

# *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 Degeyer*

## **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

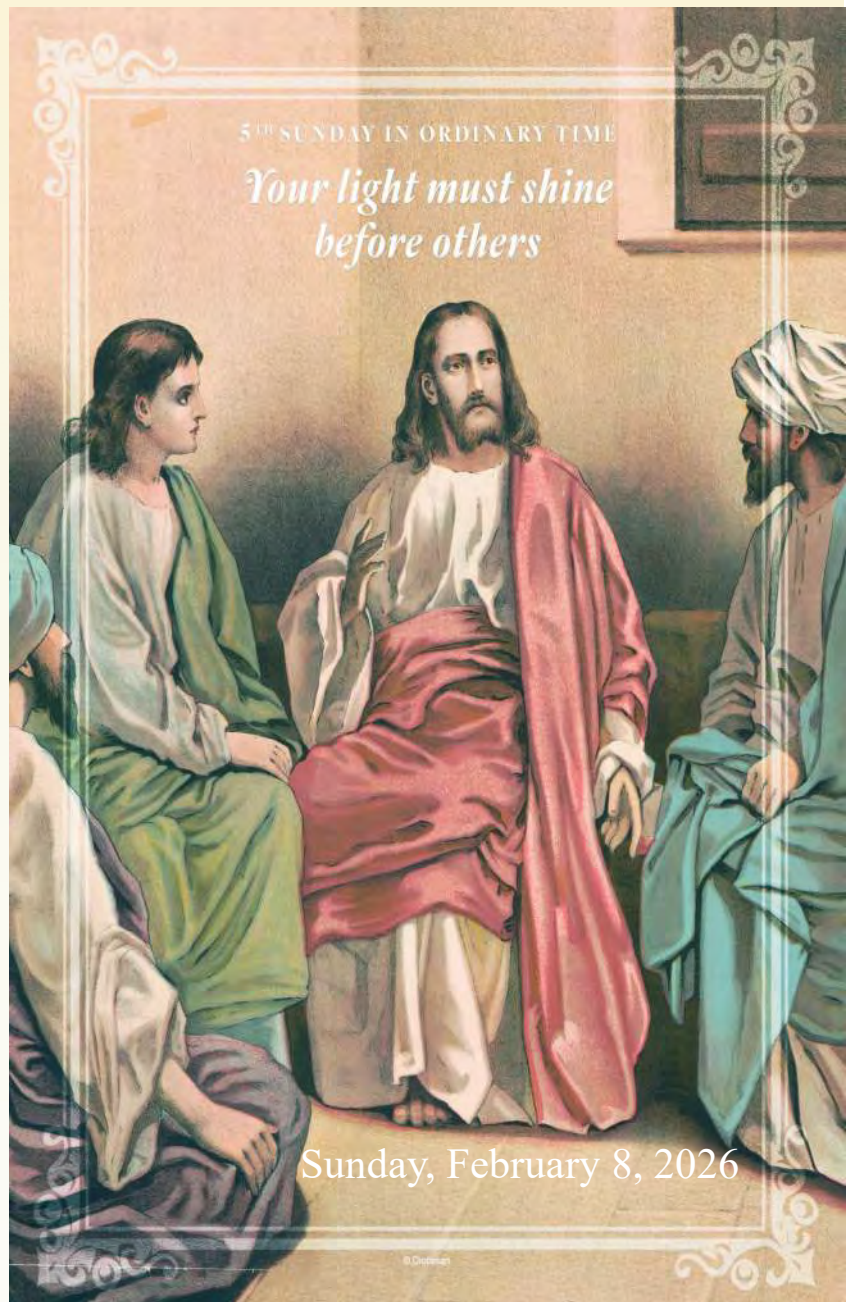
## **ROSARY:**

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 58:7-10**  
**Psalm 112:4-9**  
**1 Corinthians 2:1-5**  
**Matthew 5:13-16**



### The Fifth Sunday In Ordinary Time

Jesus came among us as light to scatter the darkness of a fallen world. As His disciples, we too are called to be “the light of the world,” He tells us in the Gospel this Sunday (see John 1:4–4, 9; 8:12; 9:5). All three images that Jesus uses to describe the Church are associated with the identity and vocation of Israel. God forever aligned His kingdom with the kingdom of David and his sons by a “covenant of salt,” salt being a sign of permanence and purity (see 2 Chronicles 13:5, 8; Leviticus 2:13; Ezekiel 43:24). Jerusalem was to be a city set on a hill, high above all others, drawing all nations towards the glorious light streaming from her Temple (see Isaiah 2:2; 60:1–3). And Israel was given the mission of being a light to the nations, that God’s salvation would reach to the ends of the earth (see Isaiah 42:6; 49:6). The liturgy shows us this week that the Church, and every Christian, is called to fulfill Israel’s mission. By our faith and good works, we are to make the light of God’s life break forth in the darkness, as we sing in this week’s Psalm. This week’s readings remind us that our faith can never be a private affair, something we can hide as if under a basket. We are to pour ourselves out for the afflicted, as Isaiah tells us in the First Reading. Our light must shine as a ray of God’s mercy for all who are poor, hungry, naked, and enslaved. There must be a transparent quality to our lives. Our friends and family, our neighbors and fellow citizens, should see reflected in us the light of Christ and through us be attracted to the saving truths of the Gospel. So let us pray that we, like St. Paul in the Epistle, might proclaim with our whole lives, “Christ and him crucified.”

Scott Hahn

### REFLECTIONS - THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Each one of us is born with potential regardless of the circumstances we are born into. As we grow, those around us can either nourish or stifle that potential. The real challenge we all face is to use what we have been given to the best of our ability in the time and the circumstances in which we find ourselves. How are you using your abilities?

*Share your bread with the hungry, shelter the oppressed and the homeless....*

*Then your light shall break forth like the dawn. - Isaiah 58:7-8*

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### Inspirational Catholic Quotes

You are a messenger of God’s love, a living lamp that offers its light to all, and the salt of the earth. Take Jesus to the people and places that need Him most today.

Saint Teresa of Calcutta

O the mercy of God! Never does He refuse to be merciful, but is ever present to those who turn to Him.

Saint Anthony of Padua

### PARISH VOCATION CROSS

The Vocation Cross is taken by:



**Willie & Cynthia Elmer**

(February 8<sup>th</sup> - February 14<sup>th</sup>)

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.

# YOUNG ADULT'S PRAISE & WORSHIP RETREAT

**18 -28 Year Olds Welcome**

Come experience the presence of our  
Lord with Confession, Prayer,  
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**9:00 AM UNTIL 5:00 PM**

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**To Register** for Young Adult Praise & Worship Retreat **Scan QR Code Above** and fill out Registration Form on google docs or go to Nativity of Our Lady Website: [www.nativityni.org](http://www.nativityni.org), then click on **news & updates**, which brings you to Registration Form or you may use paper registration forms in church and return to church office. Cost is \$25.00 (cash or check) and may be paid day of event or brought to office in advance. Lunch is provided for retreatants Saturday, February 28, 2026. Registration has been extended to Monday, February 23, 2026. Parents & Grandparents please consider paying for your child or grandchild, as an act of your love for them. Thank you in advance.

## 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, Juanita & Hargis Lewis, Nettie Voorhies, Johnathon Angers. 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 10, 2026**

**7:00am** Mark Landry II (liv bd)

**Wednesday, February 11, 2026**

**9:00am** Carrol & Brenda Romero Fly

Andre LaBauve, Creed Dugas (bd)

Robin Valverde (liv bd)

**Thursday, February 12, 2026**

**7:00am** Maudrey & Lloyd J. Landry

**Friday, February 13, 2026**

**7:00am** Murriel Trahan (ann of death)

The Netwiller Fly

Raymond & Pearlie Romero

**Saturday, February 14, 2026**

**4:00pm** Fr. Tom Finley, Roy Flores

William Kell Lewis, Bill Olivier

Bayne Olivier, Lynward Ransonet

Rachel R. Romero, Mrs. Terry Borel

Jules & Leona Broussard

Ralph Olmstead (liv bd)

Zachary Richard (liv), Kylee Voorhies (liv)

**Sunday, February 15, 2026**

**8:00am** Parishioners, Henry & Dorothy McDonald

**10:00am** Msgr. H.J. Barsen, Fr. A.J. Boumans

Harvey & Joyce DeCourt, Donna M. Lanza

### 2026 BISHOP'S SERVICES APPEAL

#### Supporting the Works of Christ

COMMITMENT WEEKEND, February 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>

This weekend is the BSA Commitment Weekend, our opportunity to put our faith into action by pledging our support to the 2026 Bishop's Services Appeal:

*"Holding the Faith: Decades of Prayer & Service."*

Please join your fellow parishioners in making a gift that sustains the essential ministries and life-changing services of the Diocese of Lafayette, placing our bead of support in our unbroken circle of faith and love for our neighbors. Please prayerfully consider making a sacrificial gift or commitment to this year's BSA.

### ST. KATHARINE DREXEL FEASTDAY HOLY HOUR, SUNDAY, MARCH 1, 2026

St. Katarine was born in 1858 and died on March 3, 1955. She was an heiress who devoted her life and fortune to serving the Eucharistic Christ through the black and Native American people. She founded the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament who served throughout the country, but especially in Acadiana. At the time of her death, her sisters were serving in 48 elementary schools (including St. Edward in New Iberia), 12 high schools and one college - Xavier University in New Orleans. She taught us how to live united in the Eucharistic Christ.

In honor of St. Katharine's Feast Day, which is Monday, March 3, 2025, the Associates of the Sisters of the blessed Sacrament will host a Holy Hour on **Sunday, March 1, 2026 at 3:00 PM at St. Edward Church, 175 Ambassador LeMelle St., New Iberia.** Before the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, a relic of St. Katharine will be venerated. Please join us in worshipping Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament and remembering St. Katharine who walked these holy grounds in New Iberia.

### WAY OF THE CROSS

Every Friday during Lent at 5:30pm in church. There will be no 7:00am Mass on Fridays in Lent.

### RECONCILIATION SCHEDULE FOR LENT

Every Saturday from 3:00 - 3:45 pm  
Weekdays - 30 minutes before Mass



### St. Katharine Drexel Acts Coalition - Men's Retreat

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

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

OUR GIFTS TO GOD	January 25, 2026
Loose.....	\$ 1,102.00
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**Thank you for your generosity!!!!**



## CURRENT EVENTS

### Tuesday, February 10, 2026

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

### Wednesday, February 11, 2026

Pro-Life Rosary - 8:20 am  
Mass at 9:00 am  
K.C. & Ladies Auxiliary Supper & Meeting  
Parish & Barsen Halls

### Thursday, February 12, 2026

Mass at 7:00 am

### Friday, February 13, 2026

Mass at 7:00 am

### Saturday, February 14, 2026

**St. Valentine's Day**

Mass at 4:00 pm

### Sunday, February 15, 2026

Masses at: 8:00 am & 10:00 am  
2nd Collection - New Iberia Poor & Needy

### 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.

**Volunteer Sacristan Needed** 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.

## MASS SERVERS

February 10, 2026 - February 15, 2026

DAY DATE	TIME	CELEBRANT	READERS	LAY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION	ALTAR SERVERS
Tuesday 2/10/26	7:00am	Fr. Ed Degeyter	Ellen Claudy	Ross & Cindy Landry Linda Viator	Sacristan
Wednesday 2/11/26	9:00am	Fr. Ed Degeyter	Ginger Comeaux	Willie & Cynthia Elmer Marilyn Gerrets Brenda Romero	Sacristan
Thursday 2/12/26	7:00am	Fr. Ed Degeyter	Vikki Morgan	Linda Viator Percy Barrilleaux	Sacristan
Friday 2/13/26	7:00am	Fr. Ed Degeyter	Chad Courtois	Mike Degeyter Linda Viator Percy Barrilleaux	Sacristan
Saturday 2/14/26	4:00pm	Fr. Ed Degeyter	Jenny Gonsoulin	Marilyn Gerrets Holli Cambre Willie & Cynthia Elmer	See Altar Server Schedule
Sunday 2/15/26	8:00am	Fr. Matthew Higginbotham	Nena Suit	Ricky Segura Wayne Duhon	See Altar Server Schedule
	10:00am	Fr. Matthew Higginbotham	June Jones	Brenda Romero Vickie Murdock	See Altar Server Schedule

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