

# *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:**

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

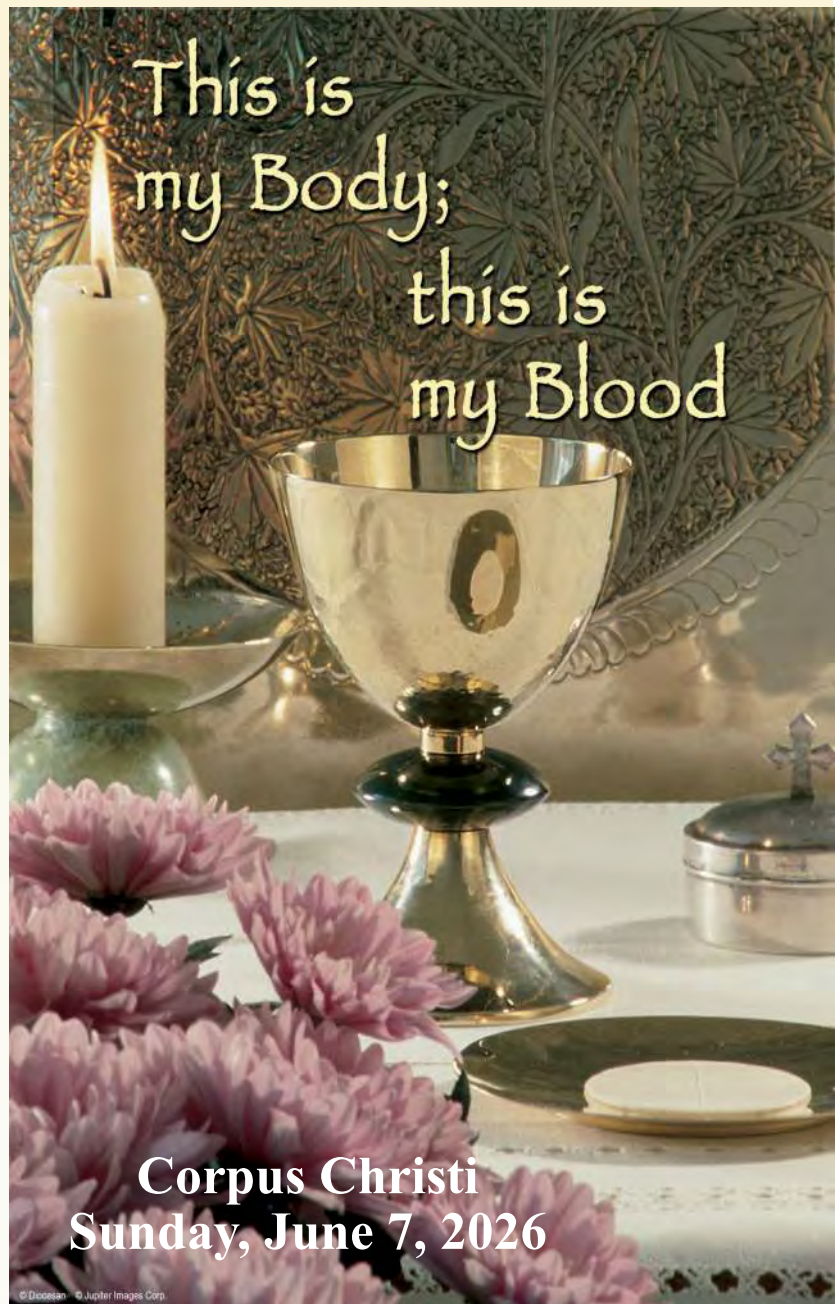
## **ROSARY:**

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

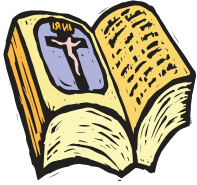
First Friday: 6:30 am

First Saturday: 8:20 am

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



## TODAY'S READINGS



Deuteronomy 8:2-3, 14b-16a  
Psalm 147:12-15, 19-20  
1 Corinthians 10:16-17  
John 6:51-58



### The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

The Eucharist is given to us as a challenge and a promise. That is how Jesus presents it in today's Gospel. He does not make it easy for those who hear Him. They are repulsed and offended at His words. Even when they begin to quarrel, He insists on describing eating and drinking of His flesh and blood in starkly literal terms. Four times in today's reading, Jesus uses a Greek word, *trogein*, that refers to a crude kind of eating, almost a gnawing or chewing (see John 6:54, 56, 57, 58). He is testing their faith in His Word, as today's First Reading describes God testing Israel in the desert. The heavenly manna was not given to satisfy the Israelites' hunger, as Moses explains. It was given to show them that man does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God. In today's Psalm, too, we see a connection between God's Word and the bread of life. We sing of God filling us with "finest wheat" and proclaiming His Word to the world. In Jesus, "the living Father" has given us His Word come down from heaven, made flesh for the life of the world. Yet as the Israelites grumbles in the desert, many in today's Gospel cannot accept that Word. Even many of Jesus' own followers abandon Him after this discourse (see John 6:66). But His words are Spirit and life, the words of eternal life (see John 6:63, 67). In the Eucharist we are made one flesh with Christ. We have His life in us and have our life because of Him. This is what Paul means in today's Epistle when He calls the Eucharist a "participation" in Christ's body and blood. We become in this sacrament partakers of the divine nature (see 1 Peter 2:4). This is the mystery of the faith that Jesus asks us to believe. And He gives us His promise: that sharing in His flesh and blood that was raised from the dead, we too will be raised up on the last day. Scott Hahn

### REFLECTIONS - CORPUS CHRISTI

How important is the Eucharist to you? Do you take advantage of every opportunity to receive it? Consider what Jesus told the disciples: "If you do not eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink His blood, you have no life in you." We have heard the saying, "You are what you eat." If you would become more Christ-like, then the Eucharist should be an important part of your life. No, it will not transform you and make you perfect over night. It will provide you with the grace you need to move closer to that goal and it will remind you of this most important goal. Make it a priority to receive the Eucharist every time you attend Mass and after receiving Communion, take a few moments to thank God for this gift and to renew your commitment to become more like Christ.

*We, many though we are, are one body,  
for we all partake of one loaf. - 1 Corinthians 10:17*  
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**DEVOTION FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE**

**The Sacred Heart of Jesus**

The month of June is set apart for devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. “From among all the proofs of the infinite goodness of our Savior none stands out more prominently than the fact that, as the love of the faithful grew cold, He, Divine Love Itself, gave Himself to us to be honored by a very special devotion and that the rich treasury of the Church was thrown wide open in the interests of that devotion.” These words of Pope Pius XI refer to the Sacred Heart Devotion, which in its present form dates from the revelations given to Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque in 1673-75. The devotion consists in the divine worship of the human heart of Christ, which is united to His divinity and which is a symbol of His love for us. The aim of the devotion is to make our Lord king over our hearts by prompting them to return love to Him (especially through an act of consecration by which we offer to the Heart of Jesus both ourselves and all that belongs to us) and to make reparation for our ingratitude to God.

**Prayer to the Sacred Heart:**

Hail! O Sacred Heart of Jesus, living and quickening source of eternal life, infinite treasure of the Divinity, and burning furnace of divine love. Thou art my refuge and my sanctuary, O my amiable Savior. Consume my heart with that burning fire with which Thine is ever inflamed. Pour down on my soul those graces which flow from Thy love, and let my heart be so united with Thine, that our wills may be one, and mine in all things be conformed to Thine. May Thy divine will be equally the standard and rule of all my desires and of all my actions. Amen.

Devotion to the Sacred Heart was the characteristic note of the piety of Saint Gertrude the Great (1256-1302), Benedictine nun and renowned mystic. She was, in fact, the first great exponent of devotion to the Sacred Heart. In our efforts to honor the Heart of Jesus we have this prayer as a model for our own.

**June Challenge:**

Visit Jesus in Adoration every week, especially on the Solemnity of Corpus Christi. Tell Him your deepest regrets and desires. Talk to Him like you talk to your spouse or closest friend because He is even closer to you than them. Spread His love this month to everyone you meet.

**How to Incorporate His Sacred Heart into your life this June:**

1. Hang an image of the Sacred Heart in your home.
2. Pray the Sacred Heart of Jesus Novena.
3. Do an act of Consecration to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.
4. Learn more about the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.
5. Read a book related to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

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MONDAY, JULY 13, 2026 to FRIDAY, JULY 17, 2026

Registration:

Monday 5/25/26 - Friday 7/3/26

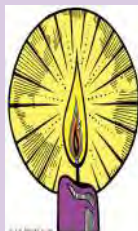
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**SANCTUARY LIGHT:**

In Memory/Honor of:  
**Linda Hulin Roberts**





## Mass Intentions for the Week

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**Tuesday, June 9, 2026**  
**7:00am** Amber Neel

**Wednesday, June 10, 2026**  
**9:00am** Bobby Broussard (1yr da)  
 Andre LaBauve, Connie Olivier (liv)  
 Carrol Romero, Sr

**Thursday, June 11, 2026**  
**7:00am** Amber Neel

**Friday, June 12, 2026**  
**7:00am** Stuart Hulin  
 Larry & Kathleen Viator (liv)  
 Raymond & Pearlle Romero  
 Carlson-Claudy Fly

**Saturday, June 13, 2026**  
**4:00pm** Fr. Tom Finley, Rachel R. Romero  
 Lynward Ransonet, Dalton Saltzman  
 Bayne Olivier, William Kell Lewis  
 Polly (liv) & Lupe Camacho  
 Kim Richard (liv bd)

**Sunday, June 14, 2026**  
**8:00am** Parishioners, Connie Olivier (liv)  
 Henry & Dorothy McDonald  
 Robert & Mary Hicks Fly, Viator Fly  
 United States of America


**10:00am** Msgr. H.J. Barsen, Fr. A.J. Boumans  
 Harvey & Joyce DeCourt  
 Donna M. Lanza  
 Ralph & Lorraine Breaux  
 Emmet & Lorraine Conery

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

**A PRAYER TO AVERT  
 STORMS AND HURRICANES**

Father,  
 all the elements of nature  
 obey your command.  
 Calm the storms and  
 hurricanes that threaten  
 and turn our fear of your  
 power into praise of  
 your goodness.  
 Grant this through our  
 Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son,  
 who lives and reigns with  
 you and the Holy Spirit,  
 one God, forever and ever.  
 Amen.

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## 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, 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, 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, Craig Herndon, Ty & Katelyn & Cassie Daigle, Jacob Ransonet, Amber Neel.

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

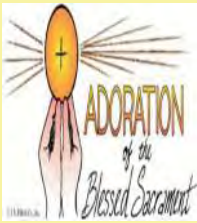
**Catholic Quotes**

Our lives have to continuously feed on the Eucharist. If we were not able to see Christ under the appearance of bread, neither would it be possible for us to discover Him under the humble appearances of the bruised bodies of the poor.

Saint Teresa of Calcutta

**Monthly Eucharistic  
 Adoration & Benediction**

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



*Family*  
**Praise & Worship**

*will be*  
**Thursday,  
June 18<sup>th</sup>**  
*at 6:00 pm*

*at*  
**Our Lady of  
Perpetual Help  
church Hall**

*All are welcome!*



**Our Lady's Altar Society** is having their semi-annual Raffle this weekend **June 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>**. Raffle tickets are being sold after all Masses. They will also have their "**Sweet Sale**" on the weekend of **June 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>** after all Masses. OLAS needs volunteers to bake sweets for the fundraiser. Please bring donated "sweets" to the Church at the Mass you are attending for the weekend. If you have any questions, please contact Margo LeBlanc at 337-380-3319.

## CURRENT EVENTS

**Tuesday, June 9, 2026**

Mass at 7:00 am

**Wednesday, June 10, 2026**

Pro-Life Rosary - 8:20 am

Mass at 9:00 am

K.C. & Ladies Auxiliary  
Supper & Meeting

**Thursday, June 11, 2026**

Mass at 7:00 am

**Friday, June 12, 2026**

Mass at 7:00 am

**Saturday, June 13, 2026**

Mass at 4:00 pm

OLAS Sweet Sale

**Sunday, June 14, 2026**

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

OLAS Sweet Sale



### PARISH VOCATION CROSS



The Vocation Cross is taken by:

**Willie & Cynthia Elmer**

(June 7<sup>th</sup> - June 13<sup>th</sup>)

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.

## MASS SERVERS June 9, 2026 - June 14, 2026

DAY DATE	TIME	CELEBRANT	READERS	LAY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION	ALTAR SERVERS
<b>Tuesday 6/9/26</b>	<b>7:00am</b>	Fr. Matthew Higginbotham	Ellen Claudy		Sacristan
<b>Wednesday 6/10/26</b>	<b>9:00am</b>	Fr. Ed Degeyter	Ginger Comeaux		Sacristan
<b>Thursday 6/11/26</b>	<b>7:00am</b>	Fr. Matthew Higginbotham	Vikki Morgan		Sacristan
<b>Friday 6/12/26</b>	<b>7:00am</b>	Fr. Matthew Higginbotham	Chad Courtois		Sacristan
<b>Saturday 6/13/26</b>	<b>4:00pm</b>	Fr. Matthew Higginbotham	Margo LeBlanc		Nguyen Fly
<b>Sunday 6/14/26</b>	<b>8:00am</b>	Fr. Matthew Higginbotham	Janis Dugas		Bedia Fly
	<b>10:00am</b>	Fr. Matthew Higginbotham	Lan Nguyen		Trahan Fly

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