

# 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT

## DECEMBER 17, 2023



### St. Mary Mother of the Church

419 Doucet Road, Lafayette, Louisiana 70503  
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<b>Pastor</b>	Reverend Cedric Sonnier	<b>Baptism</b>	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.
<b>In Residence</b>	Reverend Raymond Musisi Ssebina		
<b>Deacons</b>	Deacon Michael Crain & Deacon Michael Thompson		
<b>Phone</b>	337-981-3379		
<b>Office Hours</b>	Monday-Thursday: 9:00 AM-12:00 PM, 1:00-4:00 PM Friday: 9:00 AM-12:00 PM		
<b>Masses</b>	Monday-Friday: 7:00 AM in Church & Livestreamed 1 <sup>ST</sup> Fri & 1 <sup>ST</sup> 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	<b>Marriages</b>	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.
<b>Reconciliation</b>	Saturday: 3:00-4:00 PM Sunday: 9:45 — 10:15 AM, 4:30 — 4:50 PM Monday - Friday: 6:35 - 6:55 AM	<b>Funerals</b>	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	Dec 17	9:00 AM CCD Elementary (Boumans Hall) 9:00 AM RCIA (Boumans Hall) 10:30 AM Baby Jesus Blessing (Church) 10:30 AM Children's Bells ringing at Mass 6:00 PM Confirmation Session (Founders Hall)
Tue	Dec 19	5:15 PM CCD Elementary (Boumans Hall)
Wed	Dec 20	6:30 PM <i>The Light Is On For You</i> – Confessions
Sat	Dec 23	3:00 PM Confessions 4:30 PM 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent Mass
Sun	Dec 24	8:00 & 10:30 AM 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent Masses
Sun	Dec 24	Christmas Eve Masses 4:00 & 6:00 PM 2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection St. Mary Charities
Mon	Dec 25	Christmas Day Mass 9:00 AM Only 2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection St. Mary Charities



## OFFERTORY

<b>OFFERTORY NOVEMBER</b>	\$ 91,746.50
Capital Improvement	\$ 12,927.00
St. Mary Charities	\$ 5,740.00
Campaign for Human Dev.	\$ 1,056.00
<b>TOTAL NOVEMBER</b>	\$ 111,469.00

## DECEMBER 18 - 24

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

## ST. MARY PARISHIONERS

## MASS INTENTIONS

<b>Mon</b>	<b>Dec 18</b>	<b>7:00 AM</b>	J. David Duplantis; Margaret Rucks; Bruce & Madelyn Triple; Dr. Harold LeDoux (living)
<b>Tue</b>	<b>Dec 19</b>	<b>7:00 AM</b>	Margaret Rucks; J. David Duplantis
<b>Wed</b>	<b>Dec 20</b>	<b>7:00 AM</b>	Margaret Rucks; J. David Duplantis; Fr. Cedric Sonnier (living); Luke & Lela Andrepont; Johnny Melancon
<b>Thu</b>	<b>Dec 21</b>	<b>7:00 AM</b>	J. David Duplantis; Margaret Rucks; Jacques "Jaco" Judice
<b>Fri</b>	<b>Dec 22</b>	<b>7:00 AM</b>	Margaret Rucks; J. David Duplantis; Bruce & Madelyn Triple; M/M Otis Broussard & Wiltz; Shamie & Lana Menard
<b>Sat</b>	<b>Dec 23</b>	<b>4:30 PM</b>	Lauren Paige Johnston; Sally Lane; Mary Margaret Camalo (living); Genevieve Meaux (living); Thomas Foard; Charles Guilbeau (living); Marion Cortez; George Latiolais; Emile & Lessie Concienne; Claire Bohn; J. David Duplantis; Annette Trahan (living); James Crain; Belinda Russo; Ron Gauthier; June & Denise Concienne; Irby & Inez Gaudin; Lloyd Joseph Hebert; Emma Lou Domingue (living)
<b>Sun</b>	<b>Dec 24</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>	Diana Gesser; Georgie Schilhab; Dr. Dean Keeley; Belva Broussard; Ruby & Pershing Cashen; Rena & Andrew Broussard
<b>Sun</b>	<b>Dec 24</b>	<b>10:30 AM</b>	Margaret Rucks; Ludora Cutrera; Sally Ann Locus; James Spell; Loula Landry; M/M Herman Gesser Sr.; J. David Duplantis; Mike Gullett
<b>Sun</b>	<b>Dec 24</b>	<b>4:00 PM</b>	Dr. John Bernard; Janine Neck; Dr. Glen W. Hunt; Lessley P. Gardiner Jr.; Carolyn L. Gardiner; Adeline Cary Duhon; Douglas Duhon; Henry Cary; John Meche; J. David Duplantis; Volice & Nettie Neck; Edward & Tillie Ayo; Sylvia & Choppy Smith; JonTerez Broussard; Marquerite Hunt; Thomas Higginbotham; Ann Knight; Bryan Knight; Greg Long; Earl, Ann & Ross Downs; John Repak Family; Sally Ann Locus
<b>Sun</b>	<b>Dec 24</b>	<b>6:00 PM</b>	Louis B. Mann; Elaine L. Mann; Raymond Hargroder Family; Lauren Paige Johnston; Johnny Melancon; Anthony & Mildred Mannina; Patricia Renfro; Phyllis Mannina
<b>Mon</b>	<b>Dec 25</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>	Arthur J. LeBreton Sr.; Ted Rains; Chester & Annabelle Latiolais; Curtis & Eula Guidry; Keith Boudreau; Renee & Herbie Schilling (living); James Crain; Nicole Elias; Ryan Jude Boudreau; Lisa & Jeff Trumps (living)

<b>Mon Dec 18</b>	<b>Thu Dec 21</b>	<b>Sat Dec 23</b>
Carol DiBenedetto	Thomas Blossom	William Bailey, Sr.
Randall Duplechien	Joseph Camalo	Harry Benoit
Jill Guidry	Olivia Chastant	Kimberly Bernard
Max Jumonville	Dolores Fontenot	Beth Bishop
Dr Harold LeDoux	Sheldon Galloway	Holly Grefe
Robert Rhymes	Georgia Mader	Charlotte Guinn
<b>Tue Dec 19</b>	Liam Majeau	Beatrice Long
Elizabeth Blum	Tyla McMichael	Marjorie Morgan
Paul Buzhardt	Tarah Raxsdale	Laurie Pfeffer
Hughes Cart	Ryan Reaux	Nicholas Talbot
Haylan Chapman	Timothy Sonnier	<b>Sun Dec 24</b>
Mary Coleman	<b>Fri Dec 22</b>	JoElle Breaux
Zachary Domingue	Adam Angers	William Brown
Rowan Knight	Bridget Fitch	Mike Catalanotto
Lauren LeBlanc	Jacque Hebert	Kevin Courville
<b>Wed Dec 20</b>	Myra Lambert	Ruby Delcambre
Nancy Cochrane	Chloe Landry	Allison Dickerson
Karen Drouant	Elizabeth McCord	Colin Folse
Archie Ducote	Joel Nichols	Gerard Guidry
Joan Hill	Lucila Sanchez	Katie Keller
Dakota King	Lawrence Svendsen	Trey LeBreton
Connor Landry		Laurie Soebbing
Terry Mansfield		David Strother
Mark Owens		

## SICK IN THE PARISH

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

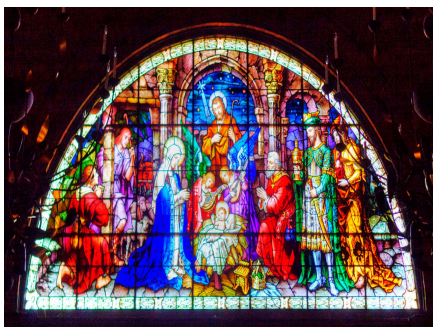
## GOD'S HOUSEKEEPERS

Purificator for December: Becky Latiolais & Jan Vinning  
December 21-22 Darlene LeBlanc & Nanette Fisher



**St. Peter Julian Eymard**

*"To be possessed by Jesus and to possess Him - that is the perfect reign of Love."*



### **Mass Schedule for 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent**

Saturday, December 23  
4:30 PM

Sunday, December 24  
8:00 AM & 10:30 AM

### **Mass Schedule for Christmas**

Sunday, December 24  
4:00 PM & 6:00 PM  
(No 5:00 PM Mass)

*2<sup>nd</sup> Collection is for St. Mary Charities*

Monday, December 25  
9:00 AM only  
(No 7:00 AM Mass)

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### **Mass Schedule for New Year's**

*Not a Holy Day of Obligation this year*

Sunday, December 31  
8:00 & 10:30 am Masses  
(No 5:00 PM Mass)

Monday, January 1  
9:00 AM only  
(No 7:00 AM Mass)

## **FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK**

**Gaudete Sunday** is the Third Sunday of Advent and means to rejoice. It comes from the entrance antiphon for Mass which says – "Rejoice in the Lord always, again I say rejoice. Indeed the Lord is near." With this the Church reminds us that there is a Divine Gift that we each receive daily as the Lord is nearer to us than we are to ourselves. God intimately knows you with a love that will never lessen (no matter what you do or don't do). His compassion for you is immense. Sometimes we can give into the worldly thought that God is so demanding but today rejoice in the truth that God's love is everlastingly immense and our faithfulness opens us up to that Divine Fulfillment. Let us rejoice for we are blessed by our God.

### **"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**

Wednesday: 6:30 to 8:00 PM  
December Dec 20

## **LITURGY**

### **BABY JESUS BLESSING**

All children of the parish are invited to bring their baby Jesus to be blessed at the 10:30 AM Mass, this Sunday, **December 17**.

### **CHRISTMAS FLOWER MEMORIALS AND DONATIONS**

Christmas Flower Memorials for deceased loved ones and donations can be made by calling the church office during regular business hours.

### **LITURGICAL MINISTERS' SCHEDULE**

All Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers are reminded to send in their unavailable dates for November and December to Deborah at [deb58@cox.net](mailto:deb58@cox.net) or call 981-3379 ext. 250, by **December 18**.

## **ST. MARY EARLY LEARNING CENTER**

Registration at St. Mary Early Learning Center is right around the corner. We accept students between the ages of 12 months and four years old. St. Mary ELC is a hands-on, developmentally appropriate school, that meets the needs of the "whole" child. Hours of operation are from 8:15 AM till NOON with optional "Early Birds" and "Lunch Bunch" programs.

Registration dates:

In-house & Siblings – Jan 4 – 5  
Alumni & Parishioners – Jan 8 - 9  
Open Registration begins Jan 11

For more info or to schedule a tour, contact Ms. Dina Castille, Principal, at 337-984-3750 or visit: [stmaryelc.org](http://stmaryelc.org).

## **COMMUNITY SERVICE**

### **2<sup>nd</sup> COLLECTION**

The 2<sup>nd</sup> collection on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day is for St. Mary Charities. Thanks to everyone for being so generous to this annual collection.

### **LOSS OF A SPOUSE**

Loss of a Spouse is a one-time video for anyone who has recently lost a spouse. The video will be presented Wednesday, **January 3**, 1:30 PM, in the Conference Room near the Church. For more details or to register, please call the Church Office during regular business hours at 981-3379, or email [stmaryparishoutreach@gmail.com](mailto:stmaryparishoutreach@gmail.com).

### **GRIEF SHARE**

This support group meets weekly offering help and encouragement after the death of a spouse, child, or family member. There are three key parts of a GriefShare session: video seminar, support groups and workbook. Our group will begin **Wednesday, January 10**, 1:30 PM, in the Conference Room at St. Mary Church. For more information, call the Church Office at 981-3379, or email [stmaryparishoutreach@gmail.com](mailto:stmaryparishoutreach@gmail.com).

### **ADORATION MINI PILGRIMAGES**

The third pilgrimage will be **Tuesday, January 9**. We will be going to St. Joseph – Iota, St. Lawrence – Crowley, St. Joseph – Rayne, Sacred Heart – Church Point.