

# *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*

## **SECRETARY:**

*Kimberly Richard*

## **RECEPTIONIST:**

*Sheryl S. Bourque*

## **DIRECTOR OF FAITH FORMATION:**

*Janet Viator — 337-365-3759*

## **PASTORAL COUNCIL**

**PRESIDENT:** *André Schlicher*

## **RECONCILIATION:**

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

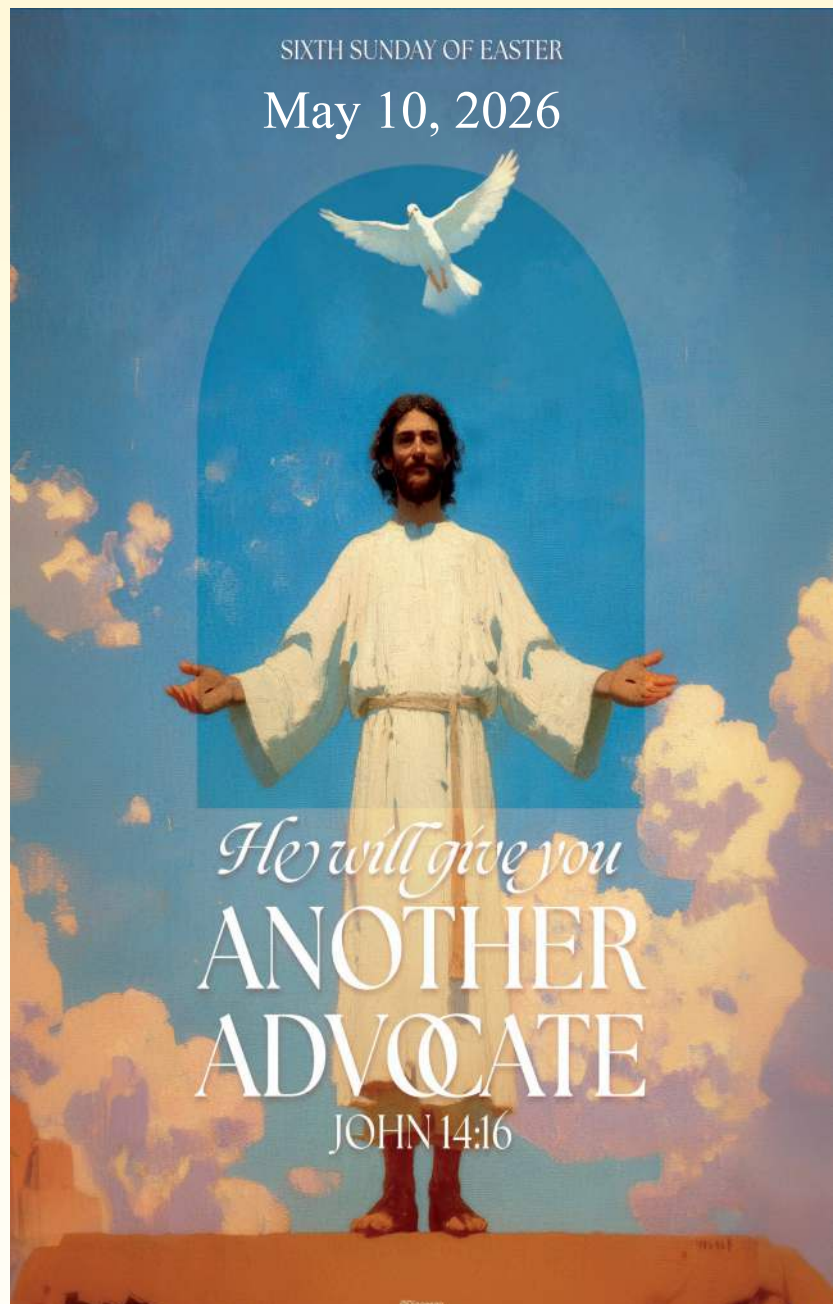
## **ROSARY:**

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 8:5-8, 14-17  
Psalm 66:1-7, 16, 20  
1 Peter 3:15-18  
John 14:15-21

### Sixth Sunday of Easter

Jesus will not leave us alone. He will not make us children of God in Baptism only to leave us "orphans," He assures us in today's Gospel (see Romans 8:14-17). He asks the Father to give us His Spirit, to dwell with us and keep us united in the life He shares with the Father. We see the promised gift of His Spirit being conferred in today's First Reading. The scene from Acts apparently depicts a primitive Confirmation rite. Philip, one of the first deacons (see Acts 6:5), proclaims the Gospel in the non-Jewish city of Samaria. The Samaritans accept the Word of God (see Acts 17:11; 1 Thessalonians 2:13) and are baptized. It remains for the Apostles to send their representatives, Peter and John, to pray and lay hands on the newly baptized - that they might receive the Holy Spirit. This is the origin of our sacrament of Confirmation (see Acts 19:5-6), by which the grace of Baptism is completed and believers are sealed with the Spirit promised by the Lord. We remain in this grace so long as we love Christ and keep His commandments. And strengthened in the Spirit whom Jesus said would be our Advocate, we are called to bear witness to our salvation - to the tremendous deeds that God has done for us in the name of His Son. In today's Psalm, we celebrate our liberation. As He changed the sea into dry land to free the captive Israelites, Christ suffered that He might lead us to God, as we hear in today's Epistle. This is the reason for our hope - the hope that sustains us in the face of a world that cannot accept His truth, the hope that sustains us when we are maligned and defamed for His name's sake. Put to death in the flesh, He was brought to life in the Spirit, Paul tells us today. And as He himself promises: "Because I live, you will live."

Scott Hahn

## REFLECTIONS

### Sixth Sunday of Easter

How easily are you offended by what others say? Do you find yourself feeling indignant when others twist what you say or do? Do you feel you have the right or even obligation to "set them straight" and clear your name? Is that the way a disciple of Christ should respond? There will always be things we say and do that others will find offensive in some way even if that was the furthest thing from our minds. The best way to refute falsehoods is by living an honorable life - doing what is right and just, treating others with respect, kindness and compassion. The fruits of our behavior will bring out the truth.

*If you love me,  
You will keep my commandments. - John 14:15*  
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### 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**.

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2nd Saturday monthly, 10AM - 12Noon  
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*"I command you: Be strong and courageous;  
do not be frightened or dismayed, for the Lord  
your God is with you wherever you go." (Jos 1:9)*

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## The May Magnificat

May is Mary's month, bright and bold, when the warm stories of mothers are told.  
With grace that springs like the morning light, they guide their families through the darkest night.  
What is the song that the mothers sing? It is the Magnificat of the coming King.  
A melody woven in chores and care, a beautiful, endless, breathing prayer.  
They magnify the Lord in the smallest deeds, tending the soil and planting the seeds.  
With hands that are tired but spirits so grand, they build up the kingdom across the land.  
So bless them, Lord, in this quiet space, and fill their souls with your heavenly grace.  
Let Mary's mantle around them fall, the bravest and dearest among us all.

## “The Most Important Person on Earth is a Mother” Especially the Mother of God!

“The most important person on earth is a mother.  
She cannot claim the honor of having built Notre Dame Cathedral.  
She need not  
She has built something more magnificent than any cathedral  
a dwelling for an immortal soul,  
the tiny perfection of her baby's body.  
The angels have not been blessed with such a grace.  
They cannot share in God's creative miracle to bring new saints to Heaven.  
Only a human mother can.  
Mothers are closer to God the Creator than any other creature;  
God joins forces with mothers in performing this act of creation.  
What on God's good earth is more glorious than this; to be a mother?”  
By: Cardinal Mindszenty

HAPPY   
*Mother's*  
DAY



## Mass Intentions for the Week

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**Tuesday, May 12, 2026**

**9:00am** Peggy & Francis Meyers (liv ann)

**Wednesday, May 13, 2026**

**9:00am** Whitney & Una Broussard  
Andre LaBauve, Connie Olivier (liv)  
Patrick J. Richard, Carroll Romero, Sr.  
Walter DeGravelle, Jr., Lupe Camacho

**Thursday, May 14, 2026**

**9:00am** Richard, Trahan, Delahoussaye, Babin Fly

**Friday, May 15, 2026**

**9:00am** Stuart Hulin, Sandra C. Romero (liv bd)

**Saturday, May 16, 2026**

**4:00pm** Fr. Tom Finley, Rachel R. Romero  
Lynward Ransonet, Roy Flores  
Bayne Olivier, William Kell Lewis  
Jules & Leona Broussard  
Juliette C. DuBois  
Raymond & Pearlle Romero

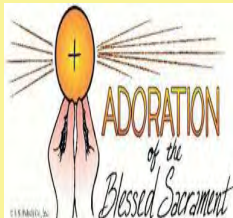
**Sunday, May 17, 2026**

**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, Creed Dugas

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

### 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/Honor of:  
**All Mothers**



### 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, Daniel & Brailyn Segura Fly, Mark & Magie Bihm Fly.

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

Sweetest Lord, make me appreciative of the dignity of my call and its many responsibilities. Never permit me to disgrace it by giving way to coldness, unkindness, or impatience.

Saint Teresa of Calcutta

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

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Total offertory (week).....	\$ 4,328.94

**Thank you for your generosity!!!!**

## CURRENT EVENTS

**Monday, May 11, 2026**

O.L.A.S. Meeting - 5pm

**Tuesday, May 12, 2026**

Mass at 9:00 am

**Wednesday, May 13, 2026**

Pro-Life Rosary - 8:20 am

Mass at 9:00 am

K.C. & Ladies Auxiliary

Supper & Meeting

**Thursday, May 14, 2026**

Mass at 9:00 am

**Friday, May 15, 2026**

Mass at 9:00 am

**Saturday, May 16, 2026**

Mass at 4:00 pm

**Sunday, May 17, 2026**

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

New Iberia Poor & Needy



### Baby Bottle Collection

Please return your filled baby bottles this week to the collection area of the church. Also, return any unused bottles so that they may be re-used for other campaigns.

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



## MASS SERVERS May 12, 2026 - May 17, 2026

DAY DATE	TIME	CELEBRANT	READERS	LAY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION	ALTAR SERVERS
<b>Tuesday 5/12/26</b>	<b>9:00am</b>	Fr. Ed Degeyter	Ellen Claudy	Ricky Segura Mike Degeyter Phil & Renee Haney	Sacristan
<b>Wednesday 5/13/26</b>	<b>9:00am</b>	Fr. Ed Degeyter	Ginger Comeaux	Willie & Cynthia Elmer Margo LeBlanc Nancy Barras	Sacristan
<b>Thursday 5/14/26</b>	<b>9:00am</b>	Fr. Ed Degeyter	Vikki Morgan	Nancy Barras Percy Barrilleaux Brenda Romero Vicki Murdock	Sacristan
<b>Friday 5/15/26</b>	<b>9:00am</b>	Fr. Ed Degeyter	Pete Aucoin	Ross & Cindy Landry Phil & Renee Haney	Sacristan
<b>Saturday 5/16/2026</b>	<b>4:00pm</b>	Fr. Ed Degeyter	Margo Leblanc	Andree Schlicher Holli Cambre Willie & Cynthia Elmer	Bedia Fly
<b>Sunday 5/17/26</b>	<b>8:00am</b>	Fr. Ed Degeyter	Nena Suit	Julie Roy Wayne Duhon Mary Pesson Percy Barrilleaux	Trahan Fly
	<b>10:00am</b>	Msgr Greene	Lan Nguyen	Vincent Borne Linda Viator	Nguyen Fly

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