

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: *Andrée Schlicher*

RECONCILIATION:

Saturday: 3:00 pm — 3:45 pm

Sunday: 7:00 am — 7:45 am

30 minutes before weekday Masses

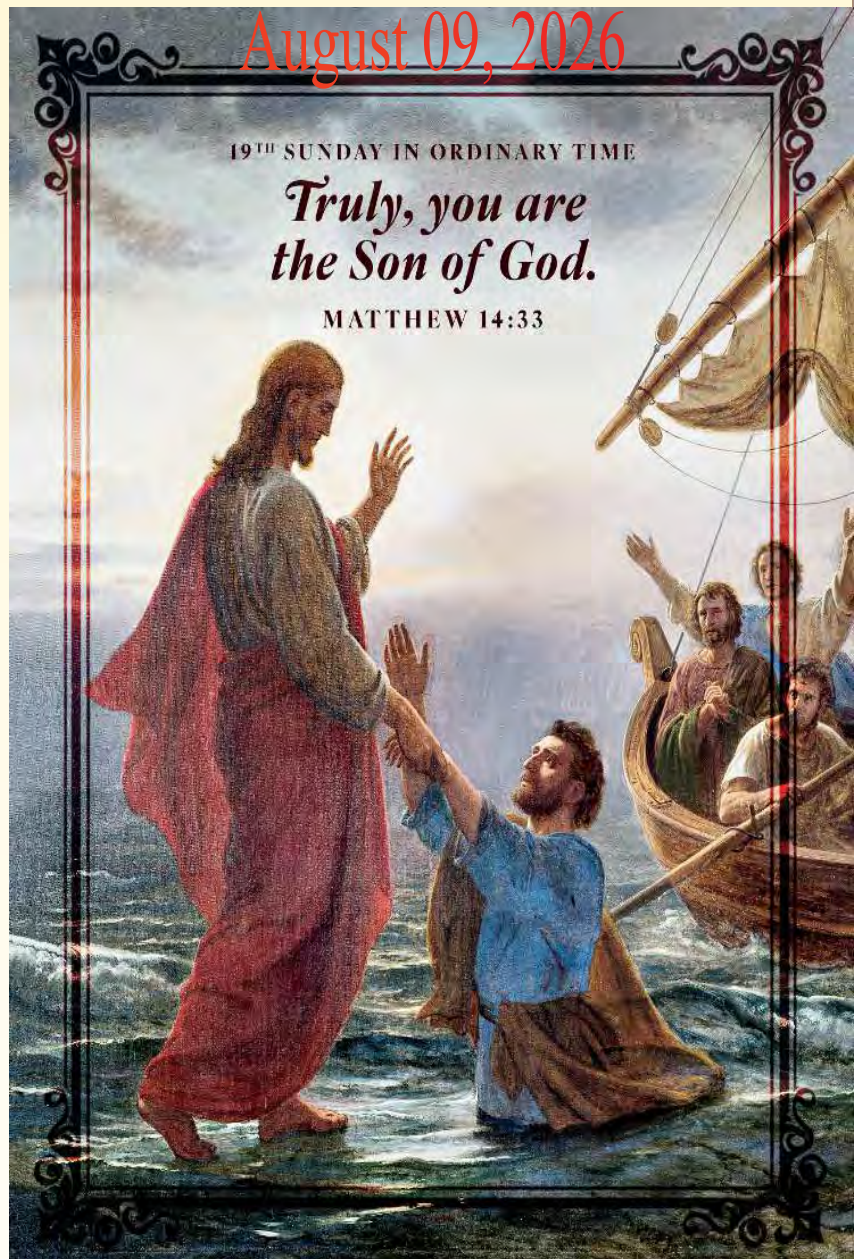
ROSARY:

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



1Kings 19:9a, 11-13a
Psalm 85:9-14
Romans 9:1-5
Matthew 14:22-33

How do we find God in the storms and struggles of our lives, in the trials we encounter in trying to do His will? God commands Elijah in today's First Reading to stand on the mountain and await His passing by. And in the Gospel, Jesus makes the disciples set out across the waters to meet Him. In each case, the Lord makes Himself present amid frightening tumult-heavy winds and high waves, fire and earthquakes. Elijah hides his face. Perhaps he remembers Moses, who met God on the same mountain, also amid fire, thunder, and smoke (see Deuteronomy 4:10-15; Exodus 19:17-19). God told Moses no one could see His face and live, and He sheltered Moses in the hollow of a rock, as He shelters Elijah in a cave (see Exodus 33:18-23). The disciples, likewise, are too terrified to look on the face of God. Today's Gospel is a revelation of Jesus' divine identity. Only God treads across the crest of the sea (see Job 9:8) and rules the raging waters (see Psalm 89:9-10). And the words of assurance that Jesus speaks "It is I" - are those God used to identify Himself to Moses (see Exodus 3:14; Isaiah 43:10). Even Peter is to overcome by fear to imitate his Lord. His fears, Jesus tells him, are a sign of his lack of faith. And so, it often is with us. Our fears make us doubt, make it hard to see His glory dwelling in our midst. Yet, we should know, as we sing in today's Psalm, that His salvation is near to those who hope in Him. By faith we should know, as Paul asserts in today's Epistle, that we are heirs to the promises made to His children, Israel. We must trust that He whispers to us in the trials of our lives-that He who has called us to walk along the way of His steps-save us whenever we begin to sink.

Scott Hahn

REFLECTIONS

Nineteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time

Have you ever wished that God would just send you a letter and tell you what to do? We pray for all sorts of things and want to get an answer but more often than not, we feel disappointed. Things just don't seem to go the way we wanted or expected them to go. God does answer. The problem is our ability to see and hear the answer! Like Elijah, we expect something dramatic while God is whispering in our ear. We need to learn to be still, look and listen. God's message will often come in unexpected and seemingly insignificant ways that are easy to miss.

Get hold of yourselves! It is I.
 Do not be afraid. - *Matthew 14:27*
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Fête-Dieu du Teche 2026 Thanking God for 250 Years

Join us on August 15, 2026, for a day of prayer, Eucharistic adoration, and thanksgiving along Bayou Teche. The day begins with 8:00 AM French Mass celebrated by Bishop Douglas Deshotel at St. Leo the Great Catholic Church in Leonville.

Following Mass, the Blessed Sacrament will be processed to the boat landing, and at 9:30 AM boats will depart, retracing the Acadians' voyage of 260 years ago. The procession will stop for Rosary and Benediction at churches in Arnaudville, Cecilia, Breaux Bridge, Parks, and St. Martinville before concluding with Solemn Vespers and Final Benediction at 6:00 PM in St. Martinville.

Participants may register a boat, follow by vehicle, or join at any stop along the route. Confessions will be available at each stop. A Plenary Indulgence may be obtained by participating in the Mass, procession, or devotions along the route.

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.



Pope Leo's Intention for August

For evangelization in the city.

Let us pray that in large cities often marked by anonymity and loneliness we find new ways to proclaim the Gospel, discovering creative paths to build community.

Back-to-School Prayer for Teachers & Students

Heavenly Father,

As a new school year unfolds, we lift up every teacher and student into Your loving care.

Grant teachers wisdom, patience, and joy as they guide minds and hearts. Let their words inspire, their lessons plant seeds of curiosity, and their compassion be a safe place for every child.

Bless students with focus, courage, and kindness. May they approach each day eager to learn, ready to grow, and willing to help one another. Protect their hearts from discouragement and fill them with confidence in the gifts You've placed within them.

Let classrooms be places of respect, creativity, and peace. May every challenge become an opportunity, and every success be a reminder of Your goodness.

In Your name we pray,
Amen.

Healing Ministry

Hope after Abortion is a program designed to meet individuals where they are in their healing journey by offering opportunities to grow in their healing and in their faith in a non-judgmental and supportive environment. A variety of different events sponsored by the Office of Pro-Life Apostolate are available throughout the year.

If you or someone you know is navigating emotions related to abortion, we're here to help. Please call the confidential phone line; **337-261-5598**.



Profile on Saint Teresa Benedicta of the Cross

Youngest of seven children in a Jewish family. Edith lost interest and faith in Judaism by age 13. Brilliant student and philosopher with an interest in phenomenology. Studied at the University of Göttingen, Germany and in Breisgau, Germany. Earned her doctorate in philosophy in 1916 at age 25. Witnessing the strength of faith of Catholic friends led her to an interest in Catholicism, which led to studying a catechism on her own, which led to "reading herself into" the Faith. Converted to Catholicism in Cologne, Germany; baptized in Saint Martin's church, Bad Bergzabern, Germany on 1 January 1922.

Carmelite nun in 1934, taking the name Teresa Benedicta of the Cross. Teacher in the Dominican school in Speyer, Germany and lecturer at the Educational Institute in Munich, Germany. However, anti-Jewish pressure from the Nazis forced her to resign both positions. Profound spiritual writer. Both Jewish and Catholic, she was smuggled out of Germany, and assigned to Echt, Netherlands in 1938. When the Nazis invaded the Netherlands, she and her sister Rose, also a convert to Catholicism, were captured and sent to the concentration camp at Auschwitz where they died in the gas chambers like so many others.

Born

12 October 1891 at Breslaw, Dolnoslaskie, Germany (now Wroclaw, Poland) as *Edith Stein*

Died

- gassed on 9 August 1942 in the ovens of Oswiecim (a.k.a. Auschwitz), Malopolskie, Poland
- body cremated

Canonized

11 October 1998 by Pope John Paul II

Patronage

- against the death of parents
- Europe
- martyrs

Representation

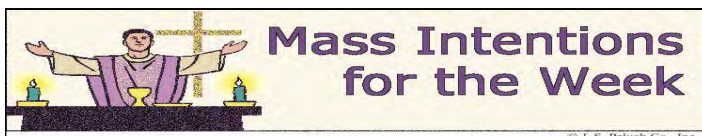
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Readings

Whatever did not fit in with my plan did lie within the plan of God. I have an ever deeper and firmer belief that nothing is merely an accident when seen in the light of God, that my whole life down to the smallest details has been marked out for me in the plan of Divine Providence and has a completely coherent meaning in God's all-seeing eyes. And so I am beginning to rejoice in the light of glory wherein this meaning will be unveiled to me. - *Saint Teresa Benedicta of the Cross*
God is there in these moments of rest and can give us in a single instant exactly what we need. Then the rest of the day can take its course, under the same effort and strain, perhaps, but in peace. And when night comes, and you look back over the day and see how fragmentary everything has been, and how much you planned that has gone undone, and all the reasons you have to be embarrassed and ashamed: just take everything exactly as it is, put it in God's hands and leave it with Him. Then you will be able to rest in Him - really rest - and start the next day as a new life. - *Saint Teresa Benedicta of the Cross*

Learn from Saint Thérèse to depend on God alone and serve Him with a wholly pure and detached heart. Then, like her, you will be able to say, "I do not regret that I have given myself up to Love". - *Saint Teresa Benedicta of the Cross*
O my God, fill my soul with holy joy, courage and strength to serve You. Enkindle Your love in me and then walk with me along the next stretch of road before me. I do not see very far ahead, but when I have arrived where the horizon now closes down, a new prospect will open before me, and I shall meet it with peace. - *Saint Teresa Benedicta of the Cross*





Tuesday, August 11, 2026

7:00am Mark Landry (liv bd)

Wednesday, August 12, 2026

9:00am Jean & Karen Broussard, Gloria Bellow
Patty Babineaux Fontenot
Walter DeGravelle, Jr.
Alcide Duplichain, Jr., Victor Bernard
James Comeaux, David Comeaux
Monique A. Cenac (liv bd)
Carrol Romero, Sr.

Thursday, August 13, 2026

7:00am Peggy L. Meyers (liv bd)

Friday, August 14, 2026

7:00am Carlyle Hebert, Jr. (bd)
Raymond & Pearl Romero

Saturday, August 15, 2026

4:00pm Fr. Tom Finley, Lynward Ransonet
Rachel R. Romero, Bobby Norris
Juliette C DuBois, Gloria Tauzin
Steven G. Delcambre
William Kell Lewis, Roy Flores
Trahan & Richard Fly

Sunday, August 16, 2026

8:00am Parishioners, Creed Dugas
Henry & Dorothy McDonald
Quang V. Nguyen, Clark Romero
Hilda Judice, Samuel LaBarge

10:00am Msgr. H.J. Barsen, Fr. A.J. Boumans
Harvey & Joyce DeCourt
Donna M. Lanza, Ronald Cutrera
Dorothy "Dot" Breaux
Randy P. Angelle (liv bd)

Catholic Quotes

I used to believe that prayer changes things, but now I know that prayer changes us, and we change things.

I am a little pencil in the hand of a writing God who is sending a love letter to the world.
Saint Teresa of Calcutta

SANCTUARY LIGHT:

In Memory of:
Gil Simon (da)



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, Bob Bernard.

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 26, 2026	
Loose	\$ 1,337.00
Envelopes	\$ 1,725.00
Total (collected).....	\$ 3,062.00
Mailed in offertory.....	\$ 1,332.00
Online Giving offertory	\$ 643.00
Total offertory (week).....	\$ 5,037.00

Thank you for your generosity!!!!

PARISH VOCATION CROSS

The Vocation Cross is taken by:

Mark & Joy Gagnard

(August 9 - August 15)

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

Tuesday, August 11, 2026

Mass at 7:00 am

Wednesday, August 12, 2026

Pro-Life Rosary - 8:20 am

Mass at 9:00 am

K.C. & Ladies Aux. Supper & Meeting

Thursday, August 13, 2026

Mass at 7:00 am

Baptismal Class - 6:30 pm

Friday, August 14, 2026

Mass at 7:00 am

Saturday, August 15, 2026

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Mass at 4:00 pm

Baptisms at 5:00 pm

Sunday, August 16, 2026

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



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 11, 2026 - August 16, 2026

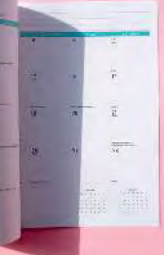
DAY DATE	TIME	CELEBRANT	READERS	LAY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION	ALTAR SERVERS
Tuesday 8/11/26	7:00am	Fr. Matthew Higginbotham	Carmen Nicholson		Sacristan
Wednesday 8/12/26	9:00am	Fr. Ed Degeyter	Ginger Comeaux	Phil & Renee Haney Nancy Barras Marilyn Gerrets	Sacristan
Thursday 8/13/26	7:00am	Fr. Matthew Higginbotham	Vikki Morgan		Sacristan
Friday 8/14/26	7:00am	Fr. Matthew Higginbotham	Keith Comeaux		Sacristan
Saturday 8/15/26	4:00pm	Fr. Matthew Higginbotham	Bill Miller	Willie & Cynthia Elmer	Bedia Fly
Sunday 8/16/26	8:00am	Fr. Matthew Higginbotham	Carmen Nicholson	Mary Pesson Julie Roy	Nguyen Fly
	10:00am	Fr. Matthew Higginbotham	Vincent Borne	Melissa Dworaczyk Brenda Romero	Trahan Fly

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