

Nativity of Our Lady Catholic Church

130 N. Richelieu Circle • New Iberia, LA 70560

Phone: (337) 364-8360 • Email: nativity@ni.brcoxmail.com

Website: www.nativityni.org

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

SECRETARY:

Kimberly Richard

RECEPTIONIST:

Sheryl S. Bourque

DIRECTOR OF FAITH FORMATION:

Janet Viator – 337-365-3759

YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT COORDINATOR:

Amber Salsman

PASTORAL COUNCIL

PRESIDENT: *André Schlicher*

RECONCILIATION:

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

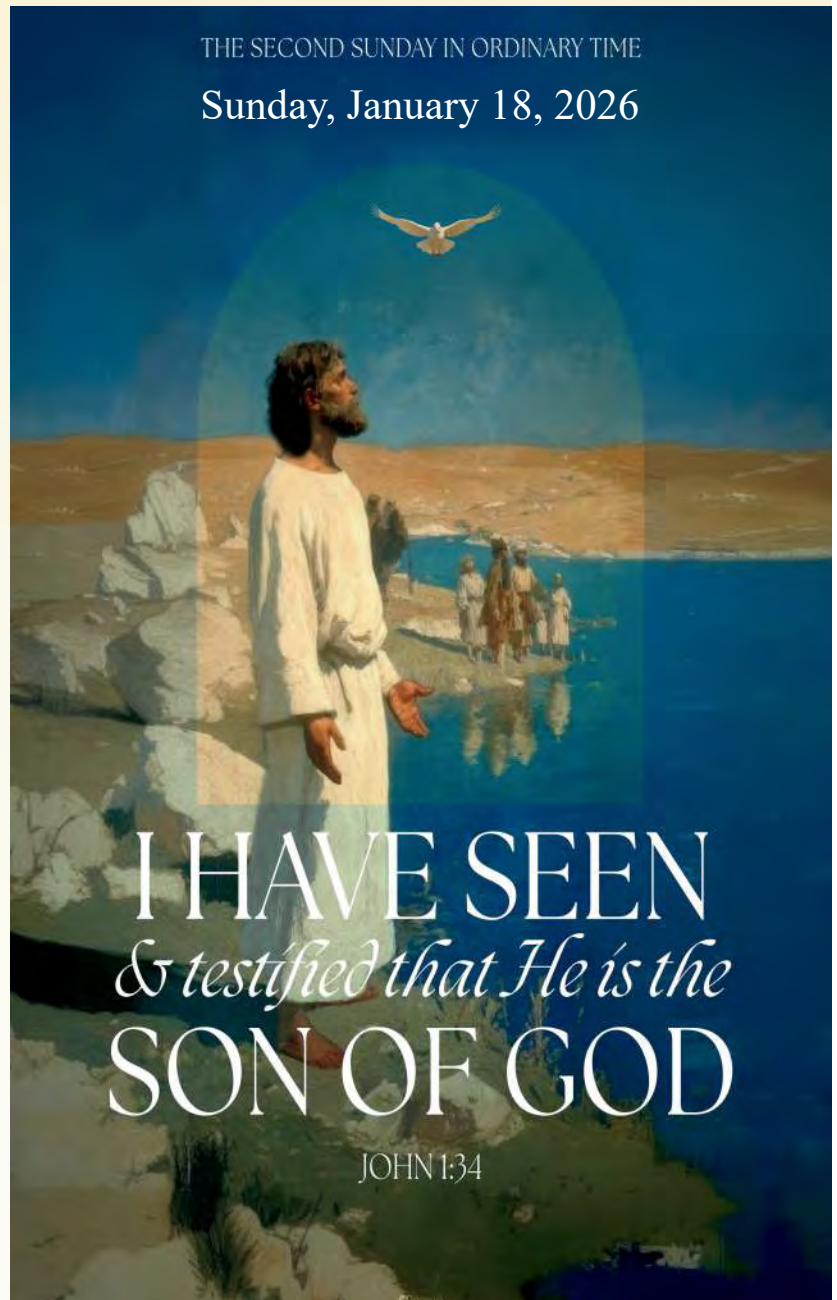
ROSARY:

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



Isaiah 49:3, 5-6
Psalms 40:2, 4, 7-10
1 Corinthians 1:1-3
John 1:29-34



The Second Sunday In Ordinary Time

Jesus speaks through the prophet Isaiah in today's First Reading. He tells us of the mission given to Him by the Father from the womb: "You are My servant," He said to Me." Servant and Son, our Lord was sent to lead a new exodus—to raise up the exiled tribes of Israel, to gather and restore them to God. More than that, He was to be a light to the nations, that God's salvation may reach to the ends of the earth (see [Acts 13:46-47](#)). Before the first exodus, a lamb was offered in sacrifice and its blood painted on the Israelites' door posts. The blood of the lamb identified their homes and the Lord "passed over" these in executing judgment on the Egyptians (see [Exodus 12:1-23, 27](#)).

In the new exodus, Jesus is the "Lamb of God," as John beholds Him in the Gospel today (see [1 Corinthians 5:7](#); [1 Peter 1:18-19](#)). Our Lord sings of this in today's Psalm. He has come, He says, to offer His body to do the will of God (see [Hebrews 10:3-13](#)). The sacrifices, oblations, holocausts, and sin offerings given after the first exodus had no power to take away sins (see [Hebrews 10:4](#)). They were meant not to save but to teach (see [Galatians 3:24](#)). In offering these sacrifices, the people were to learn self-sacrifice—that they were made for worship, to offer themselves freely to God and to delight in His will. Only Jesus could make that perfect offering of Himself. And through His sacrifice, He has given us ears open to obedience, He has made it possible for us to hear the Father's call to holiness, as Paul says in today's Epistle. He has made us children of God, baptized in the blood of the Lamb (see [Revelation 7:14](#)). And we are to join our sacrifice to His, to offer our bodies—our lives—as living sacrifices in the spiritual worship of the Mass (see [Romans 12:1](#)).

Scott Hahn

REFLECTIONS - THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

We have been consecrated in baptism and called to be holy. Do you ever think about what that means? What do you think it means to be "holy" and do you think it applies to you? According to the dictionary, "holy" means belonging to God, consecrated, deserving deep respect, awe, and reverence. Holy is not something you become but what you are. You did not earn it but you can develop it. We all have talents and abilities but they cannot bear fruit unless we develop them and hone our skills. So it is with holiness. Reflect on what it means to be holy and what you are doing to become more holy.

To do your will, Oh my God, is my delight, and your law is within my heart. - Psalm 40:8

Inspirational Catholic Quotes

Only God knows our true needs.
Saint Teresa of Calcutta

The only way to make rapid progress along the path of divine love is to remain very little and to put all our trust in Almighty God. That is what I have done.
St. Therese of Lisieux

PARISH VOCATION CROSS



The Vocation Cross is taken by:

Ellen & Dan Claudy
(January 18th - January 24th)

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.



**St. Katharine Drexel Acts Coalition
Men's Acts Retreat**

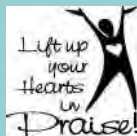
March 19-22, 2026

Register online:

<https://tinyurl.com/2026Menretreatant>

Calling all 18 through 28 year olds!

On **Saturday, February 28, 2026**, all **18 to 28 year olds** are welcome to participate in a **Retreat** here at **Nativity of Our Lady Catholic Church**. It will begin at 9:00am and end after the 4:00pm Mass. Come experience the presence of our Lord with Confession, Eucharistic Adoration, Praise & Worship, Prayer & Reflection, Fellowship, Spiritual Talks, and other activities that will help you grow into a deeper relationship with Christ. Lunch will be provided. Guest speakers and musicians are Lance Strother and Shawn Carter. The cost to attend is \$25.00. Must pay by cash or check. For more information and to register please come by the Nativity Church Office or call 337-364-8360.



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



Healing Mass for Widows

Fr. Manny Fernandez



Saturday Jan 24, 2026 - 9:00am Confession - 10:am Mass
Doors open 8:30am (Limited Seating)

Holy Trinity Catholic Resource Center
103 Amaryllis Dr., Lafayette, LA 70503

FREE - Registration is Required

Lisa (337) 945-5075
Janelle (337) 412-2399
Carolyn (337) 288-8103
Jelena (337) 277-7719

The **Diocesan Marriage Anniversary Mass** is sponsored annually by the Office of Marriage and Family Life. This celebration is hosted by various church parishes throughout the diocese, during the month of February. One Mass is designated for the recognition of couples who are celebrating 25, 40, 50, 60, or more years of married life within that calendar year.

The **2026 Marriage Anniversary Mass** will be held at **2:00pm** on **Sunday, February 1, 2026** at **St. Anne Catholic Church** in Youngsville. **Bishop J. Douglas Deshotel** will be the celebrant.

All registered couples will receive a certificate in honor of their marriage anniversary. Reserved seating is only available for the couples being honored. Family & Friends are welcome to attend the Mass on a first come first served basis until max capacity has been reached. Registration is required. **The Deadline to register is January 26th**. For more information and to register: <https://diolaf.org/marriage-anniversary-mass-information>.

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, Josephine Delcambre, Jody Ellen Hudson, Jim & Brenda Prejean, Jessica Gary Dubois, Joni Gullotta, Fisher Whitaker, The Babin, Trahan & Richard Fly, Deacon John Sarkies, James & Doreen Norman, 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, Kathleen & Larry Viator, Duppy Duplantis, Caroline Dubois, Bailey Prudhomme. 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, January 20, 2026

7:00am Nicholas Viator (29th ann of death)

Wednesday, January 21, 2026

4:00pm Patrick J. Richard, Carrol Romero, Sr.
Ernest "Topper" Breaux
Fr. Edward Degeyter (liv)

Thursday, January 22, 2026

7:00am Daspit Elementary Students & Teachers

Friday, January 23, 2026

7:00am Donna Krai (liv), Special Intention
Don Taylor (ann of death)
Carlyle Hebert, Sr. (ann of death)

Saturday, January 24, 2026

4:00pm Fr. Tom Finley, Lloyd & Nina Geoffrey
William Kell Lewis, Bill Olivier
Bayne Olivier, Shirley Blenderman
Jules & Leona Broussard

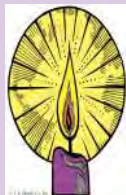
Sunday, January 25, 2026

8:00am Parishioners, M/M Raymond Landry
Henry & Dorothy McDonald
Warren & Sandra Gaspard Fly

10:00am Msgr. H.J. Barsen, Fr. A.J. Boumans
Harvey & Joyce DeCourt
Romero & Walker Fly

SANCTUARY LIGHT:

In Memory of:
Mike Belaire Fly



Pope Leo XIV Monthly Intention January 2026

For prayer with the Word of God.

Let us pray that praying with the Word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us to build a more fraternal and missionary Church.

O Lord Jesus Christ, open the eyes of my heart that I may hear your Word, and understand and do your will, for I am a sojourner upon the Earth.

Hide not your commandments from me, but open my eyes, that I may perceive the wonders of your Law.

Speak unto me the hidden and secret things of your wisdom.

On you do I set my hope, O my God, that you shall enlighten my mind and understanding with the light of your knowledge; not only to cherish those things which are written, but to do them; For you are the enlightenment of those who lie in darkness, and from you comes every good deed and every gift.

Amen.

Pope Leo XIV

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

OUR GIFTS TO GOD	January 4, 2026
Loose.....	\$ 1,677.00
Envelopes	\$ 4,076.00
Total (collected).....	\$ 5,753.00
Online Giving offertory	\$ 4,306.00
Mailed in offertory.....	\$ 515.00
Total offertory (week).....	\$ 10,574.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$ 2,768.00

Thank you for your generosity!!!!

Nativity of Our Lady is hosting a
**RECEPTION FOR FR. ED
IN HONOR OF HIS 56th
ANNIVERSARY OF ORDINATION**
following the 9am Mass on
Wednesday, January 21st. Please bring
your favorite continental breakfast
items or finger foods. Please call Margo
LeBlanc at 380-3319, if you have any
questions.



CURRENT EVENTS

Tuesday, January 20, 2026

Mass at 7:00 am
No Faith Formation
ACTS Meeting - 6pm

Wednesday, January 21, 2026

Pro-Life Rosary - 8:20 am
Mass at 9:00 am
Fr. Ed's 56th Anniversary of Ordination Celebration
Parish Hall immediately following 9am Mass

Thursday, January 22, 2026

Mass at 7:00 am

Friday, January 23, 2026

Mass at 7:00 am

Saturday, January 24, 2026

Mass at 4:00 pm

Sunday, January 25, 2026

Masses at: 8:00 am & 10:00 am

Sacristan Needed

We are in need of a Volunteer Sacristan every
Tuesday for 9:00am Mass at New Iberia Manor North
Nursing Home. Please call Cindy Landry for more
information at 337-256-2208, or the Church Office at
337-364-8360.

2025 Contributions Statement

If you would like to have a copy of your 2025
Statement of Contributions mailed to you, please call
the office at (337)364-8360 to request one.

MASS SERVERS January 20, 2026 - January 25, 2026

DAY DATE	TIME	CELEBRANT	READERS	LAY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION	ALTAR SERVERS
Tuesday 1/20/26	7:00am	Fr. Matthew Higginbotham	Ellen Claudy		Sacristan
Wednesday 1/21/26	9:00am	Fr. Ed Degeyter	Ginger Comeaux	Brenda Romero Vicki Murdock Doris Degeyter Mike Degeyter	Sacristan
Thursday 1/22/26	7:00am	Fr. Matthew Higginbotham	Vikki Morgan		Sacristan
Friday 1/23/26	7:00am	Fr. Matthew Higginbotham	Chad Courtois		Sacristan
Saturday 1/24/26	4:00pm	Fr. Matthew Higginbotham	Jenny Gonsoulin	Cynthia Elmer Willie Elmer	Serena Bedia
Sunday 1/25/26	8:00am	Fr. Matthew Higginbotham	Paul Broussard	Rickey Segura Brenda Comeaux	Khôi Nguyen Tai Nguyen
	10:00am	Fr. Matthew Higginbotham	Vincent Borne	Linda Viator Melissa Dworaczyk	Ephraim Trahan Benjamin Trahan

Diocesan is proud to be printing
*Nativity of Our Lady's
 Sunday Bulletin*

You are invited to help support our Parish!
 For opportunities to advertise,
 Please call 800-994-9817

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
 IN SERVICE TO ONE
 IN SERVICE TO ALL
BEN L. KIPER COUNCIL 12997
 NEW MEMBERS INVITED


Robichaux Veterinary Clinic
 364-ROBI 364-7624
 705 Estate South
 Lonnie J. Robichaux, DVM


EVANGELINE FUNERAL HOME

 314 E. St. Peter Street
 New Iberia
 337-364-1881
www.evangelinefuneralhome.com

Chad C. Courtois
 * Advantaged Assets *
 337-261-9863

Retirement
 Life
 Health
 Service
 Solutions


Dr. Donald W. Henagan
Dr. Abigail Henagan Daly
 337.364.2156

EWTN.COM/RADIO

EWTN
 Global Catholic Radio



PORTEUS R. BURKE, ATTORNEY
 Specializing in Personal Injury Law
BURTON E. CESTIA, ATTORNEY
 Specializing in Succession Law & Estates
 365-6628

IBERIA

SPORTS & REHABILITATION
 337-367-3331 • www.isrehab.com

PELLERIN
 FUNERAL HOMES
 Funeral Home & Cremation Services
 337-365-3331

FREMIN'S
 furniture & food
 337-365-6657
 603 F W. Admiral Doyle Dr.
 New Iberia, LA


 Get this bulletin emailed to you every week.
 Simply go to
www.DM.CHURCH/5658
 ...or scan → 


 Specializing in Boiled, Fried and Grilled Seafood with a Variety of Chinese Entrees
 1201 Jane Street
 365-5412
 Tuesday through Sunday 4 to 10...Closed Mondays
www.Janesseafood.com

cfirstbank.com
 NEW IBERIA | BREAUX BRIDGE
 BROUSSARD | LAFAYETTE | LOREAUVILLE
 ST. MARTINVILLE | YOUNGSSVILLE
 Member FDIC EQUAL HOUSING LENDER


Iberia Gastroenterology Associates
 2309 E Main St., Ste 101
 337-364-3301
iberiagastro.com
 Dr. Son V. Nguyen

catholicmatch®
 Louisiana

CatholicMatch.com/goLA

Consider Remembering Your Parish in Your Will
 For further information, please call the parish office.

TUTTIE'S
 MACHINE & SUPPLY
 Keith J. Romero
 367-6601
 1604 Jane Street

IN LOVING MEMORY OF
 Judy Giannetto

Holy Family Cemetery
 "A peaceful resting place among the Christian Community"
 337-364-1663
 2807 Curtis Lane, New Iberia

Lewis St. Laundromat
 • Large Comforters & Blankets
 • Wash, Dry & Fold Services
 • Ironing & Steaming
 337-364-5828
 301 Lewis Street

ADVERTISE HERE
 Promote your Business AND support your Parish.
 Christian Gambel ~ 337-781-5127
cgambel@diocesan.com