

# *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:**

*Janet Viator – 337-365-3759*

## **YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT COORDINATOR:**

*Amber Salsman*

## **PASTORAL COUNCIL**

**PRESIDENT:** *André 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

Third Tuesday: 7:30 am (*Patriotic*)

**Sunday, January 11, 2026**

# BAPTISM of the LORD

“I, the LORD, have called you for  
justice, I have grasped  
you by the hand;  
I formed you, and set you as  
a covenant for the people,  
a light for the nations,  
to open the eyes of the blind,  
to bring out prisoners from confinement,  
and from the dungeon,  
those who live in darkness.”

Isaiah 42:6-7

## TODAY'S READINGS



**Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7**  
**Psalms 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10**  
**Acts 10:34-38**  
**Matthew 3:13-17**



### The Baptism Of The Lord

The Liturgy last week revealed the mystery of God's plan—that in Jesus all peoples, symbolized by the Magi, have been made “coheirs” to the blessings promised to Israel. This week, we're shown how we claim our inheritance. Jesus doesn't submit to John's baptism as a sinner in need of purification. He humbles Himself to pass through Jordan's waters in order to lead a new “exodus”—opening up the promised land of heaven so that all peoples can hear the words pronounced over Jesus today, words once reserved only for Israel and its king: that each of us is a beloved son or daughter of God (see Genesis 22:2; Exodus 4:22; Psalm 2:7).

Jesus is the chosen servant Isaiah prophesies in today's First Reading, anointed with the Spirit to make things right and just on earth. God puts His Spirit upon Jesus to make Him “a covenant of the people,” the liberator of the captives, the light to the nations. Jesus, today's Second Reading tells us, is the One long expected in Israel, “anointed... with the Holy Spirit and power.”

The word messiah means “one anointed” with God's Spirit. King David was “the anointed of the God of Jacob” (see 2 Samuel 23:1–17; Psalm 18:51; 132:10, 17). The prophets taught Israel to await a royal offshoot of David, upon whom the Spirit would rest (see Isaiah 11:1–2; Daniel 9:25). That's why the crowds are so anxious at the start of today's Gospel. But it isn't John they're looking for. God confirms with His own voice what the angel earlier told Mary: Jesus is the Son of the Most High, come to claim the throne of David forever (see Luke 1:32–33).

In the Baptism that He brings, the voice of God will hover over the waters as a fiery flame, as we sing in today's Psalm. He has sanctified the waters, made them a passageway to healing and freedom—a fountain of new birth and everlasting life.

Scott Hahn

### REFLECTIONS - THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Jesus had no need to be baptized. So why did He insist that John baptize Him? Perhaps, it was a way of showing us that no matter who we are or how important we may become, we are not to make ourselves exempt from the ordinary things that are required of others. Our actions speak louder than any words. If we would be His followers, then we must be like Him in all things. He came to serve and to show us what it means to love one another.

*I have formed you, and set you as a covenant of the people, a light for the nations. - Isaiah 42:6*  
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### Inspirational Catholic Quotes

The world is changed by your example not your opinion.

Saint Teresa of Calcutta

There is great reason you should distrust yourself, but there is much greater reason that you should trust yourself entirely to your divine Savior.

St. Vincent de Paul

### PARISH VOCATION CROSS



The Vocation Cross is taken by:

**Ricky & Kathie Segura**

(January 11<sup>th</sup> - January 17<sup>th</sup>)

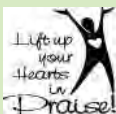
Each week, a family or an individual from our parish receives the vocation cross. If you or your family would like to receive the vocation cross, please sign-up on the sign-up sheet near the tabernacle in church.

## *Baptisms: January through December 2025*

<i>Name of Baptized:</i>	<i>Date of Baptism:</i>
Saylor Elizabeth Robinson	March 15, 2025
Son Van Nguyen	April 19, 2025
Chandler Graybel	April 19, 2025
Theodore John Brady	May 24, 2025
Eastyn Grace Hiles	June 21, 2025
Sloane Rae Deshotel	August 16, 2025
Saige Elizabeth Fouquier	August 16, 2025
James Alejandro Castillo	September 13, 2025
Hollis Anthony Andressen	October 18, 2025
Charlie Donald Andressen	October 18, 2025
Hazel Jewel Andressen	October 18, 2025
Walker John andressen	October 18, 2025
Eleanor Rose Lange	November 1, 2025
Zaiden Michael Maturin	November 15, 2025
Nico Huy Tran	December 6, 2025

### Calling all 18 through 28 year olds!

On **Saturday, February 28, 2026**, all 18 to 28 year olds are welcome to participate in a **Retreat** here at **Nativity of Our Lady Catholic Church**. It will begin at 9:00am and end with the 4:00pm Mass. Come experience the presence of our Lord with Confession, Eucharistic Adoration, Praise & Worship, Prayer & Reflection, Fellowship, Spiritual Talks, and other activities that will help you grow into a deeper relationship with Christ. Lunch will be provided. Guest speakers and musicians are Lance Strother and Shawn Carter. The cost to attend is \$25.00. Must pay by cash or check. For more information and to register please come by the Nativity Church Office or call 337-364-8360.



### **2025 Nativity KC 12997 Raffle Winners:**

- ♦ 1<sup>st</sup> - Sandy Crochet
- ♦ 2<sup>nd</sup> - Richard David
- ♦ 3<sup>rd</sup> - Carol Gros
- ♦ 4<sup>th</sup> - Ross Landry
- ♦ 5<sup>th</sup> - Carla Beatty
- ♦ 6<sup>th</sup> - Steven LeBlanc
- ♦ 7<sup>th</sup> - Angel Bodin
- ♦ 8<sup>th</sup> - Geri Mestayer
- ♦ 9<sup>th</sup> - Jana LeBlanc
- ♦ 10<sup>th</sup> - Susan Andrus
- ♦ 11<sup>th</sup> - Warren Gaspard
- ♦ 12<sup>th</sup> - Donated by Winner to Nativity
- ♦ 13<sup>th</sup> - Emily Burley
- ♦ 14<sup>th</sup> - Phil Haney



KC 12997 would like to thank these winners and everyone who donated to our yearly raffle.

Because of your generosity our council cleared \$4,700.00.



### **St. Katharine Drexel Acts Coalition Men's Acts Retreat**

**March 19-22, 2026**

**Register online:**

<https://tinyurl.com/2026Menretreatant>



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



### **Sacristan Needed**

We are in need of a Volunteer Sacristan every Tuesday for 9:00am Mass at New Iberia Manor North Nursing Home. Please call Cindy Landry for mor information at 337-256-2208, or the Church Office at 337-364-8360.

## 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, 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, 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, Roland & Faye Boudreaux, Delina Lafont, Emma Judice, Kathleen & Larry Viator, Duppy Duplantis. 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, January 13, 2026**

**7:00am** Kylee Rose Voorhies (liv)

**Wednesday, January 14, 2026**

**4:00pm** James Meyer, Victor Bernard

Ernest "Topper" Breaux

Jude Broussard, Gloria Dooley (liv bd)

**Thursday, January 15, 2026**

**7:00am** Stephen Krai (liv)

**Friday, January 16, 2026**

**7:00am** Zachary Michael Richard (liv)

**Saturday, January 17, 2026**

**4:00pm** Fr. Tom Finley, Juliette C. DuBois

William Kell Lewis, Bill Olivier

Bayne Olivier, Shirley Blenderman

**Sunday, January 18, 2026**

**8:00am** Parishioners, Warren & Sandra Gaspard Fly

Henry & Dorothy McDonald

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

Harvey & Joyce DeCourt

Thelma Gautreaux, Therese Segura

**Catholic High** SCHEDULE YOUR  
NEW IBERIA TOUR TODAY.  
337.256.5383



Praying for an end to abortion and all pro-death activities in our nation and in our world.

Southern Deanery **"March For Life"**

**Tuesday, January 13, 2026**

St. Peter's Catholic Church, New Iberia, Louisiana



♦ **5:00pm Holy Hour at Grotto** - An hour of prayer, music and adoration with confession available.

♦ **6:00pm Eucharistic Procession** - Procession from Grotto to St. Peter Church

**6:30pm Mass for Life**

*Celebrant for*

***Eucharistic Procession & Mass:***

***Fr. Blanda***

For more information call (337) 369-3816

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

**OUR GIFTS TO GOD December 28, 2025**

Loose.....	\$ 1,151.00
Envelopes .....	\$ 3,863.51
Total (collected).....	\$ 5,014.51
Online Giving offertory .....	\$ 1,056.00
Mailed in offertory.....	\$ 1,040.00
Total offertory (week).....	\$ 7,110.51
New Iberia Poor & Needy .....	\$ 176.00
Christmas.....	\$ 4,937.00

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

Nativity of Our Lady is hosting a **RECEPTION FOR FR. ED IN HONOR OF HIS 56<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF ORDINATION** following the 9am Mass on **Wednesday, January 21<sup>st</sup>**. Please bring your favorite continental breakfast items or finger foods. Please call Margo LeBlanc at 380-3319, if you have any questions.

**SANCTUARY LIGHT:**

In Memory of:  
**Edward Landry**



**CURRENT EVENTS**

**Tuesday, January 13, 2026**

Mass at 7:00 am  
Faith Formation - 6:00 pm  
March For Life - 5:00 pm - Grotto on Main St.

**Wednesday, January 14, 2026**

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

**Thursday, January 15, 2026**

Mass at 7:00 am

**Friday, January 16, 2026**

Mass at 7:00 am

**Saturday, January 17, 2026**

Mass at 4:00 pm

**Sunday, January 18, 2026**

Masses at: 8:00 am & 10:00 am  
2<sup>nd</sup> Collection - New Iberia Poor & Needy

A Special Word of Thanks for your wonderful Christmas Gifts and Cards that have been given to us during this Christmas Season. We are very touched by your kindness and generosity expressed by your love. We love you too! May God bless you all! Thank you.

*Fr. Matthew & Fr. Ed*



**“Let everything that has  
breath praise the Lord!”**

Psalm 150:6



**MASS SERVERS**

**January 13, 2026 - January 18, 2026**

DAY DATE	TIME	CELEBRANT	READERS	LAY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION	ALTAR SERVERS
Tuesday 1/13/26	7:00am	Fr. Ed Degeyter	Ellen Claudy		Sacristan
Wednesday 1/14/26	9:00am	Fr. Ed Degeyter	Ginger Comeaux		Sacristan
Thursday 1/15/26	7:00am	Fr. Matthew Higginbotham	Vikki Morgan		Sacristan
Friday 1/16/26	7:00am	Fr. Matthew Higginbotham	Keith Comeaux		Sacristan
Saturday 1/17/26	4:00pm	Fr. Matthew Higginbotham	Margo LeBlanc		See Altar Server Schedule
Sunday 1/18/26	8:00am	Fr. Matthew Higginbotham	Nena Suit		See Altar Server Schedule
	10:00am	Fr. Matthew Higginbotham	Vikki Morgan		See Altar Server Schedule

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