

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



Isaiah 55:6-9
Psalm 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18
Philippians 1:20-24, 27
Matthew 20:1-16

The house of Israel is the vine of God, who planted and watered it, preparing the Israelites to bear fruits of righteousness (see Isaiah 5:7; 27:2-5). Israel failed to yield good fruits and the Lord allowed His vineyard, Israel's kingdom, to be overrun by conquerors (see Psalm 80:9-20). But God promised that one day He would replant His vineyard and its shoots would blossom to the ends of the earth (see Amos 9:15; Hosea 14:5-10). This is the biblical backdrop to Jesus' parable of salvation history in today's Gospel. The landowner is God. The vineyard is the kingdom. The workers hired at dawn are the Israelites, to whom He first offered His covenant. Those hired later in the day are the Gentiles, the non-Israelites, who, until the coming of Christ, were strangers to the covenants of promise (see Ephesians 2:11-13). In the Lord's great generosity, the same wages, the same blessings promised to the first-called, the Israelites, will be paid to those called last, the rest of the nations. This provokes grumbling in today's parable. Doesn't the complaint of those first laborers sound like that of the older brother in Jesus' prodigal son parable (see Luke 15:29-30)? God's ways, however, are far from our ways, as we hear in today's First Reading. And today's readings should caution us against the temptation to resent God's lavish mercy. Like the Gentiles, many will be allowed to enter the kingdom late-after having spent most of their days idling in sin. But even these can call upon Him and find Him near, as we sing in today's Psalm. We should rejoice that God has compassion on all whom He has created. This should console us, too, especially if we have loved ones who remain far from the vineyard. Our task is to continue laboring in His vineyard. As Paul says in today's Epistle, let us conduct ourselves worthily, struggling to bring all men and women to the praise of His name.

Scott Hahn

REFLECTIONS

Twenty-Fifth Sunday In Ordinary Time

The Sunday gospel recounts the story of the vineyard owner who hired workers throughout the day and then paid everyone for a full day's work. Many sympathize with the workers who put in a full day and feel this was unfair. Some just think the owner must be nuts paying people more than they had earned. But that misses the point-this is about the reign of God. God does not play by our little rules nor does God deal with us as we deserve. God is generous. We need to learn to rejoice in His unconditional love for all of us.

The Lord is good to all
and compassionate to all His works. Psalm 145:9

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PARISH VOCATION CROSS

The Vocation Cross is taken by:

Linda L. Viator

(September 20 - September 26)

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.

Diocese of Lafayette

PARISH CENSUS



♦ Every Family
♦ Every Generation
♦ Every Household

Participate in the
Parish Census.



FAMILY Worship NIGHT

A NIGHT TO GATHER, WORSHIP AND GROW TOGETHER AS A FAMILY.

**WEDNESDAY
SEPT. 23RD**

6:00PM - 8:00PM

**NATIVITY
PARISH HALL**

Live Music!
COME SING AND WORSHIP!

Faith. | Family. | Worship. All are welcome! ♥



Remembrance Mass

for those who lost a loved one to suicide



November 21, 2026

Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist

Registration required to receive a candle for your loved one

www.diola.org/remembrance-mass-registration

ADVENT DAY OF REFLECTION

with Behold Catholic Ministries

Waiting with Mary

Enter the quest of Advent

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2026

8:30AM - 2:00PM | **\$100 PER GUEST**

Starting with morning Mass

MAGDALEN PLACE
2 South Magdalen Square
Beverly, MA

Includes 2 reflection rooms, art supplies, Willa painting, lunch and more.

MORNING WELCOME
Singer-songwriter and inspirational speaker **Kitty Cleveland** will guide our morning with scripture, songs, and meditative prayer.

ARTISTIC JOURNEY
After lunch, **Michelle Morein**, artist, writer & founder of Sacred Treasures will guide us in a beautiful painting experience with live music. All art supplies are included.

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SPEND-A-DAY

25 SEPT. FRIDAY

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Tuesday, September 22, 2026

7:00am Henry N. Trahan (liv bd)

Wednesday, September 23, 2026

9:00am Walter Degraeville, Jr.
V. A. Bernard, Carrol Romero, Sr.
Felton Breaux (liv bd), Emily Bernard

Thursday, September 24, 2026

7:00am Amy Daniels

Friday, September 25, 2026

7:00am Raymond & Pearlie Romero

Saturday, September 26, 2026

4:00pm Fr. Tom Finley, Jon George
Gloria Tausin, Lynward Ransonet
William Kell Lewis
Sandy Crochet, Sr., Joseph Viator
Rachel R. Romero, Steven G. Delcambre
Patti Gagnard

Sunday, September 27, 2026

8:00am Parishioners, Creed Dugas
Krai Fly

10:00am Msgr. H.J. Barsen, Fr. A.J. Boumans
Harvey & Joyce DeCourt
Donna M. Lanza
Steven Michael Gondran & Children
Dorothy "Dot" Breaux
Sophia E. Viator (liv bd)

The Living Rosary

Our Catholic family of New Iberia will come together on Tuesday, Oct. 6, 2026, at 6pm for our annual Living Rosary we will join our voices in prayer for our own personal intentions trusted to our prayer boxes. We invite you and your family to join us at St. Peter Church on Tuesday, October 6, 2026, at 6 pm for the Living Rosary.

Forgiveness is at the heart of healthy relationships. Excuse rather than accuse. Forgive and ask to be forgiven. Forgiveness is a beautiful gift to give to those who hurt us.

Saint Teresa of Calcutta

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

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, 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, Patrick & Margo LeBlanc, Mike Comeaux, Marlene Mouton, Shalee Landry, Karin Kwami, Mary Miller, Kandis Bouterie.

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

SANCTUARY LIGHT:
In Memory of:
Madison Claire Olivier

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

OUR GIFTS TO GOD		Sept. 6, 2026
Loose	\$	1,836.00
Envelopes	\$	4,125.00
Total (collected).....	\$	5,961.00
Mailed in offertory.....	\$	477.00
Online Giving offertory	\$	1,223.06
Total offertory (week).....	\$	7,661.06

Thank you for your generosity!!!!

With Heartfelt Thanks From Fr. Ed

It was a great joy to have so many of you, Nativity Parishioners and our guests, present for my Birthday Mass and reception. My sincere thanks to all of those who took part in any way in the celebration. Please know how special all of you are to me, and be assured of my continued prayers and remembrance. May God's choicest blessings be with you, and may our Mother Mary's prayers and intercessions for you support and strengthen you.

Fr. Ed

CURRENT EVENTS

Tuesday, September 22, 2026

Mass at 7:00 am
Bible Study 9:00 am - Barsen Hall

Wednesday, September 23, 2026

Pro-Life Rosary - 8:20 am

Mass at 9:00 am
Family Praise & Worship
Parish Hall - 6pm-8pm

Thursday, September 24, 2026

Mass at 7:00 am
Bible Study 6:00 pm - Barsen Hall

Friday, September 25, 2026

Mass at 7:00 am

Saturday, September 26, 2026

Mass at 4:00 pm

Sunday, September 27, 2026

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



Monthly Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction

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

MASS SERVERS September 22, 2026 - September 27, 2026

DAY DATE	TIME	CELEBRANT	READERS	LAY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION	ALTAR SERVERS
Tuesday 9/22/26	7:00am	Fr. Matthew Higginbotham	Ellen Claudy		Sacristan
Wednesday 9/23/26	9:00am	Fr. Ed Degeyter	Ginger Comeaux	Willie & Cynthia Elmer Nancy Barras Marilyn Gerrets	Sacristan
Thursday 9/24/26	7:00am	Fr. Matthew Higginbotham	Vikki Morgan		Sacristan
Friday 9/25/26	7:00am	Fr. Matthew Higginbotham	Keith Comeaux		Sacristan
Saturday 9/26/26	4:00pm	Fr. Ed Degeyter	Jenny Gonsoulin	Ross & Cindy Landry Phil & Renee Haney	Bedia Fly
Sunday 9/27/26	8:00am	Fr. Matthew Higginbotham	Margo Leblanc	Mary Pesson Julie Roy	Trahan Fly
	10:00am	Fr. Matthew Higginbotham	Lan Nguyen	Linda Viator Melissa Dworaczyk	Nguyen Fly

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