

# *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

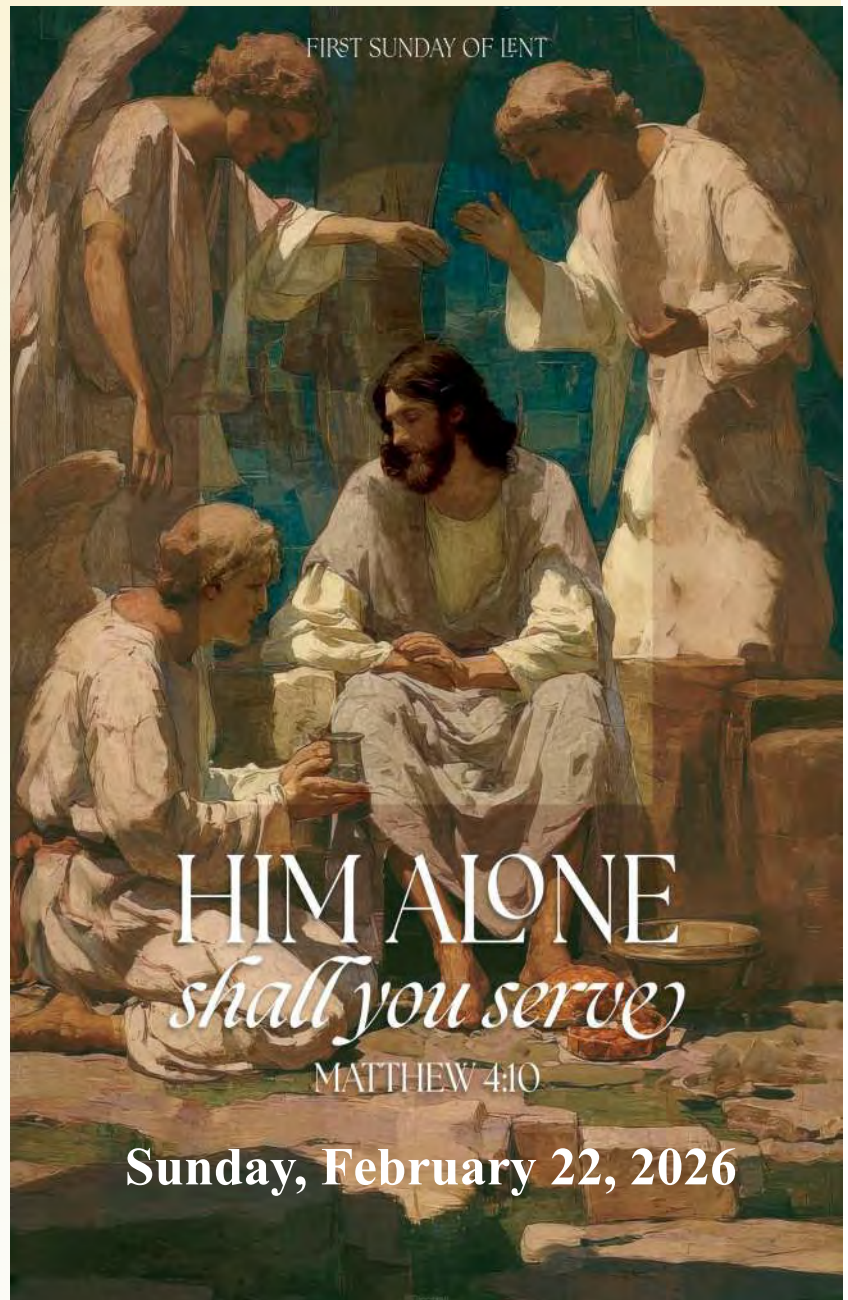
## **ROSARY:**

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



**Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7**  
**Psalm 51:3-6, 12-14, 17**  
**Romans 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19**  
**Matthew 4:1-11**



### The First Sunday of Lent

In today's Liturgy, the destiny of the human race is told as the tale of two "types" of men—the first man, Adam, and the new Adam, Jesus (see 1 Corinthians 15:21–22; 45–59). Paul's argument in the Epistle is built on a series of contrasts between "one" or "one person" and "the many" or "all." By one person's disobedience, sin and condemnation entered the world, and death came to reign over all. By the obedience of another one, grace abounded, all were justified, and life came to reign for all. This is the drama that unfolds in today's First Reading and Gospel. Formed from the clay of the ground and filled with the breath of God's own Spirit, Adam was a son of God (see Luke 3:38), created in His image (see Genesis 5:1–3). Crowned with glory, he was given dominion over the world and the protection of His angels (see Psalms 8:6–8; 91:11–13). He was made to worship God—to live not by bread alone but in obedience to every word that comes from the mouth of the Father.

Adam, however, put the Lord his God to the test. He gave in to the serpent's temptation, trying to seize for himself all that God had already promised him. But in His hour of temptation, Jesus prevailed where Adam failed—and drove the devil away. Still, we sin after the pattern of Adam's transgression. Like Adam, we let sin in the door (see Genesis 4:7) when we entertain doubts about God's promises, when we forget to call on Him in our hours of temptation. But the grace won for us by Christ's obedience means that sin is no longer our master. As we begin this season of repentance, we can be confident in His compassion, that He will create in us a new heart (see [Romans 5:5](#); [Hebrews 8:10](#)). As we do in today's Psalm, we can sing joyfully of our salvation, renewed in His presence.

Scott Hahn

### REFLECTIONS - THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

We all struggle with temptations - even Jesus was tempted in the desert! There is no sin in being tempted. It is the giving into temptation that is the problem. Every time we pray the Lord's Prayer, we say "Lead us not into temptation." Do you ever stop to think about your own responsibility to avoid temptation. Some temptations are just part of life and we have to learn to deal with them. However there are others that we open ourselves to and then bemoan our failure. Just as a reformed alcoholic knows they cannot hang out in a bar, we need to know our weaknesses and avoid temptations when we can.

*Thoroughly wash me from my guilt and of my sin cleanse me. - Psalm 51:2*  
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### Inspirational Catholic Quotes

It is much easier to conquer a country than to conquer ourselves. Every act of disobedience weakens my spiritual life. It is like a wound letting out every drop of one's blood. Nothing can cause havoc in our spiritual life as quickly as disobedience.

Saint Teresa of Calcutta

### PARISH VOCATION CROSS

The Vocation Cross is taken by:

**Linda L. Viator**

(February 22<sup>nd</sup> - February 28<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 PRAISE & WORSHIP RETREAT

Nativity of Our Lady Catholic Church  
130 N. Richelieu Circle  
New Iberia, LA  
337-364-8360

**18 to 30 Year Olds Welcome**  
**Saturday, February 28, 2026**

9:00 am to 5:00 pm

**Guest Speakers & Musicians:**  
**Lance Strother & Shawn Carter**  
**Cost to attend: \$25.00 (Cash or Checks)**  
**Lunch Provided**

**You may pay in advance or at event**  
**(bring exact amount of cash or check)**

**Deadline to Register Extended to : Wednesday, February 25, 2026**

**Go to website: [www.nativityni.org](http://www.nativityni.org)**

**then click on news & events to register**

**or you may return paper registration form or send your, name  
address, email address & phone number to:**

**[nativity@ni.brcoxmail.com](mailto:nativity@ni.brcoxmail.com)**

**or in person to Office or use QR Code, or call Church Office.**



## O.L.A.S. Easter/Spring Floral Arrangements

Each Wednesday in March following the 9:00am Masses we will gather in Barsen Hall to create spring florals. These will be sold prior to Easter weekend. All are invited to join in preparing these silk arrangements. Refer questions to Margo LeBlanc, O.L.A.S. President at 337-380-3319.

## Seminary Burse Donations

In Honor of Fr. Ed Degeyter  
Fr. Ed's Burse #3/B487

Burse donations by check or money order should be made out to The Catholic Legacy Foundation, and mailed to:

The Catholic Legacy Foundation,  
P.O. Box 90008  
Lafayette, LA 70509

Please remember to indicate the name (Fr. Ed Degeyter) and burse number (#3/B487) to which your donation is intended. Credit card donations may also be made online at: [catholiclegacyfoundation.org](http://catholiclegacyfoundation.org).



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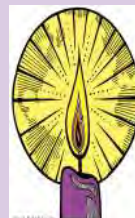
Ricky Segura at 337-967-3650

Or

Larry Viator at 337-256-1307

## SANCTUARY LIGHT:

In Memory of:  
**David D. Viator**



## 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 24, 2026**

**7:00am** A Special Intention

**Wednesday, February 25, 2026**

**9:00am** Carrol & Brenda Romero Fly, Raoul Babin (bd)  
Special Intention, Ernie & Sylvia Broussard  
Peter Saltzman, Mike Simon (liv bd)  
Creed Dugas, Andre LaBauve

**Thursday, February 26, 2026**

**7:00am** Jessica Allen (liv bd), Geraldine Wencker

**Friday, February 27, 2026**

**5:30pm** Johnny Viator (bd), Ora Landry  
Ronald RT Touchet  
Raymond & Pearlle Romero

**Saturday, February 28, 2026**

**4:00pm** Fr. Tom Finley, Emmet & Marquerite Conery  
Ralph & Lorraine Breaux, Bill Olivier  
Bayne Olivier, Lynward Ransonet  
Olan Broussard (bd), Leslie Romero  
Pearlie Romero (bd), Barbara Louviere  
M/M Clay Walker, William Kell Lewis  
Young Adult Retreatants

**Sunday, March 01, 2026**

**8:00am** Parishioners, Charles Witte Fly  
Larry Andrus, Thelma Broussard  
Henry & Dorothy McDonald

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

## WAY OF THE CROSS

Every Friday during Lent at 6:00pm following the 5:30pm Mass 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



## **Disch-DeClouet Social Service Center**

The Disch-DeClouet Social Service Center is a non-profit organization with an all volunteer staff. The Center has served the poor and needy of Iberia Parish providing for critical and basic human needs (food, clothing, utility and rent assistance, and other help) for 50 years. We serve approximately 400 families a month.

We are conducting our Annual Campaign which will run through the Lenten Season, and we need your help. We ask that you prayerfully consider investing in those less fortunate by sharing your gifts. Without additional financial support we cannot maintain the level of service that we have been giving for many years.

Please use the campaign envelope for your tax-deductible donation and see the brochure for more information. May God bless you for your generosity. Thanks!

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

St. Katharine 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.

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

OUR GIFTS TO GOD	February 8, 2026
Loose.....	\$ 2,016.00
Envelopes .....	\$ 4,222.00
Total (collected).....	\$ 6,238.00
Online Giving offertory .....	\$ 811.00
Mailed in offertory.....	\$ 585.00
Total offertory (week).....	\$ 7,634.00
Bishop's Services Appeal.....	\$ 480.00

**Thank you for your generosity!!!!**



## CURRENT EVENTS

### Tuesday, February 24, 2026

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

### Wednesday, February 25, 2026

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

### Thursday, February 26, 2026

Mass at 7:00 am

### Friday, February 27, 2026

Mass at 5:30 pm  
Way of the Cross - 6:00 pm

### Saturday, February 28, 2026

**Young Adult Praise & Worship Retreat**

Nativity Parish Hall & Church 9:00 am - 5:00 pm  
Mass at 4:00 pm

### Sunday, March 01, 2026

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

Diocese of Lafayette

Angola Bus Trip

Sunday, March 29, 2026

Do you have a loved one at Angola? Would you like to see your loved one? This ministry is made possible by Catholic Diocese of Lafayette. No fee is charged. The bus departure time is at 7:00am from the St. Edward Catholic Church Parking Lot at 175 Ambassador W. Lemelle, New Iberia or at 7:30am at St. Paul Catholic Church at 326 South Washington St., Lafayette. To reserve your seat or for more information call: Stephanie Bernard, Prison Ministry Coordinator at 337-261-5694. Email: Sbernard@diolaf.org

## MASS SERVERS

February 24, 2026 - March 01, 2026

DAY DATE	TIME	CELEBRANT	READERS	LAY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION	ALTAR SERVERS
Tuesday 2/24/26	7:00am	Fr. Matthew Higginbotham	Chad Courtois		Sacristan
Wednesday 2/25/26	9:00am	Fr. Ed Degeyter	Ginger Comeaux	Vickie Murdock Brenda Romero Cindy Landry Ross Landry	Sacristan
Thursday 2/26/26	7:00am	Fr. Matthew Higginbotham	Vikki Morgan		Sacristan
Friday 2/27/26	5:30pm	Fr. Matthew Higginbotham	Pete Aucoin		Sacristan
Saturday 2/28/26	4:00pm	Fr. Matthew Higginbotham	Jenny Gonsoulin	Andree Schlicher Marilyn Gerrets	See Altar Server Schedule
Sunday 3/01/26	8:00am	Fr. Matthew Higginbotham		Percy Barrilleaux Brenda Comeaux	See Altar Server Schedule
	10:00am	Fr. Matthew Higginbotham		Vincent Borne Linda Viator	See Altar Server Schedule

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