

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

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PASTORAL COUNCIL

PRESIDENT: *Andrée Schlicher*

RECONCILIATION:

Saturday: 3:00 pm — 3:45 pm

Sunday: 7:00 am — 7:45 am

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



1 Kings 3:5, 7-12
Psalm 119:57
Romans 8:28-30
Matthew 13:44-52 or 13:44-46

What is your new life in Christ worth to you? Do you love His words more than gold and silver, as we sing in today's Psalm? Would you, like the characters in the Gospel today, sell all that you have in order to possess the kingdom He promised to us? If God were to grant any wish, would you follow Solomon's example in today's First Reading-asking not for a long life or riches, but for wisdom to know God's ways and to desire His will? The background for today's Gospel, as it has been for the past several weeks, is the rejection of Jesus' preaching by Israel. The kingdom of heaven has come into their midst, yet many cannot see that Jesus is the fulfillment of God's promises, a gift of divine compassion given that they-and we-might live. We too must ever discover the kingdom anew, to find it as a treasure-a pearl of great price. By comparison with the kingdom, we must count all else as rubbish (see Philippians 3:8). And we must be willing to give up all that we have-all our priorities and plans-in order to gain it. Jesus' Gospel discloses what Paul, in today's Epistle, calls the purpose of God's plan (see Ephesians 1:4). That purpose is that Jesus would be the firstborn of many brothers. His words give understanding to the simple, the childlike. As Solomon does today, we must humble ourselves before God, giving ourselves to His service. Let our prayer be for an understanding heart, one that desires only to do His will. We are called to love God, to delight in His law, and to forsake every false way. And we are to conform ourselves daily ever more closely to the image of His Son. If we do this, we can approach His altar as a pleasing sacrifice, confident that all things work for the good-that we whom He has justified will also one day be glorified.

Scott Hahn

REFLECTIONS

Seventeenth Sunday In Ordinary Time

Do you really believe that all things will work for the good of those who have faith? When things are going well, it seems obvious; but when there are setbacks and problems, it is easy to doubt this truth. Discipleship is not an insurance policy that protects us from the problems and failures of life. It is a way of being - *min-set* - that keeps us focused on what is truly important. When we encounter life's downs and ups, we do not just passively accept them. Rather, we see them all as gifts that can teach us something that will deepen our love of God and neighbor. In that way, all things work for our good.

Let your kindness comfort me
 according to your promise to your servants. *Psalm 119:76*
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SANCTUARY LIGHT:

In Memory of:

Romero & Walker Fly

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.

Feast Day of St. Anne, Mother of the Blessed Virgin Mary

St. Anne is the mother of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Though she is not mentioned by name in the Bible, we know of her through early Christian writings, the most important of which is the Protoevangelium of James, written in about 150 A.D.

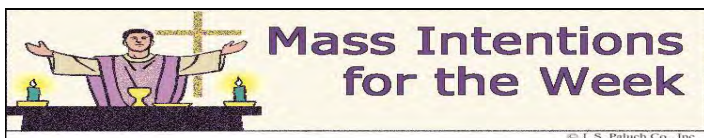
We are told that Anne, the wife of Joachim, was advanced in years before her prayers for a child were answered. An angel appeared and told her she would conceive a child who "shall be spoken of in all the world."

St. Anne's feast day is celebrated on July 26. She is known as the patron saint of mothers and women in labor, and minors.



<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
						1 Pray for Pope Leo XIV First Saturday 9:00am Mass 4:00pm Mass
2 Pray for Bishop Douglas Deshotel <i>Memorial Book</i> Mass at 8am & 10am	3 Pray for Bishop Emeritus Michael Jarrel	4 Pray for Fr. Gilbert Dutel 7:00am Mass	5 Pray for Fr. Darren Eldridge Pro-Life Rosary 9:00am Mass	6 Pray for Fr. Peter Emusa 7:00am Mass	7 Pray for Fr. Cyprian Eze First Friday 7:00am Mass Eucharistic Adoration	8 Pray for Fr. Richard Fabre 4:00pm Mass
9 Pray for Fr. James Fallon Mass at 8am & 10am <i>New Iberia Poor & Needy</i>	10 Pray for Fr. Joel Faulk	11 Pray for Fr. Emmanuel Fernandez	12 Pray for Fr. Samuel Fontana Pro-Life Rosary 9:00am Mass K.C./Ladies Aux. Supper & Meeting	13 Pray for Fr. John Paul Fruge 7:00am Mass Baptismal Class 6:30pm-Office	14 Pray for Fr. David James Furka 7:00am Mass	15 Pray for Fr. Abelardo Gabriel 4:00pm Mass Baptisms 5pm
16 Pray for William Gearheard Mass at 8am & 10am	17 Pray for Fr. Taj Glodd	18 Pray for Msgr. Richard Greene 7:00am Mass <i>Happy Birthday Fr. Ed!</i>	19 Pray for Fr. Eric Groner Pro-Life Rosary 9:00am Mass <i>Fr. Ed's B-Day Celebration-Parish Hall</i>	20 Pray for Fr. Mitchell Guidry 7:00am Mass	21 Pray for Fr. Brad Guillory 7:00am Mass	22 Pray for Joshua Guillory 4:00pm Mass
23 Pray for Fr. Francis Xavier Gyles Mass at 8am & 10am	24 Pray for Fr. Jude Halphen Women's Ultreya 7pm Parish Hall	25 Pray for Fr. Brian Harrington 7:00am Mass	26 Pray for Msgr. Russell Harrington Pro-Life Rosary 9:00am Mass	27 Pray for David Brian Hebert 7:00am Mass	28 Pray for Fr. Evan Hebert 7:00am Mass	29 Pray for Fr. Matthew Hebert 4:00pm Mass
30 Pray for Fr. T.J. Hebert Mass at 8am & 10am	31 Pray for Fr. Gregory Heslip					

Nativity of Our Lady Catholic Church – Event Calendar - August 2026



Tuesday, July 28, 2026

7:00am Earline Istre Navarre, Diane Copell
Georgie "Jo" Guidry

Wednesday, July 29, 2026

9:00am Walter DeGravelle, Jr., Roy Dupre
Patty Babineaux Fontenot
Carrol & Brenda Romero Fly
Alcide Duplichain, Jr.
Octavia Boudreaux
Beverly L. Quebedeaux (liv bd)

Thursday, July 30, 2026

7:00am Deanna & Buddy Romero
Ronald Cutrera
Doug & Barbara Eadie (liv ann.)

Friday, July 31, 2026

7:00am Stuart Hulin

Saturday, August 1, 2026

9:00am Brother & Claire LaBauve
M/M Raymond Landry, U.S.A.
Special Intention, Andre LaBauve
Lionel Sutton
4:00pm Fr. Tom Finley, Joyce Barras
Rachel R. Romero, Lynward Ransonet
DeHart & Estilette Fly
Dressel & Ransonet Fly
Gloria Tauzin, Steven G. Delcambre
William Kell Lewis, Jeff Gerrets

Sunday, August 2, 2026

8:00am Parishioners, Thelma Broussard
Larry Andrus, Vocations
Donna M. Snoddy
Warren & Sandra Gaspard Fly
10:00am Msgr. H.J. Barsen, Fr. A.J. Boumans
Harvey & Joyce DeCourt
Donna M. Lanza, Roland Romero
Emily & Tuttie Romero, Jr.
Creed Dugas, Dorothy "Dot" Breaux

Catholic Quotes

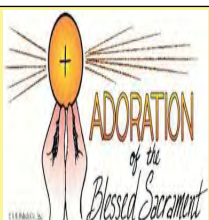
We are able to go through the most terrible places fearlessly, because Jesus is in us. Jesus is our joy, our strength, and our compassion.

Jesus has made Himself the bread of life to give us life. Night and day, He is there. If you really want to grow in love, come back to the Eucharist, come back to that adoration.

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.



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 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, Huey & Susan Guidry, Barbara Breaux.

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

The Unexpected Pregnancy Center

Thank you for hosting our Baby Bottle Campaign this year. Your church family generously contributed **\$3,808.21** to support the mission of The Unexpected Pregnancy Center. These gifts help provide hope, practical assistance, and compassionate care to women and families facing unexpected pregnancies. We are sincerely grateful for your partnership and support.



Sincerely,
The UPC Family

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

OUR GIFTS TO GOD July 12, 2026	
Loose	\$ 2,036.00
Envelopes	\$ 1,893.00
Total (collected).....	\$ 3,929.00
Mailed in offertory.....	\$ 360.00
Online Giving offertory	\$ 758.00
Total offertory (week).....	\$ 5,047.00

Thank you for your generosity!!!!

PARISH VOCATION CROSS

The Vocation Cross is taken by:

Kimberly Richard

(July 26 - August 1)

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 27, 2026

Women's Ultreya - 7pm Parish Hall

Tuesday, July 28, 2026

Mass at 7:00 am

Wednesday, July 29, 2026

Pro-Life Rosary - 8:20 am

Mass at 9:00 am

Thursday, July 30, 2026

Feast Day of St. Peter Chrysologus

Mass at 7:00 am

Friday, July 31, 2026

Feast Day of St. Ignatius of Loyola

Mass at 7:00 am

Saturday, August 1, 2026-First Saturday

Feast Day of St. Alphonsus Liguori

OLAS, K.C. Ladies Aux. & K.C. Members
to attend 9am Mass

Mass at 4:00 pm

Sunday, August 2, 2026

Feast Day of St. Eusebius of Vercelli

Feast Day of St. Peter Julian Eymard

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

Enroll your deceased loved one in the Nativity Memorial Book. Just a one time donation of \$5.00 (min.) or more. Call the Church Office @364-8360 for more information.

MASS SERVERS

July 28, 2026 - August 2, 2026

DAY DATE	TIME	CELEBRANT	READERS	LAY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION	ALTAR SERVERS
Tuesday 7/28/26	7:00am	Fr. Matthew Higginbotham	Ellen Claudy		Sacristan
Wednesday 7/29/26	9:00am	Fr. Ed Degeyter	Ginger Comeaux	Willie & Cynthia Elmer Nancy Barras Ricky Segura	Sacristan
Thursday 7/30/26	7:00am	Fr. Matthew Higginbotham	Vikki Morgan		Sacristan
Friday 7/31/26	7:00am	Fr. Matthew Higginbotham	Keith Comeaux		Sacristan
Saturday 8/01/26	9:00am 4:00pm	Fr. Ed Fr. Matthew	C.Nicholson Bill Miller		Sacristan Comeaux Fly
Sunday 8/02/26	8:00am	Fr. Matthew Higginbotham	June Jones		Bedia Fly
	10:00am	Fr. Matthew Higginbotham	Vincent Borne		Trahan Fly

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