

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

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Janet Viator – 337-365-3759

YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT COORDINATOR:

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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*)



TODAY'S READINGS



Acts 2:42-47
Psalm 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24
1 Peter 1:3-9
John 20:19-31

Sunday of Divine Mercy

We are children of Jesus' Resurrection from the dead. Through this wondrous sign of His great mercy, the Father of Jesus has given us new birth, as we hear in today's Epistle. Today's first Reading sketches the "family life" of our first ancestors in the household of God (see 1 Peter 4:17). We see them doing what we still do - devoting themselves to the Apostles' teaching, meeting daily to pray and celebrate "the breaking of the bread." The Apostles saw the Lord. He stood in their midst, showed them His hands and sides. They heard His blessing and received His commission - to extend the Father's mercy to all peoples through the power and Spirit He conferred upon them. We must walk by faith and not by sight, must believe and love what we have not seen (see 2 Corinthians 5:7). Yet the invisible realities are made present for us through the devotions the Apostles handed on. Notice the experience of the risen Lord in today's Gospel is described in a way that evokes the Mass. Both appearances take place on a Sunday. The Lord comes to be with His disciples. They rejoice, listen to His Word, receive the gift of His forgiveness and peace. He offers His wounded body to them in remembrance of His Passion. And they know and worship Him as their Lord and their God. Thomas' confession is a vow of faith in the new covenant. As promised long before, in the blood of Jesus we can now know the Lord as our God and be known as His people (see Hosea 2:20-25). This confession is sung in the heavenly liturgy (see Revelation 4:11). And in every Mass on earth we renew our covenant and receive the blessings Jesus promised for those who have not seen but have believed. In the Mass, God's mercy endures forever, as we sing in today's Psalm. This is the day the Lord has made - when the victory of Easter is again made wonderful in our eyes.

Scott Hahn



PARISH VOCATION CROSS

The Vocation Cross is taken by:

Linda Viator

(April 12th - April 18th)

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

Sunday of Devine Mercy

The early Christian communities lived in a community where they shared all things in common and divided everything on the basis of each one's needs. They worked, ate and prayed together. For most of us, this is not a practical model nor is it very appealing. Still the message of their life-style is worth thinking about. How aware are you of the needs of those around you? How willing are you to share what you have? Do you take advantage of opportunities to pray with others and talk about your faith with them? Consider how you can reflect these basic Christian values today.

As the Father has sent me, so I send you. - John 20:21
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NATIVITY FAMILY FUN DAY

Sunday, May 3rd

After 10:00AM Mass

Sponsored by: Knights of
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nachos, soft drinks, games for
kids and more. Free of charge!

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Divine Mercy Sunday Indulgence Requirements

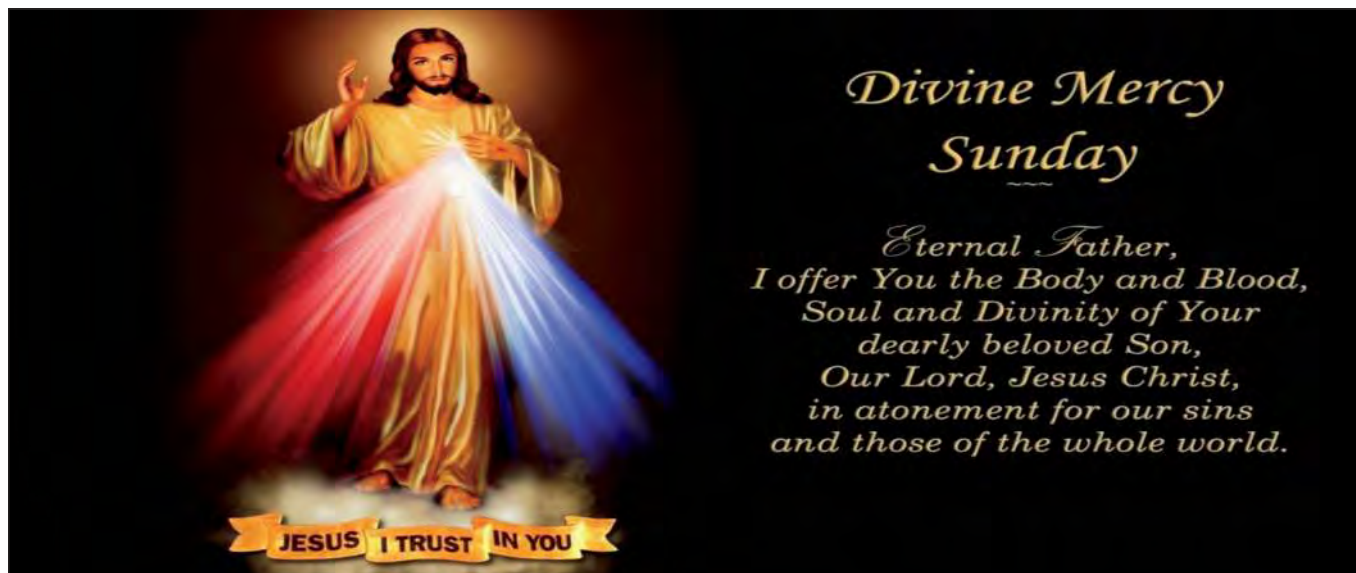
To receive the indulgence on Divine Mercy Sunday, the faithful must fulfill the following requirements:

Confession: Go to confession before or on Divine Mercy Sunday.

Holy Communion: Receive Holy Communion on Divine Mercy Sunday.

Our Father and Creed: Recite the Our Father and the Creed in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament.

Prayer for the Pope's Intentions: Pray for the intentions of the Supreme Pontiff.



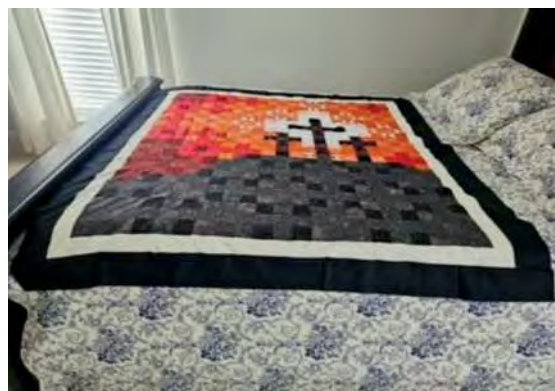
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21 APRIL TUESDAY

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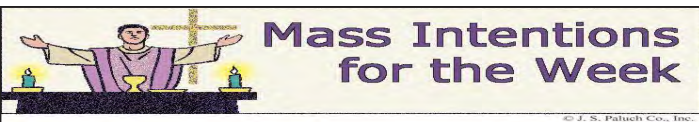
Tickets are being sold for a chance at this beautiful handmade quilt for \$5.00 each. You can purchase your tickets from any K.C. Ladies Auxiliary Member, or in the Church Office. The drawing will be held on Mother's Day, Sunday, May 10th, after the 10am Mass. Contact the Church Office at 337-364-8360 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, Fr. Paul Onuegbe, Carlos Bedia, Shawn Dugas. 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, April 14, 2026

7:00am

Wednesday, April 15, 2026

9:00am Kevin Elmer (ann of death)
Whitney & Una Broussard
Gloria & Syprine Menard
Carrol & Brenda Romero Fly
Andre LaBauve, Therese Segura

Thursday, April 16, 2026

7:00am Jeanette Heitman, Roger Preble
Deanna & Buddy Romero
Maudrey C. Landry (bd)

Friday, April 17, 2026

7:00am Raymond & Pearlie Romero
Elise C. Verret (liv bd)
Stuart Hulin, Sean Krai (liv bd)

Saturday, April 18, 2026

4:00pm Fr. Tom Finley, Rachel R. Romero
Juliette C. DuBois, Bill Olivier
Bayne Olivier, Lloyd & Nina Geoffroy
Kevin Elmer, William Kell Lewis
Lynward Ransonet
Louis Boudreaux, Sr.
Mona Simon (ann of death)

Sunday, April 19, 2026

8:00am Parishioners, Hilda Judice
Henry & Dorothy McDonald
Creed Dugas, Clark Romero
10:00am Msgr. H.J. Barsen, Fr. A.J. Boumans
Harvey & Joyce DeCourt
Geraldine T. Babin (liv bd)
Donna M. Lanza

Mothers Day Women's Retreat

Join us for a transformative weekend as we orient our lives toward the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary. In a world filled with noise, it is easy to lose our way. This retreat is designed to help you recalibrate your spirit and "map" your soul's journey toward grace. Together, we will discover how to use the alliance of these Two Hearts as a divine compass—allowing us to navigate life's distractions while always remaining anchored in the center of Love.

"The most efficacious way to have devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus is through the Immaculate Heart of Mary."
St. Margaret Mary Alacoque

The Soul's Compass: "A Journey into the Two Hearts"

FEATURED PRESENTERS	RETREAT HIGHLIGHTS
 <small>NATALIA SCHUMANN</small>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community Prayer Dynamic Talks Praise and Worship Eucharistic Adoration Mass & Confession Melissa's Birthday Blast
 <small>SR. MARY PETER & SR. MARY MAGDALEN</small>	
 <small>FR. JOEL FAULK PRIEST</small>	

MAY 8-9, 2026
 Retreat Cost: \$200.00
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Please keep
Fr. Matthew P. Higginbotham
Fr. Ed Degeyter
and all priests in your prayers

SANCTUARY LIGHT:

In Memory of:
Maudrey C. Landry

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

OUR GIFTS TO GOD	March 29, 2026
Loose.....	\$ 1,485.00
Envelopes	\$ 2,601.00
Total (collected).....	\$ 4,086.00
Mailed in offertory.....	\$ 200.00
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Total offertory (week).....	\$ 4,847.00

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**Sunday, April 12, 2026 - 11AM - 1PM
Pick up behind Church Office.**

Catholic Quotes

True love causes pain. Jesus, in order to give us the proof of His love, died on the cross. A mother, in order to give birth to her baby, has to suffer. If you really love one another, you will not be able to avoid making sacrifices.

Saint Teresa of Calcutta

CURRENT EVENTS

Tuesday, April 14, 2026

Mass at 7:00 am
Faith Formation

Wednesday, April 15, 2026

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

Thursday, April 16, 2026

Mass at 7:00 am

Friday, April 17, 2026

Mass at 7:00 am

Saturday, April 18, 2026

Mass at 4:00 pm

Sunday, April 19, 2026

Masses at: 8:00 am & 10:00 am
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**MASS SERVERS
April 14, 2026 - April 19, 2026**

DAY DATE	TIME	CELEBRANT	READERS	LAY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION	ALTAR SERVERS
Tuesday 4/14/26	7:00am	Fr. Matthew Higginbotham	Ellen Claudy		Sacristan
Wednesday 4/15/26	9:00am	Fr. Ed Degeyter	Ginger Comeaux	Nancy Barras Mike Degeyter Phil & Renee Haney	Sacristan
Thursday 4/16/26	7:00am	Fr. Matthew Higginbotham	Vikki Morgan		Sacristan
Friday 4/17/26	7:00am	Fr. Matthew Higginbotham	Keith Comeaux		Sacristan
Saturday 4/18/26	4:00pm	Fr. Matthew Higginbotham	Margo LeBlanc	Nancy Barras Mike Degeyter	Salsman Fly
Sunday 4/19/26	8:00am	Fr. Matthew Higginbotham	Nena Suit	Mary Pesson Wayne Duhon	Trahan Fly
	10:00am	Fr. Matthew Higginbotham	June Jones	Brenda Romero Vincent Borne	Moss Fly

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