

# THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

## DECEMBER 14, 2025



### St. Mary Mother of the Church

419 Doucet Road, Lafayette, Louisiana 70503

<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, Deacon Nelson Schexnayder	<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>	All Masses are Live Streamed (watch all day) Monday-Friday: 7:00 AM in Church 1 <sup>ST</sup> Fri & 1 <sup>ST</sup> Sat Masses with devotions: 7:00 AM Saturday: 4:30 PM in Church 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	Dec 14	2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection for Retired Religious Fund 9:00 AM Sunday Elementary CCD (BH) 10:30 AM Children's Bells Ringing at Mass (Ch) 6:00 PM Youth Social (Founders Hall)
Mon	Dec 15	5:15 PM Seasons of Hope (Conference Room) 6:00 PM 1 <sup>st</sup> Confessions (Church)
Tue	Dec 16	5:15 PM CCD Elementary (Boumans Hall) 6:00 PM Altar Society Social (Founders Hall)
Wed	Dec 17	6:00 PM Youth Night (Boumans Hall) 5:00 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal (Ministry Rm) 6:30 – 8:00 PM The Light is on For You (Ch)
Thu	Dec 18	6:00 PM Youth Night (BH) 6:00 PM Advent Mission (Church)
Sat	Dec 20	3:00 PM Confessions 4:30 PM Mass
Sun	Dec 21	10:30 AM Baby Jesus Blessing at Mass (Ch) 6:00 PM Confirmation Session



## OFFERTORY

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



## MASS INTENTIONS

<b>Mon</b>	<b>Dec 15</b>	<b>7:00 AM</b> Seminarians; Emile Saba; Revera Joseph
<b>Tue</b>	<b>Dec 16</b>	<b>7:00 AM</b> M/M Otis Broussard & Wiltz Revera Joseph; Linda Koffskey Davis; Matthew McCoy (living); Shamie, Lana & Dianne Menard; Fr. Raymond Ssebina (living)
<b>Wed</b>	<b>Dec 17</b>	<b>7:00 AM</b> Revera Joseph
<b>Thu</b>	<b>Dec 18</b>	<b>7:00 AM</b> Revera Joseph; Jacques "Jaco" Judice
<b>Fri</b>	<b>Dec 19</b>	<b>7:00 AM</b> Revera Joseph; Fr. Cedric Sonnier (living); Luke & Lela Andrepont
<b>Sat</b>	<b>Dec 20</b>	<b>4:30 PM</b> William Gillette; Red Lerille; Thomas Foard; David Horaist; JonTerez Broussard; Pauly Azar; George Latiolais; Lee Anna McCauley; Revera Joseph; Lloyd Joseph Hebert; Ned & Shirley Guilbeau; James "Mickey" Marceaux; Louise Plaisance Robichaux; Hugh & Tootsie Mouton; Genevieve Meaux
<b>Sun</b>	<b>Dec 21</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b> Diana Gesser; Mary Pat Keeley (living); Dr. Dean Keeley; Charlie Goodson (living); Winnie Duhe (living); Robert James; Michelle Emmer; Sophia DiGiglia (living)
<b>Sun</b>	<b>Dec 21</b>	<b>10:30 AM</b> Donald & Leah Buller; Revera Joseph; Barbara Sue Russo; Bergeron Family; Toni Stonecipher; Judy Pellerin; Greg Long; Nolan "Peanut" Sharon; Esther & Tilton Oncale
<b>Sun</b>	<b>Dec 21</b>	<b>5:00 PM</b> St. Mary Parishioners

## DECEMBER 15 - 21

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY ST. MARY PARISHIONERS

<b>Mon Dec 15</b>	Rexton Dauzat	Caroline Hamby
Isabelle Callais	Ruth Ann Gannon	Rowan Knight
Hillary Dugas	Lauren Hains	Courtland Parr
Ross Ellender	Cheri Landry	<b>Sat Dec 20</b>
Paige Hightower	Lesley Mancuso	Nancy Cochrane
Katherine Rountree	Maeve McCoy	Karen Drouant
Kenneth Schutz	Lincoln Rohrberger	Archie Ducote
<b>Tue Dec 16</b>	<b>Thu Dec 18</b>	Joan Hill
Samuel Alexander	Sara Bourque	Dakota King
Michael Corry	Carol DiBenedetto	Connor Landry
Anna-Corinne Daigle	Randall Duplechien	Terry Mansfield
Thomas Judice	Jill Guidry	Mark Owens
Nedra Kerin	Max Jumonville	<b>Sun Dec 21</b>
Yvonne LeBlanc	Dr Harold LeDoux	Thomas Blossom
Matthew McCoy	Robert Rhymes	Joseph Camalo
Kevin Moody	<b>Fri Dec 19</b>	Olivia Chastant
Frank Mueller, Sr.	Elizabeth Blum	Dolores Fontenot
Brynn Perret	Lauren Bourque	Sheldon Galloway
Hershel Spikes	Paul Buzhardt	Georgia Mader
Dolores Villarreal	Hughes Cart	Liam Majeau
<b>Wed Dec 17</b>	Haylan Chapman	Tyla McMichael
Steven Bienvenu	Mary Coleman	Tarah Raxsdale
Anne Bourgeois	Zachary Domingue	Timothy Sonnier

## DIED IN CHRIST

Jim Kerin, husband of Nedra Kerin

## GOD'S HOUSEKEEPERS

Purificator for December: Jan Vinning	
<u>Dec 18-19</u>	Nanette Fisher & Maddi LeBas
<u>Dec 26</u>	Gerry Horaist & Becky Latiolais

## 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; Burnell Savant.

## LITURGY

### ADVENT MISSION

All are welcome to St. Mary Advent Mission, **Thursday, December 18, 6 PM.** Adoration and a speaker presentation. There will be NO Mass during this Mission.

### BABY JESUS BLESSING

All children of the parish are invited to bring their baby Jesus to be blessed at the 10:30 AM Mass, **Sun, December 21.**

### 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 January and February to Deborah at [deb58@cox.net](mailto:deb58@cox.net) or call 981-3379 ext. 250, by **December 22.**

### TRAVELING CATHOLICS

There are several resources available to help Catholics find a home away from home anywhere in the world. For more information log on to:

<http://www.masstimes.org>.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

### CCD CLASS

Sunday, December 14, 9:00 AM  
Tuesday, December 16, 5:15 PM

### YOUTH NIGHTS

Sunday, December 14, Social 6:00 PM  
Wednesday, December 17, 6:00 PM  
Thursday, December 18, 6:00 PM

### CONFIRMATION SESSION

Sunday, December 21, 6:00 PM

### BAPTISMAL SEMINAR

St. Mary Baptismal Seminar is scheduled for **Tuesday, December 16, 6:30 PM**, in the Conference Room. Please call Denise to reserve your spot, 337-703-3045.

### EPIPHANY LESSONS

Families with young children are invited to our Epiphany Lessons, **Sunday, January 4, 9:00 AM** in Founders Hall.

## 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, Dec 17, 6:30 to 8:00 PM

Saturdays: 3:00 to 4:00 PM

Sundays:

9:45 – 10:15 AM & 4:30 – 4:50 PM

Monday – Friday: 6:45 AM

## COMMUNITY SERVICE

### 2<sup>ND</sup> COLLECTION

The 2<sup>nd</sup> collection **this weekend** is for the Retirement Fund for Religious. A lifetime of service deserves care in return. "Thanks to your generosity, we can provide the very best care to the sisters in our community," says Sister J. Stephanie Belgeri, 73, a member of the Sisters of St. Francis of the Martyr St. George in Alton, Illinois. Donations to the Retirement Fund for Religious provide housing, medical assistance, and essential support for thousands of aging religious. Thank you for your continued generosity to this collection.

### CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE

This year items donated will benefit the children in the Lafayette Parish Homeless Education Services. More information can be found in the Vestibule of the Church.

## ALTAR SOCIETY

### 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.

## DAY OF ADORATION

There will be NO Day of Adoration January 1, 2026. St. Mary next Day of Adoration is scheduled for **February 5, 7:00 AM – 6:00 PM**. All are welcome.

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

**January 18,**

Parish Gumbo 6:00 PM

**February 10,**

Altar Society Mass and Luncheon



### *Mass Schedule for Christmas*

Wednesday, December 24

4:00 PM & 6:00 PM

(NO 7:00 AM)

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

Thursday, December 25

9:00 AM ONLY

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

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### *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 MASS)