

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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Polly Camacho

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Kimberly Richard

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Sheryl S. Bourque

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Janet Viator — 337-365-3759

PASTORAL COUNCIL

PRESIDENT: *André Schlicher*

RECONCILIATION:

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

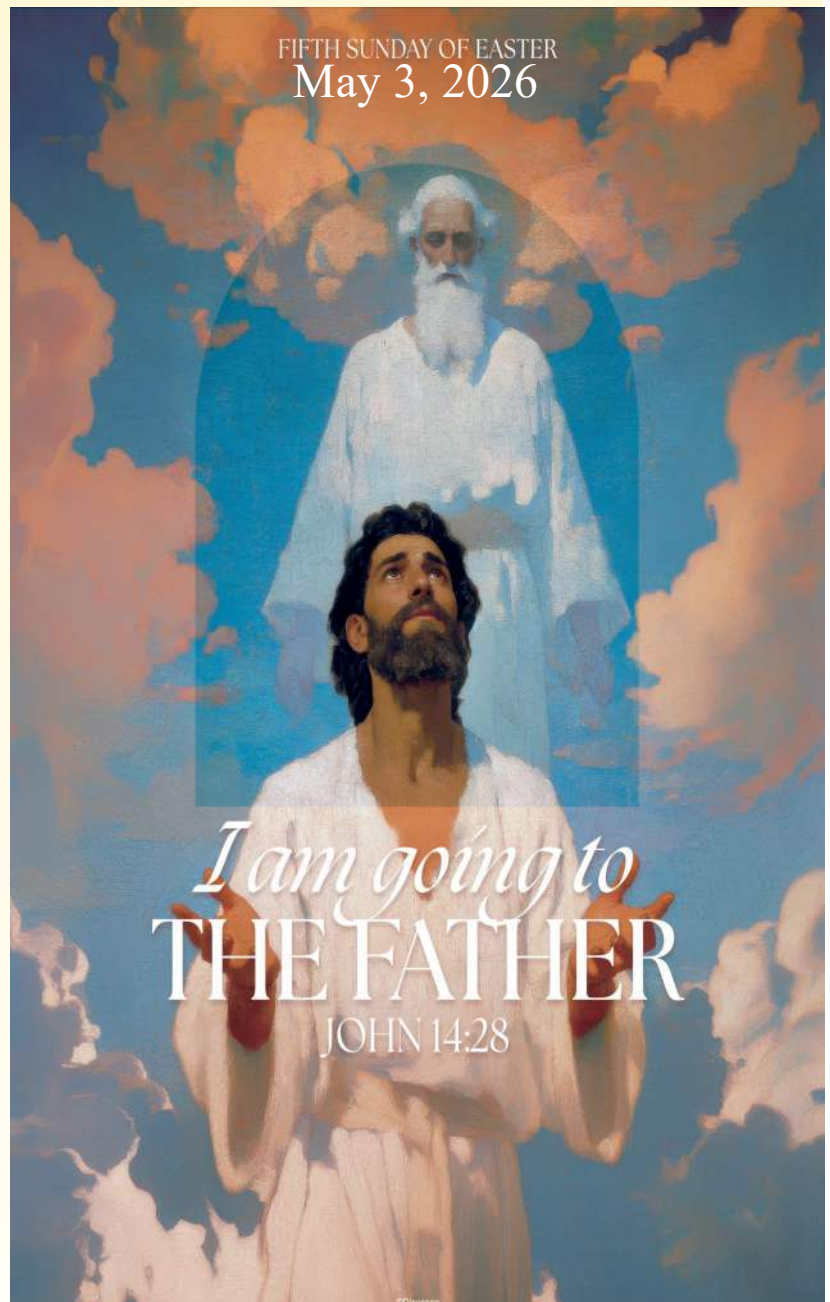
ROSARY:

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 6:1-7
Psalm 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19
1 Peter 2:4-9
John 14:1-12

Fifth Sunday of Easter

By His death, Resurrection, and Ascension, Jesus has gone ahead to prepare a place for us in His Father's house.

His Father's house is no longer a temple made by human hands. It is the spiritual house of the Church, built on the living stone of Christ's body. As Peter interprets the Scriptures in today's Epistle, Jesus is the "stone" destined to be rejected by men but made the precious cornerstone of God's dwelling on earth (see Psalm 118:22; Isaiah 8:14; 28:16). Each of us is called to be a living stone in God's building (see 1 Corinthians 3:9; 16). In this edifice of the Spirit, we are to be "holy priests" offering up "spiritual sacrifices" - all our prayer, work, and intentions - to God. This is our lofty calling as Christians. This is why Christ led us out of the darkness of sin and death as Moses led the Israelites from bondage in Egypt. God's covenant with Israel made them a royal and priestly people who were to announce His praises (see 1 Corinthians 6:19-20; Romans 12:1). In today's First Reading, we see the spiritual house of the Church being built up, as the Apostles consecrate seven deacons so they can devote themselves more fully to the "ministry of the Word." The Lord's Word is upright and all His works trustworthy, we sing in today's Psalm. So we can trust Jesus when He tells us never to be troubled, but to believe that His Word and works come from the Father. His word continues its work in the world through the Church. We see its beginnings today in Jerusalem. It is destined to spread with influence and power (see Acts 19:20), and to become the imperishable seed by which every heart is born anew (see 1 Peter 1:23).
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:

Kimberly Richard
(May 3rd - May 9th)

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

Fifth Sunday of Easter

It is all too easy to lose our way when our focus is on what other people are or are not doing. The Spirit is working with each of us, guiding our path if we will listen and follow. We are not to compare ourselves with others nor insist that others follow our path. Our focus should be on our own path. Our eyes and ears focused on what the Spirit is saying and showing to us. Instead of questioning others, we should be asking ourselves: "What would Jesus do?"

*Do not let your hearts be troubled.
Have faith in God. - John 14:1
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First Communicants Of 2026

Annie Boudreaux
Oliver Boudreaux
Lilly Calvert
Parker Kipp
Niem Olivier
Ray Romero IV
Mayleena Thibodeaux
Carlee Trahan
Alafair Viscardi



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!

Come Join Us!



DEVOTION FOR THE MONTH OF MAY

The Blessed Virgin Mary

The Queen of Heaven is so revered for her relationship with Christ and her love and guidance of her earthly children, the Catholic Church has dedicated the month of May in her honor. In his 1965 encyclical, "*Mense Maio*," Pope Paul VI wrote about the importance of Mary's intercession for all the world, explaining that those who encounter her, encounter her Son, Jesus: "For what other reason do we continually turn to Mary except to seek the Christ in her arms, to seek our Savior in her, through her, and with her? To Him men are to turn amid the anxieties and perils of this world, urged on by duty and driven by the compelling needs of their heart, to find a haven of salvation, a transcendent fountain of life." Pope Paul VI went on to write May is the month Christians offer the Virgin Mother more "fervent and loving acts of homage and veneration; and it is the month in which a greater abundance of God's merciful gifts comes down to us from our Mother's throne." During the month of May, we honor her motherly and queenly majesty from every corner of the earth. Among the most prominent Marian feast days in May, according to the ordinary Roman Catholic

Calendar: May 1, Queen of Heaven; May 13, Our Lady of Fatima; May 24, Mary Help of Christians; and May 31, Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Prayer:

Holiest Virgin, with all my heart I venerate you above all the Angels and Saints in heaven as the daughter of the Eternal Father, and I consecrate to you my soul with all its powers.

Holiest Virgin, with all my heart I venerate you above all the Angels and Saints in heaven As the Mother of the only-begotten Son, and I consecrate to you my body with all its senses.

Holiest Virgin, with all my heart I venerate you above all the Angels and Saints in heaven as the beloved Spouse of the Holy Spirit, and I consecrate to you my heart with all its afflictions. Holiest Virgin, intercede for me with the Holy Trinity that I may obtain the graces I need for my salvation. To you I entrust all my worries and miseries, my life and the end of my life, so that all my actions may be directed by the Divine Plan. Amen.

MAY CHALLENGE

Pray the Rosary every day this month or try to memorize the Magnificat by praying with the Blessed Virgin Mary daily, and choose at least one Marian feast day this month to celebrate. Remember in your most difficult moments that Our Father gave us Mary to help us.

WHAT TO REFLECT ON IN MAY

1. What images of Mary speaks to you most? It could be a statue, painting, icon, or other Marian representation.
2. Have you ever struggled with or neglected your relationship with Mary?
3. What virtue of Mary do you aspire to imitate most in your life dedicated to Christ?
4. When was the last time you spoke with another about your love of Mary?
5. How do mothers in your life, both physical and spiritual, remind you of Mary?





Mass Intentions for the Week

Tuesday, May 5, 2026

7:00am

Wednesday, May 6, 2026

9:00am Carrol Romero Sr., Creed Dugas
Andre LaBauve, Connie Olivier (liv)

Thursday, May 7, 2026

7:00am Warren Gaspard (liv bd)
Nicholas Gaspard (liv bd)

Friday, May 8, 2026

7:00am Stuart Hulin
Ethan & Lynora Hintze (liv ann)

Saturday, May 9, 2026

4:00pm Fr. Tom Finley, Rachel R. Romero
Lynward Ransonet, Bill Olivier
Bayne Olivier, William Kell Lewis
Robert & Mary Hicks Fly, Eve Crochet
Jill Bourque Reid, Carroll Gromer
Rita Sandoz, Mae Domingue
Pearl Jabbia, Mona Simon
Yvonne Gagnard, Patti Gagnard

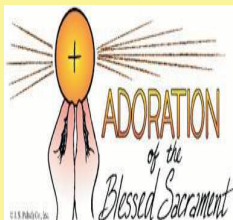
Sunday, May 10, 2026 - Mother's Day

8:00am Parishioners, Connie Olivier (liv)
Henry & Dorothy McDonald
Laura Broussard, Thelma Broussard
Larry Andrus, Doralisse Hebert
Janell Broussard, Donna M. Snoddy
Ida Snoddy, Tan & Jean Dugas
Clark Romero, Hilda Judice

10:00am Msgr. H.J. Barsen, Fr. A.J. Boumans
Harvey & Joyce DeCourt, Donna M. Lanza
Dawn Degeyter Gipson, June Aucoin
JoAnn Cangemi, Viola LeGendre
Senora Aucoin, Genevieve Comeaux (liv)
Sylvia Broussard, Pauline Simon
Rosa Cangemi, Marion Dennis
Ralph & Lorraine Breaux, Geri Babin (liv)
Emmet & Marguerite Conery
Emily Romero, Delcambre & Jabbia Fly
Eve Trahan, Beatrice Babin

Monthly Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction

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



SANCTUARY LIGHT:

In Memory of:
Philip Saltzman



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, 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, Cornelius Joseph, Randy
Gonsoulin

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

MEMORIAL BOOK

The weekend of the first Sunday of every month the
"Memorial Book" is placed in the sanctuary as a
reminder that we pray for all those who have been
enrolled. You can enroll any deceased person by
making a donation to Our Lady's Altar Society
(minimum \$5.00) This money stays with the Altar
Society to assist the parish with Altar needs. Call
Sheryl Bourque @ 364-8360, in the Church Office.

Catholic Quotes

We are here to be witnesses of love and to celebrate
life, because life has been created in the image of God.
Life is to love and to be loved. That's why we all have
to take a strong stand so that no child - boy or girl - will
be rejected or unloved. Every child is a sign of God's
love.

Saint Teresa of Calcutta

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

OUR GIFTS TO GOD	April 19 2026
Loose.....	\$ 1,213.00
Envelopes	\$ 1,683.00
Total (collected).....	\$ 2,896.00
Mailed in offertory.....	\$ 570.00
Online Giving offertory	\$ 1,326.00
Total offertory (week).....	\$ 4,792.00
New Iberia Poor & Needy	\$ 994.00

Thank you for your generosity!!!!

Annual Baby Bottle Campaign

This weekend we kick-off our Baby Bottle Campaign to benefit The Unexpected Pregnancy Center, which serves Iberia, St. Mary and St. Martin parishes. Because of your generous donations, the center has been able to provide pregnancy testing consulting, ultrasound imaging, maternal-family education, as well as adoption information and other life-affirming services to the 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 available after all services today and may be returned to the collection area of the church next weekend with donation inside.

Online donations can be made using the QR code found in the bottles or the return box.



Please join us in
Honoring Life and Preserving the Family

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The Mother Teresa Foundation is a 501(c)3 non profit dba The Unexpected Pregnancy Center

CURRENT EVENTS

- Tuesday, May 5, 2026**
Mass at 7:00 am
- Wednesday, May 6, 2026**
Pro-Life Rosary - 8:20 am
Mass at 9:00 am
- Thursday, May 7, 2026**
Mass at 7:00 am
- Friday, May 8, 2026**
Mass at 7:00 am
- Saturday, May 9, 2026**
Mass at 4:00 pm
- Sunday, May 10, 2026**
Happy Mother's Day
Masses at: 8:00 am & 10:00



Every May and October, Nativity parish is asked to take a Mass attendance count for the Diocese of Lafayette. Our count will begin this weekend and continue for every weekend Mass during the month of May.



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

**MASS SERVERS
May 5, 2026 - May 10, 2026**

DAY DATE	TIME	CELEBRANT	READERS	LAY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION	ALTAR SERVERS
Tuesday 5/5/26	7:00am	Fr. Matthew Higginbotham	Pete Aucoin		Sacristan
Wednesday 5/6/26	9:00am	Fr. Ed Degeyter	Ginger Comeaux		Sacristan
Thursday 5/7/26	7:00am	Fr. Matthew Higginbotham	Vikki Morgan		Sacristan
Friday 5/8/26	7:00am	Fr. Matthew Higginbotham	Chad Courtois		Sacristan
Saturday 5/9/2026	4:00pm	Fr. Matthew Higginbotham	Jenny Gonsoulin		Comeaux Fly
Sunday 5/10/26	8:00am	Fr. Matthew Higginbotham	Janis Dugas		Bedia Fly
	10:00am	Fr. Matthew Higginbotham	Margo LeBlanc		Trahan Fly

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