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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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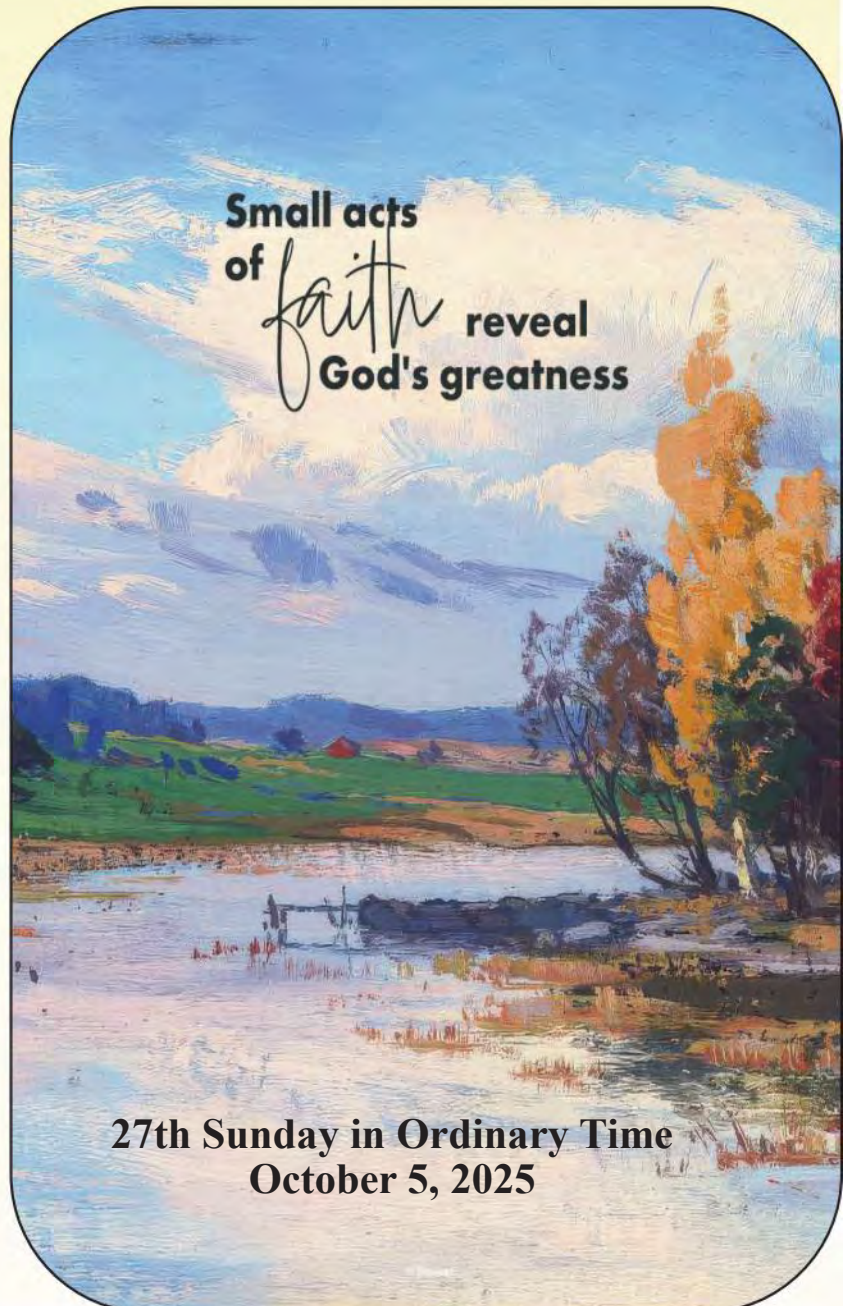
RECONCILIATION:

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-Seventh Sunday In Ordinary Time

Readings:

Habakkuk 1:2–3; 2:2–4

Psalm 95:1–2, 6–9

2 Timothy 1:6–8, 13–14

Luke 17:5–10

Because of his faith, the just man shall live. We hear in today's First Reading the original prophetic line made so central by St. Paul (see Romans 1:17; Galatians 3:11; Hebrews 10:38).

We are to live by faith in Christ who loved us and gave Himself on the Cross for us (see Galatians 2:20).

The world, though, can seem to us as seventh-century Judah seemed to Habakkuk—in the control of God's enemies. The strife and discord we face in our own lives can sometimes cause us to wonder, as the prophet does, why God doesn't seem to hear or intervene when we cry for help.

We can't let our hearts be hardened by the trials we undergo. As today's Psalm reminds us: Israel forgot His mighty works, lost faith in the sound words of His promise. They tested God in the desert, demanding a sign.

But God didn't redeem Israel from Egypt only to let them die in the desert. And He didn't ransom us from futility only to abandon us in our trials. He is our God and we are the people He shepherds always—though at times His mercy and justice seem long delayed.

If we call on the Lord, as the Apostles do in today's Gospel, He will increase our faith, will stir to a flame the Holy Spirit who has dwelt within us since Baptism.

As Paul tells us in today's Epistle, the Lord will always give us the love and self-control we need to bear our share of hardship for the Gospel—with a strength that can come from God alone.

Our task is to continue doing what He has commanded—to love and to build up His kingdom—trusting that His vision still presses on to its fulfillment.

For His vision still has its time. One day, though we are but “unprofitable servants,” we will be invited to eat and drink at our Master's table. It is that day we anticipate with each celebration of the Eucharist .

Scott Hahn

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.

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.

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

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.



DEVOTION FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER

- The Holy Rosary

The month of October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary. According to an account by fifteenth-century Dominican, Alan de la Roch, Mary appeared to St. Dominic in 1206 after he had been praying and doing severe penances because of his lack of success in combating the Albigensian heresy. Mary praised him for his valiant fight against the heretics and then gave him the Rosary as a mighty weapon, explained its uses and efficacy, and told him to preach it to others. Since the prayers of the Rosary come from such excellent sources — from Our Lord Himself, from inspired Scripture, and from the Church — it is not surprising that the Rosary is so dear to our Blessed Mother and so powerful with heaven. "Today, when dangers far greater than those of the ancient Turks threaten not only Christianity but all civilization, we are urged by our Blessed Mother to turn again to the Rosary for help. If men in sufficient numbers do this, and at the same time carry out the other conditions that she has laid down, we have the greater reason for confidence that we will be delivered from our dangers."

Prayer to Lady of the Rosary:

O Virgin Mary, grant that the recitation of thy Rosary may be for me each day, in the midst of my manifold duties, a bond of unity in my actions, a tribute of filial piety, a sweet refreshment, an encouragement to walk joyfully along the path of duty. Grant, above all, O Virgin Mary, that the study of thy fifteen mysteries may form in my soul, little by little, a luminous atmosphere, pure, strengthening, and fragrant, which may penetrate my understanding, my will, my heart, my memory, my imagination, my whole being. So shall I acquire the habit of praying while I work, without the aid of formal prayers, by interior acts of admiration and of supplication, or by aspirations of love. I ask this of thee, O Queen of the Holy Rosary, through Saint Dominic, thy son of predilection, the renowned preacher of thy mysteries, and the faithful imitator of thy virtues. Amen.

OCTOBER CHALLENGE

October Challenge, Are you ready? This is a big one! Your challenge for the month of October is to pray the rosary every single day. If you miss a day, don't give up. Pick it up the next day. You will understand the power of prayer, intercession, the Gospel, and God's love more and more each day.

WHAT TO REFLECT ON IN OCTOBER

1. How do you pray the rosary? With Scripture? With special added prayers? There are many different ways to personalize the rosary.
2. Which mysteries of the Gospel mean the most to your spiritual life this month?
3. How can you remove any obstacles that are between you and a daily rosary?
4. How do you share the rosary with others, even non-Catholics?

October is Respect Life Month



Inspirational Catholic Quotes

From the cross Jesus cries out, "I thirst." His thirst was for souls even as He hung there dying, alone, despised. Who will bring those souls to Him? Can you and I continue to stand by as mere spectators? Can we pass by and do nothing?

Saint Teresa of Calcutta



PARISH VOCATION CROSS

The Vocation Cross is taken by:

Kimberly Richard

(October 5th - October 11th)

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 INTENTIONS

Tuesday, October 7 2025

7:00am Michael Boutte, Sr., Lloyd J. Landry (bd)

Wednesday, October 8, 2025

9:00am Ernest "Topper" Breaux, Dickie Broussard
Robert Eugene Park, The Belaire Fly
John "Winn" Murphey, Sr.
Carrol Romero, Sr., Dawn Degeyter Gipson
Violet & Clarence Lancon

Thursday, October 9, 2025

7:00am Bobby Norris

Friday, October 10, 2025

7:00am Dawn Degeyter Gipson

Saturday, October 11, 2025

4:00pm Fr. Tom Finley, Jules & Leona Broussard
Lynward Ransonet, Rachel R. Romero
Bayne Olivier, Bill Olivier
Ralph & Lorraine Breaux, Ted Pisani
Emmet & Marguerite Conery

Sunday, October 12, 2025

8:00am Parishioners, Carroll Aucoin

Henry & Dorothy McDonald
Thelma Broussard, Quang Nguyen

10:00am Msgr. H.J. Barsen, Fr. A.J. Boumans

Harvey & Joyce DeCourt
Leroy & June Aucoin, Cliff Aucoin
JoAnn Cangemi, Tony Cangemi

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

CURRENT EVENTS

Tuesday, October 7, 2025

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

Wednesday, October 8, 2025

Pro-Life Rosary - 8:20am
Mass at 9:00am
K.C. & Ladies Auxiliary Supper & Meeting
Parish & Barsen Halls

Thursday, October 9, 2025

Mass at 7:00am
Bible Study - 6pm - Barsen Hall
Baptismal Class - Office - 6:30pm

Friday, October 10, 2025

7:00am Mass

Saturday, October 11, 2025

Mass at 4:00pm
Fall Floral Sale - after 4pm Mass

Sunday, October 12, 2025

Masses at: 8am & 10am
Fall Floral Sale- after 8am & 10am Masses
2nd Collection - Bishop's Service Appeal

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.

MASS SERVERS October 7, 2025 - October 12, 2025

DAY DATE	TIME	CELEBRANT	READERS	ALTAR SERVERS
Tuesday 10/7/25	7:00am	Fr. Ed Degeyter	Ellen Claudy	Sacristan
Wednesday 10/8/25	9:00am	Fr. Ed Degeyter	Ginger Comeaux	Sacristan
Thursday 10/9/25	7:00am	Fr. Ed Degeyter	Pete Aucoin	Sacristan
Friday 10/10/25	7:00am	Fr. Ed Degeyter	Keith Comeaux	Sacristan
Saturday 10/11/25	4:00pm	Fr. Matthew Higginbotham	Brenda Prejean	See Altar Server Schedule
Sunday 10/12/25	8:00am	Fr. Matthew Higginbotham	Nena Suit	See Altar Server Schedule
	10:00am	Fr. Matthew Higginbotham	Michelle Moss	See Altar Server Schedule

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