

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

BOOKKEEPER:

Polly Camacho

SECRETARY:

Kimberly Richard

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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

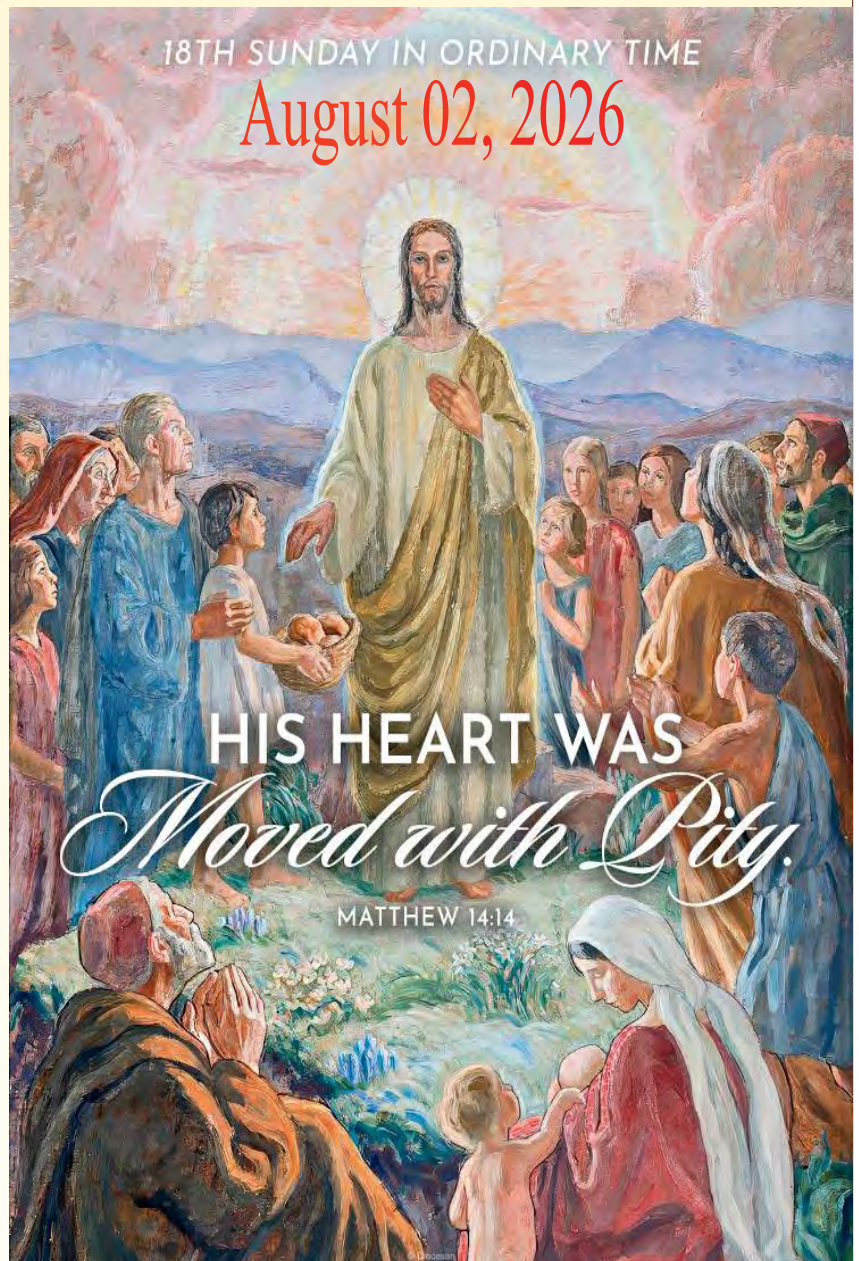
ROSARY:

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



Isaiah 55:1-3
Psalm 145:8-9, 15-18
Romans 8:35, 37-39
Matthew 14:13-21

In Jesus and the Church, Isaiah's promises in this Sunday's First Reading are fulfilled. All who are thirsty come to the living waters of baptism (see John 4:14). The hungry delight in rich fare - given bread to eat and wine to drink at the Eucharistic table. This is the point, too, of the Gospel this week. The story of Jesus' feeding of the 5,000 brims with allusions to the Old Testament. Jesus is portrayed as a David - like shepherd who leads his flock to lie down on green grass as he spreads the table of the Messiah's banquet before them (see Psalm 23). Jesus is shown as a new Moses, who likewise feeds vast crowds in a deserted place. Finally, Jesus is shown doing what the prophet Elisha did - satisfying the hunger of the crowd with a few loaves and having some left over (see 2 Kings 4:42-44).

Matthew also wants us to see the feeding of the 5,000 as a sign of the Eucharist. Notice that Jesus performs the same actions in the same sequence as at the Last Supper - He takes bread, says a blessing, breaks it, and gives it (see Matthew 26:26). Jesus instructed His apostles to celebrate the Eucharist in memory of Him. And the ministry of the Twelve is subtly stressed in this week's Gospel account. Before He performs the miracle, Jesus instructs the Twelve to give the crowd "some food yourselves". Indeed, the apostles themselves distribute the bread blessed by Jesus (see Matthew 15:36).

And the leftovers are enough to fill precisely 12 baskets, corresponding to each of the apostles, the pillars of the Church (see Galatians 2:9; Revelation 21:14). In the Church, as we sing in this week's Psalm, God gives us food in due season, opens His hands and satisfies the desires of every living thing. Now, as Paul reminds us in the Epistle, nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus.

Scott Hahn

REFLECTIONS

Eighteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time

Nothing can separate us from the love of God. No matter what may be happening in our lives, no matter how many stupid, thoughtless things we may have done, God still loves us and is ready to give us the grace we needed at the moment. This is the most profound and amazing gift we have been given and it is difficult for us to understand or even accept it. Every moment of every day, God offers us His love and grace. The only thing we need to do is accept it-not "earn" it. The more open we become to God's love and grace, the more peaceful our spirit becomes and the better we can cope with whatever happens in our life. Do you believe in God's love?

All who are thirsty, come to the water. - *Isaiah 55:1*
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SANCTUARY LIGHT:

In Memory of:

Cade Michael Thielen

August 2nd – Catholic Feast Day

On August 2nd, the Catholic Church commemorates several saints, with the most prominent being **St. Peter Julian Eymard**, a priest and founder of the Congregation of the Blessed Sacrament.

Main Feast Day – St. Peter Julian Eymard

Born: 1836, France

Died: 1896, France

Feast Day: August 2

Role: Priest, founder of the Sacramentini, Apostle of the Eucharist

Legacy: Centered his life on love of Christ, especially through the Eucharist. He inspired the Eucharistic Congresses and the Congregation of the Blessed Sacrament, promoting devotion to the Blessed Sacrament [Vatican News+1](#).

Other Saints Remembered on August 2

The Church also honors several other saints and blessed on this date, including [LeiturasCatólicas+1](#):

St. Eusebius of Vercelli – Bishop of Vercelli, known for his writings on the life of St. John the Baptist.

St. Stephen I, Pope – 3rd-century pope, martyr, and patron of the mission to the Slavs.

Blessed Ceferino Jiménez Malla – Spanish priest and martyr.

St. Rutilius – 3rd-century North African bishop and martyr.

St. Sidwell – 6th-century English bishop.

St. Theodota – 6th-century English saint.

St. Thomas of Dover – 12th-century English saint.

Devotional Significance

For many Catholics, August 2nd is a day to reflect on the Eucharistic life of St. Peter Julian Eymard, encouraging personal adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and participation in Eucharistic Congresses. It is also an opportunity to pray for the intercession of the saints listed above.

Tip: If you are in New Iberia, LA, you can attend local Masses or Eucharistic adoration events in Catholic parishes, or use the day to deepen your personal devotion to the Eucharist.

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.



The Immaculate Heart of Mary

The Catholic Church dedicates the month of August to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. The Immaculate Heart is often venerated together with the Sacred Heart of Jesus (the devotion we celebrate in June), and with good reason. Just as the Sacred Heart represents Christ's love for mankind, the Immaculate Heart represents the desire of the Blessed Virgin to bring all people to her Son.

Prayer: O heart of Mary, mother of God, and our mother; heart most worthy of love, in which the adorable Trinity is ever well-pleased, worthy of the veneration and love of all the angels and of all men; heart most like to the Heart of Jesus, of which thou art the perfect image; heart, full of goodness, ever compassionate toward our miseries; deign to melt our icy hearts and grant that they may be wholly

changed into the likeness of the Heart of Jesus, our divine Savior. Pour into them the love of thy virtues, enkindle in them that divine fire with which thou thyself dost ever burn. In thee let Holy Church find a safe shelter; protect her and be her dearest refuge, her tower of strength, impregnable against every assault of her enemies. Be thou the way which leads to Jesus, and the channel, through which we receive all the graces needful for our salvation. Be our refuge in time of trouble, our solace in the midst of trial, our strength against temptation, our haven in persecution, our present help in every danger and especially at the hour of death, when all hell shall let loose against us its legions to snatch away our souls, at that dread moment, that hour so full of fear, whereon our eternity depends. Ah, then most tender virgin, make us to feel the sweetness of thy motherly heart, and the might of thine intercession with Jesus, and open to us a safe refuge in that very fountain of mercy, whence we may come to praise Him with thee in paradise, world without end. Amen.

WHAT TO REFLECT ON IN AUGUST

1. What would your heart look like if it was drawn?
2. What areas in your heart need a Mother's help mending?
3. Who do you know who reminds you of Mother Mary's love most?
4. Whose pain pierces your heart?
5. Do you have a heart like Christ?

When we hear the words "Ordinary Time," it can sound as though the Church is inviting us into a season that is uneventful or routine. Yet Ordinary Time is anything but ordinary. It is a reminder that God is present not only in the large moments of life, but also in the simple, everyday experiences that make up most of our lives.

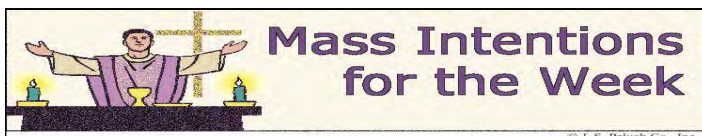
Throughout the Gospels, Jesus revealed Himself in ordinary moments. He walked with His disciples along dusty roads, shared meals with friends, attended weddings, and met people in the midst of their daily work. In these seemingly ordinary encounters, lives were transformed.

During Ordinary Time, we are invited to slow down and tune in our hearts to everything around us. God may be speaking to us through a conversation with a friend, a moment of silence before the Blessed Sacrament, an act of service, or a quiet answer to prayer. When we become more aware of His presence, we discover that no moment is truly ordinary.

As followers of Jesus, we are called to seek Christ not only during Advent, Christmas, or Easter, but also in the rhythms of everyday life. Jesus is waiting to reveal himself to us in these seemingly uneventful seasons.

Reflection: Where have I noticed God's presence in the ordinary moments of my life recently? What can I do this week to slow down, listen, and make space for God to speak to my heart?

Prayer: Heavenly Father, open our eyes to recognize Your presence in the ordinary moments of our day. Help us to hear Your voice amid the noise and busyness of life. Through the grace of Ordinary Time, draw us closer to Your Son and teach us to trust that You are always at work in our lives. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.



Tuesday, August 04, 2026

7:00am Larry Delcambre (bd)

Wednesday, August 05, 2026

9:00am Cynthia Elmer (liv bd)
Patty Babineaux Fontenot
Walter DeGravelle, Jr.
Alcide Duplichain, Jr.

Thursday, August 06, 2026

7:00am Daspit Elementary Students & Teachers

Friday, August 07, 2026

7:00am Don Taylor, Carlyle Hebert Fly
Janell Broussard, Lee Broussard
Elaine & Warren Broussard
E.J. & Gloria Segura, Wayne Bell
Kent Smith, Dominic Carson
Lionel Sutton, Elmer Wenck
United States Military
Raymond & Pearl Romero

Saturday, August 08, 2026

4:00pm Fr. Tom Finley, Lynward Ransonet
Rachel R. Romero (3yr. ad)
Dorothy "Dot" Breaux, Gloria Tauzin
Steven G. Delcambre
William Kell Lewis, Jeff Gerrets
Dickie Broussard (1yr. ad)
Gil Simon (12yr da)

Sunday, August 09, 2026

8:00am Parishioners, Creed Dugas
Warren & Sandra Gaspard Fly

10:00am Msgr. H.J. Barsen, Fr. A.J. Boumans

Harvey & Joyce DeCourt
Donna M. Lanza, Cade M. Thielen
Nancy Delahoussaye Kibodeaux

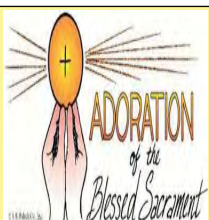
Catholic Quotes

I believe that many people today think the poor are not humans like them. They look down on them. But if they had a deep respect for the poor, I am sure it would be easy for them to come closer to them, and to see that they have as much right to the things of life and to love as anybody has.

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, 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, Hazel Delahoussaye & Fly, Brennan Lasseigne, David Picou.

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

Knights of Columbus Council 12997 Fundraiser BBQ Pork Chop, BBQ Beans, Rice Dressing, & Pistolette

Sunday, September 13, 2026

Pickup is behind the Church Office (behind Church) from 11AM - 1PM.

Tickets are \$15.00 each. Tickets will be sold after each weekend Mass and are available from any KC member, and in the Church office. Also, the Ladies K.C. Auxiliary members will be selling treats on 9/13/26.

For more information call Wayne Duhon at 337-339-1602.



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

OUR GIFTS TO GOD July 19, 2026	
Loose	\$ 1,216.00
Envelopes	\$ 1,996.00
Total (collected).....	\$ 3,212.00
Mailed in offertory.....	\$ 405.00
Online Giving offertory	\$ 713.00
Total offertory (week).....	\$ 4,330.00

Thank you for your generosity!!!!

PARISH VOCATION CROSS

The Vocation Cross is taken by:

Ellen Claudy

(August 2 - August 8)

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

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Mass at 7:00 am

Wednesday, August 05, 2026

Pro-Life Rosary - 8:20 am

Mass at 9:00 am

Thursday, August 06, 2026

Mass at 7:00 am

Friday, August 07, 2026

Mass at 7:00 am

Saturday, August 08, 2026

Mass at 4:00 pm

Sunday, August 09, 2026

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

2nd Collection - New Iberia Poor & Needy



MEMORIAL BOOK

The first Sunday of every month the "Memorial Book" is placed in the sanctuary as a reminder that this day 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). Call Sheryl Bourque @ 364-8360.

MASS SERVERS

August 04, 2026 - August 09, 2026

DAY DATE	TIME	CELEBRANT	READERS	LAY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION	ALTAR SERVERS
Tuesday 8/04/26	7:00am	Fr. Matthew Higginbotham	Ellen Claudy		Sacristan
Wednesday 8/05/26	9:00am	Fr. Ed Degeyter	Ginger Comeaux		Sacristan
Thursday 8/06/26	7:00am	Fr. Matthew Higginbotham	Vikki Morgan		Sacristan
Friday 8/07/26	7:00am	Fr. Matthew Higginbotham	Chad Courtois		Sacristan
Saturday 8/08/26	4:00pm	Fr. Matthew Higginbotham	Jenny Gonsoulin		Comeaux Fly
Sunday 8/09/26	8:00am	Fr. Matthew Higginbotham	Janis Dugas		Trahan Fly
	10:00am	Fr. Matthew Higginbotham	Paul Broussard		Nguyen Fly

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