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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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Kimberly Richard

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Polly Camacho

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Sheryl S. Bourgue

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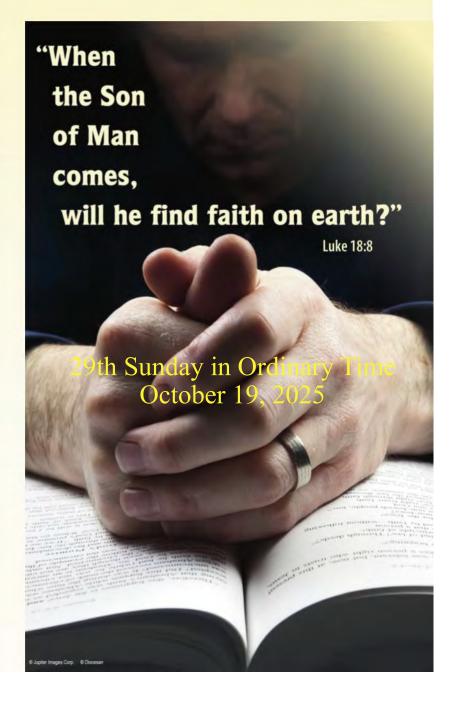
RECONCILIATION:

Saturday: 3:00 pm — 3:45 pm and 30 minutes before weekday Masses

ROSARY:

Wednesday: 8:20 am *(Pro-Life)*

First Friday: 6:30 am First Saturday: 6:30 am



TODAY'S READINGS



Twenty-Ninth Sunday In Ordinary Time

Readings:

Exodus 17:8-13

Psalm 121:1-8

2 Timothy 3:14-4:2

Luke 18:1-8

The Lord is our guardian, beside us at our right hand, interceding for us in all our spiritual battles . In today's Psalm we're told to lift our eyes to the mountains, that our help will come from Mount Zion and the Temple—the dwelling of the Lord who made heaven and earth .

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 56:3–8Joshua and the Israelites, in today's First Reading, are also told to look to the hilltops. They are to find their help there—through the intercession of Moses—as they defend themselves against their mortal foes, the Amalekites.

Notice the image: Aaron and Hur standing on each side of Moses, holding his weary arms so that he can raise the staff of God above his head. Moses is being shown here as a figure of Jesus, who also climbed a hilltop, and on Mount Calvary stretched out His hands between heaven and earth to intercede for us against the final enemy—sin and death (see 1 Corinthians 15:26).

By the staff of God, Moses bested Israel's enemies (see Exodus 7:8–12; 8:1–2), parted the Red Sea (see Exodus 14:16) and brought water from the Rock (see Exodus 17:6)."

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

The Cross of Jesus is the new staff of God, bringing about a new liberation from sin, bringing forth living waters from the body of Christ, the new Temple of God (see John 2:19–21; 7:37–39; 19:34; 1 Corinthians 10:4).

Like the Israelites and the widow in today's Gospel, we face opposition and injustice—at times from godless and pitiless adversaries.

We, too, must lift our eyes to the mountains—to Calvary and the God who will guard us from all evil. We must pray always and not be wearied by our trials, Jesus tells us today. As Paul exhorts in today's Epistle, we need to remain faithful, to turn to the inspired Scriptures—given by God to train us in righteousness.

We must persist, so that when the Son of Man comes again in kingly power, He will indeed find faith on earth.

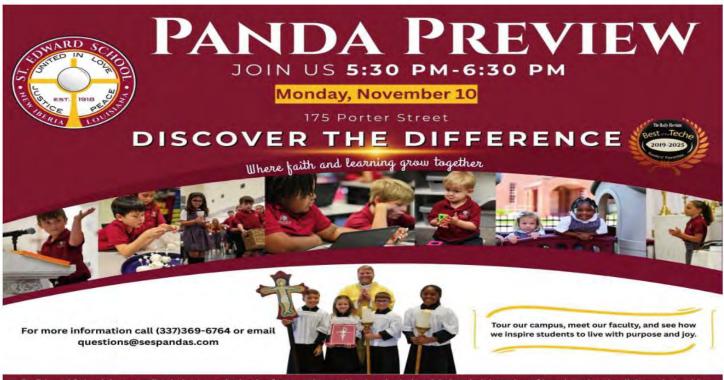
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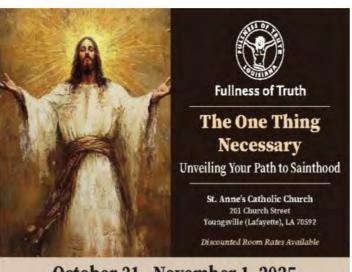
K. C. Ladies Auxiliary & Nativity of Our Lady Blood Drive (The Gift of Life) Sunday, November 9, 2025 7:30AM-1:00PM Church Parking Lot



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



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

Inspirational Catholic Quotes

"That terrible longing keeps growing and I feel as if something will break in me one day - and then that darkness comes, that loneliness, that feeling of terrible aloneness. Heaven seems closed from every side - and yet I long for God. I long to love Him with every drop of life in me - and I want to love Him with a deep personal love."

Saint Teresa of Calcutta

The Bethlehem Nativity Group is selling religious articles from the Holy Land, here at Nativity of Our Lady Catholic Church after all Masses, this weekend 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.



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.

Sirena Rogers, Janis & Nathan Dugas, Billy Simon, Edward Simon, Lynette Landry, Janet Viator, Ronnie Landry, The Delahoussaye Fly, Patsy & Percy Barrilleaux, Fran Jackson, 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, 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, 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, Cody Theriot, Sandra Upton, Zaiden Maturin.

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: **Brian Duplantis**



PARISH VOCATION CROSS

The Vocation Cross is taken by:
Linda Viator

(October 19th - October 25th)
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.

Our Lady's Altar Society is having their Raffle and "Sweet Sale". Raffle tickets will be sold after all Masses on Nov. 15th & 16th. The "Sweet Sale" will take place on the weekend of Nov. 22nd & 23rd after all Masses. OLAS needs volunteers to bake sweets for the fundraiser. Please bring donated "sweets" to the Church at the Mass you are attending. Donations are appreciated.

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

OUR GIFTS TO GOD	October 5, 2025			
Loose	\$ 3,838.00			
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Total offertory (week)				
Nativity Building Fund	\$ 1,446.00			
Thank you for your generosity!!!!				

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.

FEAST DAY - OCTOBER 22ND
Pope St. John Paul II, pray for us!
"Do not be afraid.
Open wide the doors for Christ."
Pope St. John Paul II

REFLECTIONS 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time - It is ironic that, often, it is the "unbeliever" who is the example of compassion and charity while many "Christians" seek vengeance and condemn those who have not "been saved" or who behave in ways they deem inappropriate. As disciples, we are called to imitate Jesus and respond to others as he would. While it is easier to find the faults in others, our challenge is to discover the good in others and treat everyone with respect and compassion.

The Lord is you keeper. He will keep your going out and your coming in. - Psalm 121:5,8

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MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday, October 21, 2025

7:00am Special Intention

Wednesday, October 22, 2025 9:00am Warren Barras (ann of death)

Patrick J. Richard, Ernest "Topper" Breaux Robert Eugene Park, John "Winn" Murphey Dickie Broussard, Dawn Degeyter Gipson The Belaire Fly, Carrol Romero, Sr.

Patty Babineaux Fontenot Ruth Bernard (liv bd)

Thursday, October 23, 2025

7:00am Doris Duplantis (bd) Friday, October 24, 2025

7:00am Dawn Degeyter Gipson Saturday, October 25, 2025

4:00pm Fr. Tom Finley, Ralph & Lorraine Breaux Lynward Ransonet, Rachel R. Romero Emmet & Marguerite Conery, Jeff Gerrets Bayne Olivier, Bill Olivier

Sunday, October 26, 2025

8:00am Parishioners, Carroll Aucoin Henry & Dorothy McDonald

Maria Tran, Timmy Delcambre, Jr. **10:00am**Msgr. H.J. Barsen, Fr. A.J. Boumans

Harvey & Joyce DeCourt, Donna M. Lanza
Oris Gachassin (bd), Charlie Solano (liv bd)

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. Please allow at least 14 business days if possible, before the requested Mass.

CURRENT EVENTS

Tuesday, October 21, 2025

Mass at 7:00am

Bible Study 9am - Barsen Hall Faith Formation 6pm - Barsen Hall

Wednesday, October 22, 2025

Pro-Life Rosary - 8:20am

Mass at 9:00am

Thursday, October 23, 2025

Mass at 7:00am

Bible Study - 6pm - Barsen Hall

Friday, October 24, 2025

Mass at 7:00am

Saturday, October 25, 2025

Mass at 4:00pm

Sunday, October 26, 2025

Masses at: 8am & 10am

Holyween/Fall Fest. after 10am Mass 2nd Collection - New Iberia Poor & Needy

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.

October 21, 2025 - October 26, 2025					
DAY DATE	TIME	CELEBRANT	READERS	ALTAR SERVERS	
Tuesday 10/21/25	7:00am	Fr. Matthew Higginbotham	Vicky Morgan	Sacristan	
Wednesday 10/22/25	9:00am	Fr. Ed Degeyter	Ellen Claudy	Sacristan	
Thursday 10/23/25	7:00am	Fr. Matthew Higginbotham	Vicky Morgan	Sacristan	
Friday 10/24/25	7:00am	Fr. Matthew Higginbotham	Keith Comeaux	Sacristan	
Saturday 10/25/25	4:00pm	Fr. Matthew Higginbotham	Margo Leblanc	Morgan Salsman Charlie Salsman	
Sunday 10/26/25	8:00am	Fr. Matthew Higginbotham	Bill Miller	Serena Bedia Khoi Nguyen	
	10:00am	Fr. Matthew Higginbotham	Vicky Morgan	Ephraim Trahan	

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