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

TODAY'S READINGS

Twentieth Sunday In Ordinary Time

Readings:

Jeremiah 38:4–6, 8–10
Psalm 40:2–4, 18
Hebrews 12:1–4
Luke 12:49–53

Our God is a consuming fire, the Scriptures tell us (see Hebrews 12:29; Deuteronomy 4:24). And in this week's Gospel, Jesus uses the image of fire to describe the demands of discipleship.

The fire He has come to cast on the earth is the fire that He wants to blaze in each of our hearts. He made us from the dust of the earth (see Genesis 2:7) and filled us with the fire of the Holy Spirit in Baptism (see Luke 3:16).

We were baptized into His death (see Romans 6:3). This is the baptism our Lord speaks of in the Gospel this week. The baptism with which He must be baptized is His passion and death, by which He accomplished our redemption and sent forth the fire of the Spirit on the earth (see Acts 2:3).

The fire has been set, but it is not yet blazing. We are called to enter deeper into the consuming love of God. We must examine our consciences and our actions, submitting ourselves to the revealing fire of God's Word (see 1 Corinthians 3:13).

In our struggle against sin, we have not yet resisted to the point of shedding our own blood, Paul tells us in this week's Epistle. We have not undergone the suffering that Jeremiah suffers in the First Reading this week.

But this is what true discipleship requires. To be a disciple is to be inflamed with the love of the God. It is to have an unquenchable desire for holiness and zeal for the salvation of our brothers and sisters.

Being His disciple does not bring peace in the false way that the world proclaims peace (see Jeremiah 8:11). It means division and hardship. It may bring us to conflict with our own flesh and blood.

But Christ is our peace (see Ephesians 2:14). By His Cross He has lifted us up from the mire of sin and death—as He will rescue the prophet Jeremiah (see Jeremiah 38:10).

And as we sing in the Psalm this week, we trust in our deliverer.

Scott Hahn

Faith Formation Teachers Needed

Nativity of Our Lady is in need of two 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.

Inspirational Catholic Quotes

"Stay where you are. Find your own Calcutta. Find the sick, the suffering, and the lonely right where you are-in your own homes and in your own families, in your workplaces and in your schools." - Mother Teresa

First Communion & Confirmation Meeting & Registration

There will be an Informational Meeting & Registration for Confirmation & First Communion on Wednesday, August 27th at 6:30pm in the Parish Hall. Call Janet Viator, Director of Faith Formation, at 337-365-3759, for more information.

Note of Thanks from Father Ed. . .

It was a great joy to have so many of you, Nativity Parishioners and our guests, present for my Birthday Mass and reception. My sincere thanks to all of those who took part in any way in the celebration. Please know how special all of you are to me, and be assured of my continued prayers and remembrance. May God's choicest blessings be with you, and may our Mother Mary's prayers and intercessions for you support and strengthen you.

Fr. Ed

Attention

Children's bulletins can now be found at the main entrance of the Church.

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.

REVELATION: THE KINGDOM YET TO COME BEGINS IN SEPTEMBER!

Reading the Bible should bring us closer to Christ, but understanding what we read isn't always easy. Join us in September to understand the **Book of Revelation** at our **Fall Bible Study** guided by Jeff Cavins from Ascension Press.
For more information contact Janet at Barsen Hall, 337-365-3759.

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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, Ron Cutrera.

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.

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

SANCTUARY LIGHT:

In Memory of:
Leslie Romero

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

OUR GIFTS TO GOD	August 3, 2025
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Total offertory (week)	$ 8,276.21
Nativity Building Fund	$ 1,359.00

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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**.

REFLECTIONS **Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time -** Jeremiah never wanted to be a prophet because he knew it meant telling people what they did not want to hear. There are times when we are also called upon to say things that people do not want to hear. It can be very hard to speak the truth when it isn't popular. It is equally hard to hear the truth when we find it challenging or uncomfortable. Reflect on your own experiences. How did you respond to the opportunity to speak a truth that you knew would not be popular? How well did you accept a truth you did not want to hear? How can you become better at both?

Happy are those who make the Lord their trust. - Psalm 40:4

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MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday, August 19, 2025
7:00am Mazel C. Dwyer
Wednesday, August 20 2025
9:00am Carrol Romero, Sr., Pierre Saltzman
Eddie Saltzman, Ernest "Topper" Breaux
Thursday, August 21, 2025
7:00am Mazel C. Dwyer
Friday, August 22, 2025
7:00am Ralph & Lorraine Breaux
Emmet & Marguerite Conery
Saturday, August 23, 2025
4:00pm Fr. Tom Finley, Rachel R. Romero
Lynward Ransonet, Roy Flores
Allen & Judy & "Sissy" Douet
Mona Simon, James Saltzman (liv bd)
Sunday, August 24, 2025
8:00am Parishioners, Carroll Aucoin
Liv & Dec Fly of Warren & Sandra Gaspard
Henry & Dorothy McDonald
10:00am Msgr. H.J. Barsen, Fr. A.J. Boumans
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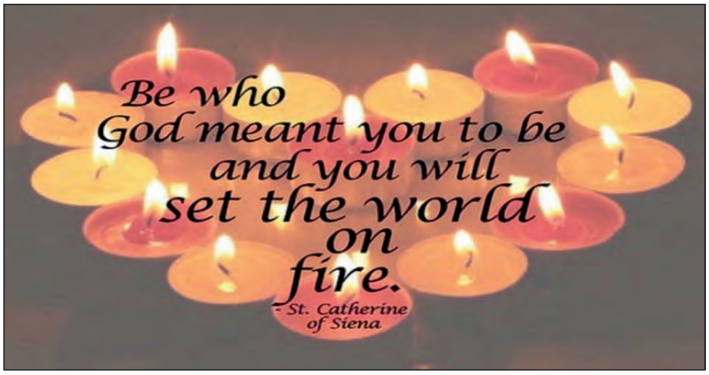
Donna M. Lanza, Lydia Olivier

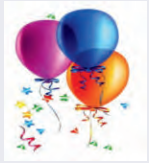


CURRENT EVENTS

Monday, August 18, 2025
Fr. Ed Degeyter's Birthday
Tuesday, August 19, 2025
Mass at 7:00am
Wednesday, August 20, 2025
Pro-Life Rosary - 8:20am
Mass at 9:00am
Thursday, August 21, 2025
Mass at 7:00am
Friday, August 22, 2025
Mass at 7:00am
Saturday, August 23, 2025
Mass at 4:00pm
Sunday, August 24, 2025
Masses at: 8am & 10am
2nd Collection - New Iberia Poor & Needy

Monday, August 18, 2025

Happy 81st Birthday!
Fr. Ed Degeyter



Wishing You the Greatest of God's Blessings!

MASS SERVERS
August 19 - August 24, 2025

DAY DATE	TIME	CELEBRANT	READERS	ALTAR SERVERS
Tuesday 8/19/25	***7:00am***	Fr. Matthew Higginbotham	Vicki Morgan	Sacristan
Wednesday 8/20/25	***9:00am***	Fr. Ed Degeyter	Ginger Comeaux	Sacristan
Thursday 8/21/25	***7:00am***	Fr. Matthew Higginbotham	Pete Aucoin	Sacristan
Friday 8/22/25	***7:00am***	Fr. Matthew Higginbotham	Chad Courtois	Sacristan
Saturday 8/23/25	***4:00pm***	Fr. Matthew Higginbotham	Jenny Gonsoulin	Koi Nguyen Tai Nguyen
Sunday 8/24/25	***8:00am***	Fr. Matthew Higginbotham	Janis Dugas	Ephraim Trahan Benjamin Trahan
	10:00am	Fr. Matthew Higginbotham	Lan Nguyen	Amari Romero Madalynn Salsman

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