

REQUIEM AETERNAM ("Eternal Rest")

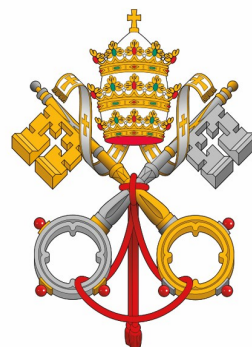


POPE FRANCIS

December 17, 1936 - April 21, 2025

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May their souls and the souls of the
faithful departed, through the mercy
of God, rest in peace. Amen*

Requiem Prayer



THIS WEEK

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

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

Sun	Apr 27	Divine Mercy Sunday 2:00 – 3:00 PM Confessions (Church) 3:00 PM Divine Mercy Chaplet (Church) Life Teen/Edge Fundraiser Continues Scouts BBQ PoBoy Ticket Sale (Vestibule)
Tue	Apr 29	4:00 PM Children's Bells (Church) 5:00 PM Bells of St. Mary Rehearsal (Church)
Wed	Apr 30	6:00 PM Adult Vocal Choir Rehearsal (MR) 6:00 PM Youth Night (Boumans Hall) 6:15 PM Men's Formation (Boumans Hall)
Thu	May 1	7:30 AM – 6:00 PM Day of Adoration (Ch) 6:00 PM Youth Night (Boumans Hall)
Fri	May 2	7:00 AM 1 st Friday & Devotions (Church)
Sat	May 3	7:00 AM 1 st Saturday & Devotions (Church) 10:00 AM 1 st Communion Mass (Church)
Sun	May 4	2 nd Collection St. Mary Capital Improvement Life Teen/Edge Fundraiser Continues 9:00 AM OCIA (Boumans Hall) 10:30 AM May Crowning during Mass (Ch) 10:30 AM Children's Bells at Mass (Church)

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon Apr 28 7:00 AM

Seminarians; Marie Hebert; Red Lerille; Bill & Margaret Rucks; Wayne & Irene May (living)

Tue Apr 29 7:00 AM Red Lerille; Bill & Margaret Rucks;

Wayne & Irene May (living); Shamie & Lana Menard;
Helen & Don Aaron (living); Elizabeth "Betty" Booker

Wed Apr 30 7:00 AM Marie Hebert; Paul Letteer;
Bill & Margaret Rucks; Wayne & Irene May (living); Red Lerille

Thu May 1 7:00 AM Bill & Margaret Rucks; Red Lerille;

Wayne & Irene May (living); Mary Pat Keeley (living);
Luke Brown (living); Jace Judice; Rita Altepeter Schennum;
Helen & Don Aaron (living)

Fri May 2 7:00 AM Fr. Cedric Sonnier (living);

Wayne & Irene May (living); Betty Hollingsworth; Red Lerille;
Bill & Margaret Rucks; Shamie & Lana Menard; Marie Hebert;
Kelby Rasmussen (living)

Sat May 3 7:00 AM Raymond Hargroder

Sat May 3 4:30 PM

Ned Guilbeau; George Latiolais; William Gillette; Red Lerille;
Mary Trappey Domingue; Willie Hernandez; Tiger Bech;
Rosabell Whitfield; Toni Stonecipher; Bill & Margaret Rucks;
Jules & Genevieve Meaux; John W. Hutchison; Thomas Foard;
JonTerez Broussard; Scarlet Pettit (living); Yvonne Whitfield;
Annie Boudreaux (living); Wayne & Irene May (living)

Sun May 4 8:00 AM

Dr. Dean Keeley; Red Lerille; Robert Dawson, V (living);
D'Ella Rita Foreman; Diana Gesser

Sun May 4 10:30 AM

Lucy McGee; Dr. Don Mickal; Greg Long; Jim Lemoine;
Ana Claire Smith (living); Ruth Robin; James Lowell Guilbeau;
Charlie Castille; Cecil Trahan; Bill & Margaret Rucks;
Wayne & Irene May (living); Mary Margaret Camalo (living)

Sun May 4 5:00 PM St. Mary Parishioners

EASTER FLOWER MEMORIALS

In memory of: Ray Bergeron; Ray & Marjorie Boudreaux and
Sara Johanna Herpin



OFFERTORY

OFFERTORY MARCH	\$ 120,042.50
Capital Improvement	\$ 7,554.00
St. Mary Charities	\$ 3,590.00
BSA	\$ 2,161.50
Catholic Charities of Acadiana	\$ 7,802.00
Catholic Relief Services	\$ 2,022.00
TOTAL MARCH	\$ 143,172.00



APRIL 28 – MAY 4

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

ST. MARY PARISHIONERS

Mon April 28

Laura Blossom
Kyle Bolivar
William Broach, II
Ashleigh Buck
Schuyler Collier
Madison Enlund
Leo Peyton
Hailey Privat
Celeste Rosteet
Aiden Sonnier
Byron Thomson
William Whitehead

Tue April 29

Kailey Aguiard
Kristian Courville
Riley Garrett
Ethel Gregory
Patricia Horaist
Jared Petitjean
Donald Rogers
Jace Simon

Wed April 30

Elisabeth Babineaux
Johnathan Billeaudeau
Tammy Briley
John Broussard
Rebecca Kennedy
Beau Moncla
Thu May 1
Kristen Callais
Richard Charpentier
Lainey Comiskey
Amelie Decuir
Benjamin Domingue
Miles French
Catherine Hoyt
Evangeline Prudhomme

Fri May 2

Beau Benoit
Gabrielle LeMaire
Criston St. Cyr

Sat May 3

Clay Allen
Joseph Andrus, III
Logan Broussard
Dustin Dorsey
Dr Kenneth Fowler
Brittney Guidry
John Henry Helmer
Sophia McCarthy
Christopher McCord

Sun May 4

Jude Simon, II
Jamie Bourque
Annette Broussard
Elizabeth Cart
Harry Creek
Rory Green
James Keaty
Elise LaGraize
Joseph Pierret
Kinsley Usie

SICK IN THE PARISH

Please pray for: Thad Doucet; Cile Martin; Larry Diaz;
Douglas Cochrane; Pat Sibille; Krieg Sibille; Susan Schwing;
Carolyn & Keath Perron; Gertrude LeBlanc; Nathaniel Gabish;
Mary Pat Keeley; Audrey Thibodeaux; Yvonne Bienvenu;
Phil Mayers; Emily Duhon; Carolyn Levy; Eleanor Hebert;
Michael Viator; Arlene Koffskey; Emile Concienne;
Anne Bourgeois; Belinda LeBlanc; Mary Margaret Camalo;
Thomas Henry; Ashley Blanchard; Charles Domingue;
Barbara Arceneaux; Sue Munchrath; Kevin LeBlanc;
Bo Domingue; Bea Domingue.

A Shepherd Who Loved Us



Today, the Church throughout the whole world mourns the death of Pope Francis (88 years old) who died on Monday of the Octave of Easter, April 21, 2025. Born, Jorge Mario Bergoglio, in Buenos Aires on December 17, 1936, he was one of five children. He truly cared for the poor while living a strict simplicity in his own lifestyle. He was ordained a priest for the Jesuit Order on December 13, 1969, Auxiliary Bishop of Buenos Aires on June 27, 1992, Coadjutor Archbishop on June 3, 1997, Archbishop in 1998 and Cardinal on February 21, 2001. He was elected Pope, Bishop of Rome, on March 13, 2013.

Pope Francis has been an advocate pointing out division and suffering, trying to bring healing and unity, so that all can identify as, and rejoice in being, God's Beloved Children.

The Church will mourn our Holy Father's Death for nine days (known as Novendiale) which will most likely include his funeral and then a conclave will begin two to three weeks after the funeral so that the Holy Spirit can elect a new Holy Father through the College of Cardinals.

This is an important time, as we pray for the soul of Pope Francis to receive eternal life and joy with God and all the saints. We also pray for our Church, that the Holy Spirit can truly guide the future steps of God's Instrument on earth.

Peace and Eternal Salvation be upon Pope Francis!

Truth and Strength and Faithfulness be upon the Church!

Holiness and Devotion and Love be in each soul of God's Children!

LITURGY

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, May 1**, 7:30 AM till 6:00 PM. The intention is for members of St. Mary Parish.

1st FRIDAY MASS & DEVOTIONS

All are welcome to attend St. Mary First Friday Mass **May 2**, at 7:00 AM, followed by 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 **May 3**, at 7:00 AM, followed with Immaculate Heart of Mary Devotions.

MAY CROWNING

All children of the parish are invited to participate in the May Crowning procession, **Sunday, May 4**, 10:30 AM Mass. Please bring flowers from your garden. We will have extra flowers for those in need.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

The Liturgical Minister's Schedule for May & June has been mailed. You are reminded to find your own replacements. Thank you.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

BAPTISMAL SEMINAR

St. Mary Baptismal Seminar is scheduled for Thursday, **May 22**, 6:30 PM, in the Ministry Room. To register, call Denise Gesser at 337-703-3045.

FIRST COMMUNION

First Communion Mass is scheduled for Saturday, **May 3**, 10:00 AM. All are welcome to attend and please pray for our First Communicants.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



VBS registration is now open. VBS will be held **Monday, July 7 thru Friday, July 11**, from 8:30 AM to 12:15 PM. Open to children entering K – 4th grades. Please register on our website. WWW.STMARYCH.COM

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

The Lord is Risen! Alleluia!
Indeed, He is Risen! Alleluia!

There is now the excitement of Christ no longer in the tomb and that Paradise is open to receive souls, however, this hinges on – “Go and sin no more”. The glory of those 40 days of Lent needed to have produced such a love and response in us that now we have become attached to the ONE who loves us and works to save our soul. We rejoice because Christ accomplished His work and did it perfectly but now His grace is upon us. And most importantly, His grace is upon you. The end goal is offered and available to you but with God's grace, you must still get to the goal.

Are you in love with God?
Are you attached to God?

We reflect upon the cross because it is proof that God is in love with you. May our love increase in such a way that our souls are on fire with zeal for the Lord. May there be an excitement in our heart about the blessing of being a follower of Christ. God offers it all to you and may our hearts desire Him in such a way that our daily path become a path that we love. Let us not just be obedient to God's commands but let us live our life in love. May everyday be a day of love because anything else is not what God meant for you.

PILGRIMAGE TO CALIFORNIA

St. Mary Mother of the Church Pilgrimage to California is planned for October 13-20, 2025. If you are interested in going, please contact Magnificat Travel at 337-291-1933.

GOD'S HOUSEKEEPERS

Purificator for April: Claire Andrus
May 2
Carol Duplechin & JoElle Breaux
May 8-9
Kayla Matte & Susan James



DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Divine Mercy at St. Mary Church is **Sunday, April 27**. Confessions are 2:00 till 3:00 PM. Divine Mercy Chaplet will be at 3:00 PM. All are welcome.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

2nd COLLECTION

Support the Catholic Home Missions Appeal today! Nearly 40% of dioceses in the United States and its current and former territories are considered mission territories because they are unable to fund essential pastoral activities for their communities. Your support funds religious education, seminary formation, lay ministry training, and other programs that build vibrant faith communities right here in the United States. Please be generous. Find more information at ; www.usccb.org/home-missions.

LIFE TEEN EDGE FUNDRAISER

Fundraiser continues. Help send our teens to camp. Boards with envelopes are still in the Vestibule of Church. Thank you for supporting St. Mary Mother of the Church youth ministry.

POBOY TICKET SALE

The St. Mary Scouts are selling BBQ PoBoy Tickets after all Masses this weekend **April 26-27**, in the Vestibule of Church. The PoBoy pick-up will be Sunday, May 18, in the Early Learning Center Parking Lot. Thank you for your continued support to this annual fundraiser.

MEN'S PRAYER GROUP

All men of the parish are welcome to join our Men's Prayer group held on Wednesday evenings at 6:15 PM in the Early Learning Center Assembly Room. The group will begin meeting again **April 23**. For more information, contact the church office.

ST. MARY EARLY LEARNING CENTER

Open registration has begun. For further information or to schedule a tour, please contact: Dina Castille, Principal at 337-984-3750.