

PALM SUNDAY

MARCH 24, 2024



St. Mary Mother of the Church
419 Doucet Road, Lafayette, Louisiana 70503
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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		
Phone	337-981-3379		
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	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.
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	Funerals	To arrange a funeral at St. Mary Church, please call the Parish Office.

THIS WEEK

Morning Prayers Monday thru Friday 6:25 – 6:45 AM
Reconciliation Monday thru Friday 6:35 – 6:55 AM

Sun Mar 24 Palm Sunday (Blessing of Palms)
 9:00 AM RCIA (Boumans Hall)
 10:30 AM Children Ringing at Mass (Church)

Wed Mar 27 6:00 PM Youth Night (Boumans Hall 6)
 6:15 PM Men's Prayer Group (BH 3)

Thu Mar 28 7:00 PM Holy Thursday Mass
 (Collection for St. Mary Charities)
 No 7:00 AM Mass today
 Parish Office Closed

Fri Mar 29 3:00 PM Good Friday Service
 (Collection for the Holy Land)
 No 7:00 AM Mass today
 Parish Office Closed

Sat Mar 30 No 3:00 PM Confessions
 No 4:30 PM Mass
 8:00 PM Easter Vigil Mass
 (2nd Collection for St. Mary Charities)

Sun Mar 31 Easter Sunday
 8:00 & 10:30 AM Masses
 No 5:00 PM Mass today
 (2nd Collection for St. Mary Charities)

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon Mar 25 7:00 AM

Barbara "Nina" Sonnier; J. David Duplantis; Tim Rushing;
 Genevieve Meaux (living)

Tue Mar 26 7:00 AM

Barbara "Nina" Sonnier; Elizabeth LeDoux (living); James Crain;
 J. David Duplantis; Judy Johnson (living); Don Johnson;
 Michael LeDoux (living)

Wed Mar 27 7:00 AM

Fr. Cedric Sonnier (living); Barbara "Nina" Sonnier;
 J. David Duplantis; James Crain

Thu Mar 28 No 7:00 AM Mass

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 James Crain; All Souls

Fri Mar 29 No 7:00 AM MASS

Sat Mar 30 No 4:30 PM MASS

Sat Mar 30 8:00 PM

Barbara "Nina" Sonnier; J. David Duplantis; Thomas Foard;
 Reeves Gauthreaux; Toni Stonecipher (living); Claire Bohn;
 Eddie & Johanne Moody; Shirley Guilbeau; Ron Gauthier;
 Bill Stonecipher; Andre Holloway; Nancy Cech;
 George Latiolais; James "Mickey" Marceaux;
 St. Mary Parishioners

Sun Mar 31 8:00 AM

George H. Cole; Joe "Bud" Ardoine; Rena & Andrew Broussard;
 Diana Gesser; Dr. Dean Keeley; Dr. Oran Toce; Toby Cortez;
 Margaret Rucks; Patricia Renfro; James Crain; Chris Cashen;
 Lauren Paige Johnson; Ruby & Pershing Cashen;
 Barbara "Nina" Sonnier

Sun Mar 31 10:30 AM

Ray Bergeron; Tim McCoy Family (living); Maggie McKethan;
 J. David Duplantis; Marie A. Garrett; Arthur J. LeBreton Sr.;
 Sally Ann Locus; Sandy Aguillard; M/M Herman Gesser Sr.;
 Tim Rushing; Fr. Mark Beard; Belinda Russo; Ron Gauthier;
 Greg Long; Sara Johanna Herpin; Margaret Rucks;

Sun Mar 31 No 5:00 PM MASS



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 25 - 31

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

ST. MARY PARISHIONERS

Mon March 25	Charles Fontenot	Mary Gretchen Guilliot
David Homan	Judy Johnson	Davis Lerille
Susan James	Jaimie Lacombe	Monica Melancon
Donna LaCombe	Dr. Daniel Murphy	Sat March 30
John Picard	Laura Owens	Kay Benoit
Terry Reddick	Ansley Robinson	Lillian Chandler
Anna Thibodeaux	Sophia Sabbo	Dee Daigle
	Elizabeth Tuminello	Brandt Etier
Tue March 26		Clinton Leach
Heather Augustin	Jeremiah Carriere	Joel Prelop
Jack Bishop	Amy Francois	Mary Robertson
Dr. Stuart Clark, IV	Elizabeth Green	Doris Rowan
Michelle Daigle	Jacqueline Hargroder	Emma Shamburger
Gertrude LeBlanc	John Mansfield	Sun March 31
	Vickie Reddick	Chip Castille
	Gerald Trahan	Patrick Killeen, Sr.
Wed March 27	Harold Melancon	Angela Moliere
Charles Angelle	Louvie Owens	Ja'kevan Mouton
Katie Colvin	Andrew Zito	Catherine Nichols
Ashton Dupuis	Bryan Doucet	Morgan Thibodeaux
Byron Dutel	Nicholas Foreman	

SICK IN THE PARISH

Please pray for: Thad Doucet; Jeannine Sible; Cile Martin;
 Larry Diaz; Mel Caldwell; Glenda Huval; Douglas Cochrane;
 Gertrude LeBlanc; Carolyn & Keath Perron; Kasey Belgum;
 Mary Pat Keeley; Audrey Thibodeaux; Pat Sible;
 Judy Johnson; Krieg Sible; 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.

DIED IN CHRIST

Louise Short, wife of Karl Short
Phyllis Perron, sister of Keath Perron

GOD'S HOUSEKEEPERS

Purificator for March: Carol Duplechin
 March 28-29 Janeane deClouet & Wanda Romero
 April 5 Gerry Horaist & Becky Latiolais

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.

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GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION

Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land, where they are now less than 2% of the population. Your support is essential to help the Church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools, and offer religious education. The Pontifical Good Friday Collection also helps to preserve the sacred shrines of Christianity, including in Jerusalem, Nazareth, and Bethlehem, to name only a few.

The pandemic had hit Christians in the Holy Land particularly hard. Most of them depend on pilgrimages for work. The war made their situation even more dramatic. In these times of crisis, the Pontifical Good Friday Collection is necessary to meet the basic needs of the People of God still living in this Land and to maintain a Christian presence where the Church was born.

When you contribute to the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, you join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land. For more information about Christians in the Holy Land, visit www.mygranciscan.org or www.custodia.org.

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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.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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

THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our St. Joseph's Altar. Your contributions were donated to local families in need. May God continue to bless your generosity for this worthy cause.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Easter Egg Hunt

KC's invite St. Mary children ages 4-12, to an Easter Egg Hunt, this 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.

ST MARY VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (VBS)

July 8-12



This year's theme is **Scuba**. Take kids deep into an amazing underwater adventure where they'll experience the ever-flowing, never-ending love of God. At Scuba VBS, kids will be immersed in the Word and discover what living water is really all about!

Online registration begins Monday, April 8.

VBS is open to children entering 1st grade through 4th grade.

VERITAS (Mission 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@jpcacademy.org. This event is being organized by John Paul the Great Academy.

ST. MARY ELC 2024-2025 REGISTRATION

Registration for 2024-2025 is **open**. We accept students between the ages of 12 months and four years old. For more info, contact Ms. Dina Castille, Principal, at 337-984-3750 or visit: stmaryelc.org.