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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

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Fr. Ed Degeyter

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Polly Camacho

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Janet Viator – 337-365-3759

YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT COORDINATOR:

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PASTORAL COUNCIL

PRESIDENT: *Andrée Schlicher*

RECONCILIATION:

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

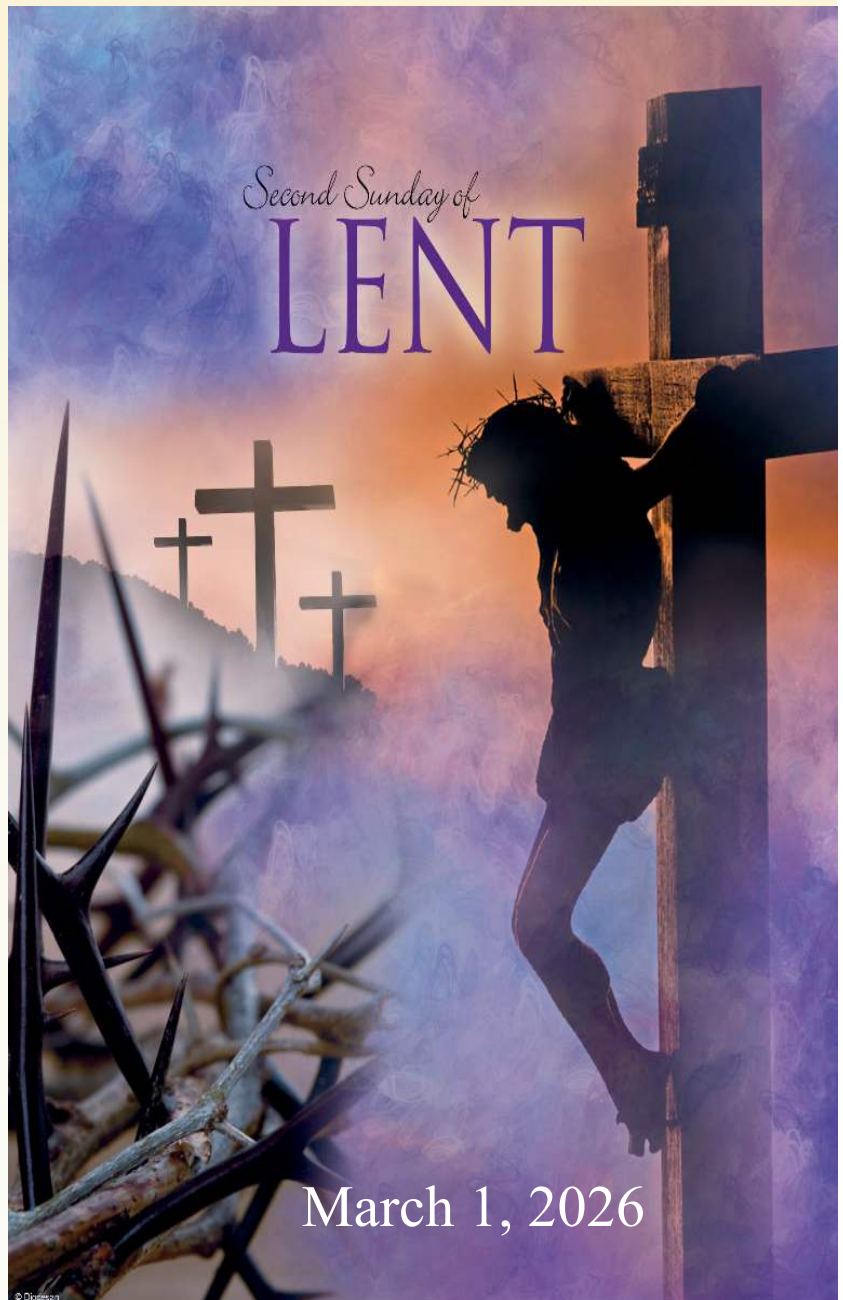
ROSARY:

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

Genesis 12:1-4
Psalms 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22
2 Timothy 1:8-10
Matthew 17:1-9

The Second Sunday of Lent

Today's Gospel portrays Jesus as a new and greater Moses.

Moses also took three companions up a mountain and on the seventh day was overshadowed by the shining cloud of God's presence. He too spoke with God and his face and clothing were made radiant in the encounter (see Exodus 24, 34). But in today's Lenten Liturgy, the Church wants us to look back past Moses. Indeed, we are asked to contemplate what today's Epistle calls God's "design . . . from before time began." With His promises to Abram in today's First Reading, God formed the people through whom He would reveal himself and bestow His blessings on all humanity. He later elevated these promises to eternal covenants and changed Abram's name to Abraham, promising that he would be father of a host of nations (see Genesis 17:5). In remembrance of His covenant with Abraham He raised up Moses (see Exodus 2:24; 3:8), and later swore an everlasting kingdom to David's sons (see Jeremiah 33:26). In Jesus' transfiguration today, He is revealed as the One through whom God fulfills His divine plan from of old. Not only a new Moses, Jesus is also the "beloved son" promised to Abraham and again to David (see Genesis 22:15-18; Psalm 2:7; Matthew 1:1). Moses foretold a prophet like him to whom Israel would listen (see Deuteronomy 18:15, 18) and Isaiah foretold an anointed servant in whom God would be well-pleased (see Isaiah 42:1). Jesus is this prophet and this servant, as the Voice on the mountain tells us today. By faith we have been made children of the covenant with Abraham (see Galatians 3:7-9; Acts 3:25). He calls us, too, to a holy life, to follow His Son to the heavenly homeland He has promised. We know, as we sing in today's Psalm, that we who hope in Him will be delivered from death. So like our father in faith, we go forward as the Lord directs us: "Listen to Him!"

Scott Hahn

Inspirational Catholic Quotes

Don't allow anything to interfere with your love for Jesus. You belong to Him. Nothing can separate you from Him. That one sentence is important to remember. He will be your joy, your strength. If you hold onto that sentence, temptations and difficulties will come, but nothing will break you. Remember, you have been created for great things.

Saint Teresa of Calcutta

DEVOTION FOR MARCH

St. Joseph

In 1889, Pope Leo XIII gave us *Quamquam Pluries* (On devotion to St. Joseph), which reads: "Fathers of families find in Joseph the best personification of paternal solicitude and vigilance; spouses a perfect example of love, of peace, and of conjugal fidelity; virgins at the same time find in him the model and protector of virginity. The noble birth will learn of Joseph how to guard their dignity even in misfortune; the rich will understand, by his lessons, what are the goods most to be desired and won at the price of their labor. As to workmen, artisans, and persons of lesser degree, their recourse to Joseph is a special right, and his example is for their particular imitation. For Joseph, of royal blood, united by marriage to the greatest and holiest of women, reputed the father of the Son of God, passed his life in labor, and won by the toil of the artisan the needful support of his family."

Prayer to St. Joseph

Oh, St. Joseph, whose protection is so great, so strong, so prompt before the throne of God, I place in you all my interests and desires. Oh St. Joseph, do assist me by your powerful intercession and obtain for me from your divine son all spiritual blessings through Jesus Christ, our Lord; so that having engaged here below your heavenly power, I may offer my thanksgiving and homage to the most loving of Fathers. Oh St. Joseph, I never weary contemplating you and Jesus asleep in your arms. I dare not approach while he reposes near your heart. Press Him in my name and kiss his fine head for me, and ask him to return the kiss when I draw my dying breath. St. Joseph, patron of departing souls, pray for us. Amen.

REFLECTIONS

THE SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

Living a Gospel life is not easy and it does not mean that everything will go your way. We have been called to be holy- to follow Jesus' example. At times, it can seem to be an impossible goal. However, God's grace is with us and all we have to do is to accept this grace and keep trying each day. Our focus cannot be on grasping perfection but on being faithful to the struggle and trusting that with God's grace we will become a little more like Jesus each day.

*Our soul waits for the Lord,
who is our help and our shield. - Psalm 33:20*
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PARISH VOCATION CROSS

The Vocation Cross is taken by:

Linda L. Viator

(March 1st - March 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.

Nativity of Our Lady Catholic Church - March 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Pray for Pope Leo XIV Memorial Book Masses at 8am & 10am	2 Pray for Bishop Douglas Deshotel	3 Pray for Bishop Emeritus Michael Jarrell 7:00 am Mass Faith Formation	4 Pray for Fr. Kenneth Mayne Pro-Life Rosary 9:00 am Mass	5 Pray for Fr. Garrett McIntyre 7:00 am Mass	6 Pray for Fr. Glenn Meaux First Friday 5:30 pm Mass 6:00 pm Way of the Cross	7 Pray for Fr. Aaron Melancon First Saturday 9:00am Mass
8 Pray for Fr. Bill John Melancon Masses at 8am & 10am	9 Pray for Fr. Andre Metrejean	10 Pray for Fr. Mark Miley 7:00 am Mass Faith Formation Confirmation Practice In Church 6pm	11 Pray for Fr. Michael Moody Pro-Life Rosary 9:00 am Mass	12 Pray for Fr. Joshua Munterim 7:00 am Mass Confirmation 6:30pm in Church	13 Pray for Fr. Randall Moreau 5:30 pm Mass 6:00 pm Way of the Cross	14 Pray for Fr. Joseph Nasser 4:00 pm Mass
15 Pray for Fr. James Bam Nguyen New Iberia Poor & Needy Masses at 8am & 10am	16 Pray for Fr. Theodore Nnabugo	17 Pray for Fr. Albert Gayle Nunez 7:00 am Mass Faith Formation	18 Pray for Fr. Godwin Nzeh Pro-Life Rosary 9:00 am Mass	19 Pray for Fr. Bernard Obuya 7:00 am Mass Men's ACTS Retreat Send off	20 Pray for Fr. Mark Olewo Odoguje 5:30 pm Mass 6:00 pm Way of the Cross Men's ACTS Retreat	21 Pray for Fr. Anselm Ofodum 4:00 pm Mass 1 st Communion Retreat 8:45am to 1pm Men's ACTS Retreat
22 Pray for Fr. John Okebule Masses at 8am & 10am Men's ACTS Retreatants Reception in Parish Hall after 10am Mass	23 Pray for Fr. Paul Onuegbe	24 Pray for Fr. Arockia Doss Palthasar 7:00 am Mass Faith Formation	25 Pray for Fr. John Paul Pro-Life Rosary 9:00 am Mass 4 th degree K.C. Meeting & Supper	26 Pray for Fr. Rene Pellessier 7:00 am Mass	27 Pray for Fr. Stephen Pellessier 5:30 pm Mass 6:00 pm Way of the Cross	28 Pray for Fr. Donald Pelous 4:00 pm Mass
29 Pray for Fr. Jesura Perkmans Masses at 8am & 10am	30 Pray for Fr. Neil Pettit	31 Pray for Fr. Ngoc Pham 7:00 am Mass Faith Formation				

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, Myrna & Millard Poche, Gloria K. Bonin, Daphne C. Lopez, Beverly B. Walet, Jerome Guillotte, Leoni Derouen, Cade T., Betty DeRouen, Robert McDaniel, Ron Cutrera, Lori Aguilar, Bailey & Gage Tucker, 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 & Gloria Trahan, John Babin, Phil Duplantis, Ray Landry, Shane DeRouen, Cody Theriot, Sandra Upton, Kay Charpentier Green, Hardy Jenkins, Bridgette Louviere, Amye Hammond Bellot, 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, Alice Trahan, Francine Gautier, Betty Romero, Deborah Plouet. 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, March 03, 2026

7:00am Amber Salsman (liv bd)

Wednesday, March 04, 2026

9:00am Sheryl S. Bourque (liv bd), Andre LaBauve
Warren Barras, Gloria Guilbeau
Carrol Romero, Sr. Fly
Deanna & Buddy Romero
Gloria & Syprine Menard

Thursday, March 05, 2026

7:00am Babin & Voorhies Families

Friday, March 06, 2026

5:30pm Dawn Degeyter Gipson, Carlyle Hebert Fly
Don Taylor, Janell Broussard, Lee Broussard
Wayne Bell, Kent Smith, Ora Landry
Elaine & Warren Broussard, U.S.A.
Ronald "RT" Touchet, The Vatican
Raymond & Pearlle Romero

Saturday, March 07, 2026

9:00am Brother & Claire LaBauve, Andre LaBauve
M/M Raymond Landry, Special Intention
U.S. Military, Elmer & Corine Wencker

4:00pm Fr. Tom Finley, Rachel R. Romero
Louis Boudreaux, Sr., Bill Olivier, Mona Simon
Bayne Olivier, Lynward Ransonet
Kevin Elmer (bd), Don Taylor, Peter Saltzman
Carlyle Hebert Fly, DeHart & Estilette Fly
Rudy Delcambre Fly, Paul Dominique Fly
Dressel & Ransonet Fly, Eunice McDaniel

Sunday, March 08, 2026

8:00am Parishioners, Quang V. Nguyen
Robert & Mary Hicks Fly, Donna M. Snoddy
Henry & Dorothy McDonald

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

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Fr. Edward Degeyter and all priest in your prayers.

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CURRENT EVENTS

Tuesday, March 03, 2026

Mass at 7:00 am

Faith Formation - 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Wednesday, March 04, 2026

Pro-Life Rosary - 8:20 am

Mass at 9:00 am

Thursday, March 05, 2026

Mass at 7:00 am

Friday, March 06, 2026 - First Friday

OLAS, K.C. Ladies Auxiliary & K. C. Members
to attend 5:30 pm Mass

Way of the Cross - 6:00 pm

Saturday, March 07, 2026 - First Saturday

OLAS, K.C. Ladies Auxiliary & K.C. Members
to attend 9:00 am Mass

Mass at 4:00 pm

Sunday, March 08, 2026

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

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

Knights of Columbus Council #12997 Fundraiser

1 lb. Boiled Shrimp, Corn & Potatoes

Sweets will be sold by the Ladies Auxiliary members.

Sunday, April 12, 2026 - 11AM - 1PM

Tickets will be sold after each weekend Mass and are
available from any K.C. member or in the Church office.

MASS SERVERS

March 03, 2026 - March 08, 2026

DAY DATE	TIME	CELEBRANT	READERS	LAY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION	ALTAR SERVERS
Tuesday 3/03/26	7:00am	Fr. Matthew Higginbotham	See Reader Schedule	See Schedule	Sacristan
Wednesday 3/04/26	9:00am	Fr. Ed Degeyter	See Reader Schedule	See Schedule	Sacristan
Thursday 3/05/26	7:00am	Fr. Matthew Higginbotham	See Reader Schedule	See Schedule	Sacristan
Friday 3/06/26	5:30pm	Fr. Matthew Higginbotham	See Reader Schedule	See Schedule	Sacristan
Saturday 3/07/26	9:00am	Fr. Ed Degeyter	See Reader Schedule	See Schedule	Sacristan
	4:00pm	Fr. Matthew Higginbotham	See Reader Schedule	See Schedule	See Altar Server Schedule
Sunday 3/08/26	8:00am	Fr. Matthew Higginbotham	See Reader Schedule	See Schedule	See Altar Server Schedule
	10:00am	Fr. Matthew Higginbotham	See Reader Schedule	See Schedule	See Altar Server Schedule

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