

5TH SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 17, 2024



St. Mary Mother of the Church
419 Doucet Road, Lafayette, Louisiana 70503
www.stmarych.com

Pastor	Reverend Cedric Sonnier	Baptism	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.
Deacons	Deacon Michael Crain & Deacon Michael Thompson	Marriages	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.
Phone	337-981-3379	Funerals	To arrange a funeral at St. Mary Church, please call the Parish Office.
Office Hours	Monday-Thursday: 9:00 AM-12:00 PM, 1:00-4:00 PM Friday: 9:00 AM-12:00 PM		
Masses	Monday-Friday: 7:00 AM in Church & Livestreamed 1 ST Fri & 1 ST Sat Masses with devotions: 7:00 AM Saturday: 4:30 PM in Church & Livestreamed Sunday: 8:00 & 10:30 AM & 5:00 PM in Church		
Reconciliation	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 Mar 17 2nd Collection for Bishop's Services Appeal
 9:00 AM RCIA (Boumans Hall)
 St. Joseph Altar Finishes this Weekend
 Mon Mar 18 6:30 1st Communion Session (Founders Hall)
 Tue Mar 19 4:00 PM Children's Bell Classes (Church)
 Wed Mar 20 6:00 PM Youth Night (Boumans Hall 6)
 6:00 PM Adult Vocal Choir Rehearsal (MR)
 6:15 PM Men's Prayer Group (BH 3)
 Fri Mar 22 5:30 PM Way of the Cross (Church)
 Sat Mar 23 3:00 PM Confessions
 4:30 PM Mass
 Sun Mar 24 Palm Sunday (Blessing of Palms)
 9:00 AM RCIA (Boumans Hall)
 10:30 AM Children Ringing at Mass (Church)

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon Mar 18 7:00 AM

Barbara "Nina" Sonnier; J. David Duplantis; Ian Landry (living)
 Thomas Higginbotham

Tue Mar 19 7:00 AM

Barbara "Nina" Sonnier; J. David Duplantis; Denise Mire

Wed Mar 20 7:00 AM

Fr. Cedric Sonnier (living); Barbara "Nina" Sonnier;
 J. David Duplantis; Melaine Sebastian

Thu Mar 21 7:00 AM

Barbara "Nina" Sonnier; J. David Duplantis; Warren Guidry;
 Jacques "Jaco" Judice

Fri Mar 22 7:00 AM

Barbara "Nina" Sonnier; J. David Duplantis;
 Sophia DiGiglia (living)

Sat Mar 23 4:30 PM

George Latiolais; James "Mickey" Marceaux; Mary LeBlanc;
 Barbara "Nina" Sonnier; J. David Duplantis; Thomas Foard;
 Eddie & Johanne Moody; Shirley Guilbeau; Ron Gauthier;
 Reeves Gauthreaux; James Crain; Lauren Paige Johnston;
 Irby & Inez Gaudin; Mary Margaret Camalo (living);
 June & Denise Concienne; Emile & Lessie Concienne;
 Warren Guidry; Judy Pellerin; Marion Cortez

Sun Mar 24 8:00 AM

Diana Gesser; Dr. Dean Keeley; Sophia DiGiglia (living);
 Dr. Oran Toce; Mary LeBlanc

Sun Mar 24 10:30 AM

Barbara "Nina" Sonnier; J. David Duplantis; Marie A. Garrett;
 Sally Ann Locus; Sandy Aguiard; M/M Herman Gesser Sr;
 Tim Rushing; Maggie McKethan; Ray Bergeron

Sun Mar 24 5:00 PM St. Mary Parishioners

SICK IN THE PARISH

Please pray for: Thad Doucet; Jeannine Sibille; Cile Martin;
 Larry Diaz; Mel Caldwell; Glenda Huval; Douglas Cochrane;
 Gertrude LeBlanc; Carolyn & Keath Perron; Kasey Belugum;
 Mary Pat Keeley; Audrey Thibodeaux; Pat Sibille;
 Judy Johnson; Krieg Sibille; Yvonne Bienvenu; Susan Schwing;
 Nathaniel Gabish; Jessica Farrington; Craig & Susan Andrew;
 Eleanor Hebert; Arlene Koffskey; Michael Viator; Phil Mayers;
 Emily Duhon; Mary Margaret Camalo; Anne Bourgeois;
 Ashley Blanchard; Brooks Citron; Emile Concienne.



OFFERTORY

OFFERTORY FEBRUARY	\$ 103,800.87
Capital Improvement	\$ 12,938.00
Catholic Charities of Acadiana	\$ 4,386.00
BSA	\$ 874.00
TOTAL FEBRUARY	\$ 121,998.87

MARCH 18 - 24 HAPPY BIRTHDAY ST. MARY PARISHIONERS

Mon March 18

James Broussard
 Sophia Carriere
 Peter Fruge
 Michael Kennedy
 Ian Landry
 Maureen Whitehead

Tue March 19

Earnest Anselmo, III
 Clay Chandler, Sr.
 Thomas Danton
 Stephanie Guardia
 Gerald Guilbeau
 Margaret Holland
 Ryder Roma
 Allie Schexnayder

Wed March 20

Dr Jerome Alesi
 Juliette Angelle
 Marae Carriere
 Cithlally Castille
 Amber David
 Ella Sheets
 Catherine Whitehead

Thu March 21

Kathy Adley
 Michael Alexander
 Tara Blanchard
 Mary Fontenot
 Joseph Giglio, III
 Clay Grant
 Virginia Guilbeau
 Sherrie Lafleur
 Gary Maurin
 Avery Zito

Fri March 22

Logan Burks
 Mary Domingue
 Everett Durel
 Lucretia Huval
 Betty Koury
 Earl O'Neal
 Francis Richardson
 Layne Robinson
 Bill Roza
 Louis Soileau

Sat March 23

Marie Breau
 Taylor Fitch
 Anna Hebert
 Daniel Journic
 Nicole Patin
 Emma Warren
Sun March 24
 Whitney Ashy
 Julie Bacon
 Michael Billeaudeau

Matthew Domas

Miles Eble
 Cara Gerdes
 James Hutchison, III
 Nicholas Knight
 Andrew Lege
 Michele Manuel
 Hunter Orsak
 Jacey Simon
 Nicholas Taylor
 Jerry Vinning
 Amelia Wyble
 Ashton Wyble

GOD'S HOUSEKEEPERS

Purificator for March: Carol Duplechin

March 21-22	Darlene LeBlanc & Nanette Fisher
March 28-29	Janeane deClouet & Wanda Romero
April 5	Gerry Horaist & Becky Latiolais
April 11-12	Jan Vinning & Peggy Sonnier
April 18-19	Teresa Fraser & Shirley LeBreton

THE DIVINE MERCY CHOIR



2024 U.S.A.
CONCERT TOUR

**Coming to the Diocese of
Lafayette for two nights**

FAITH AND MUSIC

April 1, 2024 @ 6:30PM
Saint Bridget Catholic Church
Lawtell, LA
3933 Hwy 35
Opelousas, LA 70570

April 2, 2024 @ 6:30PM
St. Mary Mother of the Church
419 Doucet Road
Lafayette, LA 70503

St. Mary Mother of the Church and St. Bridget Catholic Church invites you to hear “The Music of Saint Faustina,” a live concert by The Divine Mercy Choir from Vilnius. The concert begins at 6:30PM on April 1 at St. Bridget Catholic Church in Lawtell and 6:30PM on April 2 at St. Mary Mother of the Church in Lafayette. The event features a multi-media presentation explaining the history and significance of the Original Image of Divine Mercy and a concert exhibiting the ancient sacred music that would have been familiar to Saint Faustina herself. The spoken portion of this event will be in English, however, the choir sings in Lithuanian and Latin. Concert attendees will receive Librettos with translations and information on each musical piece.

Visit [Divine Mercy Choir Concert Tour 2024 — Original Divine Mercy Institute](#) for more info.

HOLY WEEK

Palm Sunday Weekend, March 23-24
Blessing of Palms at all Masses

Holy Thursday, March 28
Incense will be used

Mass begins at 7:00 PM
Adoration after Mass till 10:00 PM
(Collection for St. Mary Charities)
There is **NO 7:00 AM Mass** today.

Good Friday, March 29

Service begins at 3:00 PM
(Collection for the Holy Land)
There is **NO 7:00 AM Mass** today.

Easter Vigil, March 30
Incense will be used

Mass begins at 8:00 PM
(2nd Collection for St. Mary Charities)
There are **NO Confessions** today.
There is **NO 4:30 PM Mass** today.

Easter Sunday, March 31

Masses are: 8:00 & 10:30 AM
(2nd Collection for St. Mary Charities)
There is **NO 5:00 PM Mass** today

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EASTER FLOWER MEMORIALS AND DONATIONS

Please call the Church Office, 981-3379, during regular business hours in order to make your donation towards Easter flowers in memory of a deceased loved one.

ROSARY AND NOVENA

The rosary is recited at St. Mary every **Friday before the 7 AM Mass**. Novena to the Blessed Virgin Mary is recited every **Thursday after the 7 AM Mass**.

ST. MARY

EARLY LEARNING CENTER 2024-2025 REGISTRATION

Registration for 2024-2025 is **open**. We accept students between the ages of 12 months and four years old. St. Mary ELC is a hands-on, developmentally appropriate school, that meets the needs of the "whole" child. For more info, contact Ms. Dina Castille, Principal, at 337-984-3750 or visit: stmaryelc.org.

LENT ACTIVITIES

- Way of the Cross at 5:30 PM: **March 22**.
- Contributions to St. Joseph's Altar in the Vestibule of Church are being taken through this weekend, **March 16-17**.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

FIRST COMMUNION SESSION

First Communion session for students and their parents is scheduled for **Monday, March 18, 6:30 PM**, in Founders Hall.

FIRST COMMUNION RETREAT

First Communion Retreat is scheduled for students and their parents on Saturday, **April 20**, in Founders Hall beginning at 9:00 AM.

FIRST COMMUNION

The sacrament of First Communion will be Saturday, **April 27, 10:00 AM**. Please pray for our First Communicants.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

ST JOSEPH'S ALTAR

Our St. Joseph's Altar is set up in the Vestibule. This is **not** a traditional altar but will be used to collect pantry staples to be donated by you, our parishioners, to local families in need.

Collection for the St. Joseph Altar will **end this weekend, March 17**. Suggested serving size is to feed a family of four. Any questions can be directed to Anna at annaelledge@yahoo.com.

Suggested items include:

Flour	Sugar	Beans
Olives	Oil	Canned Tuna
Rice	Pasta	Bottled Water
Corn	Crackers	Pasta Sauce
Goldfish	Jam	Fig Preserves
Jellies	Honey	Minestrone Soup
Breadsticks		

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Easter Egg Hunt

KC's invite St. Mary children ages 4-12, to an Easter Egg Hunt, Sunday, **March 24**, at the Knights of Columbus Hall on Rena Drive. The hunt is from 1:00 to 3:00 PM. Please arrive at 12:30 PM. Bring only your Easter basket for gathering Easter treats.

ADORATION

MINI PILGRIMAGES

The seventh pilgrimage will be **Thursday, April 11**. We will be going to St. Peter – Washington, Our Lady Queen of Angels – Opelousas, St. Ann – Mallet, St. Charles Barromeo – Grand Coteau.

Depart St. Mary Church after the 7:00 AM Mass. A lunch stop will be planned. No reservations required, however, we would like to know how many will be participating. Please email stmaryparishoutreach@gmail.com or call the church office at 337-981-3379.

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 **March 13**. For more information, contact the church office.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

St. Joseph's Diner in Lafayette is in need of volunteers. Servers are needed at noon. If you are interested in being a part of this group to help out a couple of times during the week or month, please call the church office for further information.

ENGAGED COUPLES

Spend a weekend away from the cares and distractions of everyday living. Attend a **Catholic Engaged Encounter Weekend**. The weekend is open to any engaged couple wanting to prepare for a deeper more meaningful life together in a marriage recognized by the Catholic Church according to its Church law. Upcoming weekend date is **April 26-28**. For cost of weekend, other dates, and to learn more, visit our website at www.lafayettecee.org or contact **Paul & Carolyn Trahan** at (337)254-8947.

VERITAS (Misson of Truth)

Christian advocate, acclaimed actor, inspiring speaker, iconic portrayal of Jesus, and philanthropic leader – Jim Caviezel will be at the Cajundome Convention Center, **April 13**. Limited tickets are available. For more information on being a sponsor, or to purchase tickets, contact Morgan Garcia-Prieto at 337-889-5345 or email: mgarciaprieto@jgacademy.org. This event is being organized by John Paul the Great Academy.