

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:

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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-Sixth Sunday In Ordinary Time

Readings:

Amos 6:1, 4–7

Psalm 146:7–10

1 Timothy 6:11–16

Luke 16:19–31

The rich and powerful are visited with woe and exile in today's Liturgy—not for their wealth but for their refusal to share it; not for their power but for their indifference to the suffering at their door.

The complacent leaders in today's First Reading feast on fine foods and wines, reveling while the house of Joseph, the kingdom of Israel (see Amos 5:6), collapses around them.

The rich man in today's Gospel also lives like a king—dressed in royal purple and fine linen (see 1 Maccabees 8:14).

The rich man symbolizes Israel's failure to keep the Old Covenant, to heed the commandments of Moses and the prophets. This is the sin of the rulers in today's First Reading. Born to the nation God favored first, they could claim Abraham as their father. But for their failure to give—their inheritance is taken away.

The rulers are exiled from their homeland. The rich man is punished with an exile far greater—eternity with a “great chasm” fixed between himself and God.

In this world, the rich and powerful make a name for themselves (see Genesis 11:4) and dine sumptuously, while the poor remain anonymous, refused an invitation to their feasts.

But notice that the Lord today knows Lazarus by name, and Joseph in his sufferings—while the leaders and the rich man have no name.

Today's Liturgy is a call to repentance—to heed the warning of One who was raised from the dead. To lay hold of the eternal life He promises, we must pursue righteousness, keep the commandment of love, as Paul exhorts in today's Epistle.

“The Lord Loves the just,” we sing in today's Psalm.

And in this Eucharist we have a foretaste of the love that will be ours in the next life—when He will raise the lowly to the heavenly banquet with Abraham and the prophets (see Luke 13:28), where we too will rest our heads on the bosom of our Lord (see John 13:23).

Scott Hahn

Holy Hour - Adoration

Please be aware that there will be no Holy Hour after the 9:00am Mass on Wednesday, October 1st. There is a **Special Eucharistic Adoration after the 7:00am Mass on the First Friday - Friday, October 3rd**, that will begin immediately following the 7:00am Mass & will last until 11:00am, as the Benediction will take place then. We need you here adoring our Lord. We would like to have at least 2 people in the Church at all times. If you would like to commit to this special time with our Lord, please call the Church Office at 337-364-8360.



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.

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.

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October 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
5 Pray for Fr. Jason Vidrine Memorial Book Nativity Building Fund Fall Flower Sale after 8am & 10am Masses	6 Pray for Fr. Michael Coleman Vidrine	7 Pray for Fr. Richard Vidrine Bible Study 9am - Barsen Hall K.C. Officer Meeting Faith Formation. 6-7	8 Pray for Fr. Thomas Voorhies Pro-Life Rosary K.C. & Ladies Aux. Dinner & Meeting	9 Pray for Fr. Thomas Hein Vu Baptismal Class Church Office-6:30pm Bible Study 6pm - Barsen Hall	10 Pray for Fr. Nicholas Ware	11 Pray for Fr. Joseph Kyle White Fall Flower Sale after 4pm Mass
12 Pray for Fr. Anthony Wieck Bishops Services Appeal Fall Flower Sale after 8am & 10am Masses	13 Pray for Fr. Ryszard Zawadzki	14 Pray for Fr. Travis Abadie Bible Study 9am - Barsen Hall No Faith Formation	15 Pray for Fr. Lawrence Abara Pro-Life Rosary	16 Pray for Fr. Francis Kwasi Agbley Bible Study 6pm - Barsen Hall	17 Pray for Fr. George Bede Ajuruchi	18 Pray for Fr. Alexander Albert Bethlehem Nativity Group Selling Religious Items after 4pm Mass
19 Pray for Fr. Thainese Alphonse Bethlehem Nativity Group Selling Religious Items after 8am & 10am Masses	20 Pray for Fr. Rick Andrus	21 Pray for Fr. Henry Paul Antony Bible Study 9am - Barsen Hall Faith Formation 6-7pm Barsen Hall	22 Pray for Fr. Chester Arceneaux Pro-Life Rosary	23 Pray for Fr. Michael Arnaud Bible Study 6pm - Barsen Hall	24 Pray for Fr. Singarayar Arockiam	25 Pray for Fr. Justin Arockiasamy
26 Pray for Fr. Matthew Barzare New Iberia Poor & Needy Trunk - Or - Treat after 10am Mass	27 Pray for Fr. Reed Michael Bellingham Women's Ultraya 7pm-Parish Hall	28 Pray for Fr. Herbert Bennerfield Bible Study 9am - Barsen Hall Faith Formation. 6-7	29 Pray for Fr. C. Paul Bergeron Pro-Life Rosary	30 Pray for Fr. Donald Bernard Bible Study 6pm - Barsen Hall	31 Pray for Fr. Conley Bertrand	November 1 All Saints' Day

MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday, September 30, 2025

7:00am Betty C. Champagne

Wednesday, October 1, 2025

9:00am Victor Bernard, Madison Claire Olivier
Kevin Elmer, Gretchen Elmer Yax (liv bd)
Ernest "Topper" Breaux, Dickie Broussard
Robert Eugene Park, The Belaire Fly
John "Winn" Murphey, Dawn D. Gipson
Alvin "Motch" Maturin, Carrol Romero, Sr.

Thursday, October 2, 2025

7:00am Nancy Gachassin (bd)

Friday, October 3, 2025

7:00am Carlyle Hebert Fly, Dawn Degeyter Gipson
Don Taylor, Janell Broussard, Lee Broussard

Saturday, October 4, 2025

9:00am M/M Raymond Landry, Rudy Delcambre Fly
Brother & Claire LaBauve, Domingue Fly

4:00pm Fr. Tom Finley, Rachel R. Romero
Lynward Ransonet, John "Winn" Murphey
Bayne Olivier, Bill Olivier, Kenneth Breaux
Dawn Degeyter Gipson, Roy Flores
Dressel & Ransonet Fly, Rudy Delcambre
William Bernard, DeHart & Estilette Fly
Ernest & Theonie Breaux, Joseph Breaux

Sunday, October 5, 2025

8:00am Parishioners, Carroll Aucoin
Henry & Dorothy McDonald
Thelma Broussard, Donna M. Snoddy

10:00am Msgr. H.J. Barsen, Fr. A.J. Boumans
Harvey & Joyce DeCourt
Nancy Gachassin (ann of death)
Cecile G. Vincent, Leslie Romero
Gil Simon (bd), John Babin (liv bd)

CURRENT EVENTS

Tuesday, September 30, 2025

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

Wednesday, October 1, 2025

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

Thursday, October 2, 2025

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

Friday, October 3, 2025 - First Friday

OLAS, K.C. Ladies Auxiliary & K.C.
Members to attend 7:00am Mass
Eucharistic Adoration - 7:30am - 11am
Benediction - 11am

Saturday, October 4, 2025 - First Saturday

OLAS, K.C. Ladies Auxiliary & K.C.
Members to attend 9:00am Mass
Mass at 4:00pm
Fall Floral Sale - after 4pm Mass

Sunday, October 5, 2025

Masses at: 8am & 10am
Fall Floral Sale- after 8am & 10am Masses
2nd Collection - Nativity Building Fund

Nativity of Our Lady Youth Group will be hosting the 20th annual "Holyween" "Trunk-Or-Treat" with the K.C. Fall Fest. in the Parish Hall on Sunday, October 28th after the 10am Mass. We will need volunteers to decorate their car trunks and pass out candy. Also, we need volunteers to bake cupcakes for our cupcake decorating table. If you are interested or you know someone who would love to help - please contact Amber Salsman at: nativityofourladyyouthgroup@gmail.com. Thanks.

MASS SERVERS September 30, 2025 - October 5, 2025

DAY DATE	TIME	CELEBRANT	READERS	ALTAR SERVERS
Tuesday 9/30/25	7:00am	Fr. Matthew Higginbotham	Pete Aucoin	Sacristan
Wednesday 10/1/25	9:00am	Fr. Ed Degeyter	See Reader Schedule	Sacristan
Thursday 10/2/25	7:00am	Fr. Matthew Higginbotham	See Reader Schedule	Sacristan
Friday 10/3/25	7:00am	Fr. Matthew Higginbotham	See Reader Schedule	Sacristan
Saturday 10/4/25	9:00am	Fr. Ed Degeyter	See Reader Schedule	See Altar Server Schedule
	4:00pm	Fr. Matthew Higginbotham	See Reader Schedule	See Altar Server Schedule
Sunday 10/5/25	8:00am	Fr. Matthew Higginbotham	See Reader Schedule	See Altar Server Schedule
	10:00am	Fr. Matthew Higginbotham	See Reader Schedule	See Altar Server Schedule

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