

# FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

## DECEMBER 21, 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 21 10:30 AM Baby Jesus Blessing at Mass (Ch)  
 6:00 PM Confirmation Session

Wed **Dec 24** 7:00 AM NO Mass  
 Parish Office Closed  
**4:00 PM Mass**  
**6:00 PM Mass**

Thu **Dec 25** 7:00 AM NO Mass  
**9:00 AM Mass**  
 No other Masses today  
 Parish Office Closed



## OFFERTORY

<b>OFFERTORY NOVEMBER</b>	\$ 83,792.50
Capital Improvement	\$ 11,081.50
St. Mary Charities	\$ 2,630.00
CC for Human Development	\$ 1,341.00
Archdiocese Military Services	\$ 2,095.50
B.S.A.	\$ 791.50
<b>NOVEMBER TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 101,732.00</b>



## MASS INTENTIONS

**Mon Dec 22 7:00 AM** Seminarians; Special Intention

**Tue Dec 23 7:00 AM**  
 Fr. Raymond Ssebina (living); Special Intention

**Wed Dec 24 4:00 PM**  
 Red Lerille; Clyde & Aggie Neck; Revera Joseph;  
 Earl, Ann, Ross Downs; Greg Long; John Repak Family;  
 Dr. Hollis Long Family; Lauren LeBlanc; Genevieve Meaux;  
 Eddy Knight; Ann Knight; Bryan Knight; Della Savoy;  
 James Knight & Family (living); Paul & Gwen Romero;  
 Ned & Shirley Guilbeau; William Gillette; Ron E. Gauthier;  
 John Meche; Marie Hebert; Douglas Domingue; David Hebert;  
 Doug Acomb; Special Intention; Adeline Cary Duhon;  
 Douglas Duhon; Henry Cary; Sylvia & Choppy Smith;  
 Paula Gillette (living); Dr. John Bernard; Reeves Gauthreaux;  
 Janine Neck; Edward & Tillie Ayo; Volice & Nettie Neck;  
 Sara Johanna Herpin; Harold & Lilia Hebert Family;  
 Allen & Rita Angers Family; Patrick Gray

**Wed Dec 24 6:00 PM**  
 James Streams Family; A.I. Landry Family; Frank Ruffino, Jr.;  
 James Koffskey Family

**Thu Dec 25 9:00 AM**  
 Gerald Richard; George H. Cole; Jim Gesser Family (living);  
 Pat Brupbacher; Claude Roy LeBlanc; Andre Holloway;  
 Dr. Edward J. LeBlanc Jr.; Marie Falcon Hebert; James Spell;  
 Bill & Toni Stonecipher; Willie Hernandez; John Hesterly;  
 Andrew & Rena Broussard; Sonnier Family (living & deceased);  
 Pershing, Ruby & Christopher Cashen

**Fri Dec 26 7:00 AM** Rita P. Angers & Family;  
 Fr. Cedric Sonnier (living); Michelle Emmer

**Sat Dec 27 4:30 PM** Robert "Bob" Neef; Red Lerille;  
 William Gillette; Margie & Alfred Barrios; Andre Holloway;  
 Thomas Foard; Bill & Toni Stonecipher; JonTerez Broussard;  
 James "Mickey" Marceaux; George Latiolais; Pauly Azar;  
 Joanne Savoie; Revera Joseph; Emily Duhon; David Horaist;  
 Lee Anna McCauley; Claire Bohn; Ned & Shirley Guilbeau;  
 Genevieve Meaux

**Sun Dec 28 8:00 AM**  
 Diana Gesser; Mary Pat Keeley (living); Dr. Dean Keeley;  
 Charlie Goodson (living); Chris DiGiglia (living);  
 Joe "Bud" Ardoin; David Wayne Horaist; Sandra Bernard

**Sun Dec 28 10:30 AM**  
 Donald & Leah Buller; Revera Joseph; Ray Bergeron;  
 Mary Margaret Camalo; Anna Rivette; Donald J. Breaux;  
 Rev. Msgr. Charles Dubois

**Sun Dec 28 5:00 PM** St. Mary Parishioners

## DECEMBER 22 - 28 HAPPY BIRTHDAY ST. MARY PARISHIONERS

<p><b>Mon Dec 22</b>                  Adam Angers                  Bridget Fitch                  Jacque Hebert                  Myra Lambert                  Chloe Landry                  Elizabeth McCord                  Lucila Sanchez                  Lawrence Svendson                  Edward Villien</p> <p><b>Tue Dec 23</b>                  William Bailey, Sr.                  Harry Benoit                  Kimberly Bernard                  Beth Bishop                  Ben Busby, II                  Holly Grefe                  Beatrice Long                  Marjorie Morgan                  Laurie Pfeffer                  Nicholas Talbot</p>	<p><b>Wed Dec 24</b>                  JoElle Breaux                  William Brown                  Mike Catalanotto                  Kevin Courville                  Ruby Delcambre                  Gerard Guidry                  Jerry Guidry                  Katie Keller                  Trey LeBreton                  Hope Lewis                  Charley Rogers                  Jackson Rogers                  Laurie Soebbing                  David Strother</p> <p><b>Thu Dec 25</b>                  Christopher Cassel                  Tiffany Clemency                  Sarah Clement                  Allison Dickerson                  Dave Domingue                  Charles Goodson                  Gabriel Montesano, Sr.</p>	<p><b>Fri Dec 26</b>                  Savri Degatur                  Amy DesOrmeaux                  Gaylyn Hebert                  Braxton Manuel                  Michael Manuel                  Kevin McKay, III                  Elizabeth Thomas                  Martha Wyatt                  Matthew deClouet</p> <p><b>Sat Dec 27</b>                  Michael Blackwell                  Hannah Jumonville                  Cynthia Lambert</p> <p><b>Sun Dec 28</b>                  Ann-Kathryn Daigle                  Katherine Hermann                  Lilyann Himel                  Piper LaBorde                  Joyce Landry                  Linda Talbot                  Elijah Waters</p>
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## 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.

## SICK IN THE PARISH

Sandra Bernard,  
 sister of Wayne Bernard & Bennett Bernard, Jr.

## LITURGY

### BABY JESUS BLESSING

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

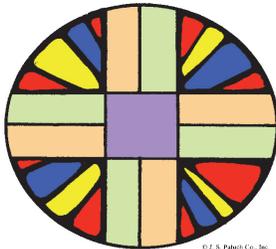
### TRAVELING CATHOLICS

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>.

## DAY OF ADORATION

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



## 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](http://stmaryelc.org) or Ms. Castille at [dlcastille@diolaf.org](mailto:dlcastille@diolaf.org).



### 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)

## MEN'S FAITH FORMATION

The St. Mary Men's Faith Formation will reconvene, **Wednesday, January 7**. Meetings are on Wed. at 6:15 PM, in the Early Learning Center Assembly Room. For more information, contact Deacon Crain at 337-789-3351.

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

**January 18**,  
Parish Gumbo 6:00 PM  
**February 10**,  
Altar Society Mass and Luncheon

### PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

Wednesday, December 24, 2025  
Thursday, December 25, 2025  
Wednesday, December 31, 2025  
Thursday, January 1, 2026  
Monday, January 19, 2026

## GOD'S HOUSEKEEPERS

Purificator for December: Jan Vinning  
December 26  
Gerry Horaist & Becky Latiolais

## COMMUNITY SERVICE

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

The 2<sup>nd</sup> collection on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day is for St. Mary Charities. Thank you for your continued generosity.

### 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.

### THANK YOU

A special thank you to Anne Orsak, Mary McGinn and Lori Roszczynialski for spearheading the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary/St. Mary Christmas Social. Thank you to all of the talented volunteers who helped set up and provide beautiful decorations for the evening. We are blessed with such giving parishioners.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



### EPIPHANY LESSONS

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



### CONFIRMATION

December 21, 6 PM: Session  
January 11, 6 PM: Session  
January 26, 6 PM: Session  
February 1, 6 PM: Session  
February 2, 6 PM: Confessions  
February 7, 9 AM: Morning of Reflection  
**February 11, 6 PM: Mass**



### FIRST COMMUNION

January 12, 6 PM: Session  
February 9, 6 PM: Session  
March 9, 6 PM: Session  
April 18, 9 AM: Practice  
**April 25, 10 AM: Mass**



### BAPTISMAL SEMINAR

St. Mary Baptismal Seminar is scheduled for **Monday January 26 and Monday February 23**, 6:30 PM, in the Conference Room. Please call Denise to reserve your spot, 337-703-3045.