

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

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Sheryl S. Bourque

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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



Wisdom 12:13, 16-19
Psalm 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16

Romans 8:26-27

Matthew 13:24-43 or 13:24-30

God is always teaching His people; we hear in today's First Reading. And what does He want us to know? That He has care for all of us, that though He is a God of justice, even those who defy and disbelieve Him may hope for His mercy if they turn to Him in repentance. This divine teaching continues in the three parables that Jesus tells in the Gospel today. Each describes the emergence of the kingdom of God from the seeds sown by His works and preaching. The kingdom's growth is hidden-like the working of yeast in bread; it's improbable, unexpected-as in the way the tall mustard tree grows from the smallest of seeds. Again, this week's readings sound a note of questioning: Why does God permit the evil to grow alongside the good? Why does He permit some to reject the Word of His kingdom? Because, as we sing in today's Psalm, God is slow to anger and abounding in kindness. He is just, Jesus assures us-evildoers and those who cause others to sin will be thrown into the fiery furnace at the end of the age. But by His patience, God is teaching us-that above all He desires repentance, and the gathering of all nations to worship Him and to glorify His name. Even though we don't know how to pray as we ought, the Spirit will intercede for us, Paul promises in today's Epistle. But first we must turn and call upon Him, we must commit ourselves to letting the good seed of His Word bear fruit in our lives. So, we should not be deceived or lose heart when we see weeds among the wheat, truth and holiness mixed with error, injustice and sin. For now, He makes His sun rise on the good and the bad (see Matthew 5:45). But the harvest draws near. Let us work that we might be numbered among the righteous children-who will shine like the sun in the kingdom of the Father.

Scott Hahn

REFLECTIONS

Sixteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time

Sometimes we are at a loss about what we should do. Even our attempts to pray seem hollow and fruitless. Ironically, it is at these times that we may receive the greatest graces. We need to trust God and persevere even when our prayers seem useless and we are so distracted we can hardly think. Allow the Spirit to pray for you-turn everything over to the Spirit and let the Spirit guide you. Most of all, don't stop praying. It may seem like this chaos will never end but eventually it will and you may just find it was one of the most fruitful times in your life when you look back.

Harken, O Lord, to my prayer
and attend to the sound of my pleading. - *Psalm 86:6*
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SANCTUARY LIGHT:

In Memory of:

Maudrey C Landry

Nativity of Our Lady is hosting a **BIRTHDAY RECEPTION FOR FR. ED** following the **9am Mass on Wednesday, August 19th**. Please bring your favorite finger foods. Please contact Margo LeBlanc if you have any questions @ marleb1947@gmail.com or 337-380-3319.

FORGING MEN

Building the Bond • Shaping the Future

A Retreat for Young Men and the Men Who Guide Them



Young Men: 8th grade through 2nd year college
with their father or mentor

July 31 - August 2
Evening Arrival Friday

Our Lady of the Bayous
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Register Today



Presented by:



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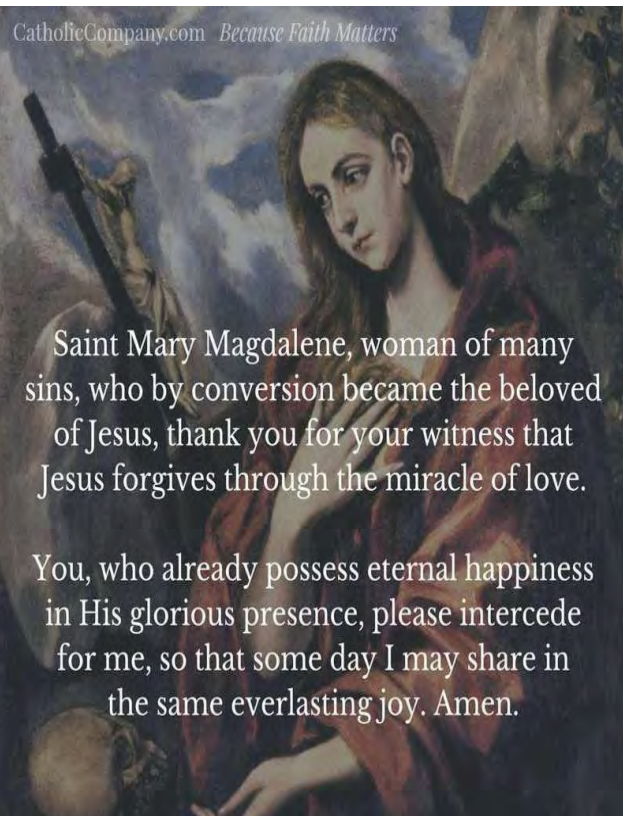
Dcn. Jules Breaux

St. Mary Magdalene

St. Mary Magdalene, often called the “Apostle to the Apostles”, is honored for her pivotal role as a devoted follower of Jesus Christ and the first witness to His Resurrection (John 20:11-18) @Wikipedia. She was healed by Jesus of seven demons (Luke 8:2), supported His ministry, and stood at the foot of the Cross (John 19:25) @Wikipedia. Her witness to the Resurrection earned her the title “Apostle to the Apostles” in Catholic, Eastern Orthodox, and Anglican traditions @Wikipedia.

The feast day, observed on **July 22**, commemorates her extraordinary devotion and transformation through Christ’s mercy. In 2016, Pope Francis elevated her memorial to a feast, highlighting her importance in the Church @Wikipedia. The day is an opportunity for Christians to reflect on themes of repentance, conversion, and the transformative power of God’s grace @catholicbibleonline.com.

On her feast day, many churches hold special Masses, prayers, and devotions in her honor. It is a time to pray for those struggling with sin and brokenness, seeking her intercession for spiritual healing and guidance @ catholicbibleonline.com. St. Mary Magdalene is also the patroness of converts, repentant sinners, sexual temptation, pharmacists, tanners, and women, among other causes @Catholic Online. The feast of St. Mary Magdalene provides a moment for Christians to honor her legacy, celebrate God’s mercy, and reflect on their own call to witness Christ’s love and forgiveness in the world @catholicbibleonline.com.



Pope Leo's Intention for July 2026

Respect for Human Life

Let us pray for the respect and protection of human life in all its stages, recognizing it as a gift from God.





Tuesday, July 21, 2026

7:00am Therese Segura
Maudrey C Landry (20th da)

Wednesday, July 22, 2026

9:00am Walter DeGravelle, Jr., Andre LaBauve
Patty Babineaux Fontenot
Carrol Romero, Sr.
Alcide Duplichain, Jr.

Thursday, July 23, 2026

7:00am Zachary Michael Richard (liv)
The Babin, Trahan, & Richard Fly

Friday, July 24, 2026

7:00am Stuart Hulin

Saturday, July 25, 2026

4:00pm Fr. Tom Finley, Bobby Norris
Rachel R. Romero, Lynward Ransonet
Rodolph Dugas, Jr., Warren Barras
Mona Simon, Romero & Walker Fly
Gloria Tauzin

Sunday, July 26, 2026

8:00am Parishioners

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

Saint Vincent de Paul

Noble Saint Vincent de Paul,

beloved servant of the poor,
may we follow your example and do good
works
among those whom society has abandoned,
enslaved, or forgotten.

Inspire us to feed the hungry,
to love a child,
to provide comfort and medicine to the sick,
to clothe those whose garments are
threadbare,
and to offer hope and our Lord's words
to all who need respite.

Pray for us to our beloved God
that we may commit ourselves selflessly
to doing the same charitable acts
that you did all your life,
and intercede with him
that we may have the favour of his guidance
and strength and love upon this important
and meaningful work. Amen.

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 & Beldaire 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 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, Bailey Prudhomme, Juanita & Hargis Lewis, Nettie Voorhies, Johnathon Angers, Alton & Mary Ann Babin, 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, Dan Claudy, Carlson-Claudy Fly, Jeremy Vice, Christine Thibodeaux, Patrica Manos, the Traversa 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.

Catholic Quotes

Once we take our eyes away from ourselves, from our interests, from our own rights, privileges, ambitions- then they will become clear to see Jesus around us.

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.

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

OUR GIFTS TO GOD July 05, 2026	
Loose	\$ 3,539.00
Envelopes	\$ 3,933.00
Total (collected).....	\$ 7,472.00
Mailed in offertory.....	\$ 520.00
Online Giving offertory	\$ 1,918.31
Total offertory (week).....	\$ 9,910.31

Thank you for your generosity!!!!

PARISH VOCATION CROSS

The Vocation Cross is taken by:
Lionel & Doris Louviere

(July 19 - July 25)

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.

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

CURRENT EVENTS

Monday, July 20, 2026

Feast Day of St. Margaret

Tuesday, July 21, 2026

Mass at 7:00 am

Wednesday, July 22, 2026

Feast Day of St. Mary Magdalene

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

Thursday, July 23, 2026

Mass at 7:00 am

Friday, July 24, 2026

Mass at 7:00 am

Saturday, July 25, 2026

Feast Day of St. Christopher

Feast Day of St. James

Mass at 4:00 pm

Sunday, July 26, 2026

Feast Day of St. Anne

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



National Natural Family Planning Awareness (Fertility Awareness) Week will be held July 19 – 25, 2026. This week highlights the anniversary of the papal encyclical, *Humanae Vitae* (July 25), which articulates Catholic beliefs about human sexuality, conjugal love and responsible parenthood.

MASS SERVERS July 21, 2026 - July 26, 2026

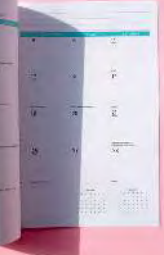
DAY DATE	TIME	CELEBRANT	READERS	LAY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION	ALTAR SERVERS
Tuesday 7/21/26	7:00am	Fr. Matthew Higginbotham	Pete Aucoin		Sacristan
Wednesday 7/22/26	9:00am	Fr. Ed Degeyter	Ginger Comeaux	Ross & Cindy Landry Marilyn Gerrets Linda Viator	Sacristan
Thursday 7/23/26	7:00am	Fr. Matthew Higginbotham	Vikki Morgan		Sacristan
Friday 7/24/26	7:00am	Fr. Matthew Higginbotham	Chad Courtois		Sacristan
Saturday 7/25/26	4:00pm	Fr. Matthew Higginbotham	Jenny Gonsoulin	Andree Schlicher Mike Degeyter	Sacristan
Sunday 7/26/26	8:00am	Fr. Matthew Higginbotham	Nena Suit	Percy Barrilleaux Wayne Duhon	Bedia Fly
	10:00am	Fr. Matthew Higginbotham	Pete Aucoin	Vincent Borne Vicki Murdock	Nguyen Fly

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