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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

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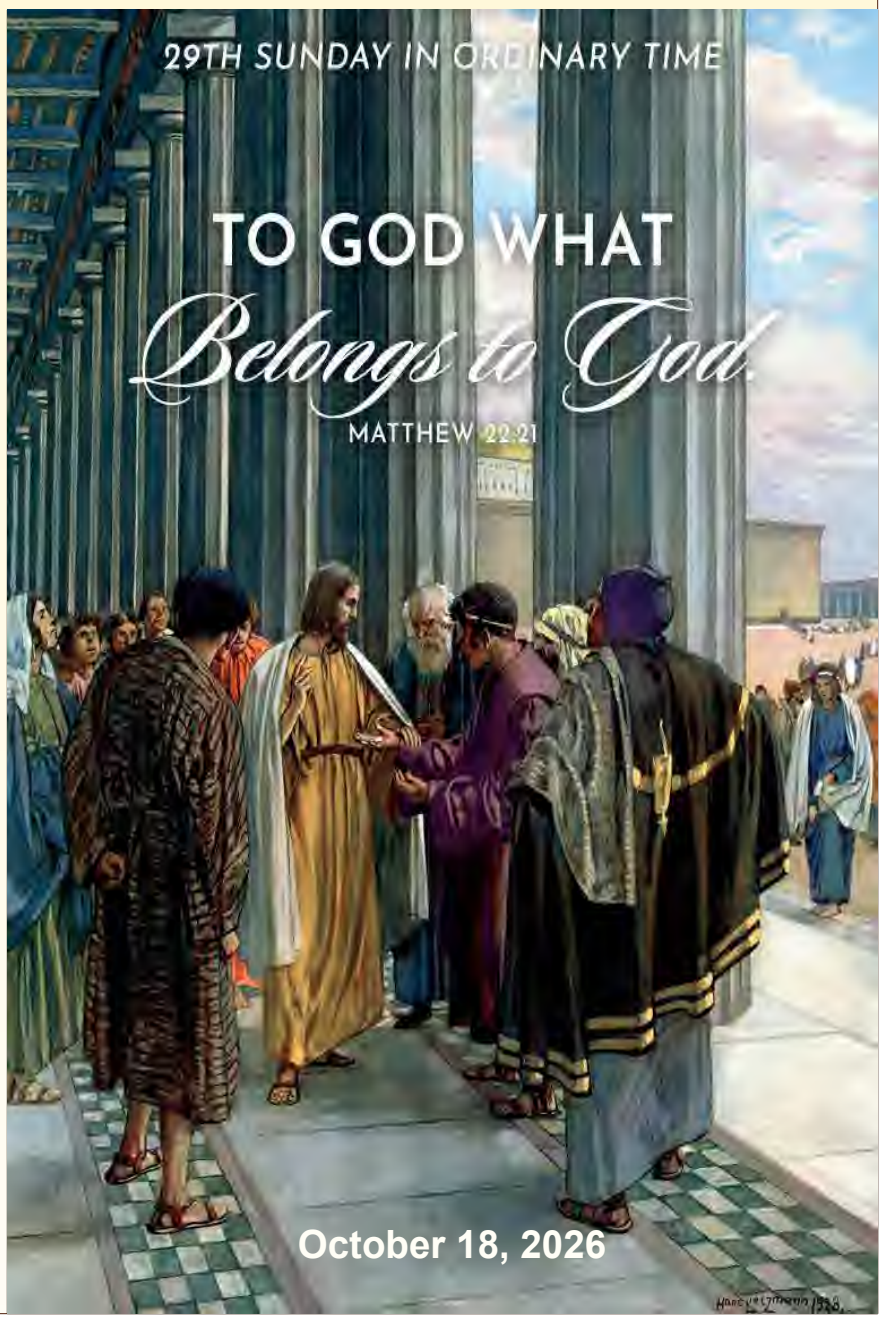
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RECONCILIATION:
Saturday: 3:00 pm – 3:45 pm
Sunday: 7:00 am – 7:45 am
30 minutes before weekday Masses

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 45:1, 4-6
Psalm 96:1, 3-5, 7-10
1 Thessalonians 1:1-5
Matthew 22:15-21

The Lord is king over all the earth, as we sing in today's Psalm. Governments rise and fall by His permission, with no authority but that given from above (see John 19:11; Romans 13:1).
In effect, God says to every ruler what He tells King Cyrus in today's First Reading: " I have called you … thou you knew me not."
The Lord raised up Cyrus to restore the Israelites from exile, and to rebuild Jerusalem (see Ezra 1:1-4). Throughout salvation history, God has used foreign rulers for the sake of His chosen people. Pharaoh's heart was hardened to reveal God's power (see Romans 9:17). Invading armies were used to punish Israel's sins (see 2 Maccabees 6:7-16).
The Roman occupation during Jesus' time was, in a similar way, a judgment on Israel's unfaithfulness. Jesus' famous words in today's Gospel: "Repay to Caesar" are a pointed reminder of this. And they call us, too, to keep our allegiances straight.
The Lord alone is our king. His kingdom is not of this world (see John 18:36) but it begins here in His Church, which tells of His glory among all peoples. Citizens of heave (see Philippians 3:20), we are called to be a light to the world (see Matthew 5:14)-working in faith, laboring in love, and enduring in hope, as today's Epistle counsels.
We owe the government a concern for the common good and obedience to laws-unless they conflict with God's commandments as interpreted by the Church (see Acts 5:29).
But we owe God everything. The coin bears Caesar's image. But we bear God's own image (see Genesis 1:27). We owe Him our very lives-all our heart, mind, soul, and strength, offered as a living sacrifice of love (see Romans 12:1-2).
We should pray for our leaders, that like Cyrus they do God's will (see 1 Timothy 2:1-2)-until from the rising of the sun to its setting, all humanity knows that Jesus is Lord.

Scott Hahn

REFLECTIONS

Twenty-Ninth Sunday In Ordinary Time

"Give to Caesar what is Caesar's, but give to God what is God's." This is not a reason for paying taxes. It is a basic guideline for living. Our first concern should be to love one another. With that as a guide, our decisions become clearer. We may have a "right" to do certain things; but the greater law of love may lead us to a different choice. Consider some of the choices you have made. Were they guided by love or by your own interest?

May you kindness, O Lord, be upon us
who have put our hope in you.- Psalm 33:22

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PARISH VOCATION CROSS

The Vocation Cross is taken by:

Warren Gaspard
(October 18 - October 24)

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.

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 !!!



Sunday, October 18, 2026

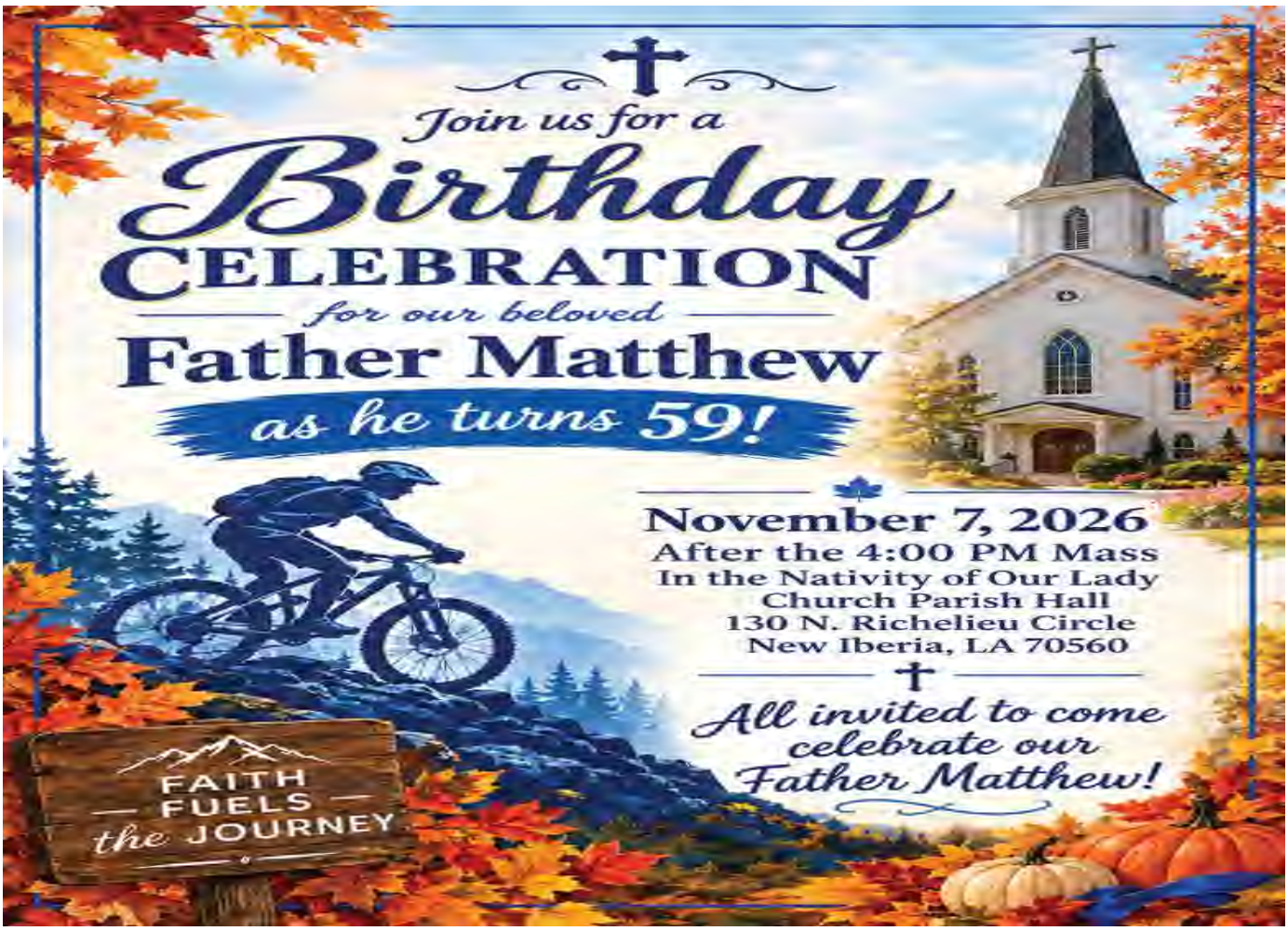
"One in Christ, United in Mission"

World Mission Day was first established by Pope Pius XI, beginning in October 1927. This year the Church celebrates the 100th World Mission Day on Sunday, October 18, 2026. Pope Leo XIV calls us to unity in Christ, love, and renewed missionary commitment "with joy and zeal in the Holy Spirit" in his first World Mission Sunday Message: "**One in Christ, united in mission**."

Pope Leo reminds us that "being a Christian is not primarily about practices or ideas; it is a life in union with Christ, in which we share in his filial relationship with the Father in the Holy Spirit. It means abiding in Christ, like branches on the vine (cf. Jn 15:4), immersed in the life of the Trinity." Citing the words of St. Paul—"we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord" (2 Cor 4:5)—Pope Leo explains, "This process of genuine evangelization begins in the heart of every Christian in order to reach all of humanity. Therefore, the more united we are in Christ, the better able we will be to carry out together the mission that he entrusts to us."

The Holy Father exhorts us, "Let us all commit to contributing to the great mission of evangelization — which is always a work of love —according to our own vocation and the gifts we have received."

Fr. Matthew's Birthday Celebration on Saturday, November 7, 2026 is being given by Our Lady's Altar Society, the K.C. Ladies Auxiliary & K.C. Members. All are invited. Please bring a covered dish or your favorite finger foods. Come show him how much you appreciate him. For any questions please contact Mike or Doris Degeyter at 337-256-6571.





Mass Intentions for the Week

Tuesday, October 20, 2026
7:00am Linda & Clint Trahan (liv ann)

Wednesday, October 21, 2026
9:00am Ernest "Topper" Breaux,
Creed Dugas, Joseph Viator
Patti Gagnard, Walter DeGravelle, Jr.
Allen & Rose Dupre
Carrol & Brenda Romero Fly

Thursday, October 22, 2026
7:00am Warren Barras (da)

Friday, October 23, 2026
7:00am Raymond & Pearlie Romero

Saturday, October 24, 2026
4:00pm Fr. Tom Finley, Gloria Tauzin
Lynward Ransonet William Kell Lewis,
Rachel R. Romero, Steven G. Delcambre
Errol "Romo" Romero

Sunday, October 25, 2026
8:00am Parishioners, Quang V. Nguyen

10:00am Msgr. H.J. Barsen, Fr. A.J. Boumans
Harvey & Joyce DeCourt
Donna M. Lanza,
Dorothy "Dot" Breaux
Steven Michael Gondran & Children
Ralph & Lorraine Breaux
Romero & Walker Fly
Emmet & Marguerite Conery
Clifton Edward Babin

There are a few ways to practice humility: To speak as little as possible of one's self. To mind one's own business. Not to want to mange other people's affairs. To avoid curiosity. To accept contradictions and correction cheerfully. To pass over the mistakes of others. To accept insults and injuries. To accept being slighted, forgotten, and disliked. To be kind and gentle even under provocation.

I don't know what God is doing. He knows. We do not understand, but one thing I'm sure, He doesn't make a mistake.

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:
Trahan & Richard Fly

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

OUR GIFTS TO GOD Oct. 04, 2026

Loose	1,684.00
Envelopes	3,500.00
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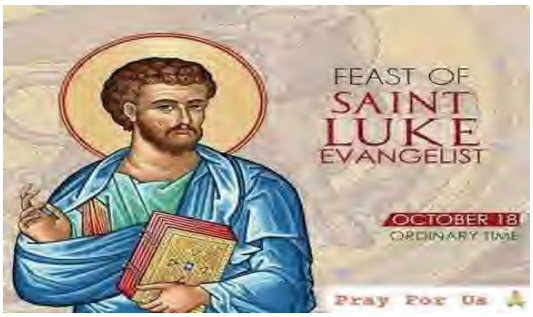
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The saint celebrated on October 18 is *St. Luke the Evangelist*, the physician, Gospel writer, and patron of physicians, artists, and surgeons.
He is known as:
Author of the Gospel of Luke and Acts of the Apostles.
A physician and close companion of St. Paul.
Patron saint of physicians, artists, surgeons, butchers, students, and bachelors.

Key Facts About St. Luke:
Traditionally believed to be from **Antioch, Syria**.
A trained **physician**, reflected in the compassionate detail of his writings.
His Gospel emphasizes mercy, the poor, and the outcast.
Said to have painted the first icons of the **Blessed Virgin Mary**.
Tradition holds he died a martyr around **A.D. 84.**

CURRENT EVENTS

Tuesday, October 20, 2026
Mass at 7:00 am
Bible Study 9:00 am - Barsen Hall
Wednesday, October 21, 2026
Pro-Life Rosary - 8:20 am
Mass at 9:00 am
Thursday, October 22, 2026
Mass at 7:00 am
Bible Study 6:00 pm - Barsen Hall
Friday, October 23, 2026
Mass at 7:00 am
Saturday, October 24, 2026
Mass at 4:00 pm
Family Fall Festival
Parish & Barsen Halls after 4pm Mass
Sunday, October 25, 2026
Masses at: 8:00 am & 10:00 am



MASS SERVERS
October 20, 2026 - October 25, 2026

DAY DATE	TIME	CELEBRANT	READERS	LAY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION	ALTAR SERVERS
Tuesday 10/20/26	***7:00am***	Fr. Matthew Higginbotham	Ellen Claudy		Sacristan
Wednesday 10/21/26	***9:00am***	Fr. Ed Degeyter	Ginger Comeaux	Ross & Cindy Landry Megan Love Mike Degeyter	Sacristan
Thursday 10/22/26	***7:00am***	Fr. Matthew Higginbotham	Carmen Nicholson		Sacristan
Friday 10/23/26	***7:00am***	Fr. Matthew Higginbotham	Chad Courtois		Sacristan
Saturday 10/24/26	***4:00pm***	Fr. Matthew Higginbotham	Jenny Gonsoulin	Willie & Cynthia Elmer	Comeaux Fly
Sunday 10/25/26	***8:00am***	Fr. Matthew Higginbotham	Nena Suit	Wayne Duhon Julie Roy	Bedia Fly
	10:00am	Fr. Matthew Higginbotham	Lan Nguyen	Melissa Dworaczyk Brenda Romero	Trahan Fly

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