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

SECRETARY:
Kimberly Richard

BOOKKEEPER:
Polly Camacho

RECEPTIONIST:
Sheryl S. Bourque

DIRECTOR OF FAITH FORMATION:
Janet Viator – 337-365-3759

YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT COORDINATOR:
Amber Salsman

PASTORAL COUNCIL PRESIDENT: *Andreé Schlicher*

RECONCILIATION:
Saturday: 3:00 pm — 3:45 pm and
30 minutes before weekday Masses

ROSARY:
Wednesday: 8:20 am *(Pro-Life)*
First Saturday: 8:20 am

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 10, 2025

TODAY'S READINGS

Nineteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time

Readings:

Wisdom 18:6–9
Psalm 33:1, 12, 18–22
Hebrews 11:1–2, 8–19
Luke 12:35–40

We are born of the faith of our fathers, descending from a great cloud of witnesses whose faith is attested to on every page of Scripture (see Hebrews 12:1). We have been made His people, chosen for His own inheritance, as we sing in this Sunday's Psalm.

The Liturgy this week sings the praises of our fathers, recalling the defining moments in our "family history." In the Epistle, we remember the calling of Abraham; in the First Reading we relive the night of the Exodus and the summons of the holy children of Israel.

Our fathers, we are told, trusted in the Word of God, put their faith in His oaths. They were convinced that what He promised, He would do.

None of them lived to see His promises made good. For it was not until Christ and His Church that Abraham's descendants were made as countless as the stars and sands (see Galatians 3:16–17, 29). It was not until His Last Supper and the Eucharist that "the sacrifice . . . the divine institution" of that first Passover was truly fulfilled.

And now we too await the final fulfillment of what God has promised us in Christ. As Jesus tells us in this week's Gospel, we should live with our loins girded—as the Israelites tightened their belts, cinched up their long robes and ate their Passover standing, vigilant and ready to do His will (see Exodus 12:11; 2 Kings 4:29).

The Lord will come at an hour we do not expect. He will knock on our door (see Revelation 3:20), inviting us to the wedding feast in the better homeland, the heavenly one that our fathers saw from afar, and which we begin to taste in each Eucharist.

As they did, we can wait with "sure knowledge," His Word like a lamp lighting our path (see Psalm 119:105). Our God is faithful, and if we wait in faith, hope in His kindness, and love as we have been loved, we will receive His promised blessing and be delivered from death.

Scott Hahn

A great sign appeared in the sky, a woman clothed with the sun,
with the moon under her feet,
and on her head a crown of twelve stars.

Then I heard a loud voice in heaven say:
"Now have salvation and power come,
and the Kingdom of our God
and the authority of his Anointed One."

Eucharistic Procession Along Bayou Teche
FETE - DIEU DU TECHE
Friday, August 15, 2025
Feast of the Assumption
For more information, go to website:
www.fetedieuduteche.org

The **2026** Mass Intention Book is open. We also still have several spots left open in the 2025 Mass Intention Book. Please come by the Church Office to schedule your Mass Intentions. Thanks.

Father Matthew's Installation Mass is at the 10am Mass, today, Sun. 8/10/25. His reception is immediately following in the Parish Hall. Please come show Fr. Matthew your support.

Inspirational Catholic Quotes

"If you are humble, nothing will touch you. Neither praise nor disgrace, because you know what you are. If you are blamed, you won't be discouraged; if anyone calls you a saint, you won't put yourself on a pedestal." - Mother Teresa

Faith Formation Teachers Needed

Nativity of Our Lady is in need of three Faith Formation Teachers. So, if you feel that God is calling you to be a Faith Formation Teacher, and you would like to be a part of this ministry, please contact the Director of Faith Formation Janet Viator at Barsen Hall at:337-365-3759. Thank you.

Prayer for a New School Year

As the School Year Begins Lord Jesus Christ, as a child, you increased in wisdom and stature, you listened to your teachers and asked them questions. Bless those who learn that they may grow in the knowledge of their Maker, Redeemer, Life-giver, and your glorious world. Bless those who teach, that they may share the wisdom they have received from above and that they may do their work with patience and love that reflect your mercy that endures forever.

You yourself are the Great Teacher. Instruct all of us in your commandments: to show love by glorifying you and serving our neighbors. Disciple all of us with your holy Gospel: to be forgiven, renewed and empowered through your life, death, and resurrection. Fill our hearts with wonder and excitement as we see your divine design in math and science, as we see your hand in history, as we learn to glorify you through art and music, as we learn to know our neighbors, their hopes, their hurts, their needs, that your love may flow through us to them.

Your holy Word also tells us, "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and knowledge of the Holy One is understanding." By your power, help us increase in wisdom, never ceasing to learn all the days of our lives until we sit at your feet in your Kingdom; wherewith the Father and the Holy Spirit, you live and reign, one God, now and forever. Amen.

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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.

Mel & Stacey Boutte, Betty C. Champagne, Donna Francis, Farina Guidry, Betty Robichaux, Earline Estave, Chad Babineaux, Tammy Dore, Dylan Ducote, Judy Meyers, Garland Reed, Carly Tajmir, Diane & Ronald Broussard, Lance Castille, Grace Armendariz, Hardy Jenkins, Louis Boudreaux, Jr., Gloria Comeaux, Scotty Champagne, Sirena Rogers, Monica Harrington, Janis & Nathan Dugas, Billy Simon, Edward Simon, Lynette Landry, Janet Viator, Ronnie Landry, Betty B. Leblanc, Barbara Martin, Michael "Tee" Theriot, Elise C. Verret, Phyllis S. Bourque, Doris Scheldon, Ovide Buteaux, David Spelly, Dean Delahoussaye, Patsy & Percy Barrilleaux, Patsy Thibodeaux, Tom Stowe, Tim & Staci Stowe, John & NeCole Babin, Fran Jackson, Reed Michael & Cody Lynn Romero, David & Robin Viator Fly, Sheryl S. Bourque, Michael & Claire Landry Fly, Dustin & Nicole V. Ortego Fly, Linda & Clint Trahan Fly, Ruth Bernard, Bridget Aitken, Norvelle Belaire, Caroline Dubois, Norrie B. Kenner, Josephine Delcambre, Mary Saltzman, Zachary Richard, Sarah Richard, Duppy Duplantis, Joylynn Trosclair, Earline Romero, Jarrod Lege, Jay Jacquemoud, Jody Ellen Hudson, Jim & Brenda Prejean, Toni Boudreaux, Rick Boudreaux, Steve Chambers, Mike Degeyter, Gloria Trahan, Dickie Broussard, Jessica Gary Dubois, Joni Gullotta, Fisher Whitaker, The Babin Fly, Deacon John Sarkies, James & Doreen Norman, Melvin "Boo" & Brenda DeRouen, Myrna & Millard Poche, Gloria K. Bonin, Daphne C. Lopez, Calvin Segura, Beverly B. Walet, Jerome Guilotte, Leoni Derouen, Cade T., Betty DeRouen, Sloane Deshotel, Geraldine T. Babin, Robert McDaniel, Denna Judice.

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

Reminder

Some of the families who had their pictures taken for the pictorial directory book, have not picked up their copy yet. Please come by the Church Office to pick yours up. Thanks.

PARISH VOCATION CROSS

The Vocation Cross is taken by:

Kim, Sarah & Zachary Richard

(August 10th - August 16th)

Each week, a family or an individual from our parish receives the vocation cross. 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. We appreciate the prayers. Thank you.

SANCTUARY LIGHT:

In Memory of:

Gil Simon

(anniversary of death)

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

OUR GIFTS TO GOD	July 27, 2025
Loose	$ 1,570.00
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NEW WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

July 1, 2025 Weekday Mass times changed to **7:00am** on **Tuesdays**, **Thursdays** and **Fridays.** There is no longer a 5:30pm Mass on Tuesdays and Thursdays, and no longer a 6:30am Mass on Fridays. **Wednesday 9:00am Masses remain the same**.

Please keep
Fr. Matthew Higginbotham
and all priests in your prayers.

REFLECTIONS **Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time -** Imagine that this was to be your last day on earth. What would you want to do with this day? Are there things that you regret not having done or said? Are there people you need to forgive or to ask forgiveness from? Have you let those you care about know how important they are to you? The daily concerns of life can easily cloud our perception of what is truly important. Take time to reflect on your "last day" and perhaps change some priorities.

From everyone to whom much has been given, much will be required. - Luke 12:48

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MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday, August 12, 2025
7:00am Ida K. Snoddy (1st ann of death)
Mark Landry (liv bd)
Wednesday, August 13 2025
9:00am Patrick J. Richard, Joseph Viator
Patti Gagnard, Carrol Romero, Sr.
Howard & Mary Dautreuil, Butch Dautreuil
Brandon M. Maturin, Ernest "Topper" Breaux
Peggy L. Meyers (liv bd)
Thursday, August 14, 2025
7:00am
Vigil Mass for Feast of the Assumption - 5:30pm
5:30pm Nahelie Sinitiere
Friday, August 15, 2025 - Feast of the Assumption
7:00am Bobby Norris
5:30pm The Sinitiere Family
Saturday, August 16, 2025
4:00pm Fr. Tom Finley, Juliette C. Dubois
Rachel R. Romero, Lynward Ransonet
Allen & Judy & Sissy Douet
Jules & Leona Broussard
Sunday, August 17, 2025
8:00am Parishioners, Carroll Aucoin
Liv & Dec Fly of Warren & Sandra Gaspard
Quang Nguyen, Henry & Dorothy McDonald
10:00am Msgr. H.J. Barsen, Fr. A.J. Boumans
Harvey & Joyce DeCourt, Donna M. Lanza
Carson Viator (liv bd)

CURRENT EVENTS

Tuesday, August 12, 2025
Mass at 7:00am
Wednesday, August 13, 2025
Pro-Life Rosary - 8:20am - Mass - 9am
Birthday Reception for Fr. Ed following 9am Mass - Parish Hall
K.C. & Ladies Aux. Dinner & Meeting Parish & Barsen Halls
Thursday, August 14, 2025
Mass at 7:00am
Anticipated Mass for Assumption - 5:30pm
Baptismal Class - 6:30pm
Friday, August 15, 2025
Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Masses at 7:00am & 5:30pm
Nativity Church Office Closed
Saturday, August 16, 2025
Mass at 4:00pm
Baptisms after 4pm Mass
Sunday, August 17, 2025
Masses at: 8am & 10am
2nd Collection - Bishop's Services Appeal

Nativity of Our Lady is hosting a **BIRTHDAY RECEPTION** FOR **FR. ED** following the **9am Mass** on **Wednesday, August 13th**. Please bring your favorite finger foods. Please contact Margo LeBlanc if you have any questions at 337-380-3319.

MASS SERVERS
August 12 - August 17, 2025

DAY DATE	TIME	CELEBRANT	READERS	ALTAR SERVERS
Tuesday 8/12/25	***7:00am***	Fr. Matthew Higginbotham	Ellen Claudy	Sacristan
Wednesday 8/13/25	***9:00am***	Fr. Ed Degeyter	Ginger Comeaux	Sacristan
Thursday 8/14/25	***7:00am***	Fr. Matthew Higginbotham	Janis Dugas	Sacristan
Vigil for Assumption	***5:30pm***	Fr. Ed Degeyter	Jenny Gonsoulin	Sacristan
Friday 8/15/25 Assumption of the	***7:00am***	Fr. Matthew Higginbotham	Keith Comeaux	Sacristan
Blessed Virgin Mary	***5:30pm***	Fr. Matthew Higginbotham	Pete Aucoin	Sacristan
Saturday 8/16/25	***4:00pm***	Fr. Matthew Higginbotham	Bill Miller	Sophia Comeaux Allie Comeaux
Sunday 8/17/25	***8:00am***	Fr. Matthew Higginbotham	Nena Suit	Serena Bedia
	10:00am	Fr. Matthew Higginbotham	Margo LeBlanc	Ephraim Trahan Benjamin Trahan

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