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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 Degeyer

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PRESIDENT: *Andrée Schlicher*

RECONCILIATION:

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

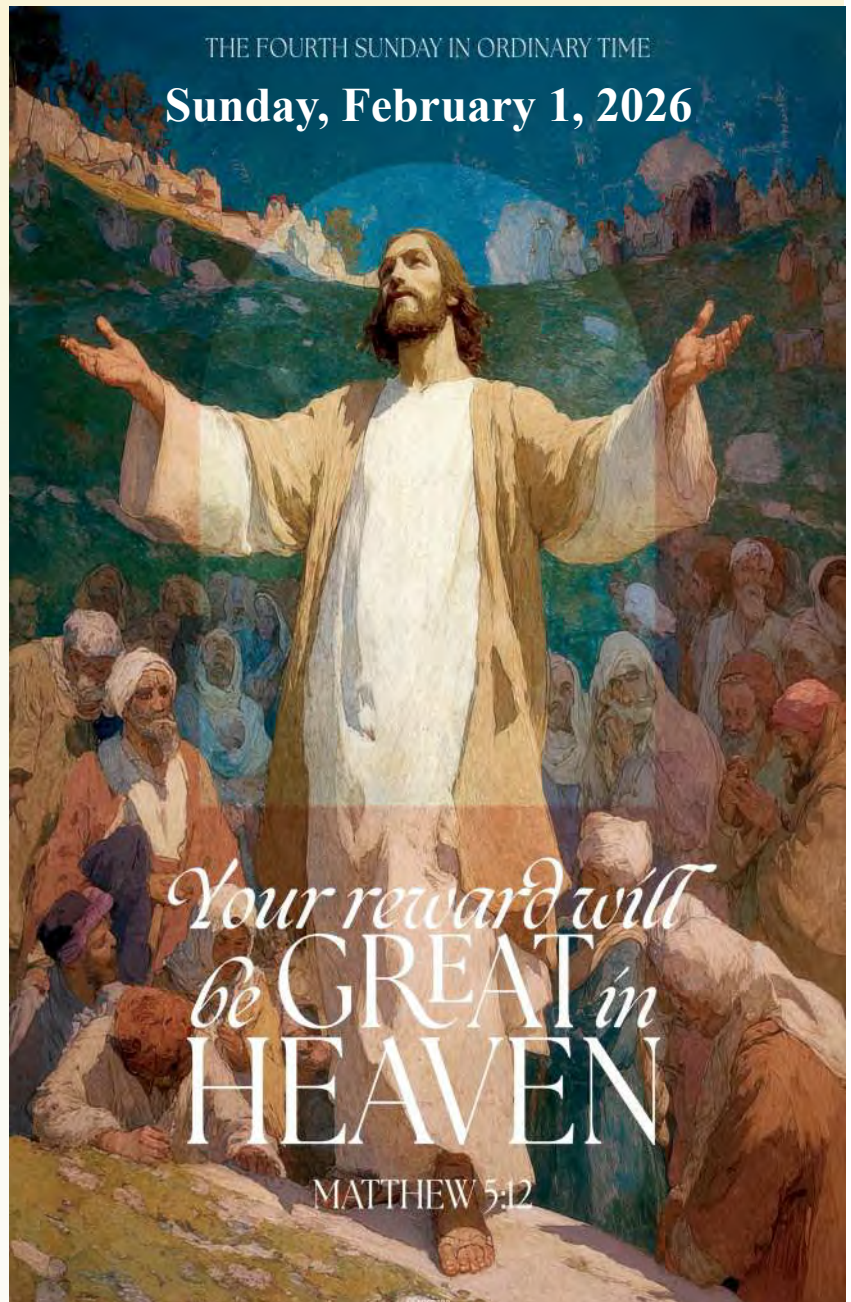
ROSARY:

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



Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13
Psalm 146:6-10
1 Corinthians 1:26-31
Matthew 5:1-12



The Fourth Sunday In Ordinary Time

In the readings since Christmas, Jesus has been revealed as the new royal son of David and Son of God. He is sent to lead a new exodus that brings Israel out of captivity to the nations and brings all the nations to God. As Moses led Israel from Egypt through the sea to give them God's law on Mount Sinai, Jesus too has passed through the waters in baptism. Now, in today's Gospel, He goes to the mountain to proclaim a new law—the law of His Kingdom. The Beatitudes mark the fulfillment of God's covenant promise to Abraham—that through his descendants all the nations of the world would receive God's blessings (see [Genesis 12:3; 22:18](#)). Jesus is the son of Abraham (see [Matthew 1:1](#)). And through the wisdom He speaks today, He bestows the Father's blessings upon "the poor in spirit." God has chosen to bless the weak and lowly, those foolish and despised in the eyes of the world, Paul says in today's Epistle. The poor in spirit are those who know that nothing they do can merit God's mercy and grace. These are the humble remnant in today's First Reading, taught to seek refuge in the name of the Lord. The Beatitudes reveal the divine path and purpose for our lives. All our striving should be for these virtues—to be poor in spirit; meek and clean of heart; merciful and makers of peace; seekers of the righteousness that comes from living by the law of Kingdom. The path the Lord sets before us today is one of trials and persecution. But He promises comfort in our mourning and a great reward. The Kingdom we have inherited is no earthly territory but the promised land of heaven. It is Zion where the Lord reigns forever. And, as we sing in today's Psalm, its blessings are for those whose hope is in the Lord.

Scott Hahn

REFLECTIONS - THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Paul reminds the Corinthians that God has not chosen them because they are wise or influential. Such things are unimportant. God loves to use the poor and the outcasts and the weak. When their good deeds are seen, it is clearly the work of God and not themselves alone. Let us not excuse ourselves from the little things we can do; but rather do them to the best of our ability and let God work His miracles through us.

*Let your light shine before men, that they may see your good works
and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.. - Matthew 5:16*

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Inspirational Catholic Quotes

We must never think any of us is indispensable. God has His ways and means. God may allow everything to go upside down in the hands of a very talented and capable person. Unless the work is interwoven with love, it is useless.

Saint Teresa of Calcutta

PARISH VOCATION CROSS



The Vocation Cross is taken by:

Ross & Cindy Landry

(February 1st- February 7th)

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.

DEVOTION FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY

The Holy Family

A Prayer to the Holy Family

God, in Your Divine wisdom and solicitude for mankind, You instituted marriage for the continuation of the human race and for the mutual earthly and eternal happiness of men and women. Be so kind as to bless the homes of our beloved country. Give to the manhood of the nation, who share in Your Divine fatherhood, a fuller understanding of the dignity and responsibility of their calling. Make them careful providers, gentle protectors, and shining examples of Christian virtue in their homes. Give to the women of America a true realization of the dignity and purpose of motherhood. Let the beautiful example of Your most holy Mother inspire them with a deep loyalty and constant devotion to their homes. May the life of Your Divine Son inspire a spirit of love, respect, and obedience in the souls of our children. Grant that fathers, mothers, and children may in their souls have charity, which is the bond of perfection. May the peace of Christ reign in their hearts and homes, so that, instructed by the example of Your Holy Family, they may be received by You into their eternal home, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Consecration to The Holy Family

O Jesus, our most loving Redeemer, who having come to enlighten the world with Thy teaching and example, didst will to pass the greater part of thy life in humility and subjection to Mary and Joseph in the poor home of Nazareth, thus sanctifying the Family that was to be an example for all Christian families, graciously receive our family as it dedicates and consecrates itself to Thee this day. Do Thou defend us, guard us and establish amongst us Thy holy fear, true peace, and concord in Christian love: in order that, by conforming ourselves to the divine pattern of Thy family, we may be able, all of us without exception, to attain to eternal happiness. Mary, dear Mother of Jesus and Mother of us, by thy kindly intercession make this our humble offering acceptable in the sight of Jesus, and obtain for us His graces and blessings. O Saint Joseph, most holy guardian of Jesus and Mary, assist us by thy prayers in all our spiritual and temporal necessities; that so we may be enabled to praise our divine Savior Jesus, together with Mary and thee, for all eternity.

Our Father, Hail Mary and Glory be, three times.

6 Ways to Honor the Holy Family this Month

Consecrate your family to the Holy Family.

Pray the Family Rosary together.

Strengthen and/or affirm your family's devotion to the Eucharist as the nourishment of family life.

Place an image or icon of the Holy Family in your home.

Have a Holy Water Font at the door.

Bless each other at bedtime and mention each family members name in prayer before falling asleep.

Resolutions for 2026

Catholic Study Bible - Read it. Study it.

Didache Bible - Midwest Theological Forum-Ignatius Bible

Great Adventure Bible - Ascension Press

Ignatius Study Bible

Read Matthew 5 or Luke 6 once a month.

Go to Confession once a month.

Pray the Hail Mary 3x upon waking & 3x before bedtime.

Read one of the letters of St. Paul (Ephesians, Colossians, Philippians).

Pray the Rosary daily.

Try to make time for Eucharistic Adoration.

Read and study the Bread of Life Discourse - John 6.

Good Catholic Devotional Book - Pick devotion and stick with it.

Read the biography of a saint. Get to know them personally.

Read/Study Galatians 5-Works of the Flesh vs. Fruits of the Holy Spirit.

Pray the 7 Penitential Psalms - One for each day of the week.

Psalms 6, 32, 38, 51, 102, 130, and 143. Psalm 51 should be on Friday.

Apologetics Series from San Juan Catholic Seminars

catholicapologetics.com

YouTube - Dr. Scott Hahn, Trent Horn, Dr. Karlo Broussard, Jimmy Akin.

Universal Catechism of the Catholic Church

Read Exodus Chapters 12 & 13 - The First Passover.

Become an Intentional Disciple, not just a cultural Catholic.

2 Corinthians 2:14-17 - The Aroma of Christ.

Fall in love with God!!!

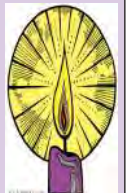
Note of Thanks from Father Ed

It was a great joy to see so many of you, Nativity Parishioners and guests, present for my 56th Anniversary of Ordination Mass and reception. My sincere thanks to all who took part in any way. Please know how special all of you are to me, and be assured of my continued prayers and remembrance. May God's choicest blessings be with you, and may our Mother Mary's prayers and intercessions for you support and strengthen you.

Fr. Ed Degeyter

SANCTUARY LIGHT:

In Memory of:
Mark A. Bourque
1st Anniversary of Death



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, Jane Patin. 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, February 3, 2026

7:00am Laura Broussard (4yr ann of death)

Wednesday, February 4, 2026

9:00am Cecil Hymel, Lloyd Geoffrey, Jr.
Whitney & Una Broussard, Odelle Walker
Jerry Dooley, Andre LaBauve

Thursday, February 5, 2026

7:00am Hadley "John" Babin, Jr.

Friday, February 6, 2026

7:00am Don Taylor, Carlyle Hebert Fly
Janell Broussard, Lee Broussard
Elaine & Warren Broussard, Vocations
Raymond & Pearlle Romero
E.J. & Gloria Segura, Wayne Bell
Kent Smith, Donna M. Snoddy (bd)
Bishop Deshotel, Special Intention
United States of America

Saturday, February 7, 2026

9:00am Brother & Claire LaBauve, Nancy Shuman
Andre LaBauve, M/M Raymond Landry
Special Intention, United States Military
4:00pm Fr. Tom Finley, Rodolph Dugas, Jr. Fly
William Kell Lewis, Bill Olivier
Bayne Olivier, Lynward Ransonet
Mark A. Bourque, DeHart & Estilette Fly
Paul Dominique Fly, Jerry Dooley
Dressel & Ransonet Fly, Rachel R. Romero
Rudy Delcambre Fly, Louis Boudreaux, Sr.

Sunday, February 8, 2026

8:00am Parishioners, Tan (bd) & Jean Dugas
Henry & Dorothy McDonald
Creed Dugas, Donna M. Snoddy

10:00am Msgr. H.J. Barsen, Fr. A.J. Boumans
Harvey & Joyce DeCourt, Donna M. Lanza



YOUNG ADULT PRAISE & WORSHIP RETREAT

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.

Guest Speakers & Musicians:
Lance Strother & Shawn Carter

Cost to Attend: \$25.00(Cash or Check)
Lunch will be provided.

Come experience the presence of our Lord
with Mass, Confession, Eucharistic
Adoration, Praise & Worship, Prayer &
Reflection, Fellowship, Spiritual Talks, and
other activities that will help you grow into a
deeper relationship with Christ.

For more information and to register
please come by the Nativity Church Office,
call 337-364-8360, or pick up a registration
flyer after all Masses & return to
Nativity Church Office with your
payment by deadline of 2/16/2026.



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

OUR GIFTS TO GOD		January 18, 2026
Loose.....	\$	1,302.00
Envelopes	\$	2,511.00
Total (collected).....	\$	3,813.00
Online Giving offertory	\$	691.00
Mailed in offertory.....	\$	382.00
Total offertory (week).....	\$	4,886.00
New Iberia Poor & Needy	\$	988.00

Thank you for your generosity!!!!



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

March 19-22, 2026

Register online:

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

CURRENT EVENTS

Tuesday, February 3, 2026

Mass at 7:00 am
Faith Formation - 6pm - 7pm

Wednesday, February 4, 2026

Pro-Life Rosary - 8:20 am
Mass at 9:00 am

Thursday, February 5, 2026

Mass at 7:00 am

Friday, February 6, 2026 - First Friday

OLAS, K.C. Ladies Auxiliary & K.C. Members
to attend 7:00am Mass
Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction
7:30am to 11:00am in Church

Saturday, February 7, 2026 - First Saturday

OLAS, K.C. Ladies Auxiliary & K.C. Members
to attend 9:00am Mass
Mass at 4:00 pm
Confirmation Retreat - Parish & Barsen Hall
8:30am to 9:30pm

Sunday, February 8, 2026

Masses at: 8:00 am & 10:00 am
Bishop's Services Appeal Commitment

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
February 3, 2026 - February 8, 2026**

DAY DATE	TIME	CELEBRANT	READERS	LAY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION	ALTAR SERVERS
Tuesday 2/3/26	7:00am	Fr. Matthew Higginbotham	See Reader Schedule		Sacristan
Wednesday 2/4/26	9:00am	Fr. Ed Degeyter	See Reader Schedule		Sacristan
Thursday 2/5/26	7:00am	Fr. Matthew Higginbotham	See Reader Schedule		Sacristan
Friday 2/6/26	7:00am	Fr. Matthew Higginbotham	See Reader Schedule		Sacristan
Saturday 2/7/26	9:00am	Fr. Ed Degeyter	See Reader Schedule		Sacristan
	4:00pm	Fr. Matthew Higginbotham	See Reader Schedule		See Altar Server Schedule
Sunday 2/8/26	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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