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 Degeyter

SECRETARY:
Kimberly Richard

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Polly Camacho

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Sheryl S. Bourque

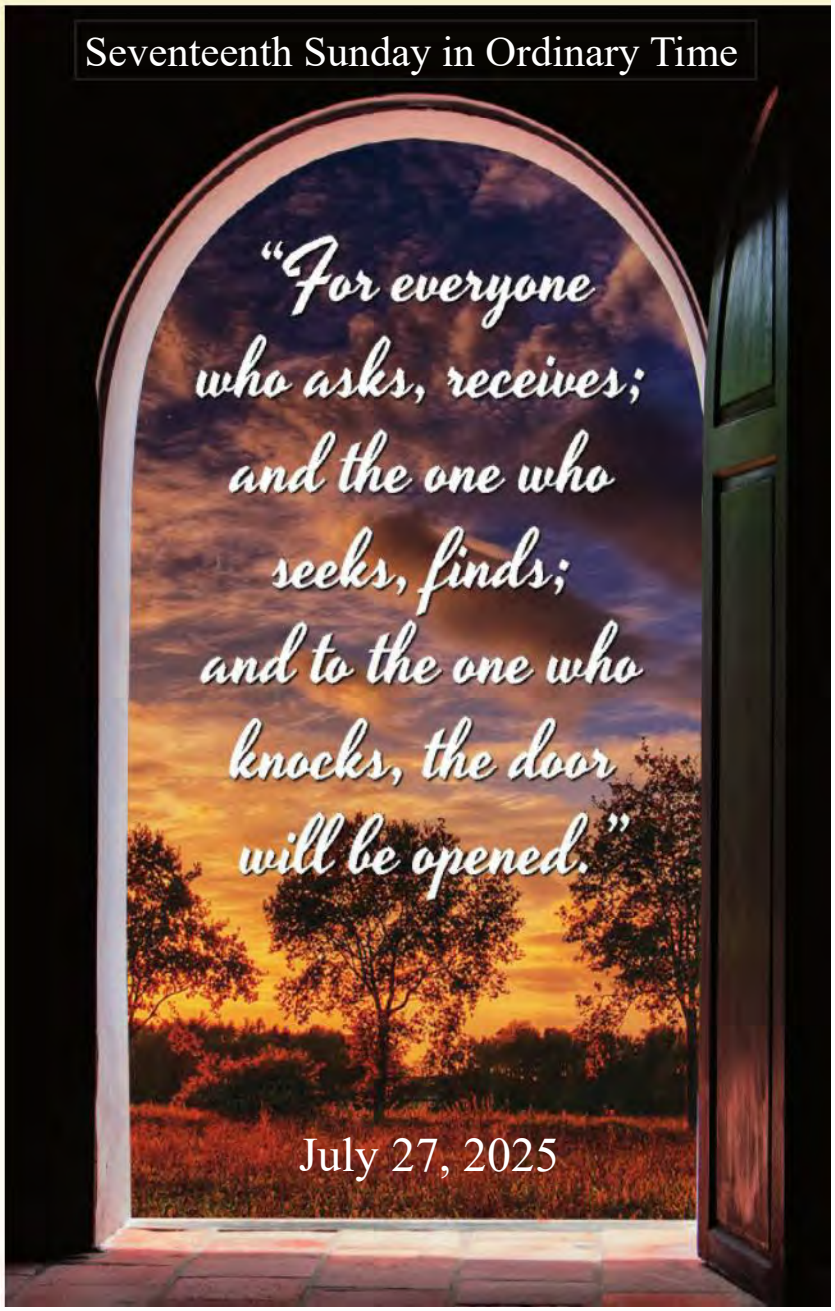
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YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT COORDINATOR:
Amber Salsman

PASTORAL COUNCIL PRESIDENT: *Andreé Schlicher*

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

ROSARY:
Wednesday: 8:20 am *(Pro-Life)*
First Saturday: 8:20 am



TODAY'S READINGS



Seventeenth Sunday In Ordinary Time

Readings:
Genesis 18:20–32
Psalm 138:1–3, 6–8
Colossians 2:12–14
Luke 11:1–13

Though we be "but dust and ashes," we can presume to draw near and speak boldly to our Lord, as Abraham dares to do in this week's First Reading.

But even Abraham—the friend of God (see Isaiah 41:8), our father in the faith (see Romans 4:12)—did not know the intimacy that we know as children of Abraham, heirs of the blessings promised to his descendants (see Galatians 3:7, 29).

The mystery of prayer, as Jesus reveals to His disciples in this week's Gospel, is the living relationship of beloved sons and daughters with their heavenly Father. Our prayer is pure gift, made possible by the "good gift" of the Father—the Holy Spirit of His Son. It is the fruit of the New Covenant by which we are made children of God in Christ Jesus (see Galatians 4:6–7; Romans 8:15–16).

Through the Spirit given to us in Baptism, we can cry to Him as our Father—knowing that when we call He will answer.

Jesus teaches His disciples to persist in their prayer, as Abraham persisted in begging God's mercy for the innocent of Sodom and Gomorrah.

For the sake of the one just Man, Jesus, God spared the city of man from destruction (see Jeremiah 5:1; Isaiah 53), "obliterating the bond against us," as Paul says in this week's Epistle.

On the Cross, Jesus bore the guilt of us all. He canceled the debt we owed to God, the death we deserved to die for our transgressions. We pray as ones who have been visited in our affliction and saved from our enemies, as ones who have been spared.

We pray always a prayer of thanksgiving, which is the literal meaning of "Eucharist." We have realized the promise of this week's Psalm: we worship in His holy temple, in the presence of angels, hallowing His name.

In confidence we ask, knowing that we will receive, that He will bring to completion what He has done for us—raising us from the dead, bringing us to everlasting life along with Him.

Scott Hahn

Nativity of Our Lady Catholic Church - August 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 **Pray for Pope Leo XIV** *First Friday*	2 **Pray for Bishop Douglas Deshotel** *First Saturday*
3 **Pray for Bishop Emeritus Michael Jarrell** *Memorial Book* *Nativity Building Fund*	4 **Pray for Fr. Bill Melancon**	5 **Pray for Fr. Andre Metrejean**	6 **Pray for Fr. Mark Miley** *Pro-Life Rosary* *Holy Hour 9:30am*	7 **Pray for Fr. Thomas Montelaro**	8 **Pray for Fr. Michael Moody**	9 **Pray for Fr. Randall Moreau**
10 **Pray for Fr. Joshua Munterim**	11 **Pray for Fr. Joseph Nasser**	12 **Pray for Fr. James Bam Nguyen**	13 **Pray for Fr. Theodore Nnabugo** *Pro-Life Rosary* *Reception for Fr. Ed's Birthday after 9am Mass - Parish Hall*	14 **Pray for Fr. Albert Gayle Nunez** ***Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Vigil Mass 5:30pm*** *Baptism Class 6:30pm*	15 **Pray for Fr. Godwin Nzeh** ***Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Mass 7:00am & 5:30pm*** ***Office Closed***	16 **Pray for Fr. Bernard Obuya** *Baptisms after 4pm Mass*
17 **Pray for Fr. Mark Olewo Odoguje** *Bishop's Services Appeal*	18 **Pray for Fr. Anselm Ofodum** *Fr. Ed's Birthday*	19 **Pray for Fr. John Okebule**	20 **Pray for Fr. Paul Onuegbe** *Pro-Life Rosary*	21 **Pray for Fr. Arockia Doss Palthasar**	22 **Pray for Fr. John Paul**	23 **Pray for Fr. Rene Pellessier**
24 **Pray for Fr. Stephen Pellessier** *New Iberia Poor & Needy*	25 **Pray for Fr. Donald Pelous** *Women's Ultreya 7pm - Parish Hall*	26 **Pray for Fr. Neil Pettit**	27 **Pray for Fr. Hai Ngoc Pham** *Pro-Life Rosary*	28 **Pray for Fr. Daniel Picard**	29 **Pray for Lt. Chaplain Ben Pitre**	30 **Pray for Fr. Connor Poirrier**
31 **Pray for Fr. Mikel Polson**						

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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.

Debbie Johnson & Fly, Cameron Alba, Mel & Stacey Boutte, Betty C. Champagne, Donna Francis, Farina Guidry, Betty Robichaux, Earline Estave, Chad Babineaux, Tammy Dore, Dylan Ducote, Judy Meyers, Garland Reed, Carly Tajmir, Diane & Ronald Broussard, Lance Castille, Grace Armendariz, Hardy Jenkins, Louis Boudreaux, Jr., Gloria Comeaux, Scotty Champagne, Sirena Rogers, Monica Harrington, Janis & Nathan Dugas, Billy Simon, Edward Simon, Lynette Landry, Janet Viator, Ronnie Landry, Betty B. Leblanc, Barbara Martin, Michael "Tee" Theriot, Elise C. Verret, Phyllis S. Bourque, Doris Scheldon, Ovide Buteaux, David Spelly, Dean Delahoussaye, Patsy & Percy Barrilleaux, Patsy Thibodeaux, Tom Stowe, Tim & Staci Stowe, John & NeCole Babin, Fran Jackson, Reed Michael & Cody Lynn Romero, David & Robin Viator Fly, Sheryl S. Bourque, Michael & Claire Landry Fly, Dustin & Nicole V. Ortego Fly, Linda & Clint Trahan Fly, Ruth Bernard, Bridget Aitken, Norvelle Belaire, Caroline Dubois, Norrie B. Kenner, Josephine Delcambre, Mary Saltzman, Zachary Richard, Sarah Richard, Duppy Duplantis, Joylynn Trosclair, Earline Romero, Jarrod Lege, Jay Jacquemoud, Jody Ellen Hudson, Jim & Brenda Prejean, Toni Boudreaux, Rick Boudreaux, Steve Chambers, Mike Degeyter, Gloria Trahan, Dickie Broussard, Jessica Gary Dubois, Joni Gullotta, Fisher Whitaker, The Babin Fly, Deacon John Sarkies, James & Doreen Norman, Melvin "Boo" & Brenda DeRouen, Myrna & Millard Poche, Gloria K. Bonin, Daphne C. Lopez, Calvin Segura, Beverly B. Walet, Jerome Guilotte, Leoni Derouen, Cade T., Betty DeRouen, Sloane Deshotel, Geraldine T. Babin.

Please also pray for those individuals who, although in need of your prayers, have requested that their names not be publicized for privacy reasons.

Reminder

Some of the families who had their pictures taken for the pictorial directory, have not picked up their copy yet. Please come by the Church Office to pick yours up. Thanks.



PARISH VOCATION CROSS

The Vocation Cross is taken by:

Brenda Romero

(July 27th - August 2nd)

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. We appreciate the prayers. Thank you.

SANCTUARY LIGHT:

In Memory of:

Henry & Dorothy McDonald



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

OUR GIFTS TO GOD	July 13, 2025
Loose	$ 2,040.00
Envelopes	$ 2,968.00
Total (collected)	$ 5,008.00
Online Giving offertory	$ 888.00
Mailed in offertory	$ 530.00
Total offertory (week)	$ 6,426.00
Nativity Building Fund	$ 1,432.00

Thank you for your generosity!!!!

NEW WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

July 1, 2025 Weekday Mass times changed to **7:00am** on **Tuesdays**, **Thursdays** and **Fridays.** There is no longer a 5:30pm Mass on Tuesdays and Thursdays, and no longer a 6:30am Mass on Fridays. **Wednesday 9:00am Masses remain the same**.

Pray for

Please keep Fr. Matthew Higginbotham and all priests in your prayers.

REFLECTIONS **Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time -** The Our Father is a prayer we say so often that we seldom stop to think about what we are saying. Take some time to say this prayer slowly out loud and reflect on each phrase. You may want to focus on one phrase at a time and take several days to go through the prayer. Notice what is asked for in the prayer: what is needed for today, forgiveness as we forgive others, and avoiding temptation. Reflect on what you need for the day. Consider how you have forgiven someone who has offended you - is this how you want to be forgiven? What are the temptations in your life? Do you take any active steps to avoid them?

The Lord will fulfill his purpose for me; thy steadfast love, O Lord, endures forever. - Psalm 138

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MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday, July 29, 2025
7:00am Beverly L. Quebeaux (liv bd)
Wednesday, July 30, 2025
9:00am Roy Dupre, Liv & dec fly members of
Carrol & Brenda Romero
Thursday, July 31, 2025
7:00am Fr. Matthew Higginbotham (liv)
Friday, August 1, 2025
7:00am Don Taylor, Janell Broussard, Lee Broussard
Carlyle Hebert Fly, Carrol Romero, Sr. (bd)
Thanksgiving, Special Intention, United States
Saturday, August 2, 2025
9:00am M/M Raymond Landry, Patsy Groselle
Brother & Claire LaBauve, Special Intention
Rudy Delcambre Fly, Domingue Fly
United States Military
4:00pm Fr. Tom Finley, DeHart & Estilette Fly
Rachel R. Romero, Lynward Ransonet
Dressel & Ransonet Fly
Ralph & Lorraine Breaux
Emmet & Marguerita Conery
Allen & Judy & Sissy Douet
Sunday, August 3, 2025
8:00am Parishioners, Carroll Aucoin
Timmy Delcambre, Jr.
10:00am Msgr. H.J. Barsen, Fr. A.J. Boumans
Harvey & Joyce DeCourt, Donna M. Lanza

Eucharistic Procession Along Bayou Teche
FETE - DIEU DU TECHE
Friday, August 15, 2025 - Feast of the Assumption
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www.fetedieuduteche.org or call 337-394-6550.

CURRENT EVENTS

Monday, July 28, 2025
Women's Ultreya - 7pm - Parish Hall
Tuesday, July 29, 2025
Mass at 7:00am
Wednesday, July 30, 2025
Pro-Life Rosary - 8:20am
Mass at 9:00am
Thursday, July 31, 2025
Mass at 7:00am
Friday, August 1, 2025 - First Friday
OLAS, K.C. Ladies Auxiliary & K.C.
Members to attend 7:00am Mass
Saturday, August 2, 2025 - First Saturday
OLAS, K.C. Ladies Auxiliary & K.C.
Members to attend 9:00am Mass
Mass at 4:00pm
Sunday, August 3, 2025
Masses at: 8am & 10am
2nd Collection - Nativity Building Fund

Nativity of Our Lady is hosting a **BIRTHDAY RECEPTION** FOR **FR. ED** following the **9am Mass** on **Wednesday, August 13th**. Please bring your favorite finger foods. Please contact Margo LeBlanc if you have any questions @ marleb1947@gmail.com or 337-380-3319.

Inspirational Catholic Quotes
"Live life beautifully. You have Jesus with you, and He loves you. If we could only remember that God loves us, and we have an opportunity to love others as He loves us. Not in big things, but in small things with great love, then your country will become a haven of peace and a burning light of love in the world." - Mother Teresa

MASS SERVERS
July 29 - August 3, 2025

DAY DATE	TIME	CELEBRANT	READERS	ALTAR SERVERS
Tuesday 7/29/25	***7:00am***	Fr. Matthew Higginbotham	Ellen Claudy	Sacristan
Wednesday 7/30/25	***9:00am***	Fr. Ed Degeyter	Ginger Comeaux	Sacristan
Thursday 7/31/25	***7:00am***	Fr. Matthew Higginbotham	Ginger Comeaux	Sacristan
Friday 8/1/25	***7:00am***	Fr. Matthew Higginbotham	**See Reader Schedule**	Sacristan
Saturday 8/2/25	***9:00am***	Fr. Ed Degeyter	**See Reader Schedule**	Sacristan
	4:00pm	Fr. Matthew Higginbotham	**See Reader Schedule**	Morgan Salsman Charlie Salsman
Sunday 8/3/25	***8:00am***	Fr. Matthew Higginbotham	**See Reader Schedule**	Allie Comeaux Sophia Comeaux
	10:00am	Fr. Matthew Higginbotham	**See Reader Schedule**	Amari Romero Serena Bedia

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