

1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT DECEMBER 3, 2017



Coming Events

Sunday, December 3

Bishop Medal of Service Awarded
at the 10:30 AM Mass
Parish Christmas Social, 6:00 PM
Christmas Giving Tree

Wednesday, December 6

Confessions, 6:30—8:00 PM

Thursday, December 7

Day of Adoration 7:30 AM—6:00 PM

Friday, December 8

Feast of the Immaculate Conception
Masses 7:00 AM; 12:30 PM; 6:00 PM
Happy 42nd Anniversary St. Mary Parish

Sunday, December 10

Christmas Giving Tree

St. Mary Mother of the Church

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Pastor	Rev. Harold J. Trahan	Baptism	Expectant parents should register for Baptism Class four to six months before the child's birth. Baptismal classes are held once every month. Baptisms are celebrated once per month on Saturday at 10:00 AM or periodically during the year at the Sunday 10:30 AM Mass.
Phone	337-981-3379	Marriages	St. Mary Church is available for weddings of registered parishioners and those interested in becoming parishioners. The pastor should be contacted 9-12 months before the wedding date.
Office Hours	Monday-Thursday: 9:00 AM-12:00 PM, 1:00-4:00 PM Friday: 9:00 AM-12:00 PM	Funerals	The pastor should be contacted immediately after the death of a loved one. Funeral plans should be discussed with the pastor prior to making final arrangements at the funeral home.
Masses	Monday, Wednesday-Friday: 7:00 AM Saturday: 4:30 PM Sunday: 8:00, 10:30 AM, & 5:00 PM		
Reconciliation	Saturday: 3:00-4:00 PM Sunday: 9:45—10:15 AM Monday, Wednesday-Friday: 6:45 AM		

THIS WEEK

Morning Prayers Monday thru Friday 6:30 – 6:45 AM

SUN	Dec 3	1 st Sunday of Advent 2 nd Collection St. Mary Capital Improvement Christmas Giving Tree (Vestibule) 9:00 AM CCD Program (School) 10:30 AM Bishop's Medal of Service Award 10:30 AM Children's Church (Church/School) 10:30 AM Bells of St. Mary Ringing at Mass 6:00 PM Parish Christmas Social (Parish Hall)
TUE	Dec 5	4:30 PM CCD Elementary Program (School) 7:00 PM Life Teen (School)
WED	Dec 6	6:30 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal (Ministry Room)
THU	Dec 7	7:30 AM to 6:00 PM Day of Adoration (Ch)
FRI	Dec 8	Immaculate Conception (Holy Day) Masses are: 7:00 AM; 12:30 PM; & 6:00 PM
SAT	Dec 9	10:00 AM Baptismal Seminar (Parish Hall)
SUN	Dec 10	2 nd Sunday of Advent 2 nd Collection Retired Religious Fund Christmas Giving Tree (Vestibule) 9:00 AM CCD Program (School) 10:30 AM Children's Church (Church/School) 6:00 PM Life Teen (Parish Hall) 6:00 PM Edge Jr. High CCD Program (School)

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon	Dec 4	7:00	Ronnie Gibbens; Rosemary Dartez
Tue	Dec 5	7:00	Communion Service
Wed	Dec 6	7:00	Bill Stonecipher
Thu	Dec 7	7:00	Laura Daigle
Fri	Dec 8	7:00 AM	Gertrude & Dudley Lastrapes Sr.; George Cole; A.J. Mire Family; David F. David
		12:30 PM	Albert Moliere Jr.
		6:00 PM	Sick & Homebound of the Parish
Sat	Dec 9	4:30	Jackie Bouligny; Larry Guidry; George Scott; Frank Gorman; George Cole; Peter Pellerin; Helen & Nelson Broussard
Sun	Dec 10	8:00	Ronnie Gibbens; Patsy Robicheaux; Dr. Dean Keeley; Gerry Guidry; Beulah S. Guidry
		10:30	William Bishop; Stephen Comeaux; M/M Herman Gesser Sr.; Gayle Scott; Faye Marie Gesser; Micky Babin; Willa Mae Roza
		5:00	St. Mary Parishioners

SICK IN THE PARISH

Please pray for:

Loraine Namias; Thad Doucet; Tom Martin; Alice Carlin;
Vance Carlin; Jerry Sibille; Billie Hebert; Jeannine Sibille;
Carolyn Kreig; Grant Elledge; Sammy Guilbeaux;
Stephanice Davis; Lawana Carlin; Mason Sonnier;
Carolyn Perron; Maddox LeBlanc.

GOD'S HOUSEKEEPERS

Purificator for December: Vickie Carney
December 7-8 Kayla Matte Volunteer needed
December 14-15 Miriam Ellis & Volunteer needed



NOVEMBER FINANCIAL REPORT

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Sunday Weekly Offertory	\$53,782.00
Average Weekly Offertory	\$13,445.50

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS COLLECTION

November	\$ 5,943.00
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TOTALS: NOVEMBER 2017

Total Parish Income	\$59,725.00
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SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

St. Mary Charities	\$ 1,060.00
Camp. For Human Dev.	\$ 1,209.00
Mission Speaker	\$ 6,461.00

DECEMBER 4 - 10 HAPPY BIRTHDAY ST. MARY PARISHIONERS

Mon December 4	Katherine McCormick	Sat December 9
Chris Doucet	Lisa Richard	Carolyn Danton
Mark Duhe	Peter Saab	Jeff Davis
Benjamin Frizzell	Linda Savoy	Kerry Frey
Christian Leon	Timothy Whipple	Margaret McCormick
Nathan Martin	Colton Yergeau	Amelia Smith
Kelly Ortemond	Thu December 7	Ashley Sterling
Tue December 5	Betty Billeaud	Carah Stuart
Brad Bodin	Emmaline Bishop	Brandi Stutes
Marcelle Foret	Brandon Gannon	Sara Yentzen
Marcie Yeager	Christy Ridling	Sun December 10
Wed December 6	Fri December 8	Mary Courville
Charles Delcambre	Cooper Bolivar	Rene Hollier
Trent Folse	David Bonnette	Matthew Rongey
Erin Garrett	Mary Boudreau	Diane Weber
Jacques Gisclair	Camille Grimley	

FLOWER MEMORIAL DECEMBER 8

In memory of all of the deceased members of
St. Mary Altar Society

**St. Mary Mother of the Church
Annual Financial Report
July 1, 2016 - June 30, 2017**

Revenues and Expenses

Income

¹ Offertory	\$	827,435	¹
¹ Capital Improvement Collections		76,681	¹
Centennial Campaign Rebate		110,633	
Other Donations		56,878	
Total Income	\$	<u>1,071,627</u>	
Expenses	\$	817,336	
Net Income	\$	<u><u>254,291</u></u>	

¹ **Offertory declined \$1,000 per week, Capital Improvement declined \$1,000 per mt**

Assets and Net Assets

Assets

Cash	\$	559,686	
Buildings, Contents, and Land		7,628,280	
Total Assets	\$	<u><u>8,187,966</u></u>	

Liabilities and Net Assets

² Longterm debt	\$	0	²
Payables	\$	5,933	
Net Assets		8,182,033	
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$	<u><u>8,187,966</u></u>	

² **Debt paid in Dec 2012; using "pay as you go" approach for capital improvements.**

Schedule of Cash

Mass Stipends	\$	13,716	
Altar Society		1,140	
St. Mary Charities		25,734	
Capital Improvements Reserve		76,681	
Property & Liability Insurance Reserve		36,437	
³ Centennial Campaign Reserve		110,633	
Operating Reserve		295,345	
Total Cash Assets	\$	559,686	

³ **30% of parishioners' contributions to the Centennial Campaign is returned to parish; to be used in future for repairs and replacements of roofs; parish has 40,000 sq ft of roofs**

If you have any questions about this report, please contact a Parish Council member

Parish Council (2016-2020)

St. Mary Mother of the Church



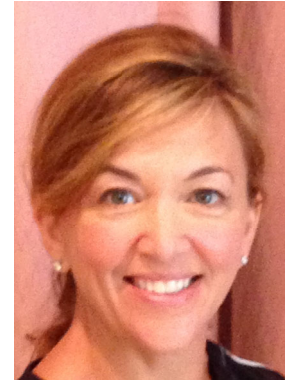
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Mass Schedule for Christmas Weekend

Sunday Obligation

Saturday, Dec 23, Anticipated
4:30 PM

Sunday, Dec 24
8:00 & 10:30 AM
(No 5:00 PM Mass)

Christmas Obligation

Sunday, Dec 24, Anticipated
4:00 & 6:00 PM
2nd Collection is for St. Mary Charities

Monday, Dec 25
8:30 AM & 5:00 PM
(No 7:00 & 10:30 AM Masses)
2nd Collection is for St. Mary Charities



LITURGY

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Holy Day of Obligation

Friday, December 8 is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. This is a Holy Day of Obligation and Masses are: 7:00 AM; 12:30 PM and 6:00 PM. We do not have an anticipated Mass for the Holy Day.

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.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

December 19, 7:00 PM

All are invited to a St. Mary Christmas Concert including Adult Vocal Choir, Adult and Children Bell Ensembles, and Chorale Des Amis. Bring a friend. Bring the children. Light refreshments will be available after the concert.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Bishop's Medal of Service

Congratulations to Mr. Mark Jumonville, who today at 10:30 Mass, will become the 18th parishioner to receive the Bishop's Medal of Service.

Deceased Recipients

Amelia Mahtook	(1995)
Nelson Waguespack	(1996)
Enid Waguespack	(1996)
Lois Landry	(1996)
Yvonne Jumonville	(1996)
Norb Koetting	(1996)
William Daly	(2009)
Harriet Daly	(2009)
Rosemary Meyer	(2012)

Living Recipients

Raymond Hargroder	(2010)
Sue Munchrath	(2010)
Warren Guidry	(2011)
Will Meyer	(2012)
Barry Duplechin	(2013)
Art Garrett III	(2014)
Floyd Meaux	(2015)
Margaret Hargroder	(2016)
Mark Jumonville	(2017)

THANK YOU FROM FATHER JOHN

Dear Father Trahan and Staff, First of all, thank you so much for offering me such a wonderful weekend with your parishioners. As always, please tell them that I am very grateful for their welcome and generosity.

Most people are very hospitable! You might teach them, "Welcome the strangers," as Pope Francis said. They don't know me but they welcome me with open-arms.

I really enjoy the music, especially the 10:30am Mass. All the choir and children are super nice! Also, I like the way that you invite kids to come forward to get the bulletin.

Again, I deeply appreciate for all who collaborate with us in evangelization, that is OUR MISSION that is also the Mission of the Church.

Gracefully,

Fr. John

"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. Please also reach out to Catholics you know who have been away from the regular practice of our faith and invite them to seize this chance to begin again.

Confessions during Advent:

Saturdays, 3:00 to 4:00 PM
Sundays, 9:45 to 10:15 AM

Wednesdays: 6:30 to 8:00 PM
December 6, 13 & 20

SOCIALS

PARISH CHRISTMAS SOCIAL

All St. Mary Parishioners are welcome to join us this Sunday, **December 3**, for our Annual Parish Christmas Social, in the Parish Hall, beginning at 6:00 PM.

ALTAR SOCIETY CHRISTMAS SOCIAL

St. Mary Altar Society members and their spouses are invited to a Christmas Social, **Thursday, December 14**, in the Parish Hall, beginning at 6:30 PM.

ADULT SOCIAL

All senior citizens are invited to our Adult Social, **Friday, Dec. 15**, 11:00 AM, in the Parish Hall.

USHER'S CHRISTMAS SOCIAL

All St. Mary Ushers and their spouses are invited to a Supper, **Friday, December 15**, 6:00 PM, in the Parish Hall.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE

The St. Mary Outreach Committee would like all the parishioners to share the joy of the Christmas Season with the children in the "Lafayette Parish Homeless School Program". Visit our Giving Tree in the Gathering Area and choose a grade/age of the child you wish to share your Christmas spirit. Remember to keep the tag with the gift so that we can identify the gift with the child. Please package your gift in a Gift Bag. Bring your gift by December 16-17 weekend or before. Many blessings and thanks for helping with this project. **Delivery of gifts will be December 18.**