

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

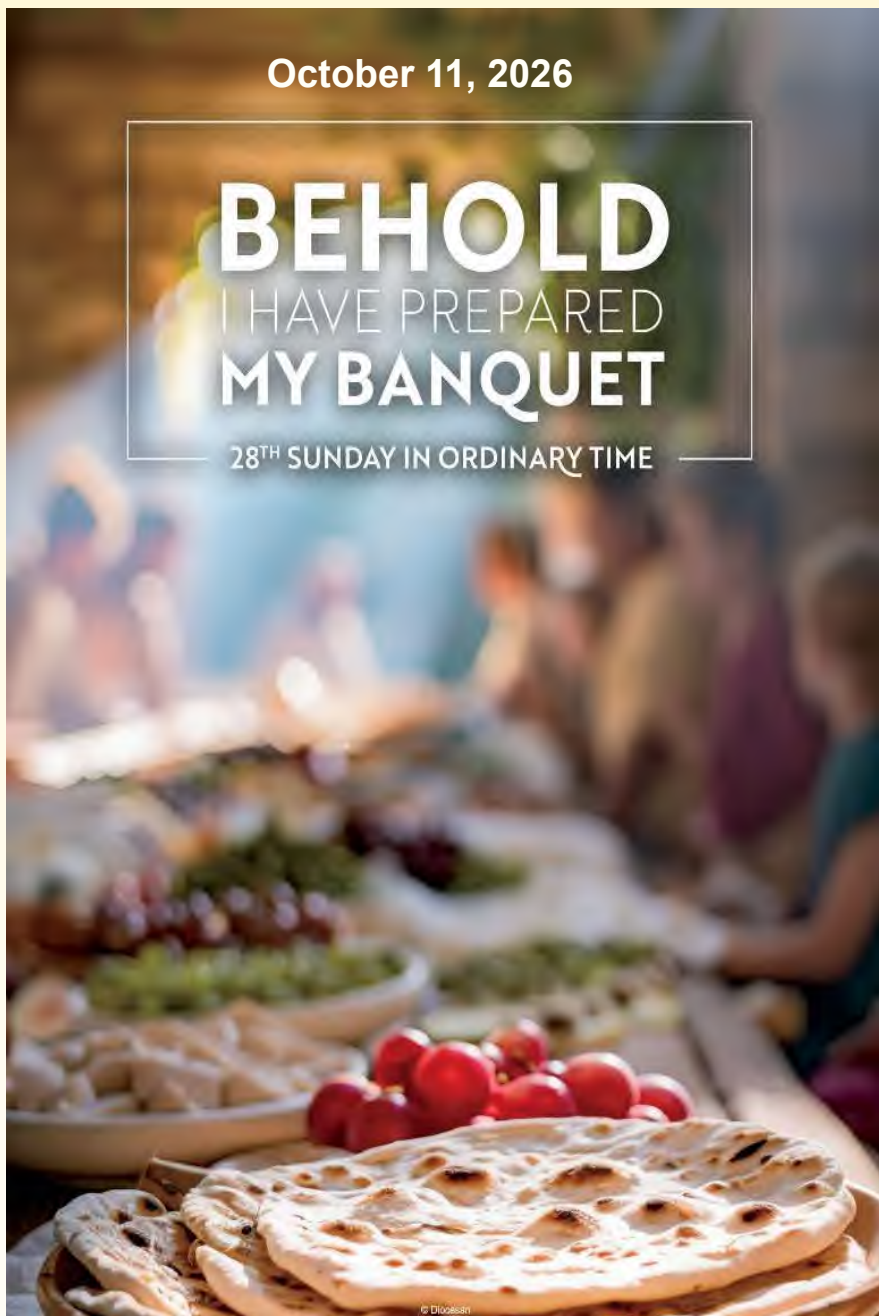
First Saturday: 8:20 am

Third Tuesday: 7:30 am (*Patriotic*)

October 11, 2026

BEHOLD
I HAVE PREPARED
MY BANQUET

28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



TODAY'S READINGS



Isaiah 25:6-10

Psalms 23:1-6

Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20

Matthew 22:1-14 or 22:1-10

Our Lord's parable in today's Gospel is again a fairly straightforward outline of salvation history. God is the king (see Matthew 5:35), Jesus the bridegroom (see Matthew 9:15), the feast is the salvation and eternal life that Isaiah prophesies in today's First Reading. The Israelites are those first invited to the feast by God's servants, the prophets (see Isaiah 7:25). For refusing repeated invitations and even killing His prophets, Israel has been punished, its city conquered by foreign armies. Now, Jesus makes clear, God is sending new servants, His apostles, to call not only Israelites, but all people-good and bad alike-to the feast of His kingdom. This an image of the Church, which Jesus elsewhere compares to a field sown with both wheat and weeds, and a fishing net that catches good fish and bad (see Matthew 13:24-43, 47-50).

We have all been called to this great feast of love in the Church, where, as Isaiah foretold, the veil that once separated the nations from the covenants of Israel has been destroyed, where the dividing wall of enmity has been torn down by the blood of Christ (see Ephesians 2:11-14).

As we sing in today's Psalm, the Lord has led us to this feast, refreshing our souls in the waters of Baptism, spreading the table before us in the Eucharist. As Paul tells us in today's Epistle, in the glorious riches of Christ, we will find supplies whatever we need.

And in the rich food of His body, and the choice wine of His blood, we have a foretaste of the eternal banquet in the heavenly Jerusalem, when God will destroy death forever (see Hebrews 12:22-24).

But are we dressed for the feast, clothed in the garment of righteousness (see Revelation 19:8)? Not all who have been called will be chosen for eternal life, Jesus warns. Let us be sure that we're living in a manner worthy of the invitation we've received (see Ephesians 4:1)

Scott Hahn

REFLECTIONS

Twenty-Eighth Sunday In Ordinary Time

The parable of the wedding banquet should give us pause. We like to think of ourselves as good Christians- the invited guests. Do we think this gives us an automatic "in" with God? Jesus reminds us that what is truly important is responding to God's invitation. Everyday, God invites us to be His hands, eyes, ears, and heart and bring His love to others. Too often our daily obligations and worries block us from responding. We don't have time now-maybe later...Consider how you are responding to God's invitation.

He guides me in right paths for His name sake.
With your rod and your staff that give me courage.
Psalm 23:3

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PARISH VOCATION CROSS

The Vocation Cross is taken by:

Ellen Claudy

(October 11 - October 17)

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.

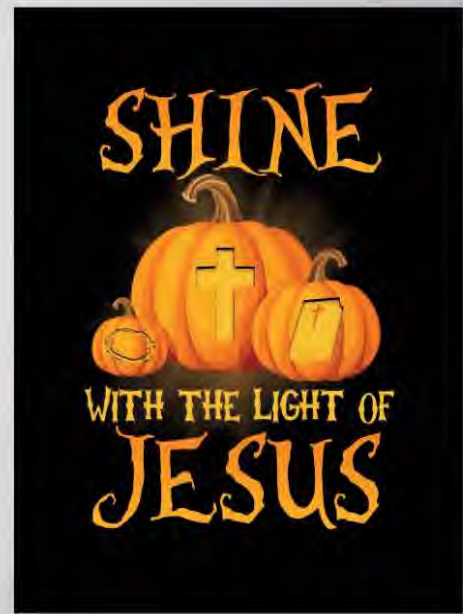


Family Fall Festival

**Saturday, October 24, 2026
after 4:00 PM Mass
Parish & Barsen Halls**

**Food, Games, Cake Bingo,
& Trunk - or - Treat.**

**All Families are invited.
Come join the fun !!!**



Nativity of Our Lady Knights of Columbus are hosting a **Birthday Celebration** for **Fr. Matthew** following the **4pm Mass on Saturday, November 7, 2026**. All are invited to wish him a Happy Birthday & say Thank You for all he does for our Church Parish. Please bring a covered dish or your favorite finger foods. Come out and show him how much you appreciate him. For any questions please contact Mike & Doris Degeyter at 337-256-6571.





Tuesday, October 13, 2026

7:00am Lupe Camacho (bd)

Wednesday, October 14, 2026

9:00am Cheryl Gonsoulin, Victor Bernard
Kearney & Gertie Robicheaux
Whitney & Una Broussard
Ernest "Topper" Breaux
Ronald Cutrera, Clifton Edward Babin
Carrol Romero, Sr., Bob Emmett (liv)
Walter DeGravelle, Jr., Leroy Tuch
Stephanie Arabie, Patrick LeBlanc
Lupe Camacho Fly

Thursday, October 15, 2026

7:00am Patrick J. Richard

Friday, October 16, 2026

7:00am Raymond & Pearlle Romero
Ann Stevens
Community of Cloistered Hearts

Saturday, October 17, 2026

4:00pm Fr. Tom Finley, Gloria Tauzin
Lynward Ransonet William Kell Lewis,
Bob Emmet (liv), Mona Simon
Juliette C Dubois, Roy Flores
Rachel R. Romero, Steven G. Delcambre
Todd Anthony D'Albor
Errol "Romo" Romero

Sunday, October 18, 2026

8:00am Parishioners, Creed Dugas
James Gaspard (liv bd)

10:00am Msgr. H.J. Barsen, Fr. A.J. Boumans
Harvey & Joyce DeCourt
Donna M. Lanza, Roland Romero
Steven Michael Gondran & Children
Clifton Edward Babin

Life is an opportunity, benefit from it. Life is beauty, admire it. Life is a dream, realize it. Life is a challenge, meet it. Life is a duty, complete it. Life is a game, play it. Life is a promise, fulfill it. Life is sorrow, overcome it. Life is a song, sing it. Life is an adventure, dare it. Life is luck, make it. Life is too precious, do not destroy it. Life is life, fight for it.

Saint Teresa of Calcutta

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, 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 & Fly, Zachary Richard, 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, Margo LeBlanc & Fly, Mike Comeaux, Marlene Mouton, Shalee Landry, Karin Kwami, Mary Miller, Kandis Bouterie, Bonnie Marceaux, Gayle Johnson, Hadley Babin Fly, Hazel Babin Courville Fly, Alton Babin 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.

SANCTUARY LIGHT:

In Memory of:
David D. Viator
Lloyd J. Landry

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

OUR GIFTS TO GOD Sept. 27, 2026

Loose	1,556.00
Envelopes	2,378.00
Total (collected)	3,934.00
Mailed in offertory	350.00
Online Giving offertory	1,230.00
Total offertory (week).....	5,514.00

Thank you for your generosity!!!

Saint John XXIII (Pope John XXIII)

Feast Day: October 11

Born: 25 November 1881, Sotto il Monte, Italy

Died: 3 June 1963, Vatican City

Role: 260th Pope; convoked the Second Vatican Council in 1962

Canonized: 27 April 2014 by Pope Francis

Patronages: Vatican II, Christian unity, Diocese of Bergamo,
papal delegates guidecatholic.com+1

Second **Sunday** in October, October 11 is the **Feast of the Maternity of the Blessed Virgin Mary**. The object of this feast is to commemorate the dignity of **Mary** as Mother of God. **Mary** is truly the Mother of Christ, who in one **person** unites the human and divine nature. This title was solemnly ratified by the Council of Ephesus, 22 June, 431.

CURRENT EVENTS

Tuesday, October 13, 2026

Mass at 7:00 am

Bible Study 9:00 am - Barsen Hall

Wednesday, October 14, 2026

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

K.C. & Ladies Aux. Meeting & Supper

Thursday, October 15, 2026

Mass at 7:00 am

Bible Study 6:00 pm - Barsen Hall

Friday, October 16, 2026

Mass at 7:00 am

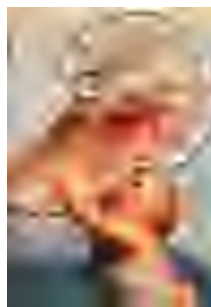
Saturday, October 17, 2026

Mass at 4:00 pm

Sunday, October 18, 2026

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

2nd Collection-New Iberia Poor & Needy



Love doesn't require technical training. It isn't qualified by a degree or limited by a job description. Anyone can demonstrate love to anyone else.

Joni Eareckson Tasa

MASS SERVERS

October 13, 2026 - October 18, 2026

DAY DATE	TIME	CELEBRANT	READERS	LAY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION	ALTAR SERVERS
Tuesday 10/13/26	7:00am	Fr. Matthew Higginbotham	Ellen Claudy		Sacristan
Wednesday 10/14/26	9:00am	Fr. Ed Degeyter	Ginger Comeaux	Phil & Renee Haney Megan Love Vicki Murdock	Sacristan
Thursday 10/15/26	7:00am	Fr. Matthew Higginbotham	Vikki Morgan		Sacristan
Friday 10/16/26	7:00am	Fr. Matthew Higginbotham	Keith Comeaux		Sacristan
Saturday 10/17/26	4:00pm	Fr. Matthew Higginbotham	Bill Miller	Andree Schlicher Mike Degeyter	Comeaux Fly
Sunday 10/18/26	8:00am	Fr. Matthew Higginbotham	June Jones	Ricky Segura Mary Pesson	Nguyen Fly
	10:00am	Fr. Matthew Higginbotham	Vincent Borne	Megan Love Doc Voorhies	Trahan Fly

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