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:
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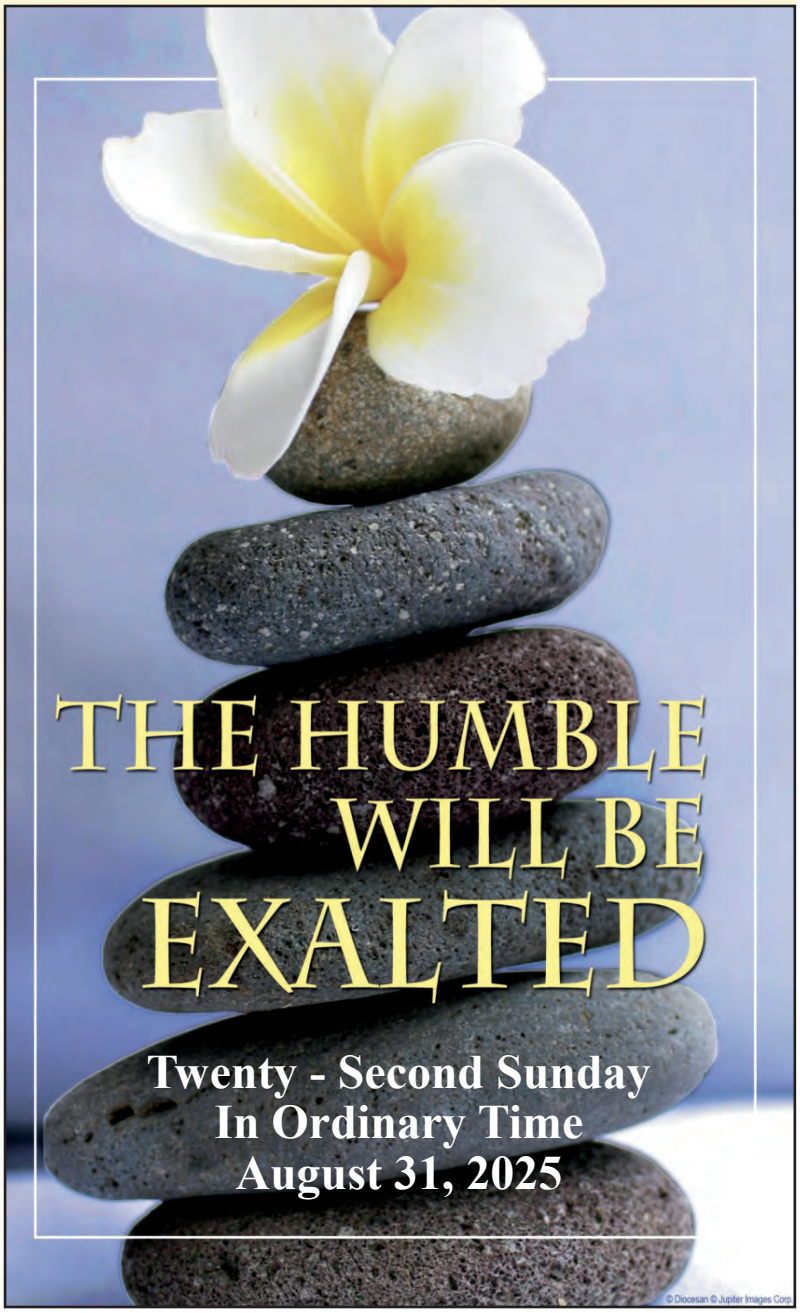
Amber Salsman

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-Second Sunday In Ordinary Time

Readings:

Sirach 3:17–18, 20, 28–29
Psalm 68:4–7,10–11
Hebrews 12:18–19, 22–24
Luke 14:1, 7–14

We come to the wedding banquet of heaven by way of humility and charity. This is the fatherly instruction we hear in today's First Reading, and the message of today's Gospel.

Jesus is not talking simply about good table manners. He is revealing the way of the kingdom, in which the one who would be greatest would be the servant of all (see Luke 22:24–27).

This is the way, too, that the Father has shown us down through the ages—filling the hungry, sending the rich away empty, lifting up the lowly, pulling down the proud (see Luke 1:52–53).

We again call to mind the Exodus in today's Psalm—how in His goodness the Lord led the Israelites from imprisonment to prosperity, rained down bread from heaven, made them His inheritance, becoming a "Father of orphans."

We now have also gained a share of His inheritance. We are to live humbly, knowing we are not worthy to receive from His table (see Luke 6:7; 15:21). We are to give alms, remembering we were ransomed from sin by the price of His blood (see 1 Corinthians 6:19–20).

The Lord promises that if we are humble we will be exalted and find favor with God; that if we are kind to those who can never repay us, we will atone for sins and find blessing in the resurrection of the righteous.

We anticipate the fulfillment of those promises in every Eucharist, today's Epistle tells us. In the Mass, we enter the festal gathering of the angels and the firstborn children of God. It is the liturgy of the heavenly Jerusalem in which Jesus is the high priest, the King who calls us to come up higher (see Proverbs 25:6–7).

Scott Hahn

Inspirational Catholic Quotes

"Jesus loves you. Even more - He longs for you. He misses you when you don't come close. He thirsts for you, even when you don't feel worthy." -
Saint Teresa of Calcutta

All **Eucharistic Ministers** please **provide Andreé Schlicher** your **current updated information**, such as your phone number, address, and email address. Please email to: **andreeschlicher@gmail.com** or call 337-577-1414.

Inspirational Catholic Quotes

When life gives you more than you can stand,
KNEEL.

The Living Rosary Devotion

Families often pray together. Our Catholic family of New Iberia will come together on Tuesday, October 7, 2025, at 6 pm for our annual Living Rosary Devotion. During the Living Rosary we will join our voices in prayer for our own personal intentions as well as all the intentions trusted to our prayer boxes. We invite you and your family to join us at **St. Peter Church** on **Tuesday, October 7, 2025**, at **6 pm** for the **Living Rosary**.

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.

Nativity of Our Lady Catholic Church
September 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 LABOR DAY **Pray for Pope Leo XIV** **Church Office Closed**	2 **Pray for Bishop Douglas Deshotel** Bible Study 9am - Barsen Hall	3 **Pray for Bishop Emeritus Michael Jarrell** Pro-Life Rosary Holy Hour 9:30am	4 **Pray for Fr. Anand Raju** Bible Study 6:00pm -Barsen Hall	5 **Pray for Fr. Louis Richard** First Friday	6 **Pray for Fr. Michael Richard** First Saturday
7 **Pray for Msgr. J. Robert Romero** Memorial Book Grandparent's Day	8 **Pray for Fr. Mario Romero** OLAS Meeting 5pm - Barsen Hall	9 **Pray for Fr. David Rozas** Bible Study 9am - Barsen Hall	10 **Pray for Fr. Michael Russo** Pro-Life Rosary K.C. & Ladies Aux. Supper & Meeting	11 **Pray for Fr. Francois Sainte-Marie** Bible Study 6:00pm -Barsen Hall Baptismal Class 6:30pm - Office	12 **Pray for Fr. Garrett Savoie**	13 **Pray for Fr. William Schambough** Baptisms 5pm - Church
14 **Pray for Fr. Gary Schexnayder** Nativity Building Fund K.C.'s BBQ Dinner Pickup Day 11am - 1pm	15 **Pray for Fr. Andrew Schumacher**	16 **Pray for Fr. Clinton Sensat** Bible Study 9am - Barsen Hall Faith Formation Begins	17 **Pray for Fr. Bryce Sibley** Pro-Life Rosary	18 **Pray for Fr. Gregory Simien** Bible Study 6:00pm -Barsen Hall	19 **Pray for Fr. Brent Smith**	20 **Pray for Fr. William Snyders**
21 **Pray for Fr. Cedric Sonnier** Bishop's Services Appeal Catechetical Sunday Teacher Commisioning	22 **Pray for Fr. Raymond Ssebina** Women's Ultreya 7pm - Parish Hall	23 **Pray for Fr. Jared Suire** Bible Study 9am - Barsen Hall	24 **Pray for Fr. Brian Taylor** Pro-Life Rosary	25 **Pray for Fr. Arockiadass Vincent Thanaraj** Bible Study 6:00pm -Barsen Hall	26 **Pray for Fr. Jude Thierry**	27 **Pray for Fr. Clint Trahan**
28 **Pray for Fr. Harold Trahan** New Iberia Poor & Needy	29 **Pray for Fr. Joseph Sai Tran**	30 **Pray for Fr. Chrysanthus Ugorji** Bible Study 9am - Barsen Hall				

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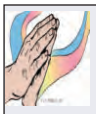

PRAYER & SICK LIST

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, 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, 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, Raywood & Virginia Buteaux, Barbara Keegan, The Degeyter Fly. 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 **$15.00 each**. Tickets will be sold after each weekend Mass and are available from any K.C. 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.

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

SANCTUARY LIGHT:

In Memory of:
Dawn Degeyter Gipson

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

OUR GIFTS TO GOD	August 17, 2025
Loose	$ 1,672.00
Envelopes	$ 2,718.00
Total (collected)	$ 4,390.00
Online Giving offertory	$ 801.00
Mailed in offertory	$ 172.00
Total offertory (week)	$ 5,363.00
Bishop's Services Appeal	$ 320.00
Assumption of Blessed Virgin Mary	$ 1,875.00

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OLAS News Bulletin

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Join *Nativity of Our Lady's Altar Society*!
Annual membership dues is $10.00. Call Cindy Landry at 337-256-2208 or our church office 364-8360.

REFLECTIONS **Twenty - Second Sunday in Ordinary Time -** Humility does not mean minimizing or negating our gifts nor the resources we have been blessed with. Rather, it is remembering that all we have - talents and wealth - are gifts from God. It means we are realistic and acknowledge the gifts we have and those that others have. These gifts have been given to us so that we may serve others. Humility does not use a rating scale, it respects and honors others and seeks to serve. How humble are you?

Conduct your affairs with humility, and you will be loved more than a giver of gifts. - Sirach 3:17

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MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday, September 2, 2025
7:00am Special Intention, Patsy D. Costas (liv bd)

Wednesday, September 3, 2025
9:00am Doris Duplantis, Alvin "Motch" Maturin
Ernest "Topper" Breaux
Madison Claire Olivier, Louis Berard
Robert Eugene Park, Carrol Romero, Sr.

Thursday, September 4, 2025
7:00am Geraldine T. Babin (liv)

Friday, September 5, 2025
7:00am United States of America, Special Intention
Carlyle Hebert Fly, Don Taylor
Janell Broussard, Lee Broussard
Dawn Degeyter Gipson

Saturday, September 6, 2025
9:00am M/M Raymond Landry, Dominque Fly
Rudy Delcambre Fly, Special Intention
Brother & Claire LaBauve
United States Military
4:00pm Fr. Tom Finley, Rachel R. Romero
Lynward Ransonet, Dressel & Ransonet Fly
DeHart & Estilette Fly, Jill B. Reed (bd)
Ralph & Lorraine Breaux
Emmet & Marguerita Conery
Bayne Olivier, Bill Olivier

Sunday, September 7, 2025
8:00am Parishioners, Carroll Aucoin
Clark Romero, Donna M. Snoddy
Henry & Dorothy McDonald
10:00am Msgr. H.J. Barsen, Fr. A.J. Boumans
Harvey & Joyce DeCourt
Donna M. Lanza, Gloria A. Landry (bd)
Hadley (liv) & Geraldine Babin (liv)

CURRENT EVENTS

Monday, September 1, 2025
Church Office Closed - Labor Day
Tuesday, September 2, 2025
Mass at 7:00am
Bible Study 9am - Barsen Hall
Wednesday, September 3, 2025
Pro-Life Rosary - 8:20am
Mass at 9:00am
Holy Hour 9:30am - 10:30am
Thursday, September 4, 2025
Mass at 7:00am
Bible Study - 6pm - Barsen Hall
Friday, September 5, 2025 - First Friday
OLAS, K.C. Ladies Auxiliary & K.C.
Members to attend 7:00am Mass
Saturday, September 6, 2025 - First Sat.
OLAS, L.C. Ladies Auxiliary & K.C.
Members to attend 9am Mass
Mass at 4:00pm
Sunday, September 7, 2025 - First Sunday
Masses at: 8am & 10am
Happy Grandparents Day

PARISH VOCATION CROSS
The Vocation Cross is taken by:
Kimberly Richard
(August 31st - September 6th)
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.

MASS SERVERS
September 2, 2025 - September 7, 2025

DAY DATE	TIME	CELEBRANT	READERS	ALTAR SERVERS
Tuesday 9/2/25	***7:00am***	Fr. Matthew Higginbotham	**See Reader Schedule**	Sacristan
Wednesday 9/3/25	***9:00am***	Fr. Ed Degeyter	**See Reader Schedule**	Sacristan
Thursday 9/4/25	***7:00am***	Fr. Matthew Higginbotham	**See Reader Schedule**	Sacristan
Friday 9/5/25	***7:00am***	Fr. Matthew Higginbotham	**See Reader Schedule**	Sacristan
Saturday 9/6/25	***9:00am***	Fr. Ed Degeyter	**See Reader Schedule**	Sacristan
	4:00pm	Fr. Matthew Higginbotham	**See Reader Schedule**	**See Altar Server Schedule**
Sunday 9/7/25	***8:00am***	Fr. Matthew Higginbotham	**See Reader Schedule**	**See Altar Server Schedule**
	10:00am	Fr. Matthew Higginbotham	**See Reader Schedule**	**See Altar Server Schedule**

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