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Saint Mary of False River Catholic Church

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St. Francis Chapel

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DECEMBER 26, 2021
The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

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Emergency Line: 240-7571

Office Hours:
Monday-Thursday 8 am - 4 pm
Closed for lunch from 12;00 to 1:00 pm
Friday - 8:00 a.m. to 12 noon

Weekday Mass Schedule:
Tuesday through Friday: 12:00 Noon

Weekend Mass Schedule:
Saturday Vigil: 4:00 p.m.
Sunday: 7:00 a.m.
(St. Francis Chapel)
9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

St. Augustine Weekday Mass Schedule
9:00 A.M. Monday through Friday

SACRAMENTS

Reconciliation:
Wednesday - 11:20 a.m. to 11:50 a.m.
Saturday - 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. or by appointment

Anointing of the Sick BY APPOINTMENT ONLY and Communion for the Homebound:
Notify Sr. Mary Anne Hebert, CSJ at 225-638-9665

Marriages:
Contact the Parish Office prior to making plans; at least 6 months preparation is necessary.

RCIA/Adult Confirmation
Please contact Gale Roy 225-718-1574 for inquiry about the process of full initiation into the Catholic Church.

DEVOTIONS

Baptisms:
Please contact Parish Office prior to birth for details. A seminar for parents and godparents is required.

Perpetual Help Novena
Wednesday following noon mass.

Adoration Chapel Hours:
Mondays and Wednesdays
7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Fridays
7:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon

OUR MISSION

As members of a devout Eucharistic Community established in 1728, we at St. Mary of False River and St. Francis Chapel, take as our mission the sharing of our gifts with one another. As followers of Jesus Christ, we strive to fulfill the needs of those within our Church Parish, but also those we are called to serve beyond. As faithful stewards of our many ministries, we will persist in our work to share our love for Christ with all people by demonstrating to our best ability, the warmth of a Christ-like love.

A LETTER FROM OUR PASTOR

Merry Christmas!

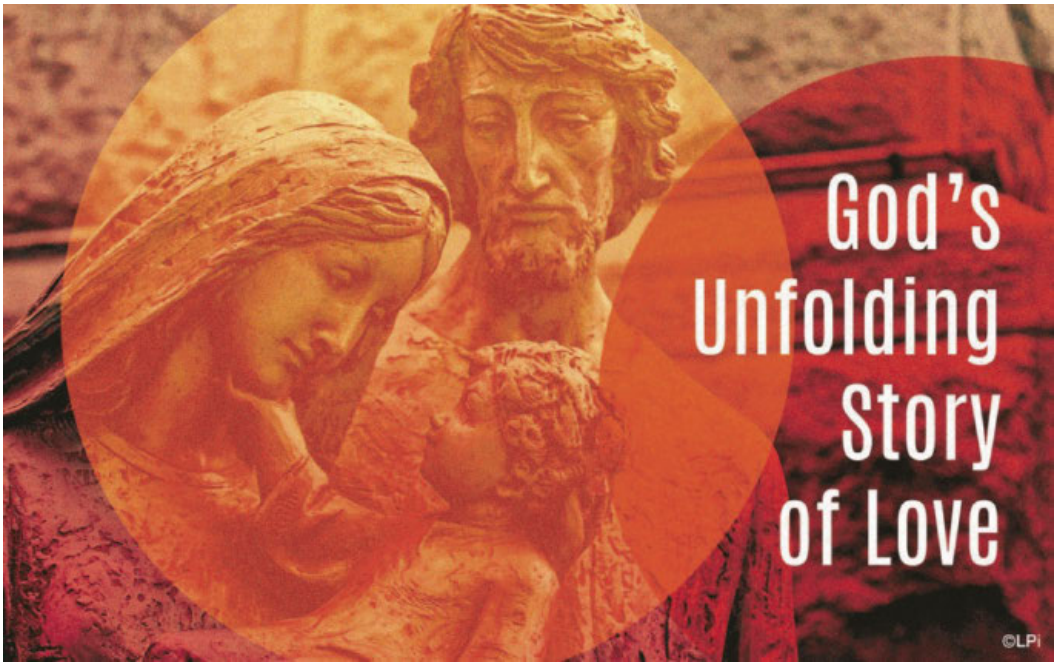
You may have noticed that I'm reluctant to return a "Merry Christmas" when wished one before December 25. I usually respond with "Happy Advent," which admittedly turns more than a few heads. Responses range from *Oh, Right! Happy Advent! to What's the matter, are you one of those people who only says a generic Happy Holidays?! (Which makes me chuckle!)*

One of the great gifts of our faith is the ability to live liturgically– according to a calendar that reconfigures the mind and heart to keep time differently than the world whizzing by around us. And so, as best I can, I reflect that in these holy seasons. It's kind of like waiting until Christmas eve or day to open gifts. But boy howdy, when the Christmas season begins, look out! You'll get a hearty *Merry Christmas from December 25 until the Baptism of the Lord on January 9. As you know, while the world moves on by December 26, we Catholics are just getting started! The celebration of Christmastide boasts several weeks of joy with little gifts to "unwrap" like the feast of The Holy Family, The Epiphany of the Lord, and of course Jesus' Baptism. More than a full UPS truck, God's graces flow freely for those who learn to kee*p time with Him.

On behalf of our staff, our corps of volunteers (of which you're welcome to join!), and Fr. Mike (our pastor emeritus residing nearby), I want to wish you a most holy Christmas season. May Our Lord who comes to save us dwell richly in your heart. It's an honor to be your pastor and I look forward to many graced filled holy days to come!

Gaudete! Gaudete! Christus est natus ex Maria Virgine, Gaudete!

Fr. Chris



THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Sun, Dec. 26	**The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph** **7:00 AM Mass - SF** **9:00 AM & 11:00 AM Mass - CH** **Special Collection - Diocesan Parish Services**
Mon, Dec. 27	**Parish Office and Adoration Chapel Closed**
Tues, Dec 28	**No Mass or Communion Service**
Wed, Dec. 29	**No Mass or Communion Serice**
Thurs, Dec. 30	**No Mass or Communion Service**
Fri, Dec. 31	**Parish Office & Adoration Chapel Closed** **6:00 PM Vigil Mass - Solemnity of Mary - CH** **Special Collection - Solemnity of Mary**
Sat, Jan. 1	**4:00 PM Mass - CH** **2nd Collection - Building Fund**
Sun, Jan. 2	**The Epiphany of the Lord** **7:00 AM Mass - SF** **9:00 AM & 11:00 AM Mass - CH** **2nd Collection - Building Fund**

CH - Church, PH - Parish Hall, PO - Parish Office, SJC - St. Joseph Center, SF - St. Francis

Welcome New Parishioners!
We welcome new Parishioners. Parish registration forms are in the rear of church for your convenience and in the Parish Office. Please notify the Parish Office if your address or telephone number changes, or if you move out of the parish.

Bulletin Article Deadline
The Deadline for submitting bulletin articles is Friday before noon. **Articles can be faxed to 638-6346, or emailed to jdoucet@stmarysfr.org**.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, December 26

M/M Leo L. Mix, Genevieve Jones, Angela & Floyd Chenevert, A.J. Bertrand, Logan Hamilton, Myles Bueche & Grandparents, Ernest, Arabella & Steven Langlois, Miriam S. Scott, Huey Guerin, Sr., Wade Langlois, Chad Vosburg, Shirley Jewell, Trey Allen, Betty LeJeune, Russell Ballard, Winona Ballard, Mel & Blake Chustz, Ted Guidroz, Chris Guidroz, Logan Gustin, Nelsi & Mary Bondi,

Tuesday, December 28

No Mass or Communion Service

Wednesday, December 29

No Mass or Communion Serive

Thursday, December 30

No Mass or Communion Service

Friday, December 31

Charlotte Fabre, Bob & Valley LeBoeuf, Bob Whitney, Una Johnson, Violet David, M/M Johnnie Major, Kaleb Clark, Megan R. Jarreau, Peggy Cline

Saturday, January 1

Charlotte Fabre, Bob & Valley LeBoeuf, Bob Whitney, Una Johnson, Travis Mougeot, Mary Agnes Burche, Wilford Porche, Sr., Robert Loupe, Kenny "Rock" Ramagos, Harris Ducote, Joe "Buck" Langlois, Veronica Fuselier, Roberta Tassin, Ryan Tassin, O.J. "Buddy" Tassin & Fly, Catherine Chadwick "Sissay" Helm, Wade Langlois, Peggy Cline

Sunday, January 2

Wade Langlois, Chad Vosburg, Marcie & Eunice Picard, Karen Boudreaux, Joseph Boudreaux, M/M Joseph Boudreaux, Sr., Hilbert & Jackie Olinde, Larry Olinde, Tony Triola, Benny Swindler, Horace Swindler, Sr., Adele Swindler, Kenny Ramagos, Mona Guidry, Louis Jarreau, Jr., Wickleffe & Mildred David, M/M Buddy Serio, M/M Percy Aguillard, Lester Aguillard, Blake Guidroz, Eugene Guidroz, Audrey Guidroz, Paul Mayeaux, Theresa & Tommy Plauche

Vocation View

By Baptism we are God's holy family today. Pray for the grace to live faithfully your vocation as a single, married, ordained or consecrated person. If God is calling you, **call or email Father Joshua Johnson at (225) 336-8778, jjohnson@diobr.org, or visit www.diobr.org/vocations.**
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All in the Family

At first glance, we can often find the image of the Blessed Mother, St. Joseph and the Christ Child intimidating — who are we to aspire to that level of discipleship? How could we ever hope to conform ourselves to that mold? Sometimes, it can even be painful — perhaps we hail from a broken family or struggle with a broken relationship within our family, or perhaps we long to be a mother or a father ourselves and that state in life has eluded us.

But the image of the Holy Family is, in reality, a beautiful invitation to us all, no matter our vocation or our state in life, and the example of Mary, Joseph and Jesus is rich with the symbolism of stewardship.

You need not be a biological mother who has carried a child in her womb to be a mother in spirit. Who in your world needs you to love them with the heart of a mother?

The same goes for fatherhood. The Church and the world are crying out for the courageous witness of Christian men like St. Joseph. Who can you love with the steadfast, self-less protection of a father?

Who in your life needs you to love them with the faithful, unconditional love of a son? Who needs your gentle and constant love as a daughter?

We are the Body of Christ, friends. Those of us rejoicing in heaven, those of us suffering in purgatory, and those of us struggling here on earth. We are the great family. Let us love each other well.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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3. Complete the online registration form.

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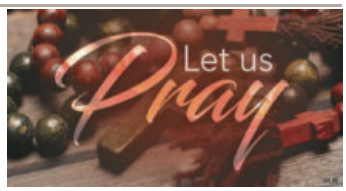
- No need for writing checks
- Financial planning allows you to align your paychecks with your parish's offertory schedule.
- Allows you to give even if you are unable to attend Mass.
- Contribution amount is easily adjusted.
- Credit card option allows you to take advantage of any benefits such as airline mileage or cash bonuses.

Upcoming Special/Second Collections Collections

Solemnity of Mary - January 1, 2022 - Sp. Collection
Building Fund - January 1-2 - Second Collection
Church in Latin America - January 15-16 - Sp. Collection

PRAYER LIST

If you wish to place a name on the prayer list or retain a name after the four week period, please call **JoNell Doucet at 638-9665**.
Please pray for all military persons and their families, and all those in need, especially, for the following people:



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Susan Thomas
Dania Tolliver
Debbie Wall
Robert Wilkins
Millie Williams
Quinn Williams
Sheena Wisler
Miranda Young

UPCOMING EVENTS & NEWS

Baptisms

We welcome those recently baptized, Wyatt Mitchell Jarreau, child of John Terry Jarreau, II and Mackenzie Mitchell Jarreau

Mass Schedule

Solemnity of Mary Mass
December 31st - 6:00 PM

Vigil for The Epiphany
January 1st. - 4:00 PM

All at St. Mary Church

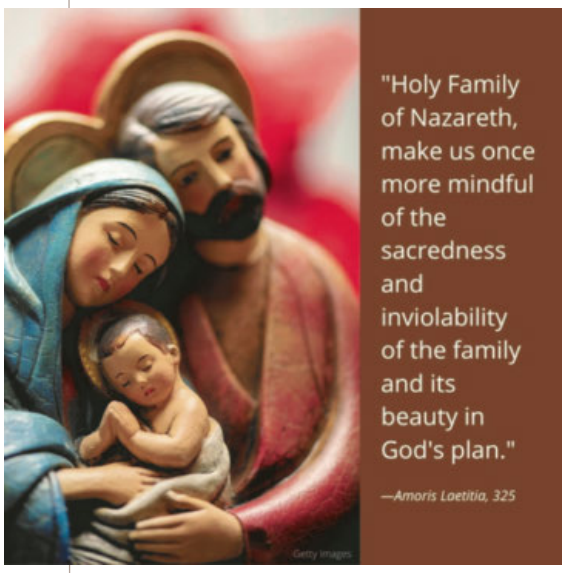
Parish Office Closure

The Parish Office and the Adoration Chapel will be closed on **Friday, December 31st** and **Monday, January 3rd** in observance of the New Year Holidays. We will reopen on **Tuesday, January 4th at 8:00 AM**

Prayer for Family

Commitment Dear God our Father, you have called all Christian families to be a sign of your love to the world. Help us to be generous with the gifts of life and love that you have showered on our family. May we share them so that our homes become true signs of unitive and fruitful love. Let us never forget to thank you each day for all that sustains us and to look to Christ, who comes to us in the events of family life, in the sacraments of the Church, and in service to the poor. In all of this, our family becomes a living expression of your Church, a hallowed home of life and love. By the power of the Holy Spirit, may all of us—spouses, parents, and children— share, as members of his Body, in Jesus' mission to build a civilization of love. Father, we ask this in Jesus' name in union with the Holy Spirit.

Amen.



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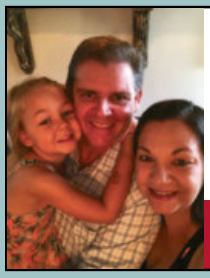

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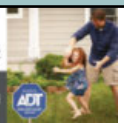

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