
Lynward Ransonet, William Kell Lewis
Rachel R. Romero, Steven G. Delcambre
Todd Anthony D'Albor
Winclise Bourque, Mark A. Bourque
Jill Bourque Reid, Robert & Mary Hicks Fly
Errol "Romo" Romero

Sunday, November 29, 2026
8:00am Parishioners, Gary Detwiler

10:00am Msgr. H.J. Barsen, Fr. A.J. Boumans
Harvey & Joyce DeCourt
Dorothy "Dot" Breaux
Steven Michael Gondran & Children
David J. Viator (liv bd)
Jenna Lacones (liv bd)
Ronnie Cannon (21yr. ad)
Donna M. Lanza

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, 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, 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, Bab & Pattie Babineaux.

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

The Light is On For You
Celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation

Wednesdays in Advent
6:30 pm to 8:00 pm
December 9th and December 16th

Our parish will open for individual confessions on the Second and Third Wednesdays of Advent from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm.

Advent Mission - "The Eucharist"

Tuesday, December 1st, Wednesday, December 2nd, & Thursday, December 3rd
6:00 pm - 7:00 pm
Speaker: Karlo Broussard

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

OUR GIFTS TO GOD	11/08/2026
Loose	2,034.00
Envelopes	3,319.00
Total (collected)	5,353.00
Mailed in offertory	286.00
Online Giving offertory	753.00
Total offertory (week).....	6,392.00



CURRENT EVENTS

Monday, November 23, 2026
Women's Ultreya Meeting - 6pm
Tuesday, November 24, 2026
Mass at 7:00 am
Wednesday, November 25, 2026
Pro-Life Rosary - 8:20 am Mass at 9:00 am
Thursday, November 26, 2026
Mass at **8:00 am**
Office Closed - Happy Thanksgiving Day!
Friday, November 27, 2026
Mass at **9:00 am**
Office Closed
Saturday, November 28, 2026
Mass at 4:00 pm
Sunday, November 29, 2026
Masses at: 8:00 am & 10:00 am

SANCTUARY LIGHT:

In Memory of:

Kelly J. Boudreaux, Sr.

MASS SERVERS
November 24, 2026 - November 29, 2026

DAY DATE	TIME	CELEBRANT	READERS	LAY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION	ALTAR SERVERS
Tuesday 11/24/26	***7:00am***	Fr. Matthew Higginbotham	Ellen Claudy		Sacristan
Wednesday 11/25/26	***9:00am***	Fr. Ed Degeyter	Ginger Comeaux	Holli Cambre Phil & Renee Haney Megan Love	Sacristan
Thursday 11/26/26	***8:00am***	Fr. Matthew Higginbotham	Carmen Nicholson	Ricky Segura Percy Barrilleaux	Sacristan
Friday 11/27/26	***9:00am***	Fr. Ed Degeyter	Keith Comeaux	Doc Voorhies Brenda Romero Megan Love Holli Cambre	Sacristan
Saturday 11/28/26	***4:00pm***	Fr. Matthew Higginbotham	Bill Miller	Andree Schlicher Mike Degeyter	Comeaux Fly
Sunday 11/29/26	***8:00am***	Fr. Matthew Higginbotham	Paul Broussard	Wayne Duhon Mary Pesson	Nguyen Fly
	10:00am	Fr. Matthew Higginbotham	Vincent Borne	Brenda Romero Vicki Murdock	Trahan Fly

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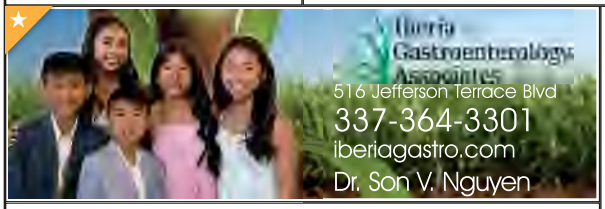
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