

6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FEBRUARY 11, 2024



St. Mary Mother of the Church
419 Doucet Road, Lafayette, Louisiana 70503
www.stmarych.com

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		
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	Feb 11	2 nd Collection Bishop's Services Appeal 9:00 AM RCIA (Founders Hall)
Mon	Feb 12	Parish Office Closed
Tue	Feb 13	Parish Office Closed
Wed	Feb 14	Ash Wednesday Masses 7:00 AM; 12:30 PM; 6:00 PM Collection for Charities of Acadiana 6:00 PM Youth Night (Boumans Hall Rm 6) 7:00 PM Lenten Meal (Founders Hall)
Thu	Feb 15	7:30 AM Adoration Pilgrimage (Parking Lot)
Fri	Feb 16	5:30 PM Way of the Cross (Church)
Sat	Feb 17	3:00 PM Confession 4:30 PM Mass 5:30 PM 30 minute Adoration
Sun	Feb 18	9:00 AM 30 minute Adoration 9:00 AM RCIA (Founders Hall) 10:30 AM Children's Bells Ringing at Mass 10:30 AM RCIA Rite of Sending (Church) 11:30 AM 30 minute Adoration 6:00 PM 30 minute Adoration 6:00 PM Edge (Boumans Hall)



OFFERTORY

OFFERTORY DECEMBER	\$ 122,787.00
Capital Improvement	\$ 14,263.00
St. Mary Charities	\$ 11,281.00
Retirement Fund for Religious	\$ 2,088.00
TOTAL DECEMBER	\$ 150,419.00

FEBRUARY 12 - 18

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

ST. MARY PARISHIONERS

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon Feb 12 7:00 AM	Buddy Leman; Dr. Dean Keeley; J. David Duplantis; Barbara "Nina" Sonnier; Bruce & Madelyn Tribble
Tue Feb 13 7:00 AM	M Buddy Leman; J. David Duplantis; Arthur J. Mire Family; Rita Doize
Wed Feb 14 7:00 AM	Buddy Leman; Albert Bourque; Fr. Cedric Sonnier (living); Barbara "Nina" Sonnier; Belinda Russo
Wed Feb 14 12:30 PM	Ron Gauthier; Ray Bergeron; J. David Duplantis; Tim Rushing
Wed Feb 14 6:00 PM	Patricia Renfro; Melaine Sebastian; Tim McCoy Family (living)
Thu Feb 15 7:00 AM	Buddy Leman; David Duplantis
Fri Feb 16 7:00 AM	Buddy Leman; J. David Duplantis; Bruce & Madelyn Tribble; Johnny Melancon; John Meche
Sat Feb 17 4:30 PM	George Latiolais; Ron Gauthier; James "Mickey" Marceaux; Rayford LeBlanc; Shirley Guilbeau; Thomas Foard; James Crain; J. David Duplantis; Claire Bohn; Mary Margaret Camalo (living); Eric Bordelon (living); June & Denise Concienne; Emile & Lessie Concienne; Charles Guilbeau (living); Annette Trahan (living); Barbara "Nina" Sonnier; Lauren Paige Johnston; Eddie & Johanne Moody; Reeves Gauthreaux; Irby & Inez Gaudin
Sun Feb 18 8:00 AM	Diana Gesser; Georgie Schilhab; Dr. Dean Keeley; Karen Gambel (living)
Sun Feb 18 10:30 AM	Sally Ann Locus; Sandy Aguiard; Teenilee Tullos; M/M Herman Gesser Sr; J. David Duplantis; Tim Rushing; Nolan "Peanut" Sharon; Bill Bishop & Susan Luckenbach; Sara Johanna Herpin; Guy Harvey; Barbara "Nina" Sonnier
Sun Feb 18 5:00 PM	St. Mary Parishioners

FLOWER MEMORIAL

In memory of **Dr. Dean Keeley**

Mon February 12 Emma Alleman David Andrus Andre Hebert Katherine LaGrange Arthe Lambert Mary McMillan	Thu February 15 Gregory Elmore John Hammond, III Heidi Jaeger Theresa King Betty Magruder James Mansfield, III Lila Pugliese Matthew Rush Bo Schreiber	Virginia Rader Mary Sage Anna Sebastian Max Sebastian Mark Toups, II
Tue February 13 Nathaly Carrion Tonio Cutrera, Jr. Joyce Dwyer Patrick Dwyer Isabella Pecoraro Allison Reaux Minette Saloom	Fri February 16 Cara Acomb Trent Andrus Jacob Deshotels Thomas Lecocq Danny Minter Emma Monfra Evan Privat	Sat February 17 Quinn Bourque Nicole Cart Christopher Green Phil LeBlanc Nicole Montesano
Wed February 14 Gwyn Creek Suzanne Fowler Deborah Tabchouri		Sun February 18 Scott Briley Melanie Campbell Brannon Elledge Camille Robichaux Riley Sibille David Tadin

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; Kasey Belgum;
Mary Pat Keeley; Audrey Thibodeaux; Pat Sibille; Judy Johnson;
Krieg Sibille; Yvonne Bienvenu; Susan Schwing; Nathaniel Gabish;
Jessica Farrington; Craig & Susan Andrew; Eleanor Hebert;
Arlene Koffskey; Michael Viator; Warren Guidry; Mary Margaret
Camalo; Phil Mayers; Anne Bourgeois; Ashley Blanchard;
Brooks Citron; Emily Duhon; Emile Concienne.

GOD'S HOUSEKEEPERS

Purificator for February: Gerry Horaist
February 15-16 Catherine Andrew & Betty Cole
February 22-23 Loraine Allain & Jessica Bernard

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

The Parish Office will be closed Monday and Tuesday, **February 12 and 13**, for the Mardi Gras Holidays.



St. Alphonsus Ligouri

"Jesus took His flesh from the flesh of Mary."

ADORATION MINI PILGRIMAGES

The fifth pilgrimage will be **Thursday, February 15**. We will be going to St. John Regis – Arnaudville, St. Bernard – Breau Bridge, John Paul the Great Academy – Lafayette.

We will depart St. Mary Church after the 7:00 AM Mass. A lunch stop will be planned. No reservations required, however, we would like to know how many will be participating. Please email stmaryparishoutreach@gmail.com or call the church office at 337-981-3379.

ADORATION

St. Mary Church invites everyone to stay after Mass **next weekend** for 30 minutes of Adoration.

Saturday, February 17, 5:30 PM
Sunday, February 18, 9:00 AM
Sunday, February 18, 11:30 AM
Sunday, February 18, 6:00 PM

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ASH WEDNESDAY

Ash Wednesday is **February 14**. Masses are at 7:00 AM; 12:30 PM and 6:00 PM. Ashes will be distributed during Mass. The collection will be for Charities of Acadiana.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

FIRST COMMUNION

First Communion session for students and their parents is scheduled for **Monday, February 19**, 6:30 PM, in Founders Hall.

2024-2025 SCHOOL REGISTRATION

ST. MARY

EARLY LEARNING CENTER

Registration for 2024-2025 is open. 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. For more info, contact Ms. Dina Castille, Principal, at 337-984-3750 or visit: stmaryelc.org.

LENT ACTIVITIES

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- Ash Wednesday is **February 14**. Masses are scheduled for 7:00 AM; 12:30 PM; and 6:00 PM. Ashes will be given during Mass.
- Ash Wednesday Scripture Meal...Join us as we begin reflecting on the Scriptures of the Passion of Our Lord following the 6:00 PM Mass **February 14**. Each scripture is tied to a simple food item. Bring your family for an experience to remember.
- Way of the Cross is scheduled for the Fridays of Lent at 5:30 PM: **February 16, 23, March 1, 8, 15, 22**.
- Lenten Mission is scheduled for **March 4, 5, 6** at 6:00 PM. Msgr. Russell Harrington will be facilitating the Mission in the context of Mass. No 7:00 AM Mass on the days of our Mission.

BISHOP'S SERVICES APPEAL

This weekend is Bishop's Services Appeal Commitment Weekend at St. Mary. As followers of Jesus Christ, we have the opportunity through the BSA to emulate Him, serving one another in lowliness of heart and mind, seeking to build one another up in humility, holiness and hope. The Lord has promised true greatness in His kingdom for disciples who do everything for the love of God. Please respond generously to the Bishop's Services Appeal by **Uniting as the Body of Christ**. The 2nd collection **this weekend** is for the Bishop's Services Appeal.



FASTING & ABSTINENCE

Ash Wednesday, February 22, and Good Friday, April 7, are days of fast and abstinence. Fridays of Lent are also days of abstinence.

Fasting is to be observed by all 18 years of age and older, who have not yet celebrated their 59th birthday. On a fast day, one full meal is allowed. Two other meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids, including milk and juices, are allowed.

Abstinence is observed by all 14 years of age and older. On days of abstinence no meat is allowed. Note that when health or ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not oblige. When in doubt concerning fast and abstinence, the parish priest should be consulted.

Fasting, almsgiving, and prayer are the three traditional disciplines of Lent. The faithful and catechumens should undertake these practices seriously in a spirit of penance and of preparation for baptism or of renewal of baptism at Easter.

Fasting allows us to be in unity with the millions of children and adults who are starving in our world. Over 925 million people are hungry in our world today. www.worldhunger.org.

What does it mean to "fast"?

To fast is to do without food. Its purpose is to experience the effects of not eating. It also serves to be a penance or a sacrifice – for the purpose of strengthening us. When we don't eat, for even a little while, we get hungry. When we get hungry, we have a heightened sense of awareness. If, when we eat too much, we have a sluggish feeling, when we fast, we have a feeling of alertness. Fasting is a wonderful exercise whenever we want to sincerely ask for an important grace from God. It is not that our fasting "earns" God's attention, but by fasting, we clarify our thinking and our feeling. It is purifying and prepares us to pray more deeply.