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

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Kimberly Richard

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Janet Viator – 337-365-3759

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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 Friday: 6:30 am
First Saturday: 8:20 am

TODAY'S READINGS

Isaiah 7:10-14
Psalm 24:1-6
Romans 1:1-7
Matthew 1:18-24

4th Sunday of Advent

The mystery kept secret for long ages, promised through His prophets in the holy Scriptures, is today revealed (see Romans 16:25–26). This is the "Gospel of God" that Paul celebrates in today's Epistle—the good news that "God is with us" in Jesus Christ. The sign promised to the House of David in today's First Reading is given in today's Gospel. In the virgin found with child, God Himself has brought to Israel a savior from David's royal line (see Acts 13:22–23). Son of David according to the flesh, Jesus is the Son of God, born of the Spirit. He will be anointed with the Spirit (see Acts 10:38), and by the power of Spirit will be raised from the dead and established at God's right hand in the heavens (see Acts 2:33–34; Ephesians 1:20 –21). He is the "King of Glory" we sing of in today's Psalm. The earth in its fullness has been given to Him. And as God swore long ago to David, His Kingdom will have no end (see Psalm 89:4–5). In Jesus Christ we have a new creation. Like the creation of the world, it is a work of the Spirit, a blessing from the Lord (see Genesis 1:2). In Him, we are saved from our sins, are called now "the beloved of God."

All nations now are called to belong to Jesus Christ, to enter into the House of David and Kingdom of God, the Church. Together, through the obedience of faith, we have been made a new race—a royal people that seeks for the face of the God of Jacob. He has made our hearts clean, made us worthy to enter His holy place, to stand in His presence and serve Him.

In the Eucharist, the everlasting covenant is renewed, the Advent promise of virgin with child—God with us—continues until the end of the age (see Matthew 28:20; Ezekiel 37:24–28).

Scott Hahn

PARISH VOCATION CROSS

The Vocation Cross is taken by:

Warren & Sandra Gaspard

(December 21st - December 27th)

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.

REFLECTIONS
FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

The Scriptures often speak of signs from God and it is easy to think such things are just tales from a bygone era, but God continues to send us signs everyday. The problem is that we have forgotten how to spot them. We are so busy with our own thoughts and plans we don't even think about God's plans. From the golden rays of the morning sun promising a new day to the gentle colors of the sunset blessing the day and calling us to rest, there are signs for those who see. Look for the signs and pray for the grace to see and understand them.

The Lord's are the earth and its fullness; the world and all who dwell in it. - Psalm 24:1

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Knights of Columbus Raffle

K.C. Council #12997 is holding its annual benefit raffle. The proceeds will be used for parish activities, improvements and charities.

Donations are $1.00 per ticket.
See any KC Member to purchase a ticket.
Drawing will be held on December 21, 2025.

2026 CALENDARS

We wish to thank our sponsors: Coastal Timbers, Countryside Storage, Soileau's Pharmacy & Gifts, Jane's Seafood & Chinese, Duhon's Heating & Cooling, Fremin's Food & Furniture, Knights of Columbus - Ben L. Kiper Council 12997, Lucretia Pecantte - Attorney at Law, Advantage Assets, and Michael & Allison Flash, for providing our Church parish with 2026 calendars. Please pick one up on your way out of church. Please limit one per family due to the limited number of calendars.

MARY, MOTHER OF OUR SAVIOR WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR "YES"

Note: The donation amount for the sanctuary light is $8. Please call (364-8360) or come by the office to make arrangements.

SANCTUARY LIGHT:

In Memory of:

Madison Claire Olivier
Alpha & Lilly Viator

MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday, December 23, 2025
7:00am Janell Broussard, Marnell John Delcambre
Wednesday, December 24, 2025 Christmas Eve Vigil
4:00pm Fr. Tom Finley, Dugas & Blanchard Fly
Jules & Leona Broussard, JoAnn Cansemi
Dugas & Heurtevant Fly, Bobby Norris
Leroy & June Aucoin, Cliff Aucoin
M/M C.A. Aucoin, M/M Luke LeGrendre
Tony Cansemi, Pat Jardell, Rachel R. Romero
Lynward Ransonet, Dressel & Ransonet Fly
Winclise Bourque, Jill Bourque Reed
Carroll & Buddie Gromer, Gil Simon
Mona Simon, Warren Barras, Bourque Fly
Mark A. Bourque, Rudy Delcambre
Bayne Olivier, Bill Olivier, Mike Belaire Fly
Larry Delcambre, Joe & Pearl Jabbia
Larry Schmidt, Milton Tommy Ransonet
Lloyd J. & Maudrey Landry, David D. Viator
Bonnie L. & Kelly Boudreaux, Sr.
Nicholas & Elise D. Viator, Lee Lamury
Johnny & Mercedes Viator, Victor Bernard
Murriel & Susan Trahan, Rod & Ruth Vizinat
Carrol & Brenda Romero Fly
Chris Simon (liv bd), Brenda Trahan (liv bd)
Mitch & Bertha Delcambre, Ann B. Delcambre
Lessin & Lou Ella Delcambre
Janice D. Thibodeaux, Harry Delahoussaye
Beatrice & Raoul Babin, Eve & Emile Trahan
Jerry "Jay" Trahan, Hazel & Daniel Gonsoulin
Bert & Allen Young, Joy Rita Delahoussaye
Minus & Nancy Arcement, Marnell Delcambre
Lorraine "Tuttie" Trahan
Nancy & Brudley Kibodeaux
Danya "Maw Maw Dee" Taveney
James "Zeke" Abadie, Hazel & Larry Miller
Eugenia Rutland, Mary & Reggie Kinman, Sr.
Reggie Kinman, Jr.
Thursday, December 25, 2025 Christmas
8:00am Msgr. H.J. Barsen, Gertruce Derise, Smith Fly
Jay Landry, Landree Ann Landry
Donna M. Snoddy, Yvonne & Mark Gagnard
Elizabeth Delahoussaye, Joseph Viator
Eve & Sandy Crochet, Sr., Patti Gagnard
Emmet & Marguerite Conery, Carroll Aucoin
Ralph & Lorraine Breaux, Clark Romero
Henry & Dorothy McDonald, Larry Andrus
Thelma Broussard, Roland & Hilda Judice
Carlson-Claudy Fly (liv & dec), Kent Smith
Warren & Sandra Gaspard Fly (liv & dec)
Wayne Bell, Lee Broussard, Janell Broussard
Carlyle Hebert Fly, Betty Comeaux Fly
Don Taylor, Kip & Evelyn Doiron
Luke Stelly, Jr. Bernice Stelly, Robert Stelly
David Stelly, Ellen Guidry
Leon Huval, Alice Huval

MASS INTENTIONS CONT.

Thursday, December 25, 2025 Christmas
10:00am Fr. A.J. Boumans, Bobby Broussard
Laura & Olan Broussard, Cecil Hymel
Bea & Jimmy Romero Fly (liv & dec)
Whitney & Thelma Gautreaux
Harvey & Joyce DeCourt
Purvis & Elmae Picard, Kenneth Byrom
Ernest & Theonie Breaux, Jospeh Breaux
Donna M. Lanza, Roland Romero
Lawrence F. Dugas, Sr, Carroll Estilette
Florence E. dugas, Lawrence Estilette
L.J. & Felicie Estilette, Leroy J. Estilette
Dennis & Corrine Dugas, Bill Ramirez
Marcial & Lula Bella Tauzin
James & Hope Ramirez, Judy Dooley
John G. Ramirez, Sr., Patsy Ramirez (liv)
John & Michelle Ramirez, Jr. (liv)
Johnny Ramirez, III & Fly (liv)
Mitchell John Ramirez & 4 Children (liv)
Danielle (dec) & Albert Curtis (liv)
Jared & Courtney Babineaux & Fly (liv)
C. J. & Tara Neisser & Fly (liv)
Margaret Theresa Lancon, Judy Ramirez
Jackie Broussard Ramirez
Professor Jimmy Doyle (liv)
Renee Lindsey (liv), Mary Ann Ramirez
Barbara Buhram (liv)
M/M Albert Pesson
M/M Leon Minvielle, Jr.
Ernest "Topper" Breaux
Violet & Clarence Lancon
Friday, December 26, 2025
7:00am Lupe Camacho
Saturday, December 27, 2025
4:00pm Fr. Tom Finley, Roy Flores
Winclise Bourque (10yr. ann of death)
Bayne Olivier, Bill Olivier
Edward Landry (ann of death)
Tara Elizabeth Boudoin (liv bd)
William Kell Lewis, Jon George
Sirena Rogers (liv bd)
Eve & Sandy Crochet, Sr.
Sunday, December 28, 2025
8:00am Parishioners, Carroll Aucoin
Henry & Dorothy McDonald
Carlson-Claudy Fly (liv & dec)
Donna M. Snoddy, Irene V. Minville (bd)
James Pesson, Alexis Babin (liv bd)
10:00am Msgr. H.J. Barsen, Fr. A.J. Boumans
Harvey & Joyce DeCourt
Dawn Degeyter Gipson

Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me will live, even though they die." - John 11:25

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, Jessica Gary Dubois, Joni Gullotta, Fisher Whitaker, The Babin, Trahan & Richard Fly, Deacon John Sarkies, James & Doreen Norman, Melvin & 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, Randy & Jessica Broussard, Jane Arceneaux, Rebecca Segura, Terry Trahan, John Babin, Phil Duplantis, Ray Landry, Shane DeRouen, Cody Theriot, Sandra Upton, Kay Charpentier Green, Hardy Jenkins, Bridgette Louviere, Amye Hammond Bellot, Hadley Babin, Roland & Faye Boudreaux, Delina Lafont. Please also pray for those individuals who, although in need of your prayers, have requested that their names not be publicized for

Christmas Flowers In Memory of:

Dugas, Estilette & Tauzin Fly
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David Comeaux
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Thelma Broussard
Edward Landry
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David D. Viator
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Bonnie & Kelly Boudreaux, Sr.
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Don Taylor
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James "Zeke" Abadie
Richard, Trahan, Delahoussaye & Babin Fly

2026 Mass Intention Book
Nativity Memorial Book

Come by the church office to make masses for your loved ones. Each mass intention is $5each. You can also enroll your loved ones in the Nativity Memorial Book($5min) or purchase a Sanctuary Candle($8) in their memory.

A Night in Bethlehem - Live Nativity

Sponsored by: KC Council #12997, KC Ladies Auxiliary, Nativity Faith Formation & Nativity Youth Group

Nativity of Our Lady Catholic Church
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.

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

Inspirational Catholic Quotes

I can understand the greatness of God, but I cannot understand His humility. It becomes so clear in Him being in love with each one of us separately and completely. It is as if there is no one but me in the world. He loves me so much. Each one of us can say this with great conviction.
Saint Teresa of Calcutta

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

OUR GIFTS TO GOD December 7, 2025

Loose	$ 1,857.00
Envelopes	$ 4,088.00
Total (collected)	$ 5,945.00
Online Giving offertory	$ 861.00
Mailed in offertory	$ 660.00
Total offertory (week)	$ 7,466.00
Nativity Building Fund	$ 1,503.00
Immaculate Conception	$ 1,140.00

Thank you for your generosity!!!!

COME LORD JESUS

Christmas Masses

Vigil Mass (Wednesday, December 24th)	4:00 pm
First Mass (Thursday, December 25th)	8:00 am
Second Mass (Thursday, December 25th)	10:00 am

New Year's Day Masses
Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God

Vigil Mass (Wednesday, December 31st)	4:00 pm
First Mass (Thursday, January 1st)	8:00 am
Second Mass (Thursday, January 1st)	10:00am

CURRENT EVENTS

Tuesday, December 23, 2025
Mass at 7:00 am
No Faith Formation

Wednesday, December 24, 2025
Christmas Eve Vigil
Mass at 4:00 pm
No 9:00am Mass
No Pro-Life Rosary
Church Office Closed

Thursday, December 25, 2025
Christmas Day
Mass at 8:00 am & 10:00 am
No 7:00am Mass
Church Office Closed

Friday, December 26, 2025
Mass at 7:00 am
Church Office Closed

Saturday, December 27, 2025
Mass at 4:00 pm

Sunday, December 28, 2025
Masses at: 8:00 am & 10:00 am

Remember **Jesus** Is
The **Greatest** Gift Ever!
Wishing You & Your family
A Merry Christmas
filled with the love of **Jesus**.

MASS SERVERS
December 23, 2025 - December 28, 2025

DAY DATE	TIME	CELEBRANT	READERS	LAY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION	ALTAR SERVERS
Tuesday 12/23/25	***7:00am***	Fr. Matthew Higginbotham	Pete Aucoin		Sacristan
Christmas Eve Vigil 12/24/25	***4:00pm***	Fr. Matthew Higginbotham	Ginger Comeaux	Mike & Brenda Comeaux Andree Schlicher	Morgan Salsman Madalyn Salsman
Christmas 12/25/25	***8:00am***	Fr. Ed Degeyter	Vikki Morgan	Ross & Cindy Landry Phil & Renee Haney	Serena Bedia Khoi Nguyen
	10:00am	Fr. Matthew Higginbotham	Vincent Borne	Melissa Dworaczyk Vicki Murdock Wayne Duhon	Ephraim Trahan Benjamin Trahan
Friday 12/26/25	***7:00am***	Fr. Ed Degeyter	Chad Courtois	Doc Voorhies Percy Barrilleaux Rickey Segura Linda Viator	Sacristan
Saturday 12/27/25	***4:00pm***	Fr. Matthew Higginbotham	Margo LeBlanc	Andree Schlicher Holli Cambre	Serena Bedia
Sunday 12/28/25	***8:00am***	Fr. Matthew Higginbotham	Nena Suit	Percy Barrilleaux Wayne Duhon	Ephraim Trahan Benjamin Trahan
	10:00am	Fr. Matthew Higginbotham	Lan Nguyen	Megan Love Vicki Murdock	Sophia Comeaux Allie Comeaux

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