

# *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*

## **BOOKKEEPER:**

*Polly Camacho*

## **SECRETARY:**

*Kimberly Richard*

## **RECEPTIONIST:**

*Sheryl S. Bourque*

## **DIRECTOR OF FAITH FORMATION:**

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## **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 Friday: 6:30 am

First Saturday: 8:20 am

# ALL SAINTS

*Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven. Matt 5:12*



**Sunday, November 2, 2025**

# ALL SOULS

*For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who sees the Son and believes in him  
may have eternal life, and I shall raise him on the last day. John 6:40*

# TODAY'S READINGS



## The Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed

### Readings:

Wisdom 3:1-9

Psalm 23:1-3a, 3b-4,5,6

Romans 6:3-9

John 6:37-40

When St. Paul talked about the resurrection of the dead with the philosophers at Athens, many laughed and mocked him ([Acts 17:32](#)). The Gospel, he would later write, is “foolishness” to the wise of this world ([1 Cor. 1:18](#)).

Yet this week’s First Reading tells us that it is foolish to think that the souls of the just are dead. Instead, theirs is a “hope full of immortality.”

By His resurrection, Jesus frees the human race from the fear of death—from the terrible fear of the unknown, of our own disintegration—that holds us in a kind of slavery (see [Hebrews 2:14-15](#)).

Because He has walked the dark valley of death before us, because He has promised to walk alongside us, we can take “courage” and “fear no evil,” in the words of this week’s Psalm.

This is God’s will for us, the reason Jesus came into the world, according to Sunday’s Gospel: that we will recognize Jesus as the Son of God, and by believing in Him be raised to eternal life.

If we believe in Him, we will follow Him, as the Psalmist says: He will refresh our souls in the waters of Baptism, anoint our heads with the oil of Confirmation, and set before us the table of the Eucharist.

There our cups will be filled to overflowing. And by these mysteries of His kindness and goodness, we will “dwell in the house of the Lord” in this life and in the life to come.

The First Reading seems to allude to the doctrine of Purgatory, to the souls of the just being chastised, purified as gold in a furnace and made worthy of God (see [1 Cor. 3:11-12](#)). This reading also tells us of the glory of the saints, who will share in the rule of Christ, judging and ruling over the nations (see [Luke 22:30](#)).

Through the “newness of life” we have in the sacraments, this week’s Epistle adds, we “grow into union with Him,” confident that we will be “united with Him in the Resurrection.”

Scott Hahn

### Inspirational Catholic Quotes

Bring prayer back into your family life and you will experience unity-and a joyful love that will bind you together. Maybe there is suffering in your family, but praying together, sharing together, loving together will help you.

Saint Teresa of Calcutta

Happy Birthday

Fr. Matthew

Wishing You the  
Greatest of God’s  
Blessings!!! 11/3/25



### PARISH VOCATION CROSS



The Vocation Cross is taken by:

**Warren & Sandra Gaspard**

(November 2<sup>nd</sup> - November 8<sup>th</sup>)

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.

Donations for Christmas Flowers and Decorations can now be made by calling the Church Office at 364-8360.

**Deadline: December 10<sup>th</sup>**





## DEVOTION FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER

### The Souls in Purgatory

Since the 16th century Catholic piety has assigned entire months to special devotions. As a reminder of our duty to pray for the suffering faithful in Purgatory, the Church has dedicated the month of November to the Holy Souls. The Holy Souls are those who have died in the state of grace but who are not yet free from all punishment due to their unforgiven venial sins and all other sins already forgiven for which satisfaction is still to be made. They are certain of entering Heaven, but first they must suffer in Purgatory. The Holy Souls cannot help themselves because for them the night has come, when no man can work (John 9:4). It is our great privilege of brotherhood that we can shorten their time of separation from God by our prayers, good works, and, especially, the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.

**Prayer:** Christ Jesus, Lord of life and Redeemer of the world, grant eternal rest to all the faithful departed. Let my relatives and friends whom you have called from this life attain their eternal home. Reward our departed benefactors with eternal blessedness. Grant your departed priests and religious the recompense for their work in your vineyard. O Lord, receive into your peace

the souls of our brothers and sisters who labored for peace and justice on earth. Accept the sacrifices of those who gave their lives out of love for you and their fellow human beings. Look with mercy on all who showed good will to others, and grant them the piece they deserve. O Lord, through the bloody sweat which you suffered in the garden of Gethsemani; through the pains which you suffered while carrying your Cross to Calvary; through the pains which you suffered through your most painful crowning with thorns; through the pains you suffered during your most cruel Crucifixion; through the pains which you suffered in your most bitter agony on the Cross; through the immense pain which you suffered in breathing forth your blessed soul; grant eternal rest to all the faithful departed. Amen.

### NOVEMBER CHALLENGE

Pray for one person by name each day. Offer up sacrifices for that person, pray a rosary, or maybe ask for a Mass to be celebrated in a deceased person's honor. It can be the same person if you've had a recent loss, or you can pick a stranger every day. Visit a cemetery for names if you need help and pray for each person on each rosary bead.

### WHAT TO REFLECT ON IN NOVEMBER

1. What depiction of Purgatory helps you understand it most?  
(i.e. Dante's *Purgatorio*, C.S. Lewis' *The Great Divorce*)
2. Who are you praying for specifically this month?
3. How much are you willing to purge now from your soul now to become a saint in Heaven?
4. What are you most thankful for? How will you show your gratitude to God?

### Décor Team Needed

We are in need of volunteers to join the Nativity of Our Lady Décor Team. If you have talents that you can share with us and feel that God is calling you into this ministry, please call the Church Office at 337-364-8360. We need your God given talent making the Church beautiful for Christmas welcoming our Savior at His birth. Thank you in advance.



**Women's Praise & Worship**  
Come Lift your Hands in Worship  
Thursday, November 13, 2025  
Our Lady of Perpetual Help - 6:00PM

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 at the Church Office @ 364-8360.

## 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, Kay Charpentier Green, Hardy Jenkins, Bridgette Louviere. Please also pray for those individuals who, although in need of your prayers, have requested that their names not be publicized for privacy reasons.

## MASS INTENTIONS

### **Tuesday, November 4 2025**

**7:00am** Fr. Matthew P. Higginbotham (liv bd)

### **Wednesday, November 5, 2025**

**9:00am** LaVere Simon, John "Winn" Murphey, Sr. Ida K. Snoddy (bd), The Belaire Fly  
Carrol Romero, Sr., Dickie Broussard  
Madison Claire Olivier  
Patty Babineaux Fontenot  
Willie Elmer (liv bd)

### **Thursday, November 6, 2025**

**7:00am** Murray Fuselier

### **Friday, November 7, 2025**

**7:00am** Dawn Degeyter Gipson, Don Taylor  
Janell Broussard, Lee Broussard  
Carlyle Hebert Fly, Special Intention  
The United States of America

### **Saturday, November 8, 2025**

**4:00pm** Fr. Tom Finley, Rachel R. Romero  
Lynward Ransonet, Beatrice D. Babin (bd)  
Ralph & Lorraine Breaux, Jeff Gerrets  
Bayne Olivier, Bill Olivier  
Emmet & Marguerite Conery  
Dale & Marsha McAnally, Clet Reaux  
Stuart McAnally, Morgan McAnally

### **Sunday, November 9, 2025**

**8:00am** Parishioners, Carroll Aucoin  
Henry & Dorothy McDonald  
Liv & Dec Fly of Warren & Sandra Gaspard

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



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

### Nativity Youth Group's Thanksgiving Basket Drive

Nativity Youth Group is holding its **Thanksgiving Basket Drive**, and we are in need of non-perishable foods to fill our baskets. The Youth Group will deliver the baskets during Thanksgiving week to those in our church parish who are in need. **\*\*Please check expiration dates.**

When: November 1 through November 21

Where: Can be dropped off in the boxes at each of the entrances of the church or at Barsen Hall. If you have any questions, or would like to speak with someone about making a donation, please contact Amber Salsman at [nativityofourladyyouthgroup@gmail.com](mailto:nativityofourladyyouthgroup@gmail.com)

### THANKSGIVING BASKET SIGN-UP

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of people in family \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Member of Nativity Parish?  Yes  No

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

### SANCTUARY LIGHT:

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



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

OUR GIFTS TO GOD	October 19, 2025
Loose.....	\$ 1,506.00
Envelopes .....	\$ 1,842.00
Total (collected).....	\$ 3,348.00
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Total offertory (week).....	\$ 4,139.00

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



**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

**PANDA PREVIEW**  
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## CURRENT EVENTS

### Monday, November 3, 2025

Happy Birthday Fr. Matthew P. Higginbotham

### Tuesday, November 4, 2025

Mass at 7:00 am

Bible Study 9:00 am - Barsen Hall

Faith Formation 6:00 pm - Barsen Hall

### Wednesday, November 5, 2025

Pro-Life Rosary - 8:20 am

Mass at 9:00 am

### Thursday, November 6, 2025

Mass at 7:00 am

Bible Study - 6:00 pm - Barsen Hall

### Friday, November 7, 2025 - First Friday

OLAS, K.C. Ladies Auxiliary & K.C. Members to attend 7:00 am Mass

### Saturday, November 8, 2025

Mass at 4:00 pm

### Sunday, November 9, 2025

Masses at: 8:00 am & 10:00 am

2<sup>nd</sup> Collection - Archdiocese for the Military Serv.

Ladies Auxiliary Blood Drive

7:30 am to 1:00 pm - Church Parking Lot

**Our Lady's Altar Society** is having their **Raffle** and **"Sweet Sale"**. Raffle tickets will be sold after all Masses on **Nov. 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup>**. The **"Sweet Sale"** will take place on the weekend of **Nov. 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup>** 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.

## MASS SERVERS

November 4, 2025 - November 9, 2025

DAY DATE	TIME	CELEBRANT	READERS	ALTAR SERVERS
Tuesday 11/4/25	7:00am	Fr. Matthew Higginbotham	See Reader Schedule	Sacristan
Wednesday 11/5/25	9:00am	Fr. Ed Degeyter	See Reader Schedule	Sacristan
Thursday 11/6/25	7:00am	Fr. Matthew Higginbotham	See Reader Schedule	Sacristan
Friday 11/7/25	7:00am	Fr. Matthew Higginbotham	See Reader Schedule	Sacristan
Saturday 11/8/25	4:00pm	Fr. Matthew Higginbotham	See Reader Schedule	Morgan Salsman Charlie Salsman
Sunday 11/9/25	8:00am	Fr. Matthew Higginbotham	See Reader Schedule	Allie Comeaux Sophia Comeaux
	10:00am	Fr. Matthew Higginbotham	See Reader Schedule	Benjamin Trahan Ephraim Trahan

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