

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

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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

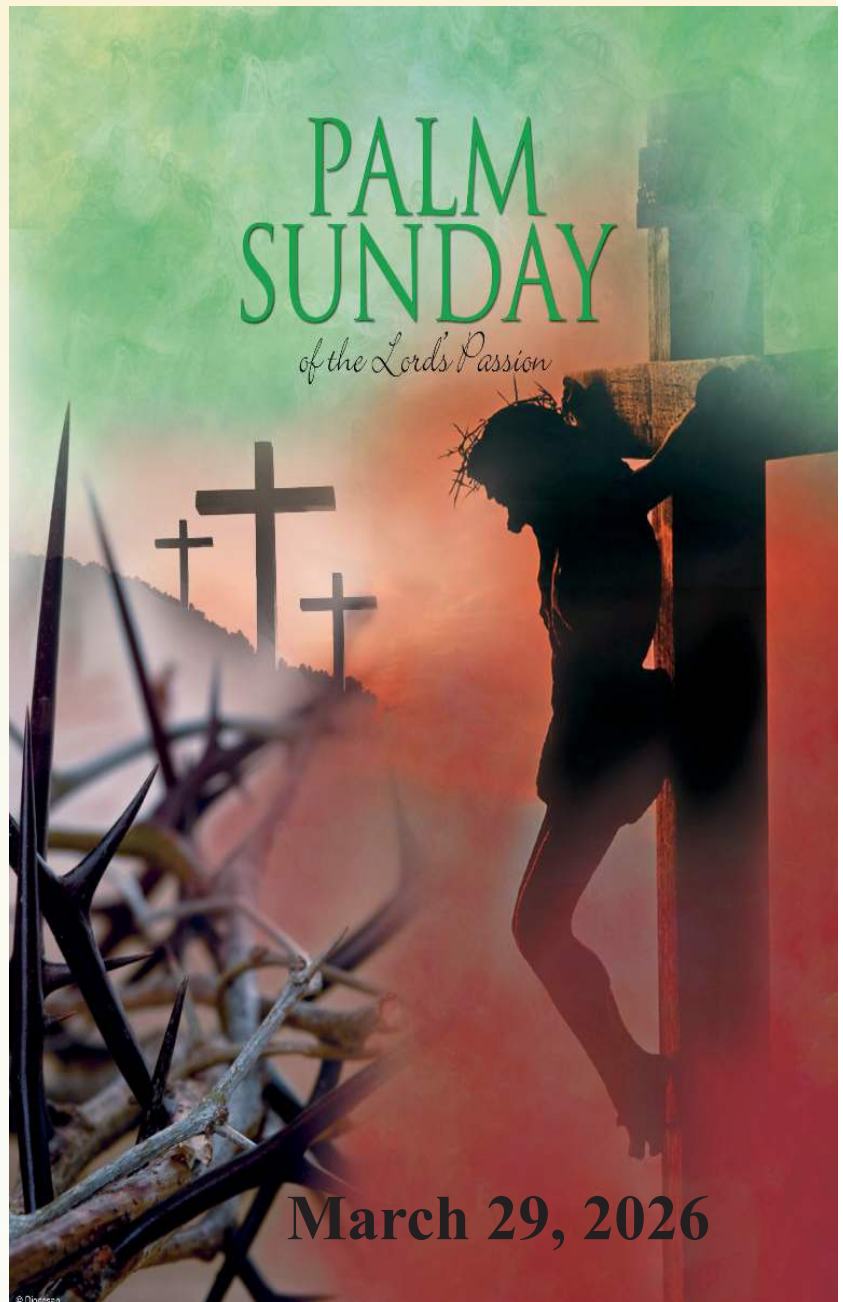
ROSARY:

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

First Friday: 6:30 am

First Saturday: 8:20 am

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



TODAY'S READINGS



Isaiah 50:4-7
Psalm 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24
Philippians 2:6-11
Matthew 26:14-27:66 or 27:11-54

Palm Sunday

“All this has come to pass that the writings of the prophets may be fulfilled,” Jesus says in today’s Gospel (see Matthew 26:56). Indeed, we have reached the climax of the liturgical year, the highest peak of salvation history, when all that has been anticipated and promised is to be fulfilled. By the close of today’s long Gospel, the work of our redemption will have been accomplished, the new covenant will be written in the blood of His broken body hanging on the cross at the place called the Skull. In His Passion, Jesus is “counted among the wicked,” as Isaiah had foretold (see Isaiah 53:12). He is revealed definitively as the Suffering servant the prophet announced, the long-awaited messiah whose words of obedience and faith ring out in today’s First Reading and Psalm. The taunts and torments we hear in these two readings punctuate the Gospel as Jesus is beaten and mocked (see Matthew 27:31), as His hands and feet are pierced, as enemies gamble for His clothes (see Matthew 27:35), and as His enemies dare Him to prove His divinity by saving Himself from suffering (see Matthew 27:39-44). He remains faithful to God’s will to the end, does not turn back in His trial. He gives Himself freely to His torturers, confident that, as He speaks in today’s First Reading: “The Lord God is My help...I shall not be put to shame.”

Destined to sin and death as children of Adam’s disobedience, we have been set free for holiness and life by Christ’s perfect obedience to the Father’s will (see Romans 5:12-14, 17-19; Ephesians 2:2; 5:6). This is why God greatly exalted Him. This is why we have salvation in His Name. Following His example of humble obedience in the trials and crosses of our lives, we know we will never be forsaken. We know, as the centurion today, that truly this is the Son of God (see Matthew 27:54).
Scott Hahn

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.

REFLECTIONS

Palm Sunday

Lent offers us a time to reflect on our discipleship. How well are we following the example Jesus gave us? Instead of comparing ourselves in light of the accomplishments and failures of others, we should be looking at Jesus. How do we treat others - with compassion and forgiveness or with harshness and condemnation? Do we look for ways to help people or do we focus on what they can do for us? What do we do with our resources and gifts - hoard them or share them with those around us? If you think you are doing a great job as a disciple, think again - none of us measures up to Jesus. Instead, be thankful for the progress you have made and look to what you can do to improve.

*But you, O Lord, be not far from me;
O my help, hasten to aid me. - Psalm 22:19
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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 SERVICE (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 SERVICE (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

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 10th, after the 10am Mass. Contact the Church Office at 337-364-8360 or Rosemary Escoto at 337-335-7077 for more information.



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April 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>5 EASTER SUNDAY Pray for Fr. Ben Pitre Memorial Book Easter Masses 8am & 10am</p>	<p>6 Pray for Fr. Connor Poirrier</p>	<p>7 Pray for Fr. Mikel Polson 7:00 am Mass No Faith Formation</p>	<p>1 Pray for Pope Leo XIV Pro-Life Rosary 9:00 am Mass</p>	<p>2 HOLY THURSDAY Pray for Bishop Douglas Deshotel Office Closed Holy Thursday Mass at 7pm No 7:00am Mass</p>	<p>3 GOOD FRIDAY Pray for Bishop Emeritus M. Jarrell Office Closed Good Friday Service 3pm No 5:30pm Mass No 7:00am Mass</p>	<p>4 HOLY SATURDAY Pray for Fr. Daniel Picard Easter Vigil Mass 8pm No 4pm Mass No Confessions</p>
<p>12 Pray for Fr. Marion Romero K.C. Shrimp Dinner Pick up behind office 11am - 1:00pm</p>	<p>6 Pray for Fr. Connor Poirrier</p>	<p>7 Pray for Fr. Mikel Polson 7:00 am Mass No Faith Formation</p>	<p>8 Pray for Fr. Anand Raju Pro-Life Rosary 9:00 am Mass K.C. & Ladies Aux. Dinner & Meeting</p>	<p>9 Pray for Fr. Louis Richard 7:00 am Mass</p>	<p>10 Pray for Fr. Michael Richard 7:00 am Mass</p>	<p>11 Pray for Msgr. J. Robert Romero 4:00 pm Mass</p>
<p>19 Pray for Fr. Andrew Schumacher New Iberia Poor & Needy Masses at 8am & 10am</p>	<p>13 Pray for Fr. David Rozas</p>	<p>14 Pray for Fr. Michael Russo 7:00 am Mass Faith Formation</p>	<p>15 Pray for Fr. Francois Sainte-Marie Pro-Life Rosary 9:00 am Mass</p>	<p>16 Pray for Fr. Garrett Savoie 7:00 am Mass</p>	<p>17 Pray for Fr. William Schambough 7:00 am Mass</p>	<p>18 Pray for Fr. Gary Schexnayder 4:00 pm Mass</p>
<p>26 Pray for Fr. Raymond Ssebina Masses at 8am & 10am</p>	<p>20 Pray for Fr. Clinton Sensat</p>	<p>21 Pray for Fr. Bryce Sibley 7:00 am Mass Faith Formation</p>	<p>22 Pray for Fr. Gregory Simten Pro-Life Rosary 9:00 am Mass</p>	<p>23 Pray for Fr. Brent Smith 7:00 am Mass</p>	<p>24 Pray for Fr. William Snyders 7:00 am Mass</p>	<p>25 Pray for Fr. Cedric Sonnier 4:00 pm Mass</p>
<p>27 Pray for Fr. Jared Suire Women's Ultraya 7pm - Parish Hall</p>	<p>28 Pray for Fr. Brian Taylor 7:00 am Mass Faith Formation</p>	<p>29 Pray for Fr. Arockiadass Vincent Thanaraj Pro-Life Rosary 9:00 am Mass</p>	<p>30 Pray for Fr. Jude Thierry 7:00 am Mass</p>			

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, Adrain Wilson, Alexis Wilson, Ronnie & Madeline Duhon. Please also pray for those individuals who, although in need of your prayers, have requested that their names not be publicized for privacy



MASS INTENTIONS CONTINUED

Tuesday, March 31, 2026

7:00am Sheryl Bourque (liv)

Wednesday, April 01, 2026

9:00am Brother & Claire LaBauve, Andre LaBauve Kerney & Gertie Robicheaux, Creed Dugas Ernie & Sylvie Broussard, Gloria Guilbeau Robin (liv) & David J. Viator (liv) Aristile & Antoinette Segura Breaux Fly M/M V.A. Bernard, M/M Allen Dupre Victor Bernard, Linda Bernard (liv bd) Gateson & Mark Segura, Carrol Romero Sr.

Thursday, April 02, 2026 - Holy Thursday

7:00pm Nicole (liv) & Dustin (liv) Ortego Lyn Northam (liv bd), Nativity Office Staff Warren & Sandra Gaspard Fly Priestly Vocations, U.S. Military

Friday, April 03, 2026 - Good Friday

Saturday, April 04, 2026 - Easter Vigil

8:00pm Fr. Tom Finley, Rachel R. Romero Robert & Mary Hicks Fly, Warren Barras Mark A. Bourque, Dehart & Estilette Fly Dressel & Ransonet Fly, Lynward Ransonet David D. Viator, Maudrey & Lloyd Landry Bonnie & Kelly Boudreaux, Sr. The Vatican Elise & Nicholas Viator, Special Intention William Kell Lewis, U.S. of America

Sunday, April 05, 2026 - Easter Sunday

8:00am Parishioners, Ellen Guidry, Creed Dugas Henry & Dot McDonald, Tan & Jean Dugas Bobby Broussard, Catherine Corson (liv bd) Thelma Broussard, Sandra Gaspard Fly Robert LeMaire, John Viator, Clark Romero Patti Gagnard, Enrique Escoto, David Stelly Roland & Hilda Judice, Robert Stelly M/M Luke Stelly, Jr., M/M Leon Huval

Sunday, April 05, 2026 - Easter Sunday (cont)

8:00am Wade & Anna Mae Broussard

Deacon Wade & Carrol Broussard
Sally Harper, Lenora Richard
Doris Vann, Louella Landry
Lois Broussard, Donna M. Snoddy
Laura & Olan Broussard

10:00am Msgr. H.J. Barsen, Fr. A.J. Boumans
Harvey & Joyce DeCourt, Donna M. Lanza
Dawn Degeyter Gipson, Bayne Olivier
Jill Bourque Reid, Winclise Bourque
Bill Olivier, JoAnn Cangemi, Cliff Aucoin
Carroll & Richard Gromer, Bobby Norris
Leroy & June Aucoin, M/M C.A. Aucoin
M/M Luke LeGendre, Tony Cangemi
Rosa Cangemi, Pat Jardell, Marion Dennis
Rudy Delcambre Fly, Paul Dominique Fly
Ernie & Sylvia Broussard, Larry Delcambre
Pearl & Joe Jabbia, Dayton "Larry" Schmit
Tommy Ronsonet, Faye & Allen Rivet
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Janice D. Thibodeaux, Ann B. Delcambre
Eve & Sandy Crochet, Sr.
Ella & Lessin Delcambre
Felician & Edmond Pellerin

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

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giving of our Time, Talent and Treasure:*

OUR GIFTS TO GOD	March 15, 2026
Loose.....	\$ 2,032.00
Envelopes	\$ 1,754.00
Total (collected).....	\$ 3,786.00
Mailed in offertory.....	\$ 970.00
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Thank you for your generosity!!!!

PARISH VOCATION CROSS



The Vocation Cross is taken by:
Brenda Romero
(March 29th - April 04th)

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.

SANCTUARY LIGHT:

In Memory of:
Jill B. Reed
Russell & Mona Simon



Please Be Aware

The Children's Quiet/Cry Room is for parents with small children only!!!

CURRENT EVENTS

Tuesday, March 31, 2026

Mass at 7:00 am
Faith Formation - 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Wednesday, April 01, 2026

Pro-Life Rosary - 8:20 am
Mass at 9:00 am

Thursday, April 02, 2026 - Holy Thursday

Mass at 7:00 pm - NO 7am Mass
Church Office Closed

Friday, April 03, 2026 - Good Friday

Good Friday Service at 3:00 pm - No 5:30pm Mass
Special Collection - Holy Land/Good Friday
Church Office Closed

Saturday, April 04, 2026 - Easter Vigil

Mass at 8:00 pm
No 4pm Mass, No Confessions

Sunday, April 05, 2026 - Easter Sunday

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

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MASS SERVERS

March 31, 2026 - April 05, 2026

DAY DATE	TIME	CELEBRANT	READERS	LAY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION	ALTAR SERVERS
Tuesday 3/31/26	7:00am	Fr. Matthew Higginbotham	Chad Courtois		Sacristan
Wednesday 4/01/26	9:00am	Fr. Ed Degeyter	Ginger Comeaux		Sacristan
Holy Thursday 4/02/26	7:00pm	Fr. Matthew Higginbotham			Nguyen Fly Comeaux Fly
Good Friday 4/03/26	3:00pm	Fr. Matthew Higginbotham			Nguyen Fly Trahan Fly
Holy Saturday 4/04/26	8:00pm	Fr. Matthew Higginbotham			Nguyen Fly Trahan Fly
Easter Sunday 4/05/26	8:00am	Fr. Ed Degeyter			Bedia Fly
	10:00am	Fr. Matthew Higginbotham			Comeaux Fly

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