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

BOOKKEEPER:
Polly Camacho

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Kimberly Richard

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Sheryl S. Bourque

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Janet Viator – 337-365-3759

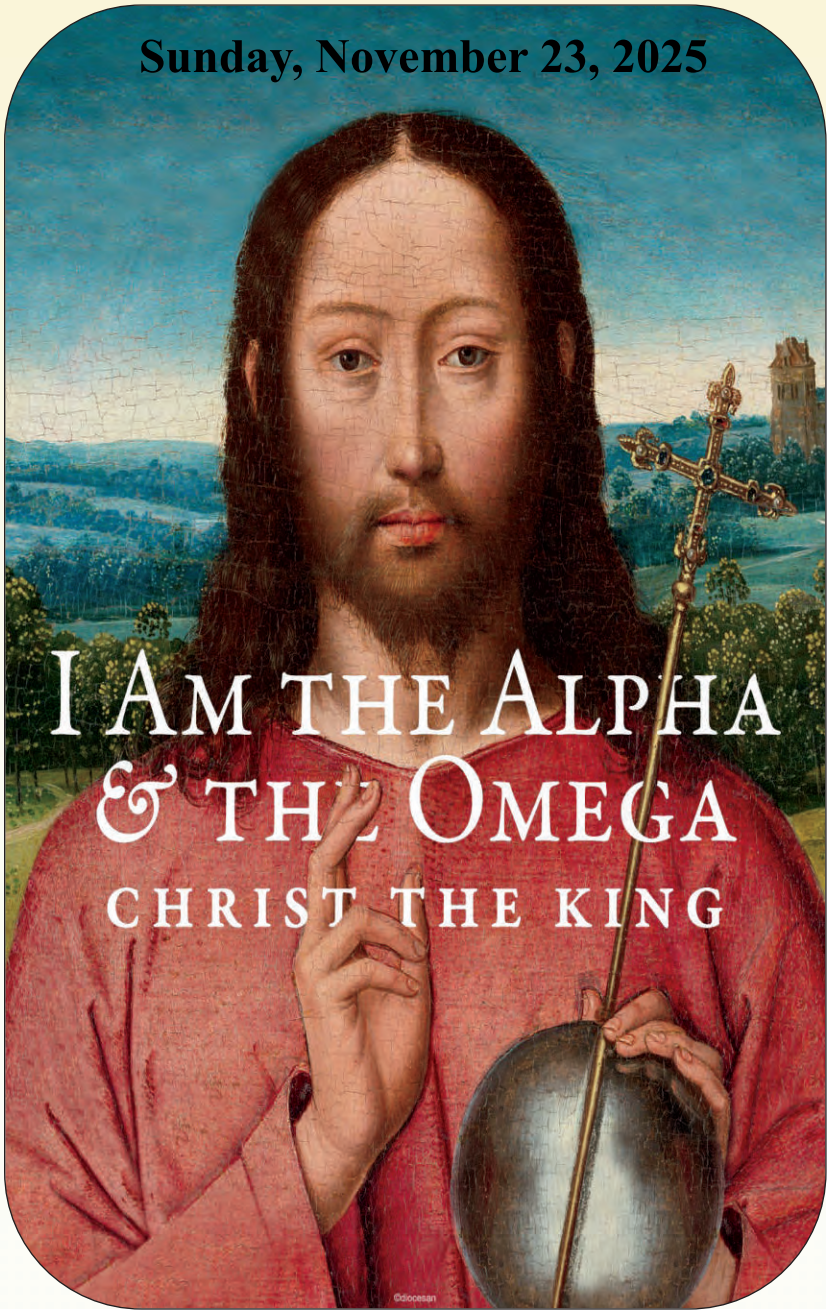
YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT COORDINATOR:
Amber Salsman

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 Friday: 6:30 am
First Saturday: 8:20 am
Third Tuesday 7:30 am (Patriotic)

Sunday, November 23, 2025



TODAY'S READINGS

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Readings:

2 Samuel 5:1–3
Psalm 122:1–5
Colossians 1:12–20
Luke 23:35–43

Week by week, the Liturgy has been preparing us for the revelation to be made on this, the last Sunday of the Church year .

Jesus, we have been shown, is truly the Chosen One, the Messiah of God, the King of the Jews. Ironically, in today's Gospel we hear these names on the lips of those who don't believe in Him—Israel's rulers, the soldiers, a criminal dying alongside Him.

They can only see the scandal of a bloodied figure nailed to a cross. They scorn Him in words and gestures foretold in Israel's Scriptures (see Psalm 22:7–9; 69:21–22; Wisdom 2:18–20). If He is truly King, God will rescue Him, they taunt. But He did not come to save Himself, but to save them—and us.

The good thief shows us how we are to accept the salvation He offers us. He confesses his sins and acknowledges he deserves to die for them. And he calls on the name of Jesus, seeking His mercy and forgiveness.

By his faith he is saved. Jesus "remembers" him—as God has always remembered His people, visiting them with His saving deeds, numbering them among His chosen heirs (see Psalm 106:4–5).

By the blood of His cross, Jesus reveals His Kingship—not in saving His own life, but in offering it as a ransom for ours. He transfers us to "the kingdom of His beloved Son," as today's Epistle tells us.

His kingdom is the Church, the new Jerusalem and House of David that we sing of in today's Psalm.

By their covenant with David in today's First Reading, Israel's tribes are made one "bone and flesh" with their king. By the New Covenant made in His blood, Christ becomes one flesh with the people of His kingdom—the head of His body, the Church (see Ephesians 5:23–32).

We celebrate and renew this covenant in every Eucharist, giving thanks for our redemption, hoping for the day when we too will be with Him in Paradise.

Scott Hahn

A Night in Bethlehem
Live Nativity

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Nativity Youth Group Ministry

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130 N. Richelieu Circle
New Iberia, LA 70560

Saturday, December 20, 2025
Sunday, December 21, 2025
Time: 5:30pm - 7:30pm

FREE FOR THE ENTIRE FAMILY!
A Hands-On Holy Land Experience

Experience Bethlehem during the census, visit shopkeepers in the marketplace and learn about their trades. Make special keepsakes and sample breads and sweets on your journey through Bethlehem.

At 6:30pm follow the innkeeper to the stable to meet Mary, Joseph and baby Jesus, as well as the shepherds, wise men and animals.

Child Smile Project

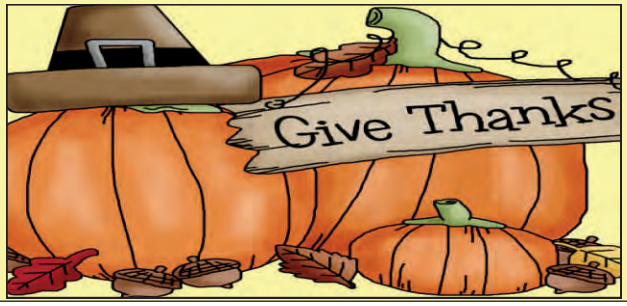
Donate gifts to children whose parent or parents are incarcerated and to children who struggle with special circumstances. Visit: www.diolaf.org/smile to view our wish-list and purchase a gift through Amazon. Gifts must be donated by December 5th.

Thanksgiving Day Mass

There will only be one Mass on **Thanksgiving Day.** The Mass time is **8:00 AM**, not 7:00 am as originally published on the November Calendar.

Remember
Give God Thanks in Everything

Wishing You and Your Family A Very Blessed Thanksgiving.



Inspirational Catholic Quotes

We can improve our prayer and, flowing from that, our charity toward others. It can be difficult to pray when we don't know how, but we can help ourselves through the use of silence. Souls of prayer are souls of great silence. This silence takes a lot of sacrifice, but if we really want to pray, now is the time to take that step. Without the first step toward silence, we will not be able to reach our goal, which is union with God.

Saint Teresa of Calcutta

SANCTUARY LIGHT:

In Memory of:
Henry & Dorothy McDonald

REFLECTIONS

For generations, people have often believed that the good prosper and when bad things happen to someone it is because they are being punished for their sins. Yet the very life of Jesus contradicts this notion. Who was more kind, compassionate, or just? Things that happen in our lives are not judgments against or for us. They are simply the realities we must deal with. If we seek God's help, we will have the graces we need to use all things, the positive and the negative, for good.

Be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that you may prove what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect. - Romans 12:2

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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.

Sirena Rogers, Janis & Nathan Dugas, Billy Simon, Edward Simon, Lynette Landry, Janet Viator, Ronnie Landry, The Delahoussaye Fly, 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, Bridget Aitken, The Greig & Belaire Fly, Caroline Dubois, Josephine Delcambre, Mary Saltzman, Jody Ellen Hudson, Jim & Brenda Prejean, Toni Boudreaux, Rick Boudreaux, Jessica Gary Dubois, Joni Gullotta, Fisher Whitaker, The Babin, Trahan & Richard Fly, Deacon John Sarkies, James & Doreen Norman, Melvin "Boo" & Brenda DeRouen, Myrna & Millard Poche, Gloria K. Bonin, Daphne C. Lopez, Beverly B. Walet, Jerome Guillotte, Leoni Derouen, Cade T., Betty DeRouen, Geraldine Babin, Robert McDaniel, Ron Cutrera, Lori Aguilar, Bailey & Gage Tucker, The Sinitiere Fly, The Fitch Fly, Raywood & Virginia Buteaux, Barbara Keegan, Mike & Doris Degeyter Fly, Rory Suire, Crystal Elizabeth Olivier, Patrick Valls, Nickas Bonin, Gene Gonsoulin, Coty Bourque, Erskine Katz, Leslie Romero, Randy & Jessica Broussard, Jane Arceneaux, Rebecca Segura, Terry Trahan, John Babin, Phil Duplantis, Ray Landry, Shane DeRouen, Cody Theriot, Sandra Upton, Zaiden Maturin, Kay Charpentier Green, Hardy Jenkins, Bridgette Louviere, Amye Hammond Bellot, Hadley Babin. Please also pray for those individuals who, although in need of your prayers, have requested that their names not be publicized for privacy reasons.

MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday, November 25 2025
7:00am Murray Fuselier, Liv & Dec Hicks Fly
Wednesday, November 26, 2025
9:00am Purvis & Elmae Picard, The Belaire Fly
Dawn Degeyter Gipson, Rudy Delcambre
Whitney & Thelma Gautreaux
Mark & Gateson Segura, Dickie Broussard
Patty Babineaux Fontenot
Liv & Dec Fly of Carrol & Brenda Romero
Liv & Dec Fly of Aristile & Antoinette Breaux
Thursday, November 27, 2025 - Thanksgiving
8:00am LeBlanc & Heurtevant Flys, Leroy Landry
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
Kelly Boudreaux, Sr. (bd)
Donna M. Snoddy, Hadley J. Babin (liv)
United States of America
Friday, November 28, 2025
7:00am Fr. Edward Degeyter
Saturday, November 29, 2025
4:00pm Fr. Tom Finley, Rachel R. Romero
Lynward Ransonet, Willie Upton
Bayne Olivier, Bill Olivier
Sunday, November 30, 2025
8:00am Parishioners, Carroll Aucoin
Henry & Dorothy McDonald
Quang Nguyen
Pheroi Hoi Nguyen (ann of death)
10:00am Msgr. H.J. Barsen, Fr. A.J. Boumans
Harvey & Joyce DeCourt
Donna M. Lanza, David J. Viator (liv bd)

Please keep
Fr. Matthew P. Higginbotham
Fr. Ed Degeyter
and **all priests** in your prayers.

Sacristan Needed

We are in need of a Volunteer Sacristan every Tuesday for 9:00 am Mass at New Iberia Manor North Nursing Home. Please call Cindy Landry for more information at 337-256-2208. Thank you in advance for your interest in helping with this ministry.

PARISH VOCATION CROSS

The Vocation Cross is taken by:
Brenda Romero
(November 23rd- November 29th)
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.

Donations for **Christmas Flowers** and **Decorations** can now be made by calling the Church Office at 364-8360. **Deadline: December 10th**

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

OUR GIFTS TO GOD November 9, 2025

Loose	$	1,524.00
Envelopes	$	2,399.00
Total (collected)	$	3,923.00
Online Giving offertory	$	701.00
Mailed in offertory	$	720.00
Total offertory (week)	$	5,344.00
Archdiocese for the Military	$	371.00

Thank you for your generosity!!!!

Wednesdays in Advent
6:30 pm to 8:00 pm
December 3rd and December 17th

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

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary is **Monday, December 8th**. This is a **Holy Day of Obligation**.

Mass Times

7:00 am & 5:30 pm

CURRENT EVENTS

Tuesday, November 25, 2025
Mass at 7:00 am
No Faith Formation
Wednesday, November 26, 2025
Pro-Life Rosary - 8:20 am
Mass at 9:00 am
Thursday, November 27, 2025
Thanksgiving Day
Mass at **8:00** am
Office Closed
Friday, November 28, 2025
Mass at 7:00 am
Office Closed
Saturday, November 29, 2025
Mass at 4:00 pm
Sunday, November 30, 2025
Masses at: 8:00 am & 10:00 am

Advent Mission

Tuesday, December 9th, Wednesday, December10th
Thursday, December 11th
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Mary: The Joy of Humanity, the Joy of Israel

In this in-depth three-part mission on the Blessed Mother, entitled Mary: The Joy of Israel, the Joy of Humanity, Karlo Broussard focuses on the role of Mary within salvation history as revealed in the Bible. He demonstrates how the biblical picture of Mary comes into full focus when we read the events of Mary's life against the backdrop of the Old Testament. This three-part series on Mary will equip you with the biblical knowledge that you need to foster a deeper relationship with Mary and to share the truth about her with others who fail to see or understand it.

MASS SERVERS
November 25, 2025 - November 30, 2025

DAY DATE	TIME	CELEBRANT	READERS	ALTAR SERVERS
Tuesday 11/25/25	***7:00am***	Fr. Matthew Higginbotham	Pete Aucoin	Sacristan
Wednesday 11/26/25	***9:00am***	Fr. Ed Degeyter	Ginger Comeaux	Sacristan
Thursday 11/27/25 Thanksgiving Day	***8:00am***	Fr. Matthew Higginbotham	Pete Aucoin	Sacristan
Friday 11/28/25	***7:00am***	Fr. Ed Degeyter	Keith Comeaux	Sacristan
Saturday 11/29/25	***4:00pm***	Fr. Matthew Higginbotham	Carmen Nicholson	Khoi Nguyen Tai Nguyen
Sunday 11/30/25	***8:00am***	Fr. Matthew Higginbotham	June Jones	Serena Bedia
	10:00am	Fr. Matthew Higginbotham	Vincent Borne	Benjamin Trahan Ephraim Trahan

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