

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

NOVEMBER 26, 2023



St. Mary Mother of the Church

419 Doucet Road, Lafayette, Louisiana 70503

Pastor	Reverend Cedric Sonnier	Baptism	Expectant parents should register for Baptism Class four to six months before the child's birth. Baptismal classes are held once every month. The deacon celebrates baptisms once per month on Saturday at 10:00 AM.
In Residence	Reverend Raymond Musisi Ssebina		
Deacons	Deacon Michael Crain & Deacon Michael Thompson		
Phone	337-981-3379		
Office Hours	Monday-Thursday: 9:00 AM-12:00 PM, 1:00-4:00 PM Friday: 9:00 AM-12:00 PM		
Masses	Monday-Friday: 7:00 AM in Church & Livestreamed 1 st Fri & 1 st Sat Masses with devotions: 7:00 AM Saturday: 4:30 PM in Church & Livestreamed Sunday: 8:00 & 10:30 AM & 5:00 PM in Church	Marriages	Anyone interested in getting married at St. Mary Church should contact the church 6-12 months prior to any marriage planning. For further information, see our Website Video.
Reconciliation	Saturday: 3:00-4:00 PM Sunday: 9:45 — 10:15 AM, 4:30 — 4:50 PM Monday - Friday: 6:35 - 6:55 AM	Funerals	To arrange a funeral at St. Mary Church, please call the Parish Office.

THIS WEEK

Morning Prayers Monday thru Friday 6:25 – 6:45 AM

Reconciliation Monday thru Friday 6:35 – 6:55 AM

Sun	Nov 26	9:00 AM CCD Elementary (Boumans Hall)
		9:00 AM RCIA (Boumans Hall)
		9:00 AM Advent Fair (Founders Hall)
Tue	Nov 28	4:00 PM Children's Bell Class (Church)
		5:00 PM Bells of St. Mary Rehearsal (Church)
		5:15 PM CCD Elementary (Boumans Hall)
		6:30 PM Baptismal Seminar (Conference Rm)
Wed	Nov 29	1:30 PM Grief Share (Conference Room)
		6:00 PM Youth Night (Boumans Hall)
		6:00 PM Adult Vocal Choir Rehearsal (MR)
		6:15 PM Men's Prayer Group (Boumans Hall)
Fri	Dec 1	7:00 AM First Friday & Devotions (Church)
Sat	Dec 2	7:00 AM First Saturday & Devotions (Church)
Sun	Dec 3	2 nd Collection St. Mary Capital Improvement
		9:00 AM CCD Elementary (Boumans Hall)
		9:00 AM RCIA (Boumans Hall)
		10:30 AM RCIA Rite of Welcome (Church)
		6:00 PM St. Mary Parish Christmas Social (FH)



OFFERTORY

OFFERTORY OCTOBER	\$ 96,321.00
Capital Improvement	\$ 13,061.00
St. Mary Charities	\$ 2,197.00
B.S.A.	\$ 1,986.00
World Mission Sunday	\$ 2,802.00
TOTAL OCTOBER	\$ 116,367.00

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon	Nov 27	7:00 AM J. David Duplantis; Margaret Rucks; Bruce & Madelyn Tribble; Floyd Meaux (living)
Tue	Nov 28	7:00 AM Margaret Rucks; J. David Duplantis; Rachel G. Robin; Authur J. LeBreton, Sr
Wed	Nov 29	7:00 AM Margaret Rucks; J. David Duplantis; Darion Whetstone (living); Richard & Jeff Wild; Fr. Cedric Sonnier (living)
Thu	Nov 30	7:00 AM J. David Duplantis; Margaret Rucks; Clovis Bourque
Fri	Dec 1	7:00 AM Margaret Rucks; J. David Duplantis; Bruce & Madelyn Tribble; Shamie & Lana Menard; All Souls
Sat	Dec 2	7:00 AM Father Lee W. Gross
Sat	Dec 2	4:30 PM Lauren Paige Johnston; Ron Gauthier; Belinda Russo; James & Dot Buller; Loula Landry; Thomas Foard; Charles Guilbeau (living); Nelson & Paul Knox; J. David Duplantis; Shirley Guilbeau; St. Mary Parishioners; Annette Trahan (living); Bill Stonecipher; Andre Holloway; Doris Guidry; George Latiolais; Billie Jean Guilbeau
Sun	Dec 3	8:00 AM Diana Gesser; Georgie Schilhab; Dr. Dean Keeley; Belva Broussard; Tommy Veazey
Sun	Dec 3	10:30 AM Jimmy Sandlin; Margaret Rucks; M/M Herman Gesser Sr.; J. David Duplantis; Mike Gullett; Greg Long; Sally Ann Locus; Ray Bergeron; Fae & John Cudd; Fr. Bill Ruskoski; Bill Bishop; Sandy Aguiard (living); Ludora Cutrera; Sally Lane; Rose Thibodaux; Fr. Roger Moag; Susan Luckenbach; Arthur J. LeBreton, Sr.
Sun	Dec 3	5:00 PM St. Mary Parishioners

GOD'S HOUSEKEEPERS

Purificator for December:	Becky Latiolais & Jan Vinning
December 1	Carol Duplechin & Dee Irion
December 7-8	Kayla Matte & Susan James
December 14-15	Patti Bienvenu & Gayle LeDoux

NOVEMBER 27 – DECEMBER 3

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

ST. MARY PARISHIONERS

Mon Nov 27	Andrew Collins	Joseph Peyton
Emma Andress	Ruth Forest	Louise Webre
Jacques Bourque	Matthew Grant	Sat Dec 2
Edith Delaune	Hunter Hernandez	Susan Daigle
Ashley Fife	Michael Kenney	Grace Ford
Floyd Meaux	Dud Lastrapes	Ryan Ford
George Roane, IV	Dane Robison	Margaret Goodrich
Tue Nov 28	Taylor Shepard	Nathaniel LeBlanc
Amanda Bouterie	Charlotte Tate	Elisabeth Robertson
Drue McGinn	Jack Vu	Diane Stelly
Carrie Wiltz	Fri Dec 1	Thomas Talbot, Jr.
Wed Nov 29	Wilson Acosta, Jr	Sun Dec 3
Charlotte Clement	Jennifer Andrus	Bryan Aguiard
Cora Laborde	William Aymond	Marie Arabie
John Liggio	Amelia Cart	Emily Burdette
Marion Roane	Charles Cloutier	Vickie Cox
Dewey Stelly	Rachel Delcambre	Daniel Fruge
Thu Nov 30	Mason Dupuis	Lily Juneau
Joseph Augustin	Caroline Forest	Zachary LaCombe
Corey Cloninger	Jack Labit	Victoria Simon

SICK IN THE PARISH

Please pray for: Thad Doucet; Jeannine Sibille; Cile Martin; Larry Diaz; Mel Caldwell; Glenda Huval; Douglas Cochrane; Gertrude LeBlanc; Jules LaCour; Carolyn & Keith Perron; Mary Pat Keeley; Audrey Thibodeaux; Pat Sibille; Judy Johnson; Kasey Belgum; Yvonne Bienvenu; Krieg Sibille; Susan Schwing; Craig & Susan Andrew; Jessica Farrington; Nathaniel Gabish; Cain Moncla; Michael Viator; Eleanor Hebert; Arlene Koffskey; Mary Margaret Camalo; Ashley Blanchard; Anne Bourgeois; Warren Guidry; Marisa Bercier; Phil Mayers; Sandy Aguiard

SOCIAL

PARISH CHRISTMAS SOCIAL

All St. Mary Parishioners are welcome to join us Sunday, December 3, for our Annual Parish Christmas Social, in the Parish Hall, beginning at 6:00 PM.



Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration-Fire from Heaven

"The message of all the Marian apparitions is that the triumph of the Immaculate Heart of Mary will culminate in the Eucharistic reign of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and will come through perpetual adoration of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament."

MINI PILGRIMAGES

The third pilgrimage will be **Wednesday, January 23.**

LITURGY

1st FRIDAY MASS & DEVOTIONS

All are welcome to attend St. Mary First Friday Mass **December 1**, at 7:00 AM, followed by a short exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with Sacred Heart Devotions.

1st SATURDAY MASS & DEVOTIONS

All are welcome to attend St. Mary First Saturday Mass **December 2**, at 7:00 am, followed with Immaculate Heart of Mary Devotions.

DAY OF ADORATION

Our monthly Day of Adoration at St. Mary Church is the first Thursday of the month. The next Day of Adoration is **Thu, December 7**, 7:30 AM till 6:00 PM. The intention is for our wounded Church.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

The Feast of the Immaculate Conception is **Friday, December 8**. This feast day is a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses are at 7:00 AM, 12:30 PM and 6:00 PM. St. Mary Church does not have an Anticipated Mass for Holy Days. December 8 is also St. Mary Mother of the Church Parish 48th Anniversary.

**The Parish Office will be closed
December 8, 2023.**

FLOWER MEMORIALS

Flower memorials on the Altar may be offered for departed loved ones. A donation of \$200.00 - \$250.00 is the suggested offering to cover the expense of the arrangements. Flower memorials are not accepted during Advent or Lent. Please contact the office to request your memorial.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear St. Mary Parishioners,

As we celebrate this Feast of Christ, King of the Universe which is the last week of the Liturgical Calendar, we always use this as an opportunity to reflect upon how we have let Christ be the King and Center and Source of our Life in this past year. Have we followed His inspirations and daily callings?

As we prepare for Advent, which begins next weekend, we also prepare for Christ's second coming where He will be our judge but more currently and importantly, we prepare ourselves to receive Him in all the ways and times that He comes to us.

And so, in these next 5 weeks before Christmas, we truly open ourselves to God and *invite Christ who is King to rule our lives because we are ready for Him to lead and form us. We are ready for Him to come!*

Now while that may not be completely true or something we are completely comfortable with, that is what we must prepare ourselves to be ready for. In the next 5 weeks, even if it makes you uncomfortable, make that your prayer otherwise, we are not getting ourselves ready for His second coming nor for Christmas.

I invite you O Christ who is King to rule my life because I am ready for you to lead and form me. I am ready for you to come.

Fr. Sonnier

COMMUNITY SERVICE

MANY THANKS

Poinsettias Fundraiser

Thank you to everyone who purchased poinsettias from our Youth Group to support their growing ministry. These funds will help our youth get to camp again this year.

Thanksgiving Food Drive

Thank you to all who contributed to the Food Drive. May God continue blessing your generosity in helping those who are in need.

ADVENT FAIR

An Advent Fair will take place at St. Mary on Sunday, **Nov 26**, 9:00 AM, Founders Hall. This will be a time for families to prepare their hearts and homes for the true meaning of Christmas. Please take time to come by after the 8:00 AM Mass or before the 10:30 AM Mass to pick up activities and resources. For more information, please contact dgesser@diolaf.org, or call 703-3045.

2nd COLLECTION

The 2nd collection next weekend is for St. Mary Capital Improvement. Thank you for your continued generous support to St. Mary Parish.



"The Light Is On For You"

The Church encourages all Catholics to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation each Advent. Please take advantage of this opportunity to make a good Advent confession.

Confessions this Advent:

Wednesdays: 6:30 to 8:00 PM
Dec 6, Dec 13, Dec 20

Saturdays: 3:00 to 4:00 PM

Sundays:
9:45 – 10:15 AM & 4:30 – 4:50 PM

Monday – Friday: 6:45 AM

BAPTISMAL SEMINAR

St. Mary Baptismal Seminar is scheduled for **Tue, November 28**, 6:30 - 7:30 PM, in the Conference Room. To register, call Denise Gesser at 703-3045.

INDIVIDUALLY DIRECTED RETREATS

Please consider a 3, 5 or 8 day individually directed silent retreat. Spend quiet time with the Lord at beautiful St. Charles College in Grand Coteau. For more information, go to: www.jesuitspiritualitycenter.org.