

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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Janet Viator – 337-365-3759

YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT COORDINATOR:

Amber Salsman

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

Exaltation of the Cross
Sunday, September 14, 2025

BY YOUR *Holy Cross*
YOU HAVE REDEEMED
THE WORLD

TODAY'S READINGS

Exaltation of the Cross

Readings:

Numbers 21:4b-9

Psalm 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38

Philippians 2:6-11

John 3:13-17



On the Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross (or Triumph of the Cross) we honor the Holy Cross by which Christ redeemed the world. The public veneration of the Cross of Christ originated in the fourth century, according to early accounts. The miraculous discovery of the True Cross on September 14, 326, by Saint Helen, mother of Constantine, while she was on a pilgrimage to Jerusalem, is the origin of the tradition of celebrating the Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross on this date. Constantine later built the Church of the Holy Sepulcher on the site of her discovery of the cross. On this same pilgrimage she ordered two other churches built: one in Bethlehem near the Grotto of the Nativity, the other on the Mount of the Ascension, near Jerusalem .

In the Western Church the feast came into prominence in the seventh century — after 629, when the Byzantine emperor Heraclitus restored the Holy Cross to Jerusalem, after defeating the Persians who had stolen it.

It remained in Christian hands until the Battle of Hattin in 1187, when the Moslem leader Saladin captured the relic. Saladin after the Battle of Hattin and the capture of Jerusalem, would ride his horse through the streets with the Holy Relic dragging behind his mount's tail.

Christians “exalt” (raise on high) the Cross of Christ as the instrument of our salvation. Adoration of the Cross is, thus, adoration of Jesus Christ, the God Man, who suffered and died on this Roman instrument of torture for our redemption from sin and death. The cross represents the One Sacrifice by which Jesus, obedient even unto death, accomplished our salvation. The cross is a symbolic summary of the Passion, Crucifixion and Resurrection of Christ — all in one image.

The Cross — because of what it represents — is the most potent and universal symbol of the Christian faith. It has inspired both liturgical and private devotions: for example, the Sign of the Cross, which is an invocation of the Holy Trinity; the “little” Sign of the Cross on head, lips and heart at the reading of the Gospel; praying the Stations (or Way) of the Cross; and the Veneration of the Cross by the faithful on Good Friday by kissing the feet of the image of Our Savior crucified.

Placing a crucifix (the cross with an image of Christ's body upon it) in churches and homes, in classrooms of Catholic schools and in other Catholic institutions, or wearing this image on our persons, is a constant reminder — and witness — of Christ's ultimate triumph, His victory over sin and death through His suffering and dying on the Cross.

Scott Hahn

Notice

Fr. Matthew Higginbotham has scheduled some time off, Monday, October 6th through Friday, October 10th and Monday, October 13th through Wednesday, October 15th. Fr. Ed Degeyter will be doing the 7am week-day masses while Fr. Matthew is out.

Fall Floral Sale

The K.C. Ladies Auxiliary & Our Lady's Altar Society members are sponsoring a Fall Floral Sale after all masses on the first two weekends of October. Sales will be made **outside** (under the covered breezeway) at the main entrance of the Church and volunteers are encouraged. If you have any questions, call Margo LeBlanc at 337-380-3319.

All **Eucharistic Ministers**, please provide André Schlicher your current information, such as your phone number, address, and email address. Please email to:

andreeschlicher@gmail.com.

Reminder!!!

**Faith Formation Begins
Tuesday, September 16, 2025
6pm -7pm - Barsen Hall**

St. Peter Church
108 E. St. Peter St. New Iberia

Blood Drive

**Sunday, September 14th
8:00am - 12:00pm**

Inspirational Catholic Quotes

“Don't come to prayer looking for extraordinary experiences. Come to visit your great friend Jesus, always present and waiting for you in the tabernacle. This is the friendship that strengthens us to fulfill our day to day ordinary duties with extraordinary love and devotion.” - *Saint Teresa of Calcutta*



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.

The Bethlehem Nativity Group will be selling religious articles from the Holy Land, here at Nativity of Our Lady Catholic Church after all Masses, on **Saturday October 18th** and **Sunday October 19th**. Christians, in the Holy Land, need your support, now more than ever, so if you can find it in your heart to make a purchase they would be extremely grateful. They also request your prayers for peace in the Holy Land and thank you in advance.

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**.



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

Don't Forget to pick up your dinners this weekend.

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**

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

OUR GIFTS TO GOD August 31, 2025

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Online Giving offertory.....	\$ 656.00
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Thank you for your generosity!!!!



Please keep

Fr. Matthew Higginbotham
and all priests in your prayers.

SANCTUARY LIGHT:

In Memory of:
Jerry Trahan, Sr.



OLAS News Bulletin

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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.

REFLECTIONS **Exaltation of the Cross** - Spend some time reflecting on the Cross. What is a sign of suffering and defeat is, for us, a symbol of hope and redemption. How do you respond to suffering in your life? Do you sometimes feel abandoned by God? Consider how Jesus felt when he was dying on the cross. He felt abandoned too; but he also placed his trust in the Father. How can suffering be a source of strength and renewal? Consider our own past and what you have learned through your troubles. Ask the Spirit to help you learn the lessons difficult times can teach you and for the grace to apply these insights in your life today.

Hearken, my people, to my teaching; incline your ears to the words of my mouth. - Psalm 98:1

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MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday, September 16, 2025

7:00am Kenneth Heitman, Jr.

Wednesday, September 17, 2025

9:00am Patrick J. Richard, Jerry Dooley
Ernest "Topper" Breaux, Kevin Elmer
Robert Eugene Park, Carrol Romero, Sr.
Dickie Broussard, Jerry Trahan, Sr.
John "Winn" Murphey
Hadley (liv) & Geraldine Babin (liv)

Thursday, September 18, 2025

7:00am Mark Heitman

Friday, September 19, 2025

7:00am Betty C. Champagne
Dawn Degeyter Gipson

Saturday, September 20, 2025

4:00pm Fr. Tom Finley, Rachel R. Romero
Lynward Ransonet, Mona Simon
Bayne Olivier, Bill Olivier
M/M V.A. Bernard, Jerry Dooley
Juliette C. Dubois, Madison Claire Olivier
Jules & Leona Broussard
Ralph & Lorraine Breaux
Emmet & Marguerite Conery
Dawn Degeyter Gipson, Winn Murphey

Sunday, September 21, 2025

8:00am Parishioners, Carroll Aucoin
Thelma Broussard
Henry & Dorothy McDonald
10:00am Msgr. H.J. Barsen, Fr. A.J. Boumans
Harvey & Joyce DeCourt
Henry V. Trahan (liv bd), Donna M. Lanza

Lay your burdens at the **Cross!**
Jesus is the Answer to all your Questions!

CURRENT EVENTS

Tuesday, September 16, 2025

Mass at 7:00am
Bible Study 9am - Barsen Hall
Faith Formation Begins Today
6pm-7pm - Barsen Hall

Wednesday, September 17, 2025

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

Thursday, September 18, 2025

Mass at 7:00am
Bible Study - 6pm - Barsen Hall

Friday, September 19, 2025

Mass at 7:00am

Saturday, September 20, 2025

Mass at 4:00pm
Baptisms - 5:00pm

Sunday, September 21, 2025

Masses at: 8am & 10am
Catechetical Sunday
Teacher Commissioning - 10am Mass
2nd Collection - Bishop's Service Appeal



PARISH VOCATION CROSS

The Vocation Cross is taken by:

Willie & Cynthia Elmer

(September 14th - September 20th)

(September 21st - September 27th)

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 16, 2025 - September 21, 2025

DAY DATE	TIME	CELEBRANT	READERS	ALTAR SERVERS
Tuesday 9/16/25	7:00am	Fr. Matthew Higginbotham	Ellen Claudy	Sacristan
Wednesday 9/17/25	9:00am	Fr. Ed Degeyter	Ginger Comeaux	Sacristan
Thursday 9/18/25	7:00am	Fr. Matthew Higginbotham	Pete Aucoin	Sacristan
Friday 9/19/25	7:00am	Fr. Matthew Higginbotham	Chad Courtois	Sacristan
Saturday 9/20/25	4:00pm	Fr. Matthew Higginbotham	Jenny Gonsoulin	Serena Bedia Tai Nguyen
Sunday 9/21/25	8:00am	Fr. Matthew Higginbotham	Janis Dugas	Morgan Salsman Madalynn Salsman
	10:00am	Fr. Matthew Higginbotham	Lan Nguyen	Sophia Comeaux Micheal Moss

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