

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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RECONCILIATION:

Saturday: 3:00 pm — 3:45 pm and
30 minutes before weekday Masses

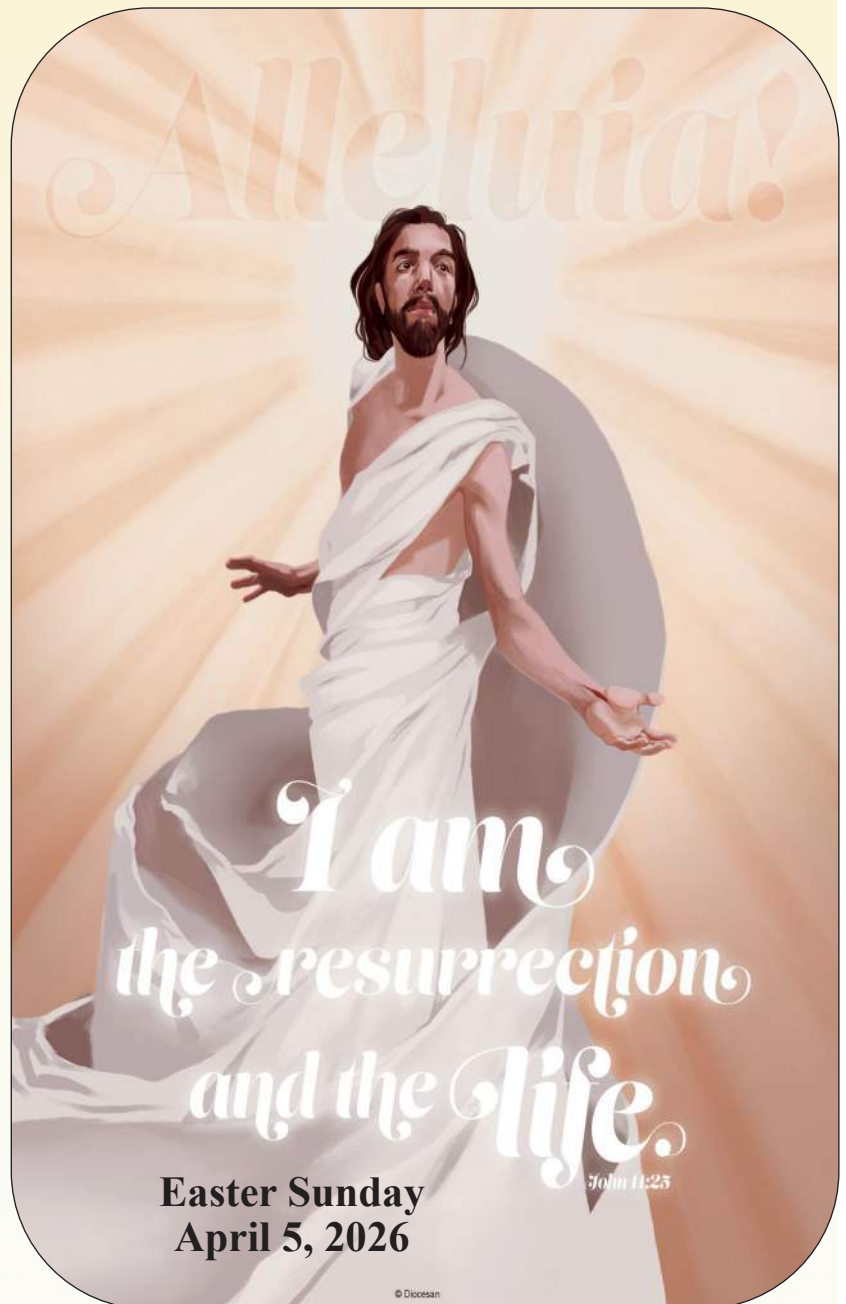
ROSARY:

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



Acts 10:34, 37-43
 Psalm 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23
 Colossians 3:1-4 or 1 Corinthians 5:6-8
 John 20:1-9

Easter Sunday

Jesus is nowhere visible. Yet today's Gospel tells us that Peter and John "saw and believed." What did they see? Burial shrouds lying on the floor of an empty tomb. Maybe that convinced them that he hadn't been carted off by grave robbers, who usually stole the expensive burial linens and left the corpses behind. But notice the repetition of the word "tomb" - seven times in nine verses. They saw the empty tomb and they believed what He had promised: that God would raise Him on the third day. Chosen to be His "witnesses," today's First Reading tells us, the Apostles were "commissioned...to preach...and testify" to all that they had seen - from His anointing with the Holy Spirit at the Jordan to the empty tomb. More than their own experience, they were instructed in the mysteries of the divine economy, God's saving plan - to know how "all the prophets bear witness" to Him (see Luke 24:27,44). Now they could "understand the Scripture," could teach us what He had told them - that He was "the Stone which the builders rejected," who, today's Psalm prophesies, will be resurrected and exalted. (See Luke 20:17; Matthew 21:42; Acts 4:11). We are the children of the apostolic witnesses. That is why we still gather early in the morning on the first day of every week to celebrate this feast of the empty tomb and give thanks for "Christ our life," as today's Epistle calls Him Baptized into His death and Resurrection, we live the heavenly life of the risen Christ, our lives "hidden with Christ in God." We are now His witnesses, too. But we testify to things we cannot see but only believe; we seek in earthly things what is above. We live in memory of the Apostles' witness, like them eating and drinking with the risen Lord at the altar. And we wait in hope for what the Apostles told us would come - the day when we too "will appear with Him in glory."

Scott Hahn



PARISH VOCATION CROSS

The Vocation Cross is taken by:
Lionel & Doris Louviere
 (April 05th - April 11th)

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.

REFLECTIONS

Easter Sunday

As disciples, we are called to bear witness to the Good News of God's unending love for us. Talking about God, saying lots of prayers, going to church even everyday is not what it is really about. It is our actions, how we treat others, how we use what we have been given that proclaims the message. Consider the message you are proclaiming by your life - is it the Good News?

*Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good,
 for His mercy endures forever. - Psalm 118:1
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**Wishing you & your family
 a happy, holy & blessed Easter.
 Christ Is Risen!!!
 Alleluia!!!**



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TECHE LITERARY FESTIVAL

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Book: FROM GED TO HARVARD THEN I'M SOO
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BOOK YOUR FREE TICKET



DEVOTION FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL:

The Holy Eucharist

"I encourage Christians regularly to visit Christ present in the Blessed Sacrament, for we are all called to abide in the presence of God. In contemplation, Christians will perceive ever more profoundly the mystery at the heart of Christian life. I urge priests, religious and lay people to continue and redouble their efforts to teach the younger generations the meaning and value of Eucharistic adoration and devotion. How will young people be able to know the Lord if they are not introduced to the mystery of His presence? Like the young Samuel, by learning the words of the prayer of the heart, they will be closer to the Lord, who will accompany them in their spiritual and human growth. The Eucharistic mystery is in fact the "summit of evangelization" (Lumen Gentium) for it is the most eminent testimony to Christ's resurrection." Eucharistic Adoration By Saint John Paul II.

Prayer before the Eucharistic Presence

By Bl John Henry Newman (1801-1890)

"I place myself in the presence of Him, in whose Incarnate Presence I am, before I place myself there. I adore You, O my Saviour, present here as God and man, in soul and body, in true flesh and blood. I acknowledge and confess, that I kneel before the Sacred Humanity, which was conceived in Mary's womb and lay in Mary's bosom; which grew up to man's estate and by the Sea of Galilee, called the Twelve, wrought miracles and spoke words of wisdom and peace; Who in due season hung on the cross, lay in the tomb, rose from the dead and now reigns in heaven. I praise and bless and give myself wholly to Him, Who is the true Bread of my soul and my everlasting joy. Amen"

What To Reflect On In April

1. How do you thank the Lord for His sacrifice on the cross?
2. What does it mean to you to receive the Eucharist reverently?
3. How do you feel God's love in adoration?
4. What best helps you focus in Mass and Eucharistic Adoration?
5. How do you share the love of Christ through the Blessed Sacrament with others?
6. Do you let the Holy Spirit work in your life?

How do you follow the Holy Spirit's prompting in your daily life?

Catholic Challenge for April

This month's challenge is to go to adoration and pray a Holy Spirit prayer every day. Whether your parish has a special adoration hour weekly with praise or is blessed with perpetual adoration, make an effort to visit the Lord. The goal is to gaze lovingly and in awe at the Consecrated Host and share that love with others with the guidance of the Holy Spirit.



NATIVITY FAMILY FUN DAY

Sunday, May 3rd

After 10:00AM Mass

Sponsored by: **Knights of
Columbus Council 12997**

Everyone is invited. Hot dogs, nachos, soft drinks, games for kids and more. Free of charge! All provided by the Knights of Columbus.

Come Join Us!

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.



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, Matt Elmer. Please also pray for those individuals who, although in need of your prayers, have requested that their names not be publicized for privacy



Tuesday, April 07, 2026

7:00am Maria Nu Nguyen (ann of death)

Wednesday, April 08, 2026

9:00am M/M Raymond Landry, Andre LaBauve
Larry Andrus, Clint P. Trahan (liv bd)
Melvin "Boo" Derouen, Carrol Romero, Sr.

Thursday, April 09, 2026

7:00am

Friday, April 10, 2026

7:00am Raymond & Pearlle Romero, Stuart Hulin

Saturday, April 11, 2026

4:00pm Fr. Tom Finley, Rachel R. Romero
Remy & Yola Barras, Bill Olivier
Bayne Olivier, Jules & Leona Broussard
Carroll Geoffroy, William Kell Lewis
Lynward Ransonet, Mrs. Terry Borel

Sunday, April 12, 2026

8:00am Parishioners, Carlson - Claudy Fly
Henry & Dorothy McDonald

10:00am Msgr. H.J. Barsen, Fr. A.J. Boumans
Harvey & Joyce DeCourt
Trahan & Richard Fly, Donna M. Lanza
David P. & James E. Comeaux
Leslie Romero (bd) (ann of death)
Ralph & Lorraine Breaux
Emmet & Marquerite Conery

Easter Flowers In Memory/Honor Of:

The Hicks Family
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Jimmy & Charlene Trahan
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Violet & Clarence Lancon
Gil Simon Family
Mark A. Bourque Family
Aristile & Antoinette Segura Breaux Fly
Bert Rogers
Richard, Trahan, Delahoussaye & Babin Fly
Victor Bernard
Danya & Kimberly Taveney
Ronnie Cannon

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

SANCTUARY LIGHT:

In Memory of:
Bourque & Simon Fly



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

OUR GIFTS TO GOD	March 22, 2026
Loose.....	\$ 2,831.75
Envelopes	\$ 2,233.00
Total (collected).....	\$ 5,064.75
Mailed in offertory.....	\$ 500.00
Online Giving offertory	\$ 596.00
Total offertory (week).....	\$ 6,160.75

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1 lb. Boiled Shrimp, Corn & Potatoes
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children only!!!

CURRENT EVENTS

Tuesday, April 07, 2026

Mass at 7:00 am
No Faith Formation

Wednesday, April 08, 2026

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

Thursday, April 09, 2026

Mass at 7:00 am

Friday, April 10, 2026

Mass at 7:00 am

Saturday, April 11, 2026

Mass at 4:00 pm

Sunday, April 12, 2026

Masses at: 8:00 am & 10:00 am
K.C. Boiled Shrimp Dinners - 11am - 1pm
Pick up behind Church Office

**MASS SERVERS
April 07, 2026 - April 12, 2026**

DAY DATE	TIME	CELEBRANT	READERS	LAY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION	ALTAR SERVERS
Tuesday 4/07/26	7:00am	Fr. Matthew Higginbotham	Ellen Claudy		Sacristan
Wednesday 4/08/26	9:00am	Fr. Ed Degeyter	Ginger Comeaux		Sacristan
Thursday 4/09/26	7:00am	Fr. Matthew Higginbotham	Keith Comeaux		Sacristan
Friday 4/10/26	7:00am	Fr. Matthew Higginbotham	Chad Courtois		Sacristan
Saturday 4/11/26	4:00pm	Fr. Ed Degeyter	Bill Miller		Bedia Fly
Sunday 4/12/26	8:00am	Fr. Matthew Higginbotham	Janis Dugas		Comeaux Fly
	10:00am	Fr. Matthew Higginbotham	Lan Nguyen		Nguyen Fly

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