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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

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Sheryl S. Bourque

DIRECTOR OF FAITH FORMATION:

Janet Viator — 337-365-3759

PASTORAL COUNCIL

PRESIDENT: *Andrée Schlicher*

RECONCILIATION:

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

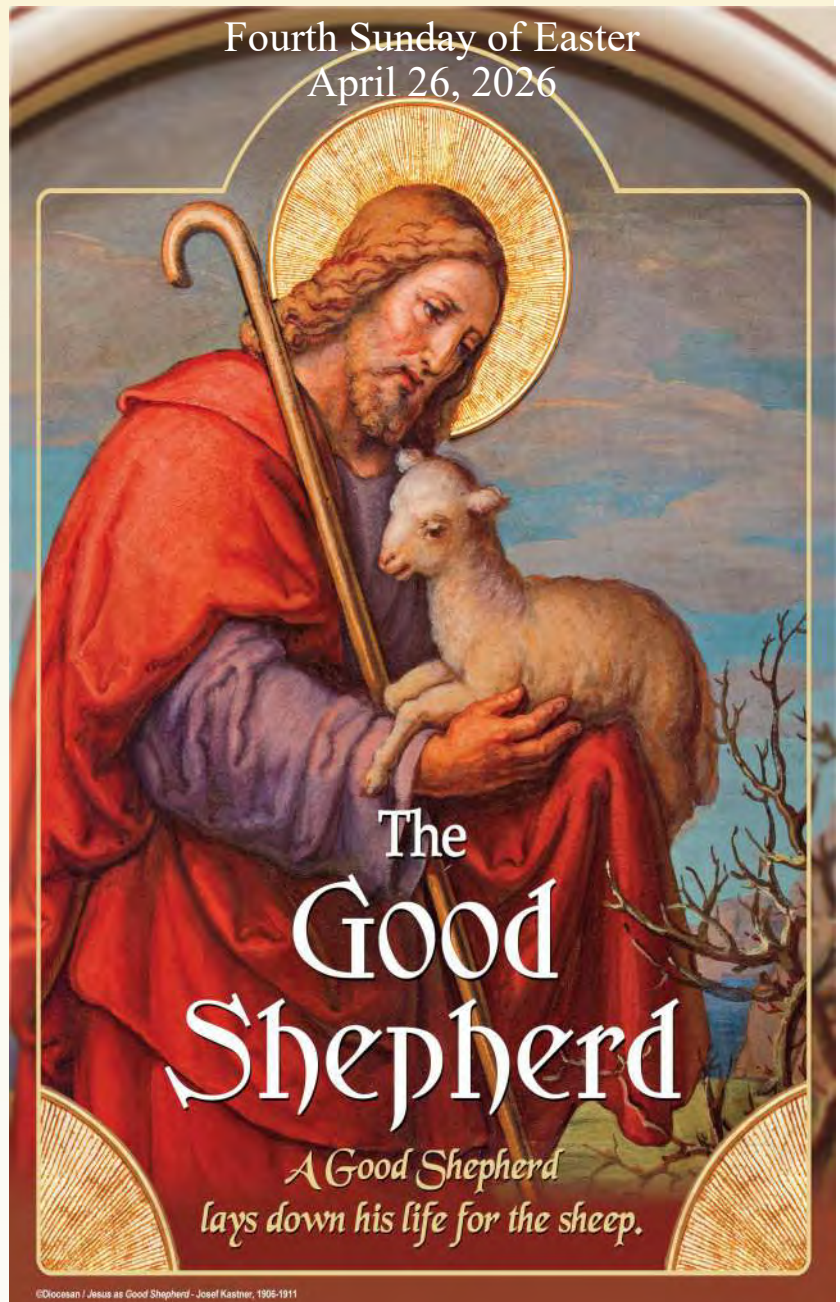
ROSARY:

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

First Friday: 6:30 am

First Saturday: 8:20 am

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



TODAY'S READINGS



Acts 2:14a, 36-41
Psalm 23:1-3a, 3b-6
1 Peter 2:20b-25
John 10:1-10

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Easter's empty tomb is a call to conversion. By this tomb, we should know for certain that God has made Jesus both Lord and Messiah, as Peter preaches in today's First Reading. He is the "Lord," the divine son that David foresaw at God's right hand (see Psalms 3; 110:1; 132:10-11; and Acts 2:34). And He is the Messiah that God had promised to shepherd the scattered flock of the house of Israel (see Ezekiel 34:11-14, 23; 37:24). As we hear in today's Gospel, Jesus is that Good Shepherd, sent to a people who were like sheep without a shepherd (see Mark 6:34; Numbers 27:16-17). He calls not only to the children of Israel, but to those far off from Him - to whomever the Lord wishes to hear His voice. The call of the Good Shepherd leads to the restful waters of Baptism, to the anointing oil of Confirmation, and to the table and overflowing cup of the Eucharist, as we sing in today's Psalm. Again, on this Sunday in Easter, we hear His voice calling us His own. He should awaken in us the response of those who heard Peter's preaching. "What are we to do?" they cried. We have been baptized. But each of us goes astray like sheep, as we hear in today's Epistle. We still need daily to repent, to seek forgiveness of our sins, to separate ourselves further from this corrupt generation. We are called to follow in the footsteps of the Shepherd of our souls. By His suffering He bore our sins in His body to free us from sin. But His suffering is also an example for us. From Him we should learn patience in our afflictions, to hand ourselves over to the will of God. Jesus has gone ahead, driven us through the dark valley of evil and death. His Cross has become the narrow gate through which we must pass to reach His empty tomb - the verdant pastures of life abundant. Scott Hahn

Men of Faith Rosary Group

Men increase your prayer life by joining the **Men of Faith Rosary Group**. Join us every **Thursday morning** from **8:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.** as we pray the rosary at Gene Gonsoulin's home, **7780 Main Hwy, St. Martinville, La.** (between St. Martinville & New Iberia). For more information call Gene at **337-315-7181**.



PARISH VOCATION CROSS

The Vocation Cross is taken by:

Ross & Cindy Landry
(April 26th - May 2nd)

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

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Following Jesus' example is not easy. He did what was right even if others disagreed with Him. He did not exchange insults with those who sought to put Him down and harm Him nor did He threaten to retaliate. How do you respond to those who disagree with you or seek to do you harm? Do you seek to "get back" at those you regard as your enemies? Do you strive to treat everyone with dignity and respect regardless of who they are or what they believe? Do you try to not only forgive those who try to hurt you but make an effort to treat them kindly and with respect?

*Only goodness and kindness follow me
all the days of my life. - Psalm 23:6
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World Day of Prayer for Vocations

World Day of Prayer for Vocations is observed on Sunday, April 26, 2026, also known as "Good Shepherd Sunday."

The purpose of World Day of Prayer for Vocations is to publicly fulfill the Lord's instruction to, "Pray the Lord of the harvest send laborers into His harvest" (Mt 9:38; Lk 10:12). This year marks the 63rd Anniversary of the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. While appreciating all vocations, the Church concentrates its attention this day on vocations to the ordained ministries (priesthood and diaconate), consecrated life in all its forms (male and female religious life, societies of apostolic life, consecrated virginity, secular institutes), and to the missionary life.

Should you have any questions about discerning a Vocation to the priesthood or religious life please call the Office of Vocations at 337-261-5690 or email at DioLafVocations@gmail.com.

Pray - Offer a Rosary for an increase in vocations.

Encourage - Take a moment to affirm someone who may have a vocation to priesthood or religious life.

Special Intention - Offer your Mass for priests, seminarians, and all those discerning their vocations.

NATIVITY FAMILY FUN DAY



Sunday, May 3rd
After 10:00AM Mass
Sponsored by:
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Everyone is invited.
Hot dogs, nachos, soft drinks, games
for kids and more. Free of charge!
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Nativity of Our Lady Catholic Church May 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Please Notice Weekday Masses 5/12/26 to 5/15/26 & 5/19/26 to 5/22/26 at 9am with Fr. Ed</p>						
<p>3 Pray for Bishop Emeritus Michael Jarrell Memorial Book Masses at 8am & 10am Fr. Matthew Baby Bottle Campaign Family Fun Day After 10am Mass</p>	<p>4 Pray for Fr. Clint Trahan</p>	<p>5 Pray for Fr. Harold Trahan</p> <p>7:00 am Mass Fr. Matthew</p>	<p>6 Pray for Fr. John Lan Tran</p> <p>Pro-Life Rosary 9:00 am Mass Fr. Ed Degeyter</p>	<p>7 Pray for Fr. Joseph Sai Tran</p> <p>7:00 am Mass Fr. Matthew</p>	<p>1 First Friday Pray for Pope Leo XIV 7:00 am Mass Eucharistic Adoration Benediction at 10am Fr. Matthew</p>	<p>2 First Saturday Pray for Bishop Douglas Deshotel 9:00 am Mass Fr. Ed 1st Communion Mass 11am 4:00 pm Mass -Fr. Matthew</p>
<p>10 Mother's Day Pray for Fr. Jason Vidrine</p> <p>Masses at 8am & 10am Fr. Matthew</p>	<p>11 Pray for Fr. Michael Coleman Vidrine</p>	<p>12 Pray for Fr. Richard Vidrine</p> <p>9:00 am Mass Fr. Ed Degeyter</p>	<p>13 Pray for Fr. Thomas Voorhies</p> <p>Pro-Life Rosary 9:00 am Mass - Fr. Ed K.C. & Ladies Aux. Dinner & Meeting</p>	<p>14 Pray for Fr. Thomas Hen Vu</p> <p>9:00 am Mass Fr. Ed Degeyter</p>	<p>15 Pray for Fr. Nicholas Ware</p> <p>9:00 am Mass Fr. Ed Degeyter</p>	<p>16 Pray for Fr. Joseph Kyle White</p> <p>4:00 pm Mass Fr. Ed Degeyter</p>
<p>17 Pray for Fr. Ryszard Zawadzki</p> <p>New Iberia Poor & Needy Masses at 8am & 10am 8am Fr. Ed/10am Msgr Greene</p>	<p>18 Pray for Fr. Travis Abadie</p>	<p>19 Pray for Fr. Lawrence Abara</p> <p>9:00 am Mass Fr. Ed Degeyter</p>	<p>20 Pray for Fr. Francis Kuasi Agbley</p> <p>Pro-Life Rosary 9:00 am Mass Fr. Ed Degeyter</p>	<p>21 Pray for Fr. Pius T. Ajiki</p> <p>9:00 am Mass Fr. Ed Degeyter</p>	<p>22 Pray for Fr. George Bede Ajuruchi</p> <p>9:00 am Mass Fr. Ed Degeyter</p>	<p>23 Pray for Fr. Alexander Albert</p> <p>4:00 pm Mass Fr. Matthew</p>
<p>24 Pray for Fr. Thainese Alphonse</p> <p>Vacation Bible School Masses at 8am & 10am Fr. Matthew</p>	<p>25 Memorial Day Pray for Fr. Anthony Anala</p> <p>Church Office Closed Women's Ultrreya 7pm Parish Hall</p>	<p>26 Pray for Fr. Rick Andrus</p> <p>7:00 am Mass Fr. Matthew</p>	<p>27 Pray for Fr. Henry Paul Antony</p> <p>Pro-Life Rosary 9:00 am Mass Fr. Ed Degeyter</p>	<p>28 Pray for Fr. Chester Areneaux</p> <p>7:00 am Mass Fr. Matthew's 32nd Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood</p>	<p>29 Pray for Fr. Michael Arnaud</p> <p>7:00 am Mass Fr. Matthew</p>	<p>30 Pray for Fr. Justin Arockiasamy</p> <p>4:00 pm Mass Fr. Matthew</p>
<p>31 Pray for Fr. Matthew Barzere</p> <p>Masses at 8am & 10am Fr. Matthew</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, Matt Elmer, Fr. Paul Onuegbe, Carlos Bedia, Shawn Dugas, Celeste Guardia, Bru Kokenge, Coleen K. Woolard, Katherine Kokenge, Victoria Kokenge, Connie Olivier, Anna Kober. 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 28, 2026

7:00am Daspit Elementary Students & Teachers

Wednesday, April 29, 2026

9:00am Carrol & Brenda Romero Fly
Andre LaBauve, Connie Olivier (liv)

Thursday, April 30, 2026

7:00am Daspit Elementary Students & Teachers

Friday, May 1, 2026

7:00am Don Taylor, Carlyle Hebert Fly
Janell Broussard, Lee Broussard
Elaine & Warren Broussard
E.J. & Gloria Segura, Wayne Bell
Kent Smith, Stuart Hulin
Elmer Wencker, U.S. Military

Saturday, May 2, 2026

9:00am Vocations, United States of America
Andre LaBauve, M/M Raymond Landry
Special Intention, Lupe Camacho
Brother & Claire LaBauve

4:00pm Fr. Tom Finley, Rachel R. Romero
Lynward Ransonet, Bill Olivier
Bayne Olivier, William Kell Lewis
DeHart & Estilette Fly, Mona Simon
Dressel & Ransonet Fly, Warren Barras
Rudy Delcambre Fly, Paul Dominique Fly
Lupe Camacho (2nd ann of death)
Philip Saltzman (2nd ann of death)

Sunday, May 3, 2026

8:00am Parishioners, Connie Olivier (liv)
Henry & Dorothy McDonald

10:00am Msgr. H.J. Barsen, Fr. A.J. Boumans
Harvey & Joyce DeCourt, Donna M. Lanza

Monthly Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction

Eucharistic Adoration on the **First Friday** of every month following the 7am Mass, with Benediction at 10am.

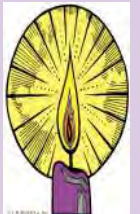
Small Children & the Quiet Room

Jesus said, "Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them." Children are always welcome at the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. We must acknowledge at the same time that we must be mindful of others who are present and very much would like to listen to and be built up by the Mass. If children are overly loud or rambunctious in the pew, the quiet room should be utilized. Many of our devout people do have some issues with hearing loss to varying degrees. Some of these people rely on listening devices provided by the parish to help them hear the Mass. If there are children who are overly loud in any way this makes it difficult for those people to hear and understand what is being said from the sanctuary of the church. Children should not be given toys to play with during Mass. This teaches children that going to church is play time and not pray time. Christian charity and common courtesy call for us to be mindful of those in church who very much want and need to hear well what is being proclaimed from the sanctuary. It is therefore most helpful that parents/grandparents use the Quiet Room for the sake of their fellow parishioners.

Thank you!!!

SANCTUARY LIGHT:

In Memory/Honor of:
**Winclise & Agnes (liv)
Bourque**



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.

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

OUR GIFTS TO GOD	April 12 2026
Loose.....	\$ 1,310.00
Envelopes	\$ 2,543.00
Total (collected).....	\$ 3,853.00
Mailed in offertory.....	\$ 550.00
Online Giving offertory	\$ 783.00
Total offertory (week).....	\$ 5,186.00

Thank you for your generosity!!!!

Annual Baby Bottle Campaign

A fundraising campaign will be held next weekend to benefit The Unexpected Pregnancy Center which serves Iberia, St. Mary, and St. Martin parishes. Because of your generous donation in the past, the center has been able to provide pregnancy testing, consulting, ultrasound imaging, maternal-family education, as well as adoption options and other services to pregnant women in need, all free of charge. Since opening in 2018, the center has served hundreds of women in our community. Also, we have had over 100 abortion-prone women who had a change of heart and who decided to choose life after visiting The Unexpected Pregnancy Center.

**Baby bottles will be distributed after all services next week
for you to fill and return the following week.**



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CURRENT EVENTS

Monday, April 27, 2026

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

Tuesday, April 28, 2026

Mass at 7:00 am

Practice for 1st Communion - 6pm - 7pm

Wednesday, April 29, 2026

Pro-Life Rosary - 8:20 am

Mass at 9:00 am

Thursday, April 30, 2026

Mass at 7:00 am

Friday, May 1, 2026 - First Friday

OLAS, K.C. Ladies Auxiliary & K.C. Members
to attend 7:00 am Mass

Eucharistic Adoration following 7am Mass

Benediction at 10am

Saturday, May 2, 2026 - First Saturday

OLAS, K.C. Ladies Auxiliary & K.C. Members
to attend 9:00 am Mass

1st Communion Mass at 11:00 am

Mass at 4:00 pm

Unexpected Pregnancy Center

Annual Baby Bottle Campaign

Sunday, May 3, 2026

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

Unexpected Pregnancy Center

Annual Baby Bottle Campaign

Family Fun Day after 10:00 am Mass
in Parish Hall

**MASS SERVERS
April 28, 2026 - May 3, 2026**

DAY DATE	TIME	CELEBRANT	READERS	LAY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION	ALTAR SERVERS
Tuesday 4/28/26	7:00am	Fr. Matthew Higginbotham	Ellen Claudy		Sacristan
Wednesday 4/29/26	9:00am	Fr. Ed Degeyter	Ginger Comeaux	Margo LeBlanc Percy Barrilleaux Linda Viator Marilyn Gerrets	Sacristan
Thursday 4/30/26	7:00am	Fr. Matthew Higginbotham	Vikki Morgan		Sacristan
Friday 5/1/26	7:00am	Fr. Matthew Higginbotham			Sacristan
Saturday 5/2/26	9:00am	Fr. Ed Degeyter			Sacristan
1 st Communion	11:00am	Fr. Matthew Higginbotham			Sacristan
Vigil Mass	4:00pm	Fr. Matthew Higginbotham			Comeaux Fly
Sunday 5/3/26	8:00am	Fr. Matthew Higginbotham			Trahan Fly
	10:00am	Fr. Matthew Higginbotham			Nguyen Fly

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