

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

NOVEMBER 30, 2025



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, Deacon Nelson Schexnayder	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	All Masses are Live Streamed (watch all day) Monday-Friday: 7:00 AM in Church 1 ST Fri & 1 ST Sat Masses with devotions: 7:00 AM Saturday: 4:30 PM in Church 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	Nov 30	Altar Society Raffle Ticket Sale (Vestibule) 9:00 AM Sunday Elementary CCD (BH)
Mon	Dec 1	5:15 PM Seasons of Hope (Ministry Room)
Tue	Dec 2	4:00 PM Children's Bell Class (Church) 5:15 PM CCD Elementary (Boumans Hall) 7:00 PM Chorale Acadienne Concert (Church)
Wed	Dec 3	6:00 PM Youth Night (Boumans Hall) 6:00 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal (Ministry Rm) 6:30 – 8:00 PM The Light is on For You (Ch)
Thu	Dec 4	7:30 AM – 6:00 PM Day of Adoration (Ch) 6:00 PM Youth Night (Boumans Hall) 6:00 PM SycamOre
Fri	Dec 5	7:00 AM First Friday Mass & Devotions (Ch) 7:00 PM Chorale Acadienne Concert (Church)
Sat	Dec 6	7:00 AM First Saturday Mass & Devotions (Ch) 3:00 PM Confessions & 4:30 PM Mass
Sun	Dec 7	2 nd Collection St. Mary Capital Improvement 9:00 AM Sunday Elementary CCD (BH) 6:00 PM Confirmation Session



OFFERTORY

OFFERTORY OCTOBER	\$ 91,779.50
Capital Improvement	\$ 12,532.00
St. Mary Charities	\$ 3,501.00
World Mission Sunday	\$ 1,535.50
OCTOBER TOTAL	\$ 109,348.00



MASS INTENTIONS

Mon Dec 1 7:00 AM	Revera Joseph; Mario Cortez; Seminarians; James Mercer
Tue Dec 2 7:00 AM	Fr. Raymond Ssebina (living); Mario Cartez; Revera Joseph; James Mercer
Wed Dec 3 7:00 AM	Marie Hebert; Revera Joseph; Mario Cotez
Thu Dec 4 7:00 AM	Revera Joseph; Jace Judice; Mario Cortez; James Mercer
Fri Dec 5 7:00 AM	Revera Joseph; Fr. Cedric Sonnier (living); James Mercer; Mario Cortez; Shamie, Lana & Dianne Menard
Sat Dec 6 7:00 AM	Raymond Hargroder; Fr. Thomas Montelaro
Sat Dec 6 4:30 PM	William Gillette; Rev. Loyd Whitfield, SM; Irene Holmes; Tiger Bech; Red Lerille; Thomas Foard; David Horaist; JonTerez Broussard; James "Mickey" Marceaux; Pauly Azar; James "Bozo" Hebert; Arthur LeBreton Sr.; George Latiolais; Lee Anna McCauley; Gerald Gesser; Revera Joseph; Ned & Shirley Guilbeau
Sun Dec 7 8:00 AM	Diana Gesser; Mary Pat Keeley (living); Dr. Dean Keeley; Robert James; Hank Richard; Charlie Goodson (living)
Sun Dec 7 10:30 AM	Donald & Leah Buller; Rev. Fred Fraser; Revera Joseph; Barbara Sue Russo; Mary Margaret Camalo; Henry Hebert; Marie Hebert; Bergeron Family; Tim Rushing; Jim Guilbeau; Campbell Shepard Family (living); Fr. Bill Ruskoski; Greg Long;
Sun Dec 7 5:00 PM	St. Mary Parishioners

GOD'S HOUSEKEEPERS

Purificator for December: Jan Vinning	
<u>Dec 5</u>	Kayla Matte & Susan James
<u>Dec 11-12</u>	Patti Bienvenu & Carol Long
<u>Dec 18-19</u>	Nanette Fisher & Maddi LeBas

DECEMBER 1 - 7 HAPPY BIRTHDAY ST. MARY PARISHIONERS

Mon Dec 1	Wed Dec 3	Fri Dec 5
Wilson Acosta, Jr	Bryan Aguillard	Brad Bodin
Jennifer Andrus	Marie Arabie	Marcelle Foret
William Aymond	Emily Burdette	Noelle Rudolf
Amelia Cart	Vickie Cox	Sat Dec 6
Charles Cloutier	Daniel Fruge	Chase Businelle
Rachel Delcambre	Lily Juneau	Susan Castille
Mason Dupuis	Zachary LaCombe	Jacques Gisclair
Caroline Forest	Victoria Simon	Laurene Landry
Doris McBride	Diane Tatje	Robert Mahtook, IV
Joseph Peyton	Thu Dec 4	Katherine McCormick
Keith Sibille	Chandler Callais	William Prudhomme
Louise Webre	Christine Dore	Peter Saab
Tue Dec 2	Chris Doucet	Linda Savoy
Elisabeth Adley	Mark Duhe	Lucille Tadin
Lucy Atkinson	William Feng	Timothy Whipple
Susan Daigle	Benjamin Frizzell	Colton Yergeau
Grace Ford	Ashley Horaist	Sun Dec 7
Ryan Ford	Christian Leon	Betty Billeaud
Rachel Fruge	Nathan Martin	Emmaline Bishop
Margaret Goodrich	Thomas O'Brien	Brandon Gannon
Nathaniel LeBlanc	Kelly Ortemond	Haven Pelloquin
Diane Stelly	Roxanne Provost	Christy Ridling
Thomas Talbot, Jr.		Camille Sutter
		Charles Vantassell

SICK IN THE PARISH

Please pray for: Thad Doucet; Denise Lemoine; Bea Domingue; Douglas Cochrane; Pat Sibille; Krieg Sibille; Susan Schwing; Carolyn & Keath Perron; Nathaniel Gabish; Mary Pat Keeley; Yvonne Bienvenu; Phil Mayers; Carolyn Levy; Bo Domingue; Eleanor Hebert; Michael Viator; Arlene Koffskey; Larry Diaz; Emile Concienne; Anne Bourgeois; Belinda LeBlanc; Cile Martin; Brian Banquer; Thomas Henry; Ashley Blanchard; Kevin LeBlanc; Charles Domingue; Wagner Pfeffer; Barbara Arceneaux; Sue Munchrath; James & Cynthia Trahan; Cal Domingue.



St. Mary Early Learning Center

Registration for the 2026/2027 School Year

Registration at St. Mary's Early Learning Center is right around the corner! We are a Catholic preschool accepting students between the ages of 12 months and four years. St. Mary ELC is a hands-on, developmentally appropriate school, that meets the needs of the "whole" child in a faith-based setting. Hours of operation are from 8:15am until 11:45am with optional "Early Birds" and "Lunch Bunch" programs.

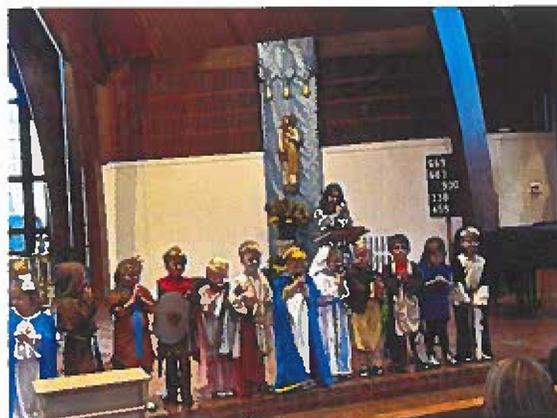
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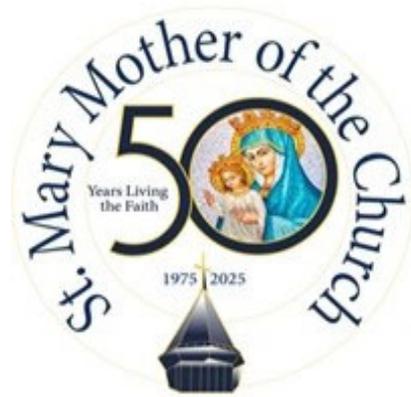
In-house & their siblings: opens January 5th

Alumni & St. Mary Parishioners: opens January 8th

Open registration: opens January 12th

For more information or to schedule a tour, please contact the St. Mary Early Learning Center office at 337-984-3750 or stmaryelc@yahoo.com. You can also visit our website at www.stmaryelc.org.





50TH ANNIVERSARY MERCHANDISE

Coffee Mug—\$10.00 Donation

Notepads—\$1.00 Donation

Mother of the Church on Bamboo—\$30.00 Donation

Crucifix on Bamboo—\$30.00 Donation

Mother of the Church Plaque—\$20.00 Donation

**Items available after all Masses in the Vestibule
on November 30 weekend.**

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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 **Thursday, December 4**, 7:30 AM till 6:00 PM. The intention is for our wounded church.

1st FRIDAY MASS & DEVOTIONS

All are welcome to attend St. Mary First Friday Mass, **December 5**, 7:00 AM, followed with 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 6**, 7:00 AM, followed with Immaculate Heart of Mary Devotions.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

The Feast of the Immaculate Conception is **Monday, 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 this Holy Day.

“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 3, Dec 10, Dec 17

Saturdays: 3:00 to 4:00 PM

Sundays:

9:45 – 10:15 AM & 4:30 – 4:50 PM

Monday – Friday: 6:45 AM

OTHER ACTIVITY

POINSETTIA PICK-UP

Poinsettia Pre-Ordered Pick-up will be in Founders Hall after all Masses **this weekend, November 29-30**.

CHORALE ACADIENNE CONCERT

Chorale will be performing at St. Mary Mother of the Church, **Tuesday, December 2 and Friday, December 5**, 7:00 PM. This is a ticketed event. Please visit Chorale's website for ticket information. Tickets are also available at the door.



FINAL 50th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Monday, December 8, 6:00 PM

All are invited to come and be a part of our Parish's final celebration for our 50th Anniversary. This is also the Feast Day of the Immaculate Conception. Masses are at 7:00 AM, 12:30 PM, and 6:00 PM. **The 6:00 PM Mass will be a special Mass for the Feast Day and our Anniversary.** A reception will follow in Founders Hall. You are encouraged to come and help celebrate and reminisce. Our Christmas Family Social is being combined with this celebration. All parishioners are welcome.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

SYCAMORE

Growing in Catholic Identity

(Adults 20-45 Yrs)

Sessions are **Thursdays, Dec. 4, 11, 18**, 6:00 PM. Babysitting provided on a RSVP basis. Come join us in our growth in Catholic Identity. RSVP for babysitting at: dgesser@diolaf.org.

ADVENT FAIR

An Advent Fair will take place at St. Mary this Sunday, **November 30 after the 8:00 and 10:30 AM Masses in 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 each Mass to pick up Advent resources and activities. Hot chocolate and cookies will be served for the children. For more information, contact dgesser@diolaf.org or call 337-703-3045.

ST. MARY EARLY LEARNING CENTER

Come and see the excellent faith-based curriculum and loving environment offered by Lafayette's premier early childhood school. SMELC is offering school tours for new families interested in enrolling their child for the 2026-2027 school year.

Application/registration will be held in **January, 2026**. Tours may be scheduled through the school office at 337-984-3750. For more information visit stmaryelc.org or Ms. Castille at dlcastille@diolaf.org.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

2ND COLLECTION

This weekend's 2ND collection is for St. Mary Capital Improvement. Continued gratitude for your generous support.

THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who so generously gave to our Thanksgiving FoodNet collection and to Catholic Charities of Acadiana.

ALTAR SOCIETY

ANNUAL RAFFLE

St. Mary Altar Society members are selling raffle tickets after all Masses **this weekend, November 29-30**, on a Fontanini Nativity set and various other prizes. Please help support the Altar Society in this annual fundraiser. Proceeds from this raffle go to supplying articles for the Altar and Sanctuary of the Church.

CHRISTMAS SOCIAL

All Altar Society members and their spouses or guest are invited to the St. Mary Altar Society Christmas social, **Tuesday, December 16**, 6:00 PM, in Founders Hall.



Mass Schedule for Christmas

Wednesday, December 24

4:00 PM & 6:00 PM

(NO 7:00 AM)

2nd Collection is for St. Mary Charities

Thursday, December 25

9:00 AM ONLY

(NO 7:00 AM 10:30 AM or 5:00 PM)

2nd Collection is for St. Mary Charities

Mass Schedule for New Year's

Wednesday, December 31

4:30 PM ONLY

(NO 7:00 AM)

Thursday, January 1

9:00 AM ONLY

(NO 7:00 AM)