

# *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 Degeyer*

## **BOOKKEEPER:**

*Polly Camacho*

## **SECRETARY:**

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## **RECEPTIONIST:**

*Sheryl S. Bourque*

## **DIRECTOR OF FAITH FORMATION:**

*Janet Viator – 337-365-3759*

## **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

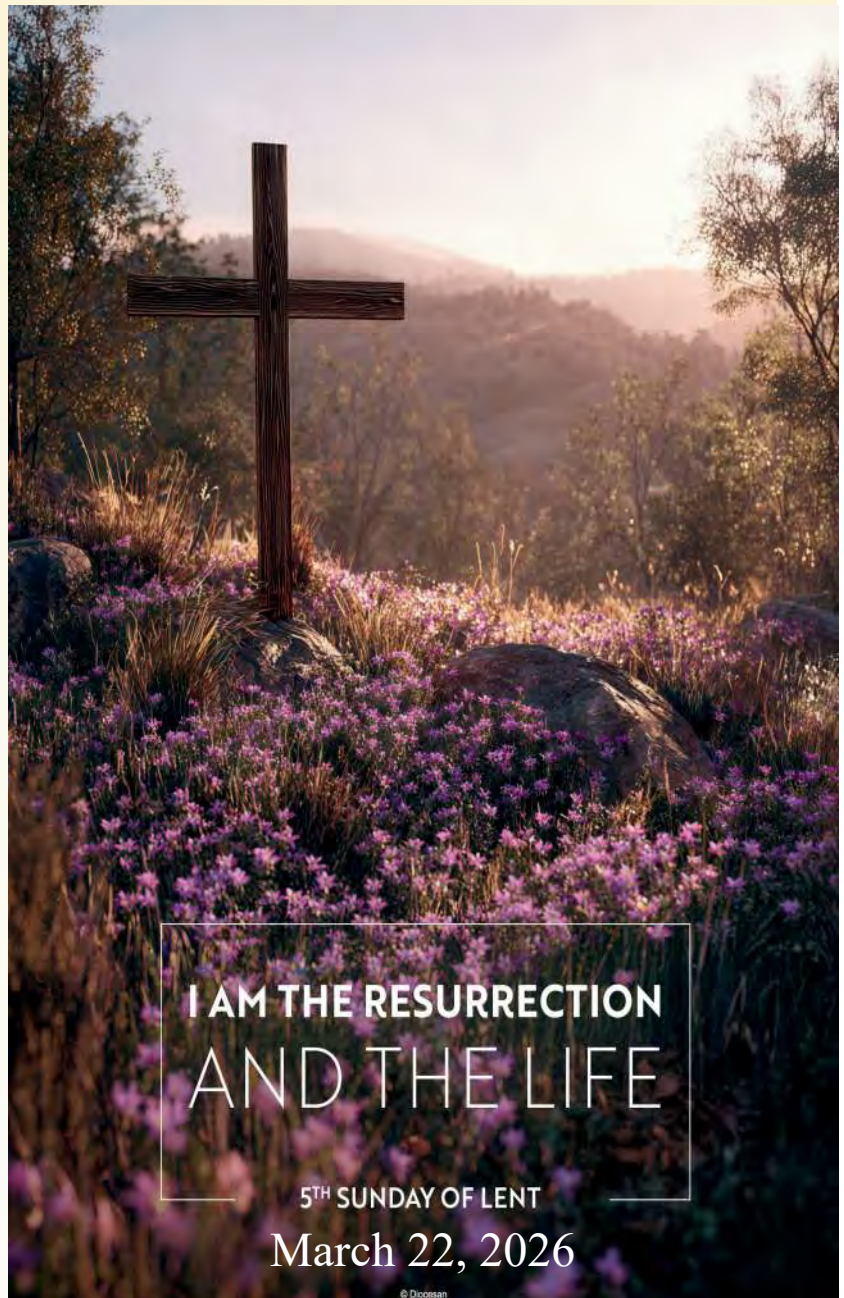
## **ROSARY:**

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

First Friday: 6:30 am

First Saturday: 8:20 am

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



**I AM THE RESURRECTION  
AND THE LIFE**

5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT

March 22, 2026

## TODAY'S READINGS

Ezekiel 37:12-14

Psalm 130:1-8

Romans 8:8-11

John 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17,20-27, 33-45

### FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

As we draw near to the end of Lent, today's Gospel clearly has Jesus' passion and death in view. That is why John gives us the detail about Lazarus' sister, Mary - that she is the one who anointed the Lord for burial (see John 12:3, 7). His disciples warn against returning to Judea; Thomas even predicts they will "die with Him" if they go back. When Lazarus is raised, John notices the tombstone being taken away, as well as Lazarus' burial cloths and head covering - all details he later notices with Jesus' empty tomb (see John 20:1, 6, 7). Like the blind man in last week's readings, Lazarus represents all humanity. He stands for "dead man" - for all those Jesus loves and wants to liberate from the bands of sin and death. John even recalls the blind man in his account today (see John 11:37). Like the man's birth in blindness, Lazarus' death is used by Jesus to reveal "the glory of God" (see John 11:40). If we believe, we will see - that Jesus loves each of us as He loved Lazarus, that He calls us out of death and into new life. By His Resurrection Jesus has fulfilled Ezekiel's promise in today's First Reading. He has opened the graves that we may rise, put His Spirit in us that we may live. This is the Spirit that Paul writes of in today's Epistle. The same Spirit that raised Jesus from the dead will give life to we who were once dead in sin. Faith is the key. If we believe as Martha does in today's Gospel - that Jesus is the resurrection and the life - even if we die, we will live.

"I have promised and I will do it," the Father assures us in the First Reading. We must trust in His word, as we sing in today's Psalm - that with Him is forgiveness and salvation.

Scott Hahn

### Catholic Quotes

Bring God to everyone you meet each day. Humility always radiates the glory and greatness of God. How wonderful are the ways of God who chose humility, smallness, helplessness, and poverty to prove His love to the world. Do not be afraid to be humble, small, and helpless in order to prove your love for God and others.

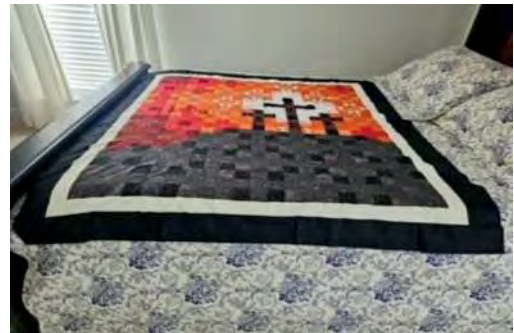
Saint Teresa of Calcutta

### REFLECTIONS Fifth Sunday of Lent

Do you believe that Jesus is truly the resurrection and the life? What does that mean? How is it reflected in your life? Consider your priorities, how you regard your possessions, what you are doing to prepare for your own death. We tend to think there will always be a tomorrow. Our time here is limited and the most important thing we have to learn in this "boot camp" of life is how to love. Everything else is passing. God is not impressed with our possessions nor is He interested in hearing about our grievances. In the end, only one thing matters: How well have you learned to love?

I trust in the Lord;  
my soul trusts in His word. - Psalm 130:5  
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Tickets are being sold for a chance at this beautiful handmade quilt for \$5.00 each. You can purchase your tickets from any K.C. Ladies Auxiliary Member, or in the Church Office. The drawing will be held on Mother's Day, Sunday, May 10<sup>th</sup>, after the 10am Mass. Contact the Church Office at 337-364-8360 or Rosemary Escoto at 337-335-7077 for more information.



**WOMEN'S  
PRAISE &  
WORSHIP**

**Thursday, March 26th  
6:00 PM  
St. Edward Church Hall  
ALL ARE INVITED!**



## PALM SUNDAY - HOLY WEEK BEGINS

The Palms will be blessed at all of the Masses the weekend of March 28th & 29th  
This begins the most solemn week of the liturgical year.



## THE EASTER TRIDUUM

### HOLY THURSDAY MASS (April 2nd) - 7:00pm

We commemorate the institution of the Holy Eucharist on this day.

### ADORATION (W/O EXPOSITION) OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT: 8:30 - 9:30 pm

occurring after Holy Thursday Mass

The Church Office is Closed.



### GOOD FRIDAY SERVICES (April 3rd) - 3:00pm

We commemorate the death of our Lord. This will consist of liturgy of the Word, Veneration of the Cross and Holy Communion.

The Church Office is Closed.

### HOLY SATURDAY SERVICES (April 4th) - 8:00pm

The Easter Vigil commemorates the Resurrection of our Lord.

**NOTE: NO 3pm Confessions and NO 4pm MASS.**



### EASTER SUNDAY (April 5th)

Easter morning Masses will be at **8:00am and 10:00am**

Knights of Columbus  
Council #12997 Fundraiser  
1 lb. Boiled Shrimp, Corn & Potatoes  
Sweets will also be sold by  
K.C. Ladies Auxiliary Members.  
Sunday, April 12, 2026 - 11AM - 1PM  
Tickets (\$15each) will be sold after each weekend  
Mass and are available from any K.C. member or in  
the Church office.

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We are conducting our Annual Campaign which will run through the Lenten Season, and we need your help. We ask that you prayerfully consider investing in those less fortunate by sharing your gifts. Without additional financial support we cannot maintain the level of service that we have been giving for many years.

Please use the campaign envelope that was provided to you, for your tax-deductible donation, or you may mail your check payable to Disch-DeClouet Social Service to 432 Bank Ave, New Iberia, LA 70560. May God bless you for your generosity. Thank you!

### PARISH VOCATION CROSS

The Vocation Cross is taken by:

**Brenda Romero**

(March 22<sup>nd</sup> - March 28<sup>th</sup>)

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.

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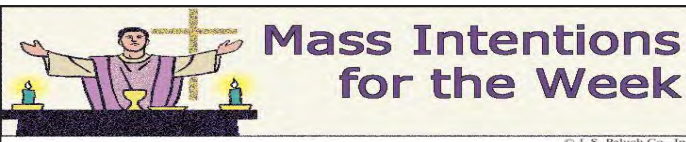
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## PRAYER & SICK LIST

**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, Josephine Delcambre, Jody Ellen Hudson, Jim & Brenda Prejean, Joni Gullotta, Fisher Whitaker, The Babin, Trahan & Richard Fly, Deacon John Sarkies, James & Doreen Norman, Myrna & Millard Poche, Gloria K. Bonin, Daphne C. Lopez, Beverly B. Walet, Jerome Guillotte, Leoni Derouen, Cade T., Betty DeRouen, Robert McDaniel, Ron Cutrera, Lori Aguilar, Bailey & Gage Tucker, 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 & Gloria Trahan, John Babin, Phil Duplantis, Ray Landry, Shane DeRouen, Cody Theriot, Sandra Upton, Kay Charpentier Green, Hardy Jenkins, Bridgette Louviere, Amye Hammond Bellot, Roland & Faye Boudreaux, Delina Lafont, Emma Judice, Kathleen & Larry Viator, Duppy Duplantis, Caroline Dubois, Bailey Prudhomme, Jane Patin, Juanita & Hargis Lewis, Nettie Voorhies, Johnathon Angers, Alice Trahan, Francine Gauthier, Betty Romero, Deborah Plouet, Donald Voorhies, Megan B. Broussard, Beverly Simoneaux. Please also pray for those individuals who, although in need of your prayers, have requested that their names not be publicized for privacy reasons.



### **Tuesday, March 24, 2026**

**7:00am** Annette L. Angelle (liv bd)

### **Wednesday, March 25, 2026**

**9:00am** Olan Broussard (2<sup>nd</sup> ann of death)  
Gloria Guilbeau, Patrick J. Richard  
Ernie & Sylvie Broussard, Andre LaBauve

### **Thursday, March 26, 2026**

**7:00am** Gloria Menard

### **Friday, March 27, 2026**

**5:30pm** Stuart Hulin, Kolyn Saltzman (liv bd)  
Percy Barrilleaux (liv bd)  
Raymond & Pearlle Romero

### **Saturday, March 28, 2026**

**4:00pm** Fr. Tom Finley, Rachel R. Romero  
Laura Broussard (bd), Bill Olivier  
Bayne Olivier, Lynward Ransonet  
Carroll Romero, Sr. (3<sup>rd</sup> ann of death)  
Howard Bourque, Jr. (4<sup>th</sup> ann of death)

### **Sunday, March 29, 2026**

**8:00am** Parishioners, Sophie Marie Duke  
Henry & Dorothy McDonald, Creed Dugas  
**10:00am** Msgr. H.J. Barsen, Fr. A.J. Boumans  
Harvey & Joyce DeCourt, Donna M. Lanza  
James E. Comeaux, David P. Comeaux

Please keep  
**Fr. Matthew P. Higginbotham**  
**Fr. Edward Degeyter**  
and all priest in your prayers.

### **O.L.A.S. Easter/Spring Floral Arrangements**

Each Wednesday in March following the 9:00am Masses we will gather in Barsen Hall to create spring florals. These will be sold prior to Easter weekend. All are invited to join in preparing these silk arrangements. Refer questions to Margo LeBlanc, O.L.A.S. President at 337-380-3319.

Donations, in memory of a loved one, for Easter Flowers & Decorations for the Church, can be made by visiting the Church Office or calling 337-364-8360.



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OUR GIFTS TO GOD	March 08, 2026
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Envelopes .....	\$ 3,723.00
Total (collected).....	\$ 5,345.00
Mailed in offertory.....	\$ 430.00
Online Giving offertory .....	\$ 816.00
Total offertory (week).....	\$ 6,591.00

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

## CURRENT EVENTS

### Monday, March 23, 2026

Women's Ultreya - 7:00 pm - Parish Hall

### Tuesday, March 24, 2026

Mass at 7:00 am

Faith Formation - 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

### Wednesday, March 25, 2026

Pro-Life Rosary - 8:20 am

Mass at 9:00 am

### Thursday, March 26, 2026

Mass at 7:00 am

### Friday, March 27, 2026

Mass at 5:30 pm

Way of the Cross - 6:00 pm

### Saturday, March 28, 2026

Mass at 4:00 pm

### Sunday, March 29, 2026 - Palm Sunday

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

### WAY OF THE CROSS

Every Friday during Lent at 6:00pm following the 5:30pm Mass in church. There will be no 7:00am Mass on Fridays in Lent.



### RECONCILIATION SCHEDULE FOR LENT

Every Saturday from 3:00 - 3:45 pm  
Weekdays - 30 minutes before Mass



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March 25, 2026  
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## MASS SERVERS March 24, 2026 - March 29, 2026

DAY DATE	TIME	CELEBRANT	READERS	LAY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION	ALTAR SERVERS
Tuesday 3/24/26	7:00am	Fr. Matthew Higginbotham	Ellen Claudy		Sacristan
Wednesday 3/25/26	9:00am	Fr. Ed Degeyter	Ginger Comeaux	Marilyn Gerrets Margo LeBlanc Percy Barrilleaux Vicki Murdock	Sacristan
Thursday 3/26/26	7:00am	Fr. Matthew Higginbotham	Vikki Morgan		Sacristan
Friday 3/27/26	5:30pm	Fr. Matthew Higginbotham	June Jones		Sacristan
Saturday 3/28/26	4:00pm	Fr. Ed Degeyter	Bill Miller	Cindy Landry Marilyn Gerrets	See Altar Server Schedule
Sunday 3/29/26	8:00am	Fr. Matthew Higginbotham		Mike & Brenda Comeaux	See Altar Server Schedule
	10:00am	Fr. Matthew Higginbotham		Melissa Dworaczyk Vincent Borne	See Altar Server Schedule

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