

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

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Fr. Ed Degeyter

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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 Saturday: 8:20 am



TODAY'S READINGS



Twenty-Third Sunday In Ordinary Time

Readings:

Wisdom 9:13–18

Psalm 90:3–6, 12–17

Philemon 1:9–10, 12–17

Luke 14:25–33

Like a king making ready for battle or a contractor about to build a tower, we have to count the cost as we set out to follow Jesus.

Our Lord today is telling us up front the sacrifice it will take. His words aren't addressed to His chosen few, the Twelve, but rather to the "great crowds"—to anyone, to whoever wishes to be His disciple.

That only makes His call all the more stark and uncompromising. We are to "hate" our old lives, to renounce all the earthly things we rely upon, to choose Him above every person and possession. Again He tells us that the things we have—even our family ties and obligations—can become an excuse, an obstacle that keeps us from giving ourselves completely to Him (see Luke 9:23–26, 57–62).

Jesus brings us the saving wisdom we are promised in today's First Reading. He is that saving Wisdom.

Weighed down by many earthly concerns, the burdens of our body and its needs, we could never see beyond the things of this world; we could never detect God's heavenly design and intention. So in His mercy He sent us His Spirit, His Wisdom from on high, to make straight our path to Him.

Jesus Himself paid the price to free us from the sentence imposed on Adam, which we recall in today's Psalm (see Genesis 2:7; 2:19). No more will the work of our hands be an affliction; no more are we destined to turn back to dust.

Like Onesimus in today's Epistle, we have been redeemed. We have been given a new family and a new inheritance, made children of the Father, brothers and sisters in the Lord.

We are free now to come after Him, to serve Him—no longer slaves to the ties of our past lives. In Christ, all our yesterdays have passed. We live in what the Psalm today beautifully describes as the daybreak, ready to be filled with His kindness. For He has given us wisdom of heart and taught us to number our days aright.

Scott Hahn

Inspirational Catholic Quotes

"There is a light in this world, a healing spirit more powerful than any darkness we may encounter. We sometimes lose sight of this force when there is suffering. The pain we witness can be overwhelming. Then suddenly, the Spirit will emerge through the lives of ordinary people who hear a call and answer with extraordinary love." - *Saint Teresa of Calcutta*

All **Eucharistic Ministers**, please provide **Andree Schlicher** your **current updated information**, such as your phone number, address, and email address. Please email to: andreeschlicher@gmail.com or call 337-577-1414.

THE LIVING ROSARY DEVOTION

Families often pray together. Our Catholic family of New Iberia will come together on Tuesday, October 7, 2025, at 6 pm for our annual Living Rosary Devotion. During the Living Rosary we will join our voices in prayer for our own personal intentions as well as all the intentions trusted to our prayer boxes. We invite you and your family to join us at **St. Peter Church** on **Tuesday, October 7, 2025, at 6 pm** for the **Living Rosary**.

The **2026 Mass Intention Book** is open. We also still have several spots left open in the 2025 Mass Intention Book. Please come by the Church Office to schedule your Mass Intentions. Thanks.



DEVOTION FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER

The Immaculate Heart of Mary

"Due to her feast day on September 15, the month of September has traditionally been set aside to honor Our Lady of Sorrows. All the sorrows of Mary (the prophecy of Simeon, the three days' loss, etc.) are merged in the supreme suffering at the Passion. In the Passion, Mary suffered a martyrdom of the heart because of Our Lord's torments and the greatness of her love for Him. "She it was," says Pope Pius XII, "who immune from all sin, personal or inherited, and ever more closely united with her Son, offered Him on Golgotha to the Eternal Father together with the holocaust of her maternal rights and motherly love. As a new Eve, she made this offering for all the children of Adam contaminated through his unhappy fall. Thus she, who was the mother of our Head according to the flesh, became by a new title of sorrow and glory the spiritual mother of all His members."

Prayer: O Mary, most holy Virgin and Queen of Martyrs, accept the sincere homage of my filial affection. Into thy heart, pierced by so many swords, do thou welcome my poor soul. Receive it as the companion of thy sorrows at the foot of the Cross, on which Jesus died for the redemption of the world. With thee, O sorrowful Virgin, I will gladly suffer all the trials, contradictions, and infirmities which it shall please our Lord to send me. I offer them all to thee in memory of thy sorrows, so that every thought of my mind, and every beat of my heart may be an act of compassion and of love for thee. And do thou, sweet Mother, have pity on me, reconcile me to thy divine Son Jesus, keep me in His grace, and assist me in my last agony, so that I may be able to meet thee in heaven and sing thy glories. Amen.

September Challenge

Attend Mass and/or pray the seven sorrows on September 15. Throughout the month, intentionally bring the Good News to those who need to hear it, even if it's not explicitly reading the Bible to them. Offer your efforts to Jesus through Our Lady of Sorrows.

What to Reflect on in September

1. What sorrows are in your life and how can you see God's love sustaining you in them? What areas in your heart need a Mother's help mending?
2. How can you help people in your life who need help turning sadness and struggles into a love-filled sorrow and perhaps even an unexplainable joy?
3. Who can you share the Seven Sorrows of Mary prayer with?
4. How do you pray in times of sorrow?



**Happy Birthday Dearest Mother Mary
We Love You!
The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Monday, September 8, 2025**





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.


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, 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, Mike Degeyter, Gloria Trahan, 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, Robert McDaniel, Ron Cutrera, Lori Aguilar, Bailey & Gage Tucker, The Sinitiere Fly, The Fitch Fly, Raywood & Virginia Buteaux, Barbara Keegan, The Degeyter Fly, Betty DeRouen. Please also pray for those individuals who, although in need of your prayers, have requested that their names not be publicized for privacy reasons.

**Knights of Columbus
Council 12997 Fundraiser
BBQ Chicken, Sausage, BBQ Beans &
Rice Dressing Dinner
Sunday, September 14, 2025**
Pickup is under the Carport behind the Church
Office (behind Church) from **11AM - 1PM**
Tickets are **\$15.00 each**. Tickets will be sold after
each weekend Mass and are available from any K.C.
member, and in the church office.
Also, the Ladies K.C. Auxiliary members
will be selling treats.
For more info. Call Wayne Duhon 337-339-1602.

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

OUR GIFTS TO GOD	August 24, 2025
Loose	\$ 2,116.00
Envelopes	\$ 2,148.00
Total (collected)	\$ 4,264.00
Online Giving offertory	\$ 616.00
Mailed in offertory	\$ 315.00
Total offertory (week)	\$ 5,195.00
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Please keep
Fr. Matthew Higginbotham
and all priests in your prayers.

OLAS News Bulletin

Needed: All ladies 18 years and up.
Your Blessed Mother needs you to care for her Son's
Altar. Fundraisers sponsored by OLAS pay for:

Hosts	Altar Linen
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Join *Nativity of Our Lady's Altar Society!*
Annual membership dues is \$10.00. Call Cindy
Landry at 337-256-2208 or our church office
364-8360.

MEMORIAL BOOK

The weekend of the first Sunday of every month the
"Memorial Book" is placed in the sanctuary as a reminder
that we pray for all those who have been enrolled. You
can enroll any deceased person by making a donation to
Our Lady's Altar Society (minimum \$5.00) This money
stays with the Altar Society to assist the parish with Altar
needs. Call Sheryl Bourque @ 364-8360, in the Office.

REFLECTIONS **Twenty - Third Sunday in Ordinary Time** - Human beings always like pat answers. We want things to go according to an orderly plan - preferably one we have designed. We like to think we know exactly what God wants of ourselves and others. The problem is that God doesn't work within our rules. Things seldom work out just as we intended. We need to trust that they are still part of God's plan. Reflect o how much you try to control your world and how willing you are to let God be in control. Can you recall a time when you were able to admit you could not control things and put yourself in God's hands? What can you do to learn to trust God more?
Teach us to number our days aright, that we may gain wisdom of heart. - Psalm 90:12
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MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday, September 9, 2025
7:00am Betty C. Champagne, Edmond Delcambre

Wednesday, September 10, 2025
9:00am M/M Allen Dupre, Jerry Dooley
 Ernest "Topper" Breaux
 Robert Eugene Park, Carrol Romero, Sr.

Thursday, September 11, 2025
7:00am U. S. of America, Joycelyn Louviere

Friday, September 12, 2025
7:00am Elizabeth V. Stafford (liv bd)
 Etienne Boutte, Dawn Degeyter Gipson

Saturday, September 13, 2025
4:00pm Fr. Tom Finley, Rachel R. Romero
 Lynward Ransonet, Lionel Louviere, Sr.
 Bayne Olivier, Bill Olivier
 Roy Flores, Velma Bernard
 Therese Segura, Jerry Dooley
 Dawn Degeyter Gipson, Winn Murphey

Sunday, September 14, 2025
8:00am Parishioners, Carroll Aucoin
 Quang Nguyen, Mrs. Terry Borel
 Henry & Dorothy McDonald
 Glenn & Gladys Carlson

10:00am Msgr. H.J. Barsen, Fr. A.J. Boumans
 Harvey & Joyce DeCourt, Leslie Romero
 Donna M. Lanza, Florence Louviere
 Liv. & Dec. Family of O.V. "Sonny" Moss
 Whitney & Thelma Gautreaux

Happy Grandparent's Day
 Sunday, September 7th
God Bless Our Grandparents
Today and Always.
Amen.



CURRENT EVENTS

Monday, September 8, 2025
 OLAS Meeting - 5pm - Barsen Hall

Tuesday, September 9, 2025
 Mass at 7:00am
 Bible Study 9am - Barsen Hall

Wednesday, September 10, 2025
 Pro-Life Rosary - 8:20am
 Mass at 9:00am
 K.C. & Ladies Aux. Dinner & Meeting

Thursday, September 11, 2025
 Mass at 7:00am
 Bible Study - 6pm - Barsen Hall
 Baptism Class - 6:30pm - Church Office

Friday, September 12, 2025
 Mass at 7:00am

Saturday, September 13, 2025
 Mass at 4:00pm
 Baptisms - 5:00pm

Sunday, September 14, 2025
 Masses at: 8am & 10am
 2nd Collection - Nativity Building Fund
 K.C. BBQ Chicken Dinner 11am - 1:00pm
 Pickup dinner behind Church Office



PARISH VOCATION CROSS
 The Vocation Cross is taken by:
Dan & Ellen Claudy
 (September 7th - September 13th)

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.

MASS SERVERS September 9, 2025 - September 14, 2025

DAY DATE	TIME	CELEBRANT	READERS	ALTAR SERVERS
Tuesday 9/9/25	7:00am	Fr. Matthew Higginbotham	Ellen Claudy	Sacristan
Wednesday 9/10/25	9:00am	Fr. Ed Degeyter	Ginger Comeaux	Sacristan
Thursday 9/11/25	7:00am	Fr. Matthew Higginbotham	Vicki Morgan	Sacristan
Friday 9/12/25	7:00am	Fr. Matthew Higginbotham	Keith Comeaux	Sacristan
Saturday 9/13/25	4:00pm	Fr. Matthew Higginbotham	Brenda Prejean	Allie Comeaux Sophia Comeaux
Sunday 9/14/25	8:00am	Fr. Matthew Higginbotham	June Jones	Autumn Trahan Gunner Moss
	10:00am	Fr. Matthew Higginbotham	Michelle Moss	Amari Romero Khoi Nguyen

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