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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

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Polly Camacho

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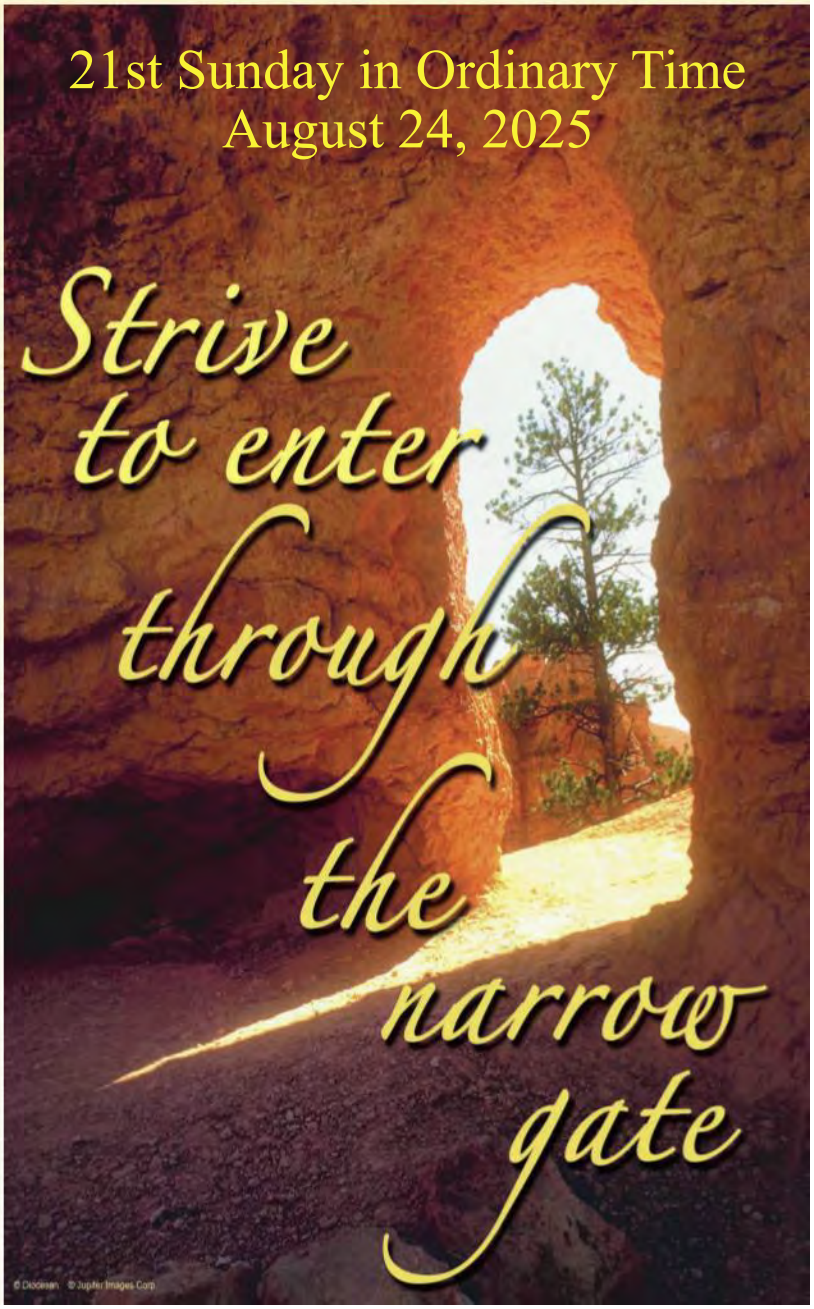
Janet Viator – 337-365-3759

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

Twenty-First Sunday In Ordinary Time

Readings:

Isaiah 66:18–21
Psalm 117:1, 2
Hebrews 12:5–7, 11–13
Luke 13:22–30

Jesus doesn't answer the question put to Him in this Sunday's Gospel. It profits us nothing to speculate on how many will be saved. What we need to know is what He tells us today—how to enter into salvation and how urgent it is to strive now, before the Master closes the door.

Jesus is "the narrow gate," the only way of salvation, the path by which all must travel to enter the kingdom of the Father (see John 14:6).

In Jesus, God has come—as He promises in this week's First Reading—to gather nations of every language, to reveal to them His glory.

Eating and drinking with them, teaching in their streets, Jesus in the Gospel is slowly making His way to Jerusalem. There, Isaiah's vision will be fulfilled: On the holy mountain He will be lifted up (see John 3:14), and He will draw to Himself brethren from among all the nations to worship in the heavenly Jerusalem, to glorify Him for His kindness, as we sing in today's Psalm.

In God's plan, the kingdom was proclaimed first to the Israelites and last to the Gentiles (see Romans 1:16; Acts 3:25–26), who in the Church have come from the earth's four corners to make up the new people of God (see Isaiah 43:5–6; Psalm 107:2–3).

Many, however, will lose their place at the heavenly table, Jesus warns. Refusing to accept His narrow way they will weaken, rendering themselves unknown to the Father (see Isaiah 63:15–16).

We don't want to be numbered among those of drooping hands and weak knees (see Isaiah 35:3). So, we must strive for that narrow gate, a way of hardship and suffering—the way of the beloved Son.

As this week's Epistle reminds us, by our trials we know we are truly God's sons and daughters. We are being disciplined by our afflictions, strengthened to walk that straight and narrow path—that we may enter the gate and take our place at the banquet of the righteous.

Scott Hahn

St. Monica & St. Augustine

As we journey through August, we find ourselves inspired by the powerful witness of two remarkable saints: St. Monica and her son, St. Augustine. Their feast days — August 27th for St. Monica and August 28th for St. Augustine — remind us that no soul is beyond God's reach and no prayer goes unheard.

St. Monica is a model of unwavering faith, patience, and persevering prayer. For years, she poured her tears and petitions before God for the conversion of her son, Augustine, who had drifted far from the faith and embraced a life of worldly pursuits. Many mothers, fathers, and loved ones can relate to her heartbreak — watching someone they love walk a path away from God, feeling helpless but clinging to hope.

Her steadfast love bore fruit in a way that only God's grace could make possible. St. Augustine's dramatic conversion is one of the most profound stories in Church history. He not only returned to the faith but became a bishop, a great teacher of the Church, and a powerful voice whose writings still transform hearts today.

August, then, becomes more than just another month — it's an invitation to trust in the hidden power of prayer and hope. Like St. Monica, we are called to be patient intercessors for those we love, never giving up, even when answers seem delayed. Like St. Augustine, we are reminded that our past does not define our future — God's mercy can renew and restore any life, no matter how lost it may seem.

May this month encourage each of us to entrust our families, friends, and communities to the Lord with confidence. Let's pray for those who feel far from God, and for the grace to witness to them with love and persistence, just as Monica did for Augustine.

May St. Monica and St. Augustine intercede for us and for all our loved ones. May we grow in trust that God can do more than we can imagine.

Inspirational Catholic Quotes

"So helpless and weak. I think that is why God uses me, because I cannot depend on my own strength. I rely on Him twenty-four hours a day. If the day had even more hours, then I would need His help and grace during those hours too. I cling to Him in prayer, and I encourage you to do the same." -

Saint Mother Teresa of Calcutta

Prayer for Vocations

For our married couples, strengthen their covenant.
For our religious sisters, surround them with Your love.
For our priests, support them as they guide.
For our parents, sustain them in Your grace.
For our religious brothers, draw them nearer to You.
For our consecrated singles, be everything they need.
For those discerning, be with them as they journey.
Amen

Attention

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

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.

PARISH VOCATION CROSS

The Vocation Cross is taken by:
Cindy & Ross Landry
(August 24th - August 30th)

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.

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.

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.

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, 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, Lori Aguilar, Bailey & Gage Tucker, The Sinitiere Fly, The Fitch Fly, Scott McDonald. Please also pray for those individuals who, although in need of your prayers, have requested that their names not be publicized for privacy reasons.

Knights of Columbus Council 12997 Fundraiser
BBQ Chicken, Sausage, BBQ Beans & Rice Dressing Dinner
Sunday, September 14, 2025

Pickup is under the Carport behind the Church Office (behind Church) from 11AM - 1PM
Tickets are $10.00 each. Tickets will be sold after each weekend Mass and are available from any KC member, and in the church office.
Also, the Ladies K.C. Auxiliary members will be selling treats.
For more info. Call Wayne Duhon 337-339-1602.

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

OUR GIFTS TO GOD	August 10, 2025
Loose	$ 1,551.00
Envelopes	$ 3,650.00
Total (collected)	$ 5,201.00
Online Giving offertory	$ 898.00
Mailed in offertory	$ 105.00
Total offertory (week)	$ 6,204.00

Thank you for your generosity!!!!

SANCTUARY LIGHT:

In Memory of:
Henry & Dorothy McDonald

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

REFLECTIONS **Twenty - First Sunday in Ordinary Time -** From Biblical times to the present, people have often thought that if God was pleased with them, then good things would happen to them. If you experienced trials and troubles then you must have done something "wrong." That is not the message of the New Testament. It is not the example we are given in Christ's life. Good things are not rewards nor are bad things punishment. Both can be used to deepen our relationship with God. How do you see the good and bad things in your life. Do you see them as opportunities to grow closer to God?

Steadfast is his kindness toward us, and the fidelity of the Lord endures forever. - Psalm 117:2

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MASS INTENTIONS

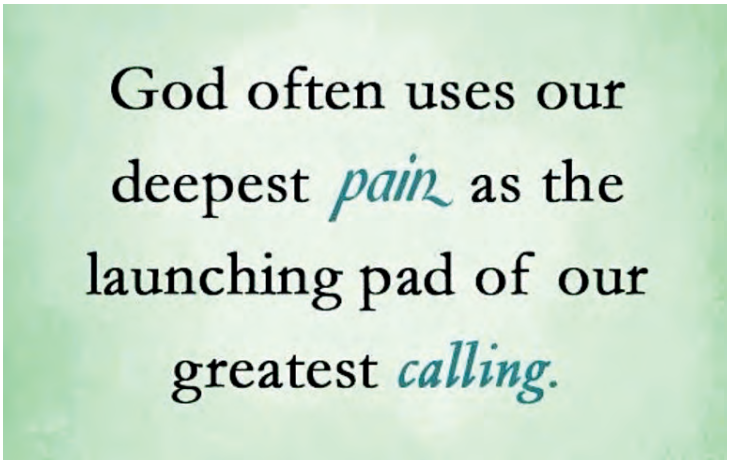
Tuesday, August 26, 2025
7:00am Ernest "Topper" Breaux
Wednesday, August 27 2025
9:00am Liv & Dec fly of Carrol & Brenda Romero
R.L. Berard, Steve Broussard
Bert Rogers, Jeff Belair
Elise D. Viator (bd)
Thursday, August 28, 2025
7:00am Elise G. Champagne (bd)
Harold J. Champagne (bd)
Linden J. Champagne, Sr. (bd)
Friday, August 29, 2025
7:00am Mazel C. Dwyer
Saturday, August 30, 2025
4:00pm Fr. Tom Finley, Rachel R. Romero
Lynward Ransonet (7yr ann of death)
Bayne Olivier, Bill Olivier
Sunday, August 31, 2025
8:00am Parishioners, Carroll Aucoin
Quang Nguyen
Henry & Dorothy McDonald
10:00am Msgr. H.J. Barsen, Fr. A.J. Boumans
Harvey & Joyce DeCourt
Donna M. Lanza

Thank You from Father Matthew
My sincere thanks to all who were present at my Installation Mass as your Pastor and at the Reception that followed. It is a great joy that fills my heart for having been able to celebrate this special occasion with each and everyone of you. Thank you for showing me so much love and support. I will keep each of you in my heart and continue to pray for you always.

Father Matthew

CURRENT EVENTS

Monday, August 25, 2025
Women's Ultreya Meeting
7:00pm - Parish Hall
Tuesday, August 26, 2025
Mass at 7:00am
Wednesday, August 27, 2025
Pro-Life Rosary - 8:20am
Mass at 9:00am
Confirmation & 1st Communion Meeting
6:30pm - Parish Hall
Thursday, August 28, 2025
Mass at 7:00am
Friday, August 29, 2025
Mass at 7:00am
Saturday, August 30, 2025
Mass at 4:00pm
Sunday, August 31, 2025
Masses at: 8am & 10am



MASS SERVERS
August 26 - August 31, 2025

DAY DATE	TIME	CELEBRANT	READERS	ALTAR SERVERS
Tuesday 8/26/25	***7:00am***	Fr. Matthew Higginbotham	Pete Aucoin	Sacristan
Wednesday 8/27/25	***9:00am***	Fr. Ed Degeyter	Ginger Comeaux	Sacristan
Thursday 8/28/25	***7:00am***	Fr. Matthew Higginbotham	Janis Dugas	Sacristan
Friday 8/29/25	***7:00am***	Fr. Matthew Higginbotham	Keith Comeaux	Sacristan
Saturday 8/30/25	***4:00pm***	Fr. Matthew Higginbotham	Margo LeBlanc	Allie Comeaux Sophia Comeaux
Sunday 8/31/25	***8:00am***	Fr. Matthew Higginbotham	Vicki Morgan	Autumn Trahan Gunner Moss
	10:00am	Fr. Matthew Higginbotham	Karl Boudreaux	Morgan Salsman Madalynn Salsman

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