

# *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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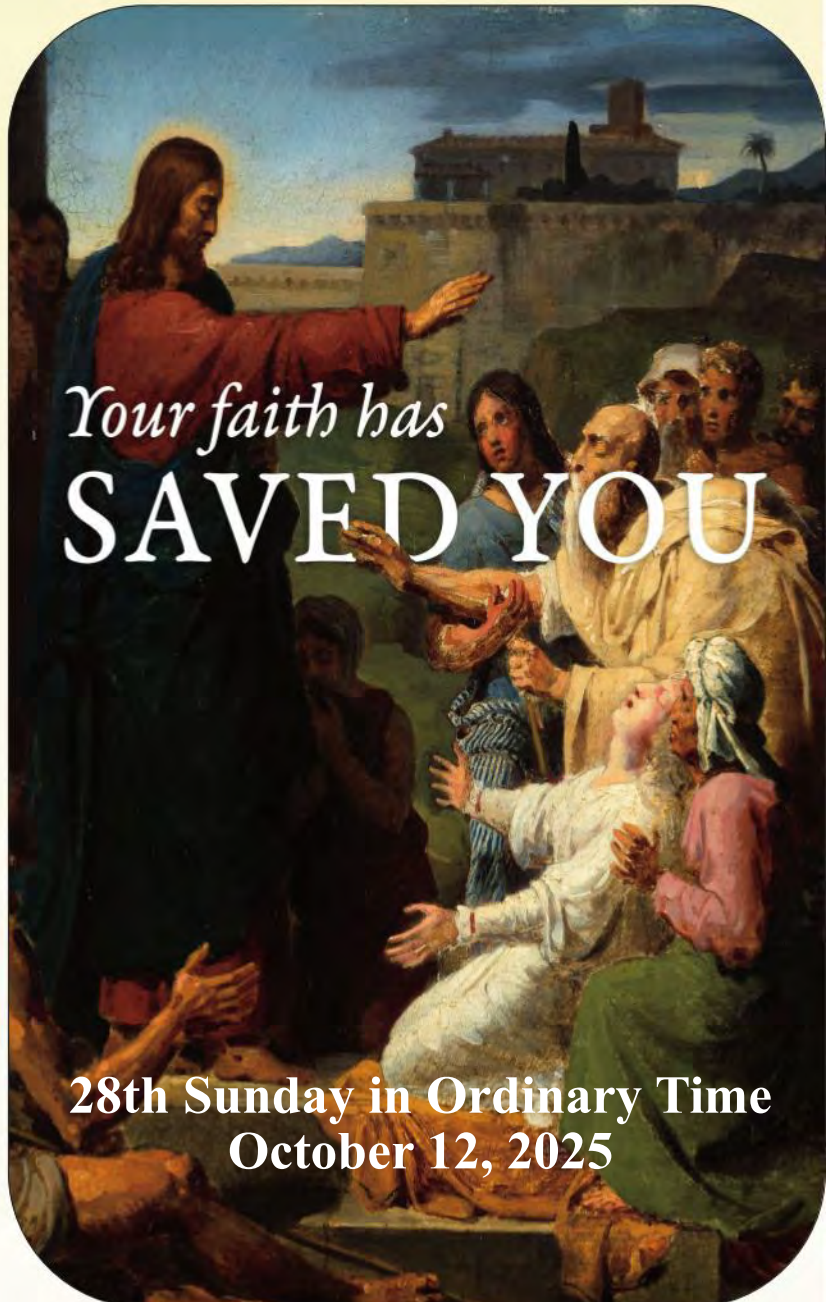
## **RECONCILIATION:**

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



*Your faith has*  
**SAVED YOU**

**28th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**October 12, 2025**

# TODAY'S READINGS



## Twenty-Eighth Sunday In Ordinary Time

### Readings:

2 Kings 5:14–17

Psalm 98:1–4

2 Timothy 2:8–13

Luke 17:11–19

A foreign leper is cleansed and in thanksgiving returns to offer homage to the God of Israel. We hear this same story in both the First Reading and Gospel today.

There were many lepers in Israel in Elisha's time, but only Naaman the Syrian trusted in God's Word and was cleansed (see Luke 5:12–14). Today's Gospel likewise implies that most of the ten lepers healed by Jesus were Israelites—but only a foreigner, the Samaritan, returned.

In a dramatic way, we're being shown today how faith has been made the way to salvation, the road by which all nations will join themselves to the Lord, becoming His servants, gathered with the Israelites into one chosen people of God, the Church (see Isaiah 56:3–8).

Today's Psalm also looks forward to the day when all peoples will see what Naaman sees—that there is no God in all the earth except the God of Israel.

We see this day arriving in today's Gospel. The Samaritan leper is the only person in the New Testament who personally thanks Jesus. The Greek word used to describe his "giving thanks" is the word we translate as "Eucharist."

And these lepers today reveal to us the inner dimensions of the Eucharist and sacramental life.

We, too have been healed by our faith in Jesus. As Naaman's flesh is made again like that of a little child, our souls have been cleansed of sin in the waters of Baptism. We experience this cleansing again and again in the Sacrament of Penance—as we repent our sins, beg and receive mercy from our Master, Jesus.

We return to glorify God in each Mass, to offer ourselves in sacrifice—falling on our knees before our Lord, giving thanks for our salvation.

In this Eucharist, we remember "Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David," Israel's covenant king. And we pray, as Paul does in today's Epistle, to persevere in this faith—that we too may live and reign with Him in eternal glory.

Scott Hahn

### PARISH VOCATION CROSS



The Vocation Cross is taken by:

**Brenda Romero**

(October 12th - October 18th)

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.



Blessing of  
Nativity Mausoleum  
Sunday, November 2, 2025  
Following the 10:00am Mass

Prayer for Husbands and Wives

Lord, inspire us here this day  
Who bear the titles "Husbands" and "Wife".

Help us to look  
To You, to ourselves, to one another,  
To rediscover the fullness and mystery  
We once felt in our union.

Let us be honest enough to ask:  
"Where have we been together and  
where are we going?"

Let us be brave enough to question:  
"Where have we failed?"

Let each of us be able to say:  
"For me, we come first."

Help us, together, to re-examine our  
Commitment in the light of Your love-  
Willingly, openly, compassionately.

Help us, together, to believe  
How fragile, yet powerful-

How weak, yet how strong-

How impossible, yet attainable

Our love can be.

Give us, as "Husband" and "Wife"

The courage to be for each other

A person, rather than a title

Amen!

### 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.

### Beneath the Balcony

Sunday, October 19, 2025

11:00 am to 4:00 pm

Lunch and Music on the Shadows West Lawn

11:00 am - 1:00 pm

Balcony Performances 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

First Performance meets at

Shadows Front Gallery at 1:00 pm

For more info. Call Linda Horton at 337-519-5442



### Thinking about Separation or Divorce?

Is your marriage or that of a relative or friend heading for divorce? Do you know how to save that marriage? Or do you feel helpless? Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi with a long i) is designed to help troubled marriages regain their health. It helps spouses uncover or re-awaken the love, trust and commitment that originally brought them together. The program is highly successful in saving hurting marriages, even bringing reconciliation to couples who have already separated or divorced. For confidential information about or to register for the Retrouvaille of Acadiana programs visit the website at: [www.helpourmarriage.com](http://www.helpourmarriage.com)

### Saint Carlo Acutis' Feast Day is Sunday, October 12th!

"Our lives will truly be beautiful only if we discover how to love God above all things and our neighbor as ourselves."

"The Eucharist is the highway to Heaven."

Saint Carlo Acutis

### Inspirational Catholic Quotes

"Faith in action is service. We try to be holy because we believe. In most modern rooms you see an electrical light that can be turned on by a switch. But if there is no connection with the main powerhouse, then there can be no light. Faith and prayer are our connection with God, and power of that connection is service." Saint Teresa of Calcutta

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 18<sup>th</sup>** and **Sunday October 19<sup>th</sup>**. 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.



## 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, Earline Estave, Chad Babineaux, Tammy Dore, 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, Doris Scheldon, Ovide Buteaux, The Delahoussaye Fly, Patsy & Percy Barrilleaux, Patsy Thibodeaux, Tom Stowe, Tim & Staci Stowe, 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, The Greig & Belaire Fly, Caroline Dubois, Josephine Delcambre, Mary Saltzman, Duppy Duplantis, Joylynn Trosclair, Earline Romero, Jarrod Lege, Jay Jacquemoud, Jody Ellen Hudson, Jim & Brenda Prejean, Toni Boudreaux, Rick Boudreaux, Jessica Gary Dubois, Joni Gullotta, Fisher Whitaker, The Babin, Trahan & Richard 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 Guillotte, Leoni Derouen, Cade T., Betty DeRouen, Geraldine Babin, Robert McDaniel, Ron Cutrera, Lori Aguilar, Bailey & Gage Tucker, The Sinitiere Fly, The Fitch Fly, Raywood & Virginia Buteaux, Barbara Keegan, Mike & Doris Degeyter Fly, Rory Suire, Crystal Elizabeth Olivier, Patrick Valls, Nickas Bonin, Gene Gonsoulin, Coty Bourque, Erskine Katz, Leslie Romero, Randy & Jessica Broussard, Jane Arceneaux, Rebecca Segura, Terry Trahan, John Babin, Phil Duplantis, Ray Landry, Shane 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.

### **SANCTUARY LIGHT:**

In Memory of:  
**Patrick J. Richard**



**Note:** The donation amount for the sanctuary light is \$8. Please call (364-8360) or come by the office to make arrangements.

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

#### **OUR GIFTS TO GOD September 28, 2025**

Loose .....	\$ 1,594.00
Envelopes .....	\$ 2,179.00
Total (collected) .....	\$ 3,773.00
Online Giving offertory .....	\$ 809.00
Mailed in offertory .....	\$ 305.00
Total offertory (week) .....	\$ 4,887.00
2nd Collection N.I. Poor & Needy.....	\$ 1,830.00

**Thank you for your generosity!!!!**

#### **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 Wine
- Altar Candles
- Flowers
- Altar Linen
- Priest Vestments
- Cleaning Supplies
- Etc.

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.

#### **Notice**

Fr. Matthew Higginbotham has scheduled some time off, Monday, October 13th through Wednesday, October 15th. Fr. Ed Degeyter will be doing the 7am weekday masses while Fr. Matthew is out.

#### **October Mass Count**

Every May and October, Nativity parish is asked to take a Mass attendance count for the Diocese of Lafayette. Our count will continue for every weekend Mass during the month of October.

**REFLECTIONS 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time** - The story of Naaman has many lessons for us. The prophet, Elisha, told him to bathe in the Jordan to be cured of his leprosy but he resisted - it was beneath him. His servant convinced him to do it and he was cured. How often do we resist the Spirit because we feel doing something would make us look silly? The more we ask the Spirit to guide us, the more we discover what seemed silly to us, is really God's wisdom at work in us.

*Sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things. - Psalm 98:1*

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## MASS INTENTIONS

**Tuesday, October 14 2025**  
**7:00am** Lupe Camacho (bd)

**Wednesday, October 15, 2025**  
**9:00am** Ernest “Topper” Breaux, Dickie Broussard  
 Robert Eugene Park, The Belaire Fly  
 John “Winn” Murphey, Sr., Joseph Viator  
 Liv & Dec Fly of Carrol & Brenda Romero  
 Dawn Degeyter Gipson, Patti Gagnard  
 Alvin “Motch” Maturin,  
 Nativity Office Staff  
 Liv & Dec Fly of Yolande Moss

**Thursday, October 16, 2025**  
**7:00am**

**Friday, October 17, 2025**  
**7:00am** Dawn Degeyter Gipson

**Saturday, October 18, 2025**  
**4:00pm** Fr. Tom Finley, Juliette C. Dubois  
 Lynward Ransonet, Rachel R. Romero  
 Bayne Olivier, Bill Olivier  
 Bill Odea, Betty B. LeBlanc  
 Mona Simon, Roy Flores  
 Cheryl Gonsoulin

**Sunday, October 19, 2025**  
**8:00am** Parishioners, Carroll Aucoin  
 Henry & Dorothy McDonald  
 Clark Romero, Brenda Bourque

**10:00am** Msgr. H.J. Barsen, Fr. A.J. Boumans  
 Harvey & Joyce DeCourt, Donna M. Lanza

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.

## CURRENT EVENTS

**Tuesday, October 14, 2025**  
 Mass at 7:00am  
 Bible Study 9am - Barsen Hall  
 No Faith Formation

**Wednesday, October 15, 2025**  
 Pro-Life Rosary - 8:20am  
 Mass at 9:00am

**Thursday, October 16, 2025**  
 Mass at 7:00am  
 Bible Study - 6pm - Barsen Hall

**Friday, October 17, 2025**  
 7:00am Mass

**Saturday, October 18, 2025**  
 Mass at 4:00pm  
 Bethlehem Nativity Group  
 Selling Religious Items after 4pm Mass

**Sunday, October 19, 2025**  
 Masses at: 8am & 10am  
 Bethlehem Nativity Group  
 Selling Religious Items after 8am/10am Masses

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 26th** 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](mailto:nativityofourladyyouthgroup@gmail.com)**.

### MASS SERVERS October 14, 2025 - October 19, 2025

DAY DATE	TIME	CELEBRANT	READERS	ALTAR SERVERS
<b>Tuesday 10/14/25</b>	<b>7:00am</b>	Fr. Ed Degeyter	Pete Aucoin	Sacristan
<b>Wednesday 10/15/25</b>	<b>9:00am</b>	Fr. Ed Degeyter	Ellen Claudy	Sacristan
<b>Thursday 10/16/25</b>	<b>7:00am</b>	Fr. Matthew Higginbotham	Vicky Morgan	Sacristan
<b>Friday 10/17/25</b>	<b>7:00am</b>	Fr. Matthew Higginbotham	Chad Courtois	Sacristan
<b>Saturday 10/18/25</b>	<b>4:00pm</b>	Fr. Matthew Higginbotham	Jenny Gonsoulin	Khoi Nguyen Tai Nguyen
<b>Sunday 10/19/25</b>	<b>8:00am</b>	Fr. Matthew Higginbotham	Janis Dugas	Ephraim Trahan Benjamin Trahan
	<b>10:00am</b>	Fr. Matthew Higginbotham	Lan Nguyen	Madalynn Salsman Morgan Salsman

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