

# 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT

## FEBRUARY 25, 2024



**St. Mary Mother of the Church**  
**419 Doucet Road, Lafayette, Louisiana 70503**  
**[www.stmarych.com](http://www.stmarych.com)**

<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>Deacons</b>	Deacon Michael Crain & Deacon Michael Thompson	<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>Phone</b>	337-981-3379	<b>Funerals</b>	To arrange a funeral at St. Mary Church, please call the Parish Office.
<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>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		

## THIS WEEK

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

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

Sun	Feb 25	9:00 AM RCIA (Founders Hall) 6:00 PM Edge (Boumans Hall)
Mon	Feb 26	6:30 PM Baptismal Seminar (Conference Rm)
Tue	Feb 27	4:00 PM Children's Bell Classes (Church)
Wed	Feb 28	6:00 PM Adult Vocal Choir Rehearsal (MR) 6:00 PM Youth Night (Boumans Hall Rm 6)
Fri	Mar 1	7:00 AM 1 <sup>st</sup> Friday Mass & Devotions (Ch) 5:30 PM Way of the Cross (Church)
Sat	Mar 2	7:00 AM 1 <sup>st</sup> Saturday Mass & Devotions (Ch) 3:00 PM Confession 4:30 PM Mass
Sun	Mar 3	2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection St. Mary Capital Improvement 9:00 AM RCIA (Founders Hall) 6:00 PM Edge (Boumans Hall)

## MASS INTENTIONS

**Mon Feb 26 7:00 AM** J. David Duplantis; Marion Cortez; Barbara "Nina" Sonnier; Ginny Maier (living)

**Tue Feb 27 7:00 AM**

Barbara "Nina" Sonnier; J. David Duplantis

**Wed Feb 28 7:00 AM** J. David Duplantis; Fr. Cedric Sonnier (living); Barbara "Nina" Sonnier; Connie Chachere (living)

**Thu Feb 29 7:00 AM**

J. David Duplantis; Barbara "Nina" Sonnier

**Fri Mar 1 7:00 AM** J. David Duplantis; Barbara "Nina" Sonnier; Shamie & Lana Menard

**Sat Mar 2 7:00 AM** Raymond Hargroder Family; Deceased Mountaineer Priests; Barbara "Nina" Sonnier

**Sat Mar 2 4:30 PM** George Latiolais; Ron Gauthier; James "Mickey" Marceaux; Rayford LeBlanc; Shirley Guilbeau; Eddie & Johanne Moody; Reeves Gauthreaux; Claire Bohn Charles Guilbeau (living); Annette Trahan (living); Barbara "Nina" Sonnier; Lauren Paige Johnston; Thomas Foard; James Crain; J. David Duplantis; Bill Stonecipher; Andre Holloway

**Sun Mar 3 8:00 AM** Diana Gesser; Georgie Schilhab; Dr. Dean Keeley

**Sun Mar 3 10:30 AM** Sally Ann Locus; Sandy Aguilard; Teenilee Tullos; M/M Herman Gesser Sr; J. David Duplantis; Tim Rushing; Barbara "Nina" Sonnier; Arthur J. LeBreton Sr.; Maurice Comeaux; Marguerite "Margo" Comeaux; Earl & Ann Downs; Marie A. Garrett

**Sun Mar 3 5:00 PM** St. Mary Parishioners

## 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 Belgium; 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; Phil Mayers; Mary Margaret Camalo; Anne Bourgeois; Ashley Blanchard; Brooks Citron; Emily Duhon; Emile Concienne.



## OFFERTORY

<b>OFFERTORY JANUARY</b>	\$ 102,310.00
Capital Improvement	\$ 13,947.00
St. Mary Charities	\$ 1,993.00
Church in Latin America	\$ 1,200.00
<b>TOTAL DECEMBER</b>	\$ 119,450.00

## FEBRUARY 26 – MARCH 3 HAPPY BIRTHDAY ST. MARY PARISHIONERS

### Mon Feb 26

Joseph Andrus, IV  
James Bayard  
Karen Bodin  
Hollie French  
Joshua Sibille  
Stephen Yergeau

### Tue Feb 27

Janet Brauns  
David Calhoun  
Gene Callais, Jr.  
Wyatt Cutbirth  
Jacques Fruge  
Paula Gibbens  
Blaine Goodrich  
Danny Leon  
Kenneth Rabalais

### Wed Feb 28

Britney Gossen  
Angela Hutchison  
Noah Shamburger  
Karl Short  
Jackie Truitt

### Thu Feb 29

Stefan Cazan  
Mark Moulis  
**Fri March 1**  
Cooper Antill  
Jackson Breau  
Gregory Domingue  
Abigail Fife  
Glenn Ory  
Bob Pressler  
Karl Spikes

### Sat March 2

Molly Briggs  
Dale Castille  
Eugene Fortier, Jr.  
Emile Heine  
Evelyn Hill  
Kayla Matte  
Cara Olivier  
Caroline Shannon  
Amanda Smith  
**Sun March 3**  
Stephanie Cloninger  
Anika Cormier  
Timothy Faul  
Abby Geoffroy  
Alexander Schlecht  
V Maurice Shannon  
Michael Stutes  
Andrew Veillon

## GOD'S HOUSEKEEPERS

Purificator for March: Carol Duplechin

March 1	Carol Duplechin & Dee Dee Irion
March 7-8	Kayla Matte & Susan James
March 14-15	Pattie Bienvenu & Gayle LeDoux
March 21-22	Darlene LeBlanc & Nanette Fisher
March 28-29	Janenne deClouet & Wanda Romero

## DIED IN CHRIST

**Marguerite Montagnet**, mother of Andre Montagnet

**St. Mary Mother of the Church**

# **Lenten Mission**

**March 4<sup>TH</sup>, 5<sup>TH</sup> & 6<sup>TH</sup>**

**6:00 PM Mass with Lenten Mission Talk**

**(no 7:00 AM Mass on these 3 days)**

**Msgr. Russell Harrington**



## **Lenten Mission Topic**

**Journey to the Temple**

**Cleansing the Temple**

**Leaving the Temple**



St. Mary Mother of the Church turns 50 years in 2025. Our Anniversary celebrations will lead us to be and show how we have grown into an active, compassionate, evangelizing faith filled church. Our anniversary year will also have opportunities for us to come together in unique ways to strengthen our parish unity. Our celebration will not just be a Mass and reception, but a response and result of us being Church. The Year will have a focus on:

**Sacraments, Charity, Ministry, the Beauty of our Faith and on Us – our outreach because of our FAITH.**

**Pilgrimage:** to Mexico - Our Lady of Guadalupe - Patroness of the Americas – in late February 2025  
to California - Mission Chapels – Wineries – Muir Woods – in October 2025

**Commercials:** Catholics Come Home – St. Mary Church Parish will sponsor commercials throughout the Acadiana Area in the year of 2025 – encourage growth in the Catholic Faith. It will not highlight our church parish but more importantly will evangelize the message of the gospel and catechism and the Eucharist.

**Apostolic Work:** 2<sup>nd</sup> collections to raise \$50,000 to do a charitable work in the Diocese – example – wheelchair ramps. Hopefully we could double that amount. This will occur in the year 2024 to be given in 2025.

**Concert:** Chorale Acadienne – concert in our church – Marian Hymns  
St. Mary Music Ministry – new songs to be used throughout the year for our anniversary  
Plus, possibly more events in the works

**Bible Study:** March 20, 2025 - Jeff Cavins

### **Three Special Masses in 2025:**

**January 1** – Solemnity of Mary Mother of God - 9:00 AM Mass, Focus on the Eucharist and the Liturgy - Celebrant to be Bishop Deshotel. He will dedicate a new Tabernacle (which was already donated to the Church) and a new chalice. This will begin the Anniversary Year.

**June 9 - Feast Day** – Mary Mother of the Church - 6:00 PM Mass, All Native Clergy Sons invited. Focus on vocation and how God calls each of us to spread holiness into the world.

**December 8** – Closing Mass at 6:00 PM, with a focus on our history - dedicated in 1975

St. Mary Early Learning Center will also be included in events during the year.  
Special Logo for the year with banners outside in the parking lot and on Doucet Road.





### St. Faustina

*"O Blessed Host, enchantment of all heaven, though your beauty be veiled and captured in a crumb of bread, strong faith tears away that veil."*

### ADORATION

#### MINI PILGRIMAGES

The sixth pilgrimage will be **Tuesday, March 5**. We will be going to St. Michael – Crowley, Immaculate Heart of Mary – Crowley, St. Theresa – Crowley, Sts. Peter and Paul – Scott, St. Edmond – 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](mailto:stmaryparishoutreach@gmail.com) or call the church office at 337-981-3379.

### LITURGY

#### 1<sup>st</sup> FRIDAY MASS & DEVOTIONS

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

#### 1<sup>st</sup> SATURDAY MASS & DEVOTIONS

All are welcome to attend St. Mary First Saturday Mass **March 2**, at 7:00 AM, followed with Immaculate Heart of Mary Devotions. Blessing of Throats will be offered after the Devotions.

#### LITURGICAL MINISTERS' SCHEDULE

The March & April Liturgical Ministers' Schedule has been mailed. You are reminded to find a replacement for yourself if you are unable to keep your assigned schedule.

#### 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**.

### LENT ACTIVITIES

#### MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- Way of the Cross is Fridays at 5:30 PM: **March 1, 8, 15, 22**.



- Lenten Mission is **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.
- Day of Adoration, Thursday, **March 7**, 7:30 – 6:00 PM.

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

#### BAPTISMAL SEMINAR

St. Mary Baptismal Seminar is scheduled for **Mon, February 26**, 6:30 - 7:30 PM, in the Conference Room. To register, call Denise Gesser at 703-3045.

#### ADULT CONFIRMATION CLASS

Spring classes for adult Confirmation candidates (Catholics who have never received the Sacrament of Confirmation) will be offered at St. Mary (March 17, April 14, 21, & 28) in conjunction with the RCIA class on Sundays at 9:00 AM. Confirmation will take place on May 19, Pentecost Sunday at the 10:30 AM Mass. For more information and to register, email:

[mfowler.rcia@gmail.com](mailto:mfowler.rcia@gmail.com). **Registration deadline is March 10.**

#### FIRST COMMUNION

First Communion session for students and their parents is scheduled for **Monday, March 18**, 6:30 PM, in Founders Hall.

### ST. MARY EARLY LEARNING CENTER 2024-2025 REGISTRATION

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](http://stmaryelc.org).

### BISHOP'S SERVICES APPEAL

As disciples of Jesus Christ and good stewards of the gifts we have been given, we can acknowledge our blessings by supporting the 2024 Bishop's Services Appeal. When we return to the Lord what has been received, we imitate God's unfailing love for each of us. By giving as part of a diocesan effort, we are **Uniting as the Body of Christ** and impacting every corner of Acadiana. Please prayerfully consider making a sacrificial gift or pledge to the Bishop's Services Appeal as part of your alms this Lent by completing one of the pledge cards or by texting DIOCESE to 50155.

### COMMUNITY SERVICE



#### ENGAGED COUPLES

Spend a weekend away from the cares and distractions of everyday living. Attend a **Catholic Engaged Encounter Weekend**. The

weekend is open to any engaged couple wanting to prepare for a deeper more meaningful life together in a marriage recognized by the Catholic Church according to its Church law. Upcoming weekend date is **April 26-28**. For cost of weekend, other dates, and to learn more, visit our website at [www.lafayettecee.org](http://www.lafayettecee.org) or contact **Paul & Carolyn Trahan** at (337)254-8947.

#### VERITAS (Misson of Truth)

Christian advocate, acclaimed actor, inspiring speaker, iconic portrayal of Jesus, and philanthropic leader – Jim Caviezel will be at the Cajundome Convention Center, **April 13**. Limited tickets are available. For more information on being a sponsor, or to purchase tickets, contact Morgan Garcia-Prieto at 337-889-5345 or email:

[mgarciaprieto@jpgacademy.org](mailto:mgarciaprieto@jpgacademy.org). This event is being organized by John Paul the Great Academy.

#### SCHOOL UNIFORM OUTREACH

This outreach is a coalition of Lafayette Parish Churches of all denominations, whose mission is to collect and process gently used school uniforms for needy students. The collection bin at St. Mary Church is in the hallway next to the restrooms on the right side of the Church. Thank you for your generosity.