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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Fr. Ed Degeyter

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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: 8:20 am

TODAY'S READINGS

Isaiah 11:1-10
Psalm 72:1-2,7-8,12-13,17
Romans 15:4-9
Matthew 3:1-12

Inspirational Catholic Quotes

God dwells in us. It doesn't matter where you are as long as you are clean of heart. Clean of heart means openness, that complete freedom, that detachment that allows you to love God without hinderance, without obstacles. When sin comes into our lives that is a personal obstacle between us and God. Sin is nothing but slavery.

Saint Teresa of Calcutta

PARISH VOCATION CROSS

The Vocation Cross is taken by:
Willie & Cynthia Elmer
(December 7th - December 13th)

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.

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary is **Monday, December 8th**. This is a **Holy Day of Obligation**.
Mass Times
7:00 am & 5:30 pm

2026 CALENDARS

We wish to thank our sponsors: Coastal Timbers, Countryside Storage, Soileau's Pharmacy & Gifts, Jane's Seafood & Chinese, Duhon's Heating & Cooling, Fremin's Food & Furniture, Knights of Columbus - Ben L. Kiper Council 12997, Lucretia Pecantte - Attorney at Law, Advantage Assets, and Michael & Allison Flash, for providing our Church parish with 2026 calendars. Please pick one up on your way out of church. Please limit one per family due to the limited number of calendars.

The Light is On For You

Celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation

Wednesdays in Advent
6:30 pm to 8:00 pm
December 17th

Our parish will be open for individual confessions on the Third Wednesday of Advent from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm.

Knights of Columbus Raffle

K.C. Council #12997 is holding its annual benefit raffle. The proceeds will be used for parish activities, improvements and charities.

- 1st - $500 Cash - Donated by KC Council 12997
- 2nd - $400 Cash - Donated by Phil Haney
- 3rd - $300 Cash - by Duhon's Heating & Cooling, Inc.
- 4th - $200 Mr. Lester's Steak House & 1 free Hotel night
- 5th - $125 Home Depot Gift Card - by MS Welding
- 6th - $100 Gift Card - Donated by Jane's Seafood
- 7th - $250 Value Handmade Quilt by Holly Bishop
- 8th - $100 Cash - Donated by Art Merryman
  In Memory of Carmen Merryman
- 9th - $100 Lowes Gift Card - Donated by Rickey & Kathy Segura
- 10th - $100 Cash - Donated by Landry's Plumbing
- 11th - $75 Certificate - Donated by Mill Side Market
- 12th - $50 Cash - Donated by Special Force Riders
- 13th - $50 Harbor Freight-In Memory of Donald Dupuis
- 14th - $50 Cash - Donated by K.C. Council 12997

Donations are $1.00 per ticket.
See any KC Member or the Church Office to purchase a ticket.
Drawing will be held on December 21, 2025.

The Nativity Youth Group would like to thank everyone who donated goods, making this year's Thanksgiving Basket Drive such a wonderful success.

SANCTUARY LIGHT:

In Memory of:
Edward Landry

Heavenly Father,
You are the God who gives peace. This second week of Advent, cause us to remember that because of Jesus we can experience a Christmas free from turmoil and chaos. Regardless of our circumstances or our situations, you offer us peace that passes understanding.

DEVOTION FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER

The Holy Season of Advent

Among many feasts, memorials, and reasons to celebrate throughout Advent and the Christmas season, this month is full of famous feasts: St. Nicholas on December 6th, St. Juan Diego on the 9th, Our Lady of Guadalupe on the 12th, St. Lucy on the 13th, and most obviously, the Nativity of the Lord Jesus Christ (Christmas!) on December 25. It is a time of hope, full of the longings and aspirations of the Prophets who announced the promised Messiah. But in particular it is the season of the Blessed Virgin Mary, who awaits the fulfillment, in her own sacred person, of the message brought by the Angel Gabriel. Holy Mother Church wishes us to be filled with the interior dispositions in which the Just among the Chosen People lived before the coming of the Messiah. We shall thus prepare ourselves for the coming of Christ into our souls by faith and Divine charity, as well as for His final Coming, on the Day of Judgment. In union with the Prophets, and especially with Our Lady, our hearts should yield themselves up to an absolute confidence in Him Who is to come, so that the graces of His Nativity may be brought to us in abundance, and that Jesus may be truly born anew in our hearts. The Advent Wreath originating in Germany several hundred years ago, it has become a cherished custom for many families throughout America. Children are deeply impressed with the beautiful symbolism of the Advent Wreath. Their anticipation of Christmas, the Birthday of Christ, increases as the ceremonies progress each week of Advent. Christians preparing for their feast of light and life-the Nativity of the Savior-found this wreath an appropriate means of doing so. Adding one light for each of the four Sundays in Advent, they think about the darkness without God after the Fall, and the growing hope for salvation, enkindled in Paradise, and nourished through the ages by the prophets up to John, the Precursor, until the Morning Star who announces the coming of the Sun came forth: the Virgin who bore a Son. The wreath without beginning and end stands for eternity; the evergreens for life and growth; the four candles, preferably of beeswax and blessed and set aside since Candlemas, represent the ages "sitting in darkness and the shadow of death", each candle adding more light until Christmas, when the light from the wreath sets off, as it were, the blaze of light on the "tree of life", the Christmas tree-for the time is fulfilled.

Here are Seven ways to make this your best Advent ever:

1. Go to Confession.
2. Embrace Advent Traditions (*Traditions like the Advent wreath, Advent calendar, Jesse Tree, and more)*
3. Consider the Works of Mercy.
4. Reconcile with Others.
5. Celebrate Liturgical Feasts (*December 6 – Saint Nicholas, December 8 – Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, December 12 – Our Lady of Guadalupe, December 13 – Saint Lucy)*
6. Celebrate The Epiphany, and update your nativity scene at the right time!
7. Keep your Christmas candle lit during prayer time, when you're home or for dinner with your family.

REFLECTIONS - SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

There are so many people in our lives, from those who are close to us to the strangers we pass on the street. We have our beliefs and ideas of what is good and acceptable and it is easy to judge others by our standards - after all we are God-fearing people and we know what is right. Do you ever consider that each person you meet is a gift? They all have something to teach you - from your child to the bum on the street. If we can stop judging others for a moment, perhaps we can discover the gift they can bring to our hearts.

Accept one another, then, as Christ accepted you, for the glory of God. - Romans 15:7

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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, Jessica Gary Dubois, Joni Gullotta, Fisher Whitaker, The Babin, Trahan & Richard Fly, Deacon John Sarkies, James & Doreen Norman, Melvin & 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, Randy & Jessica Broussard, Jane Arceneaux, Rebecca Segura, Terry Trahan, John Babin, Phil Duplantis, Ray Landry, Shane DeRouen, Cody Theriot, Sandra Upton, Kay Charpentier Green, Hardy Jenkins, Bridgette Louviere, Amye Hammond Bellot, Hadley Babin. 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

Monday, December 8, 2025
7:00am Carlson & Claudy Flys (liv & dec)
Clint & Margaret Claudy
5:30pm Donna M. Snoddy, Gil Simon
Mark A. Bourque
Babin & Trahan Flys (liv & dec)

Tuesday, December 9, 2025
7:00am Jeanette Heitman, Cameron Viator (liv bd)

Wednesday, December 10, 2025
9:00am Kevin Elmer, M/M Clay Walker
Leslie Romero, The Belaire Fly
Dickie Broussard, Miles D. Viator (liv bd)
Moss & Prejean Flys (liv & dec)
Carrol Romero, Sr.

Thursday, December 11, 2025
7:00am Purvis & Elmae Picard

Friday, December 12, 2025
7:00am Donna M. Snoddy (2nd ann of death)
Dominic Corson (liv), Lyn Northam (liv)

Saturday, December 13, 2025
4:00pm Fr. Tom Finley, Rachel R. Romero
Lynward Ransonet, Roy Flores
Bayne Olivier, Bill Olivier
Ronella Bernard, Howard McCoy

Sunday, December 14, 2025
8:00am Parishioners, Carroll Aucoin
Henry & Dorothy McDonald
Liv & Dec Fly of Warren & Sandra Gaspard
Theresa Tran (ann of death)
Donna M. Snoddy, Nigeria
10:00am Msgr. H.J. Barsen, Fr. A.J. Boumans
Harvey & Joyce DeCourt
James Heitman, Donna M. Lanza

Come Lord Jesus
We await your arrival with open hearts!!!!!

A Night in Bethlehem
Live Nativity

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Nativity Youth Group

Nativity of Our Lady Catholic Church
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Saturday, December 20, 2025
Sunday, December 21, 2025
Time: 5:30pm - 7:30pm

FREE FOR THE ENTIRE FAMILY!
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Experience Bethlehem during the census, visit shopkeepers in the marketplace and learn about their trades. Make special keepsakes and sample breads and sweets on your journey through Bethlehem.

At 6:30pm follow the innkeeper to the stable to meet Mary, Joseph and baby Jesus, as well as the shepherds, wise men and animals.

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

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

OUR GIFTS TO GOD November 23, 2025

Loose	$ 1,233.00
Envelopes	$ 2,178.00
Total (collected)	$ 3,411.00
Online Giving offertory	$ 1,524.00
Mailed in offertory	$ 485.00
Total offertory (week)	$ 5,420.00
New Iberia Poor & Needy	$ 1,483.00

Thank you for your generosity!!!!

Advent Mission

Nativity of Our Lady Church
Tuesday, December 9th, Wednesday, December10th
Thursday, December 11th
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Mary: The Joy of Humanity, the Joy of Israel

In this in-depth three-part mission on the Blessed Mother, entitled Mary: The Joy of Israel, the Joy of Humanity, Karlo Broussard focuses on the role of Mary within salvation history as revealed in the Bible. He demonstrates how the biblical picture of Mary comes into full focus when we read the events of Mary's life against the backdrop of the Old Testament. This three-part series on Mary will equip you with the biblical knowledge that you need to foster a deeper relationship with Mary and to share the truth about her with others who fail to see or understand it.

CURRENT EVENTS

Monday, December 8, 2025
Immaculate Conception
Masses at 7:00 am & 5:30 pm
Office Closed
Tuesday, December 9, 2025
Mass at 7:00 am
Faith Formation - 6:00 pm - Barsen Hall
Advent Mission - 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm
Wednesday, December 10, 2025
Pro-Life Rosary - 8:20 am
Mass at 9:00 am
Advent Mission - 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm
Thursday, December 11, 2025
Mass at 7:00 am
Advent Mission - 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm
Baptismal Class - 6:30 pm
Friday, December 12, 2025
Mass at 7:00 am
Saturday, December 13, 2025
Mass at 4:00 pm
Baptisms - 5:00 pm
Sunday, December 14, 2025
Masses at: 8:00 am & 10:00 am

Donations for Christmas Flowers and Decorations can be made by calling the Church Office at 364-8360.
Deadline: December 10th

MASS SERVERS
December 8, 2025 - December 14, 2025

DAY DATE	TIME	CELEBRANT	READERS	ALTAR SERVERS
Monday 12/8/2025 **Immaculate Conception**	***7:00am***	Fr. Ed Degeyter	Ellen Claudy	Sacristan
	5:30pm	Fr. Matthew Higginbotham	Michelle Moss	Sacristan
Tuesday 12/9/25	***7:00am***	Fr. Matthew Higginbotham	Ellen Claudy	Sacristan
Wednesday 12/10/25	***9:00am***	Fr. Ed Degeyter	Ginger Comeaux	Sacristan
Thursday 12/11/25	***7:00am***	Fr. Matthew Higginbotham	Vikki Morgan	Sacristan
Friday 12/12/25	***7:00am***	Fr. Matthew Higginbotham	Chad Courtois	Sacristan
Saturday 12/13/25	***4:00pm***	Fr. Matthew Higginbotham	Brenda Prejean	**See Altar Server Schedule**
Sunday 12/14/25	***8:00am***	Fr. Matthew Higginbotham	Paul Broussard	**See Altar Server Schedule**
	10:00am	Fr. Matthew Higginbotham	Vincent Borne	**See Altar Server Schedule**

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