

THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

AUGUST 6, 2023



St. Mary Mother of the Church
419 Doucet Road, Lafayette, Louisiana 70503
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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.
Deacons	Deacon Michael Crain & Deacon Michael Thompson	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.
Phone	337-981-3379	Funerals	To arrange a funeral at St. Mary Church, please call the Parish Office.
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		
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		

THIS WEEK

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

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

Sun	Aug 6	8:00 AM; 10:30 AM Mass; 5:00 PM Mass 2 nd Collection St. Mary Capital Improvement Altar Society Meet & Greet after Masses (FH) 9:00 AM Safe Environment Initial Training (BH) 10:30 AM Book Bag Blessing (Church)
Tue	Aug 8	5:00 PM Bells of St. Mary Rehearsal (Church)
Sat	Aug 12	3:00 PM Confessions 4:30 PM Mass
Sun	Aug 13	8:00 AM; 10:30 AM Mass; 5:00 PM Mass 9:00 AM CCD Orientation (Founders Hall)



OFFERTORY

OFFERTORY JULY	\$ 102,111.50
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT	\$ 12,202.00
St. Mary Charities	\$ 3,256.00
Catholic Communications	\$ 1,441.00
TOTAL JULY	\$ 119,010.50

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon	<u>Aug 7 7:00 AM</u> Bruce & Madelyn Tribble; Margaret Rucks; Stephen Breaud; J. David Duplantis
Tue	<u>Aug 8 7:00 AM</u> Margaret Rucks; Walter Blanchard; J. David Duplantis; Stephen Breaud; Arthur J. Mire Family
Wed	<u>Aug 9 7:00 AM</u> Margaret Rucks; Stephen Breaud; Charles Allain Jr.; J. David Duplantis
Thu	<u>Aug 10 7:00 AM</u> Alma Proffitt; Jessie Rosa Jarrell; Stephen Breaud; Fr. Cedric Sonnier (living); Margaret Rucks; J. David Duplantis
Fri	<u>Aug 11 7:00 AM</u> Bruce & Madelyn Tribble; Margaret Rucks; Stephen Breaud; Harvey C. Gonsoulin; J. David Duplantis
Sat	<u>Aug 12 4:30 PM</u> Lauren Paige Johnston; Marguerite Montagnet (living); Margaret Rucks; Shirley Guilbeau; Rayford LeBlanc; Johanne & Eddie Moody; Nelson Knox; James Spell; Mary Margaret Camalo (living); J. David Duplantis; Sidney Richard; JonTerez Broussard; Marie Norby; Thomas Foard; Doris Guidry; M/M J.D. Aymond
Sun	<u>Aug 13 8:00 AM</u> Belva Broussard; Mary Higgins; Diana Gesser; Scott Gahn; Dr. Dean Keeley; George H. Cole
Sun	<u>Aug 13 10:30 AM</u> Ray Bergeron; Jeanne Comeaux; Hugh Comeaux; M/M Herman Gesser Sr.; Margaret Rucks; Sandra Juneau Descant; Stephen Breaud; J. David Duplantis
Sun	<u>Aug 13 5:00 PM</u> St. Mary Parishioners

AUGUST 7 – 13 HAPPY BIRTHDAY ST. MARY PARISHIONERS

Mon August 7 Avery Fortier Brian Patton Caroline Stelly Amy Vidrine	Everett Daigle Henry Elter Jimmy Jeanmard Cole Mansfield Ayda Martin	Christina Roberts Ryan Roberts Robert Russett Karen Schmid
Tue August 8 John Allen Alexandra Breaux Carmen Castille Corey Davidge Anthony Del Greco Sara Duthu Leah Frizzell Louis Hebert Claudia Lyles Brenda Melancon Monica Miller Melissa Recatto Elizabeth Thomson	Thu August 10 Tommi Angelle Joseph Chase Cye Courtois Gayle Dauterive Ashley Delaune Frances Edwards Sophia Foti Jennifer Kennedy Jesse Lambert, Sr. Sidney Loughlin Mack Moncla Henry Pfeffer, Jr. Maddox Schott Thomas Shea	Sat August 12 William Cotter Stephanie DeCuir Lauren Foti OC Guilliot, III Donna Humphreys Tonya Joseph Cody Keller Audrey Kreamer Olivia Tate Brent Theriot Brian Thibodeaux Vivian Vining
Wed August 9 Clark Aguillard John Aguillard Alivia Ambler Kevin Berry Celia Billeaud Emma Businelle	Fri August 11 Ridge Briley Lori Broussard Mary Gallagher Michael Moncla	Sun August 13 Jennifer Callais Stephanie Courville Mary Franques Erin Jones Ferdinand McGinn, Jr Howard Reaux Juliette Rongey Mary Toce

GOD'S HOUSEKEEPERS

Purificator for August:	Teresa Fraser
Aug 10-11	Miriam Ellis & Lori Roszczynialski
Aug 17-18	Catherine Andrew & Betty Cole
Aug 24-25	Loraine Allain & Jessica Bernard

DIED IN CHRIST

J. David Duplantis, father of Leah Hebert

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 & Keath Perron; Mary Pat Keeley; Audrey Thibodeaux; Pat Sibille; Judy Johnson; Kasey Belgium; Loula Landry; Yvonne Bienvenu; Craig & Susan Andrew; Jessica Farrington; Krieg Sibille; Susan Schwing; Cain Moncla; Michael Viator; Eleanor Hebert; Nathaniel Gabish; Arlene Koffskey; Mary Margaret Camalo; Ashley Blanchard; Anne Bourgeois; Warren Guidry; Steve Bienvenu; Ron Gauthier.

Mary always leads us to her Son!

Mary has always known that the greatest gift/sign given was Our Heavenly Father sending us His Son. That's why her heart could rejoice – "My Soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, my Spirit rejoices in God my Savior" (Lk1:46). Mary said this shout of joy knowing all that was still to come for her and her Son. She was overjoyed that Salvation had come for the generations of people – although at a cost. Here at St. Mary, let us strive to rejoice at her Son.



A friend of mine went to Poland and one morning they went to make a holy hour in the church in the square. While in the church they noticed kids coming into church and praying for 5 or 10 minutes and then they would go on their way. This activity lasted for about 30-40 minutes with just numerous kids, each on their own, coming and going. The kids would come in with their backpacks and on their way to school would all stop in and say good morning to her Son and offer a prayer. My friend said that this was a ritual that happened every morning with kids coming into the church. It was a normal thing and it was just part of their day.

Would your kids be able to see that as a normal part of their day. Is talking to God a time to rejoice or is stopping the important tasks of the day to pray with God for a moment seen as a burden? What is your discipline for time with God? What is your attitude and desire toward spending time with God? Those are not easy questions to answer because there are so many variables but in the end – Does your soul rejoice in God your Savior?

Let's develop the discipline and spread it. Ten (10) or so minutes praying before the Eucharist once or twice a week. You don't pray because you have to – you pray because you can. For many, prayer has become a burden, an obligation, a thing that needs to just get done. Perhaps there's a bit of that in us?

St. Mary Mother of the Church is our parish, our church, our space with the Lord. Praying before the Eucharist – there is no substitute that can give us that joy and grace.

Mother Mary, Pray for Us

Sarah Hart

*Mother Mary, full of mercy, hear your people, gentle one.
Help of Christians, friend of sinners, how we need your prayer for us:
we, the children born of Eden, prone to wander from your son.
Mother Mary, in your mercy, pray for us.*

*Dearest Mary, heart of suffering, love that wept beneath the cross,
see our wounds in need of tending. Comfort of afflicted ones,
sweetest help of all in sorrow, lift us to the heart of God.
Mother Mary, in your kindness, pray for us.*

*Holy Mary, seat of wisdom, give us vision to believe.
Cause of joy and of salvation, lead the nations into peace.
Star of morning, interceding with a mother's patient love.
Holy Mary, in your wisdom, pray for us.*

Mother Mary, in your mercy, pray for us.

LITURGY

FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION

The Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary is **Tuesday, August 15**. This is a Holy Day of Obligation and Masses are at 7:00 AM, 12:30 PM and 6:00 PM. There is no Anticipated Mass for this feast day.

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

Those interested in becoming Altar Servers are invited to an Altar Server Training Saturday, **August 19**, at 10:30 AM, in the Church. You must be in the 4th grade this year, or older. Please call the church office to sign-up.

HELP WANTED

Ushers are needed at the Sunday, 5 PM Mass. Please call the church office if you are interested in helping.

HEALING MASS

The next Healing Mass is scheduled for Thursday, **August 17**, at St. Mary Church. Confessions are at 5:00 PM, and Mass begins at 6:00 PM. Eucharistic Adoration and Healing prayer will follow the Mass. All are welcome!

ROSARY AND NOVENA

The rosary is recited at St. Mary every **Friday before the 7 AM Mass**. Novena to the Blessed Virgin Mary is recited every **Thursday after the 7 AM Mass**.

MUSIC MINISTRY

ADULT VOCAL CHOIR

St. Mary Adult Vocal Choir begins regular rehearsals Wednesday, **September 6**, 6:00 PM. Anyone high school age and older are welcome. For more information, contact Deborah Duhon at 981-3379 ext. 250.

CHILDREN'S HANDBELL CLASSES

Handbell classes for children entering 3rd grade and older, begins **September 5**, 4:00 PM, in Church. Please contact Deborah Duhon at 981-3379.

BELLS OF ST. MARY

The St. Mary Adult Bell Choir will begin rehearsals on Tuesday, **September 5**, 6:00 PM, in Church. Anyone high school age and older are welcome. **We are in need of 3 musicians to fill this 3 octave choir.** For more information, contact Deborah Duhon at 981-3379.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

Our annual School Supply Drive has begun. Information can be found in the Vestibule of the Church.

FÊTE-DIEU DU TECHE 2023

The 9th annual 40-mile Eucharistic Procession will be offered in prayer for the sanctification and unification of families on **August 15**.

If you have a boat, register now: <https://www.jesuscruified.net/events/fete-dieu-du-teche-2021/form>

If you don't have a boat, follow by vehicle and join us at one or all of the stops for the Rosary and Benediction.

For more information visit our website at www.jesuscruified.net, visit us at www.facebook.com/CommunityofJesusCruified, send us an email at fetedieuduteche@gmail.com, or call 394-6550.

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, **August 23**, 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.

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 September 6**, 1:30 PM, in the Conference Room at St. Mary Church. For more information, call the Church Office at 981-3379.

REMEMBER ME

Support group for caregivers, family, and friends of individuals with dementia/Alzheimer's are meeting at Elizabeth Seton Church. For more information and schedule of meetings, contact call 337-235-1483.

LOVING THROUGH LOSS

This free workshop is for couples who have experienced the loss of a child from pregnancy through adulthood. The workshop is scheduled for Saturday, **August 26**, at St. Edward Church in Church Point. For more information or to register, call 337-684-5991 or email spiritually@stedwardstthomas.com.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION 2023-2024

CCD ORIENTATION

CCD Orientation is scheduled for **Sunday, August 13**, 9:00 AM, in Founders Hall. This orientation is for students and parents who are registered for the Sunday Morning and Tuesday Evening Classes.

EDGE ORIENTATION

Edge Orientation is scheduled for **Sunday, August 20**, 6:00 PM, in Founders Hall. This orientation is for students and parents who are registered for the Edge Program.

CONFIRMATION

Confirmation Orientation is scheduled for **Sunday, August 27**, 6:00 pm, in Founders Hall. This orientation is for students and parents who are registered for the Confirmation Program.



FIRST COMMUNION

Registration for First Communion 2024 is open. First Communion is for any child in Grade 2, or higher, attending Catholic, parochial or private school. Registration must include the candidate's baptismal certificate and payment.

RCIA

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) program, is for adults who were never baptized, those baptized in other faith communities, or adult Catholics who were never confirmed. Sessions for the 2023-2024 year begins **Sunday, September 10**. For more information or to sign up, email Melanie Fowler at: mfowler.rcia@gmail.com or call Denise at 337-703-3045.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

The Book of Matthew
Mondays in the Ministry Room
Begins August 21, 9:00 AM

The Book of James
Wednesdays in the Conference Room
Begins August 23, 6:00 PM
or

Thursdays in Founder Hall
Begins August 24, 9:00 AM

For more information or to sign up, contact Mary Gretchen, 337-247-0206.