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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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Polly Camacho

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Kimberly Richard

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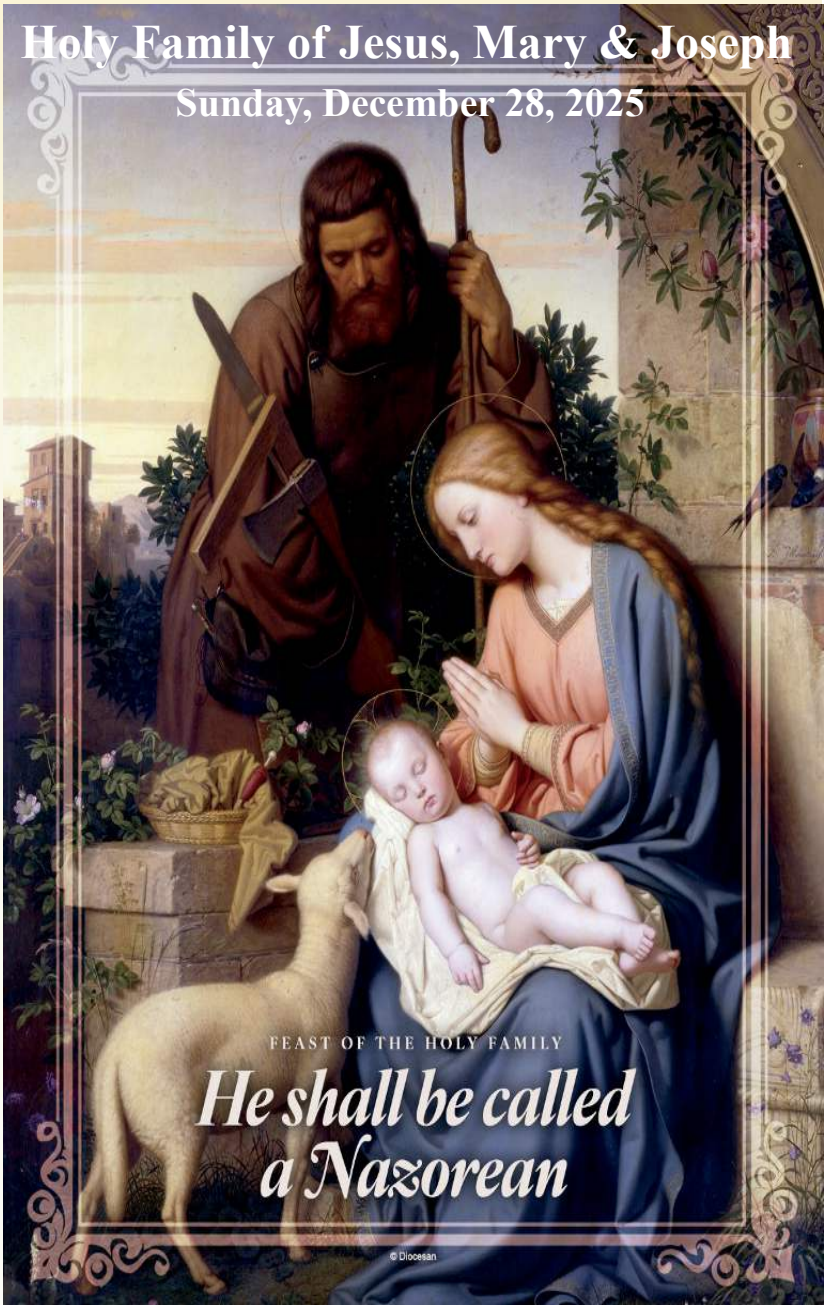
Janet Viator – 337-365-3759

YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT COORDINATOR:
Amber Salsman

PASTORAL COUNCIL PRESIDENT: *Andreé Schlicher*

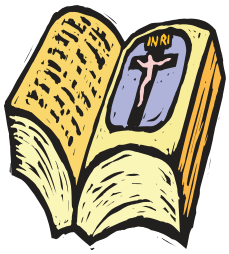
RECONCILIATION:
Saturday: 3:00 pm — 3:45 pm and
30 minutes before weekday Masses

ROSARY:
Wednesday: 8:20 am *(Pro-Life)*
First Friday: 6:30 am
First Saturday: 8:20 am
Third Tuesday: 7:30 am (Patriotic)



TODAY'S READINGS

Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14
Psalm 128:1-5
Colossians 3:12-21
Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23



The Feast of the Holy Family

Why did Jesus choose to become a baby born of a mother and father and to spend all but His last years living in an ordinary human family? In part, to reveal God's plan to make all people live as one "holy family" in His Church (see 2 Corinthians 6:16-18).

In the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, God reveals our true home. We're to live as His children, "chosen ones, holy and beloved," as the First Reading puts it.

The family advice we hear in today's readings-for mothers, fathers, and children-is all solid and practical. Happy homes are the fruit of our faithfulness to the Lord, we sing in today's Psalm. But the Liturgy is inviting us to see more, to see how, through our family obligations and relationships, our families become heralds of the family of God that He wants to create on earth.

Jesus shows us this in today's Gospel. His obedience to His earthly parents flows directly from His obedience to the will of His heavenly Father. Joseph and Mary aren't identified by name, but three times are called "His parents" and are referred to separately as His "mother" and "father." The emphasis is all on their familial ties to Jesus. But these ties are emphasized only so that Jesus, in the first words He speaks in Luke's Gospel, can point us beyond that earthly relationship to the Fatherhood of God.

In what Jesus calls "my Father's house," every family finds its true meaning and purpose (see Ephesians 3:15). The Temple we read about in the Gospel today is God's house, His dwelling (see Luke 19:46). But it's also an image of the family of God, the Church (see Ephesians 2:19-22; Hebrews 3:3-6; 10:21).

In our families we're to build up this household, this family, this living temple of God-until He reveals His new dwelling among us and says of every person: "I shall be his God and he will be my son" (see Revelation 21:3, 7).

Scott Hahn

REFLECTIONS - HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

It is not easy to be a true Christian. It is not a matter of declaring that Jesus is our Lord. It is a matter of living according to Jesus' example. We want our world to be just and fair and we are upset because it isn't. However, as Christians, we are called to change ourselves, not the world. We are to bear with each other, to forgive again and again, and most of all to love not just our friends but enemies too. The more Christ-like we become, the more peaceful our spirit will be.

Clothe yourselves with heartfelt mercy, with kindness, humility, meekness and patience. - Colossians 3:12

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Inspirational Catholic Quotes

Open your hearts to the love of God. He loves you with tenderness, and He will give you not just to give but to share. And when you are praying, ask for courage so that when you give you can give until it hurts. This kind of giving is love in action.

Saint Teresa of Calcutta

PARISH VOCATION CROSS

The Vocation Cross is taken by:

Mary Pesson

(December 28th - January 3rd)

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.

Nativity of Our Lady Catholic Church - January 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			31 ***New Year's Eve*** ***Vigil Mass 4pm*** *No 9am Mass* *No Pro-Life Rosary* *Nativity Church* *Office Closed*	1 ***New Year's Day*** ***Pray for Pope Leo XIV*** ***Masses 8am & 10am*** *No 7am Mass* *Nativity Church* *Office Closed*	2 ***Pray for Bishop Douglas Deshotel*** *First Friday* *No Adoration* *Nativity Church* *Office Closed*	3 ***Pray for Bishop Emeritus Michael Jarrell*** *First Saturday*
4 ***Pray for Fr. Peter Emusa*** *Memorial Book*	5 ***Pray for Fr. Cyprian Eze***	6 ***Pray for Fr. Richard Fabre*** *K.C. Office Meeting* *6pm - Parish Hall*	7 ***Pray for Fr. James Fallon*** *Pro-Life Rosary*	8 ***Pray for Fr. Joel Faulk*** *Baptismal Class* *Church Office-6:30pm*	9 ***Pray for Fr. Emmanuel Fernandez***	10 ***Pray for Fr. Samuel Fontana*** *Baptisms*
11 ***Pray for Fr. John Paul Fruge***	12 ***Pray for Fr. James David Furka*** *OLAS Meeting* *5/6pm Barsen Hall*	13 ***Pray for Fr. Abelardo Gabriel*** *March for Life - 5pm* *Grotto New Iberia*	14 ***Pray for Fr. William Gearheard*** *Pro-Life Rosary* *K.C. & Ladies Aux.* *Dinner & Meeting*	15 ***Pray for Fr. Taj Glod***	16 ***Pray for Msgr. Richard Greene***	17 ***Pray for Fr. Eric Groner***
18 ***Pray for Fr. Mitchell Guidry*** *New Iberia Poor & Needy*	19 ***Pray for Chaplain Brad Guillory***	20 ***Pray for Fr. Joshua Guillory*** *Patriotic Rosary*	21 ***Pray for Fr. Jude Halphen*** *Pro-Life Rosary* *Reception for Fr. Ed's 56th Anniversary of Ordination after9am Mass In Parish Hall*	22 ***Pray for Fr. Brian Harrington***	23 ***Pray for Msgr. Russell Harrington***	24 ***Pray for Fr. David Brian Hebert***
25 ***Pray for Fr. Matthew Hebert***	26 ***Pray for Fr. T.J. Hebert*** *Women's Ultreya* *7pm-Parish Hall*	27 ***Pray for Fr. Gregory Heslip***	28 ***Pray for Fr. Matthew Higginbotham*** *Pro-Life Rosary*	29 ***Pray for Fr. Brian Hoelzen***	30 ***Pray for Fr. J. Patrick Hough***	***31*** ***Pray for Fr. Francis Huete***

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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, 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, Emma Judice. 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, December 30, 2025
7:00am Lupe Camacho

Wednesday, December 31, 2025
4:00pm Eve & Sandy Crochet, Sr., Patti Gagnard
Paul Domingue Fly, Mike Belaire Fly
Carrol & Brenda Romero Fly
Ernest "Topper" Breaux, Rudy Delcambre
Joseph Viator, Yvonne & Mark Gagnard

Thursday, January 1, 2026
8:00am Donna M. Snoddy, Carlson-Claudy Fly
Community of Cloistered Hearts
10:00am Ernest & Theonie Breaux, Joseph Breaux
Kenneth Byrom, Mary Ann Ramirez
Jackie Broussard Ramirez

Friday, January 2, 2026
7:00am Special Intention, United States of America
Lee Broussard, Janell Broussard
Carlyle Hebert Fly, Don Taylor
Wayne Bell, Kent Smith

Saturday, January 3, 2026
9:00am Brother & Claire LaBauve, Andre LaBauve
Special Intention, U.S. Military
4:00pm Fr. Tom Finley, Cheryl Gonsoulin
Robert & Mary Hicks Fly, Bill Olivier
Bayne Olivier, Shirley Blenderman
DeHart & Estilette Fly, William K. Lewis
Gersie & Rodney Bienvenu
Susan (liv) & Larry Andrus

Sunday, January 4, 2026
8:00am Parishioners, Thelma Broussard
Henry & Dorothy McDonald
10:00am Msgr. H.J. Barsen, Fr. A.J. Boumans
Harvey & Joyce DeCourt

SANCTUARY LIGHT:

In Memory of:

Winclise Bourque

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

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

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Loose	$	1,655.00
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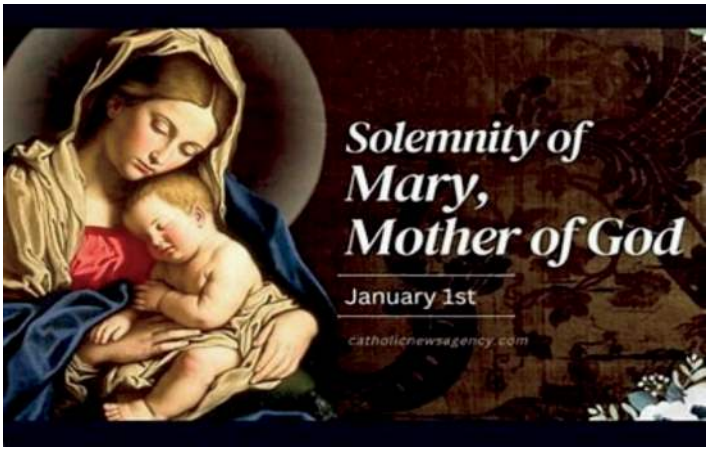

CURRENT EVENTS

Tuesday, December 30, 2025
Mass at 7:00 am
No Faith Formation

Wednesday, December 31, 2025
New Year's Eve - Solemnity of Mary Vigil
Mass at 4:00 pm
No Pro-Life Rosary
No Mass at 9:00 am

Thursday, January 1, 2026
New Year's Day - Solemnity of Mary
Masses at 8:00 am & 10:00 am
No Mass at 7:00 am

Friday, January 2, 2026 - First Friday
OLAS, K.C. Ladies Auxiliary & K.C. Members to attend 7:00 am Mass

Saturday, January 3, 2026 - First Saturday
OLAS, K.C. Ladies Auxiliary & K.C. Members to attend 9:00 am Mass
Mass at 4:00 pm

Sunday, January 4, 2026
Masses at: 8:00 am & 10:00 am

Happy New Year!!!
Wishing You & Your Family
God's Greatest Blessings!!!

MASS SERVERS
December 30, 2025 - January 4, 2026

DAY DATE	TIME	CELEBRANT	READERS	LAY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION	ALTAR SERVERS
Tuesday 12/30/25	***7:00am***	Fr. Matthew Higginbotham	Pete Aucoin		Sacristan
New Year's Eve Solemnity of Mary Vigil 12/31/25	***4:00pm***	Fr. Matthew Higginbotham	Vikki Morgan	Mike Degeyter Doris Degeyter	Allie Comeaux Sophia Comeaux
New Year's Day Solemnity of Mary 1/1/26	***8:00am***	Fr. Ed Degeyter	Pete Aucoin	Holli Cambre Julie Roy Mary Pesson Rickey Segura	**See Altar Server Schedule**
	10:00am	Fr. Matthew Higginbotham	Jenny Gonsoulin	Wayne Duhon June Jones	**See Altar Server Schedule**
Friday 1/2/26	***7:00am***	Fr. Ed Degeyter			Sacristan
Saturday 1/3/26	***9:00am***	Fr. Ed Degeyter			Sacristan
	4:00pm	Fr. Matthew Higginbotham			**See Altar Server Schedule**
Sunday 1/4/26	***8:00am***	Fr. Matthew Higginbotham			**See Altar Server Schedule**
	10:00am	Fr. Matthew Higginbotham			**See Altar Server Schedule**

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