

# SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

## DECEMBER 7, 2025



**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, 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 7	2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection St. Mary Capital Improvement 9:00 AM Sunday Elementary CCD (BH) 10:30 AM Adult Bells Ringing at Mass (Church) 6:00 PM Confirmation Session
<b>Mon</b>	<b>Dec 8</b>	<b>Immaculate Conception</b> <b>Masses: 7:00 AM, 12:30 &amp; 6:00 PM (Church)</b> <b>7:00 PM 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration (FH)</b> <b>Happy 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday St. Mary Parish</b>
Tue	Dec 9	<i>Parish Office Closed</i> 5:15 PM CCD Elementary (Boumans Hall)
Wed	Dec 10	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 11	11:00 AM ELC Christmas Play (Church) 6:00 PM 1 <sup>st</sup> Confessions (Church) 6:00 PM SycamOre
Fri	Dec 12	11:00 AM ELC Christmas Play (Church) 11:00 AM Senior Citizen Luncheon (F Hall)
Sat	Dec 13	3:00 PM Confessions 4:30 PM Mass
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)

## MASS INTENTIONS

**Mon Dec 8 7:00 AM**

Toni Stonecipher; Marie Hebert; John Hesterly; Seminarians;  
Bill & Margaret Rucks; David Wayne Horaist; Emile Saba;  
Shelby Merrick Murtagh

**Mon Dec 8 12:30 PM** William Gillette

**Mon Dec 8 6:00 PM**  
Revera Joseph; Donald J. Breaux; Doug Acomb

**Tue Dec 9 7:00 AM**

Fr. Raymond Ssebina (living); Revera Joseph;  
Arthur J. Mire Family; Shelby Merrick Murtagh

**Wed Dec 10 7:00 AM**

Revera Joseph; Shelby Merrick Murtagh

**Thu Dec 11 7:00 AM**

Revera Joseph; Shelby Merrick Murtagh

**Fri Dec 12 7:00 AM**

Revera Joseph; Fr. Cedric Sonnier (living); Cecelia Blanchard;  
Pat Brupbacher; David Wayne Horaist

**Sat Dec 13 4:30 PM**

William Gillette; Red Lerille; Thomas Foard; David Horaist;  
JonTerez Broussard; Pauly Azar; George Latiolais; Lynn Simon;  
Claire Bohn; Lee Anna McCauley; Revera Joseph; Emily Duhon;  
Ned & Shirley Guilbeau; James "Mickey" Marceaux;  
Gary Wilmes; Alfred Theriot

**Sun Dec 14 8:00 AM**

Diana Gesser; Mary Pat Keeley (living); Dr. Dean Keeley;  
Charlie Goodson (living); George H. Cole; Lynn Trosclair;  
Sophia DiGiglia (living)

**Sun Dec 14 10:30 AM**

Donald & Leah Buller; Revera Joseph; Red Lerille;  
Susan Luckenbach & Bill Bishop; John & Fae Cudd;  
Barbara Sue Russo; Bergeron Family

**Sun Dec 14 5:00 PM** St. Mary Parishioners



## 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>



## DECEMBER 8 - 14 HAPPY BIRTHDAY ST. MARY PARISHIONERS

**Mon Dec 8**

Cooper Bolivar  
Ashley Faulk  
Joseph Hesterly  
Kristi LeBlanc  
Mary Moreau

**Tue Dec 9**

Margaret Clark  
Carolyn Danton  
Jeff Davis  
Caden Hill  
Douglas Horaist  
Margaret McCormick  
Sandra Meyer  
Dannie Snow  
Ashley Sterling  
Carah Stuart  
Brandi Stutes  
Amelia Vining  
Sara Yentzen

**Wed Dec 10**

Andie Bonhagen  
Theodore Catalanotto  
Mary Courville  
Courtney Fruge  
Corinne Gaspard  
Rene Hollier  
Matthew Rongey  
Diane Webre  
**Thu Dec 11**  
Charles Degatur  
Trevor Faul  
Dr. John Foret  
Gerry Horaist  
Lincoln Roma  
Carmen Simon  
Benjamin Songy  
**Fri Dec 12**  
Melinda Blackwell  
Russell Brown, Sr.  
Dylan Cutrera  
Jessica Farrington

Anthony Hill  
Olivia Lerille  
Matthew Manuel  
Jason Miller  
Gabriella Monfra  
Ellen Montagnet  
Roxana Usner

**Sat Dec 13**

Courtney Grant  
Paul Hebert  
Dr. James Hollier  
Robert Morella  
Charles Schoeffler  
Antonio Viale  
**Sun Dec 14**  
Nicole Angers  
Bailey Broussard  
Kenneth Broussard  
Mark Lerille  
Coleman McKay  
Ross Roubion  
Harland Stephens

## 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 Conciene; 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; Jim Kerin.

## GOD'S HOUSEKEEPERS

Purificator for December: Jan Vinning  
Dec 11-12 Patti Bienvenu & Carol Long  
Dec 18-19 Nanette Fisher & Maddi LeBas

# Incarnational Discipleship: Waiting on the Voice of God

*"Be still and know that I am God."  
Psalm 46:10*

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ADVENT MISSION

**Thursday, December 18th**

**Talk: 6:00–7:00 PM**

**Adoration 7:00–8:00 PM**



## **Incarnational Discipleship: Waiting on the Voice of God**

As we enter the holy season of Advent—a time of longing, quiet hope, and sacred expectation—our parish invites you into an evening of renewal. In this season where heaven bends low and God draws near, come prepare your heart to listen deeply for the whisper of the One who comes to dwell among us.

### **Thursday, December 18th**

**Talk:** 6:00–7:00 PM

#### **Followed by: Eucharistic Adoration with Worship**

Both the presentation and worship will be led by Kyle Melancon

#### **What to Expect**

- A powerful Advent reflection on Incarnational Discipleship
- Space to rediscover the *holy waiting* that Advent teaches waiting not with anxiety, but with trust... not in the noise, but in the silence... not for a sign, but for a Savior.
- A beautiful time of Eucharistic Adoration with worship music that invites your heart into stillness, surrender, and encounter.
- Childcare
- A small love offering will be collected.

*“Be still and know that I am God.” — Psalm 46:10*

This verse anchors the entire mission. Advent invites us to slow down. It teaches us to wait not passively, but attentively for the Word made flesh who speaks into the deepest places of our hearts.

*“And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us... full of grace and truth.” — John 1:14*

#### **Come Prepare Your Heart**

Let this night be your Advent reset. Come encounter the God who still speaks, still comes, still enters our humanity and invites us to follow Him with renewed listening and renewed love.

## LITURGY

### 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.



### FINAL 50<sup>TH</sup> 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 50<sup>th</sup> 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.

### 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.massimes.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)

### "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

**December 10 and December 17**

Saturdays: 3:00 to 4:00 PM

Sundays:

9:45 – 10:15 AM & 4:30 – 4:50 PM

Monday – Friday: 6:45 AM

## 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).

## 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.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

### SYCAMORE

*Growing in Catholic Identity*

(Adults 20-45 Yrs)

Sessions are **Thursdays, December 11, 18, 6:00 PM**. Babysitting provided on a RSVP basis. Come join us in our growth in Catholic Identity. RSVP for babysitting at: [djesser@diolaf.org](mailto:djesser@diolaf.org).

## COMMUNITY SERVICE

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

**This weekend's 2<sup>ND</sup> collection** is for St. Mary Capital Improvement. Continued gratitude for your generous support.

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

The 2<sup>nd</sup> collection **next 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. Please consider giving next week.

### ADVENT MISSION

All are welcome to St. Mary Advent Mission, **Thursday, December 18, 6 PM**.

### 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.

### PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

Tuesday, December 9, 2025

Wednesday, December 24, 2025

Thursday, December 25, 2025

Wednesday, December 31, 2025

Thursday, January 1, 2026

Monday, January 19, 2026