

4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 24, 2017



Coming Events

Sunday Mass Schedule

Saturday, December 23, 4:30 PM

Sunday, December 24, 8:00 & 10:30 AM

Christmas Mass Schedule

Sunday, December 24, 4:00 & 6:00 PM

Monday, December 25, 8:30 AM & 5:00 PM

Parish Office Closed

Monday, December 25

Tuesday, December 26

New Year's Mass Schedule

Regular Weekend Mass Schedule

Monday, January 1, 7:00 AM

St. Mary Mother of the Church

419 Doucet Road, Lafayette, Louisiana 70503

www.stmarych.com

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 24	8:00 AM Mass Sunday Obligation 10:30 AM Mass Sunday Obligation Christmas Holy Day Obligation 4:00 & 6:00 PM Masses Christmas Obligation 2 nd Collection St. Mary Charities
MON	Dec 25	8:30 AM Christmas Obligation 5:00 PM Christmas Obligation 2 nd Collection St. Mary Charities
TUE	Dec 26	Parish Office Closed 7:00 PM Life Teen (School)
SAT	Dec 30	3:00 PM Confessions 4:30 PM Mass
SUN	Dec 31	Masses: 8:00 AM, 10:30 AM & 5:00 PM
MON	Jan 1	Mass: 7:00 AM

MASS INTENTIONS

Sun	Dec 24	4:00 PM	Keith Gregory Landry; Weber Borrell Jr.; Sylvia Smith; June G. Concienne; Emile & Lessie Concienne; George Cole; Sybil & Emile Pelafigue; Sophie & Jean D. Pelafigue; Helen Palombo; Henry Cary; Volice & Nettie Neck; John Meche; Eric Domingue; Adeline Cary Duhon; Irby & Inez Gaudin; Artie & Leonard Fontenot; M/M Wilson Gannard; Sara Johanna Herpin; Rev. Joseph Brennan; M/M Ashby Landry Sr.; Bernadette & Arthur Lanclos; David F. David; Chiasson, Daigle, Jarrett, Prestenbach, Thibodeaux & Bernos Families
Sun	Dec 24	6:00 PM	Claylee Latour; Del & Emery Guidry; Louis B. Mann Sr.; George Scott; St. Mary Parishioners
Mon	Dec 25	8:30 AM	Gertrude & Dudley Lastrapes Sr.; Cynthia Babineaux; Ronnie Gibbens; Murphy Langlinais; Arthur V. Garrett Jr.; Clarisse Walters LaCombe; Eula Mae Halphen
Mon	Dec 25	5:00 PM	St. Mary Parishioners
Tue	Dec 26	7:00	Communion Service
Wed	Dec 27	7:00	Del Guidry; Artie Fontenot; Pat Hill (living)
Thu	Dec 28	7:00	Frank & Mary DiBenedetto; Ronnie Gibbens
Fri	Dec 29	7:00	George Cole; James C. Sibille
Sat	Dec 30	4:30	Jackie & Dan Bouligny; George Cole; Helen & Nelson Broussard; Dorothy Thomas
Sun	Dec 31	8:00	Joe "Bud" Ardoin; Gerry Guidry; Dr. Dean Kelley; Ronnie Gibbens; Volice & Nettie Nick
		10:30	Faye Marie Gesser; Micky Babin; Albert Moliere Jr.; William Bishop; M/M Herman Gesser Sr.;
		5:00	St. Mary Parishioners

DIED IN CHRIST

Colleen Koetting, St. Mary Parishioner

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 25-31

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

ST. MARY PARISHIONERS

Mon Dec 25

Nicholas Bellard
Christopher Cassel
Tiffany Clemency
Dave Domingue
Hugh Mouton
Gerald Sibille

Tue Dec 26

Gaylyn Hebert
Matthew Lavergne
Lucretia Manuel
Michael Manuel
Kevin McKay, III
Matthew deClouet

Wed Dec 27

Michael Blackwell
Connor Broussard
Grant Duplechien
Stuart Hulin
Elizabeth Joseph
Hannah Jumonville
Cynthia Lambert

Charlene LeBlanc

Ross Norwood
Stanton Valentino

Thu Dec 28

Katherine Hermann
Lilyann Himel
Joyce Landry

Jonathan LeJune

Stephen Morella

Nicole Palombo

Linda Talbot

Fri Dec 29

Alan Arabie

Brittany Bacon

Isaac Carriere

Matthew Delaune

Dennis Doise

Susan Eleazar

Max Hoyt

Denise LeJeune

Jason Neu

Terry Perram

Clara Pugliese

Devin Richard

Jim Thibodeaux

Sat Dec 30

Rose Beaver

Margaret Daly

Debra Degeyter

Eliza Hill

William Hollier

Timothy McCoy

Peyton Pellerin

Evelyn Savoy

Jim Venable

Sun Dec 31

Robert Foard

Collin Grant

Michelle Guidry

Christian Lane

LeeAnna McCauley

Douglas Perret

Rebecca Sebastian

Ryan Valentino

CHRISTMAS FLOWER MEMORIALS

In memory of: Horace Lagrange; Numa & Marie Landry; Henry Cary; Charles & Maxine Bluffin; Kenneth & Betty Hagerich; John Meche; Murphy Langlinais; Arthur V. Garrett Jr.; Frank & Elsie Martin; Sara Johanna Herpin; Sylvia Duhon Smith; Helen Palombo; Charles Allain; Ronnie Gibbens; Adeline Cary Duhon; John & Regina Duplechin.

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; Lawana Carlin; Sammy Guilbeaux; Stephanice Davis; Mason Sonnier; Carolyn Perron; Maddox LeBlanc; Ernest Breaux; Rita Schenck.

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 PM, Church
(Fr. Mark Thibodeaux, Celebrant)

4:00 PM, Parish Hall
(Fr. Harold, Celebrant)

6:00 PM, Church
(Fr. Harold, Celebrant)
2nd Collection is for St. Mary Charities

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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

ELEMENTARY PROGRAM

All Elementary CCD parents and children are required to attend the spring semester orientation session on **Sunday, January 7**, at 9:00 AM. The session will be held in the Parish Hall and will end in time for anyone who wishes to attend the 10:30 AM Mass to do so. This orientation counts as one of the spring semester class sessions. For more information or questions you may contact Cindy Guidry, Director of Religious Ed., at 981-3379, ext. 225 or cindy1959@cox.net.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH, EDGE, LIFE TEEN

These programs begin again, Sunday, **January 7**.

CONFIRMATION SESSION

The next Confirmation Session is Sunday, **January 7**.

FIRST CONFESSIONS

First Confessions are scheduled for **January 10, 11, 17 & 18**, beginning at 6:30 PM, in Church.

LITURGY

LITURGICAL MINISTERS' SCHEDULE

The January and February Liturgical Minister's Schedule has been mailed. You are reminded to find your own replacements if you are unable to fulfill your scheduled time. Phone lists can be picked up in the Conference Room. Thank you for your continued stewardship of time and talent to St. Mary Church.

BAPTISMS DURING MASS

The next scheduled baptism during the 10:30 AM Mass, will be Sunday, **January 7**. For more information, call the church office during regular business hours.

ROSARY & NOVENA

The rosary is recited at St. Mary every Friday morning before the 7:00 AM Mass. Novena to the Blessed Virgin Mary is recited on **Thursdays after the 7:00 AM Mass**.

TRAVELING CATHOLICS

There are several resources available to help Catholics find a home away from home anywhere in the world. Also, many churches have their own websites. For more information log on to:

<http://www.masstimes.org>

COMMUNITY SERVICE

2nd COLLECTION

Christmas

The 2nd Collection on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day is for St. Mary Charities. Funds from this collection are used to help the needy in our parish throughout the year. Thank you for your continued generosity.

WHO WILL WIN THIS YEAR?

December 27, 6:30 PM

Join us at the Cathedral-Carmel gym as the Runnin' Revs will take on the Slammin Sems in the 12th Annual basketball game between the Lafayette Diocesan priests and seminarians. This popular, fun-filled, family event helps promote and support priestly and religious vocations. Last year the Seminarians beat the Priests 36-29. Join us to see who will win this year! Hope to see you there!

BIBLY STUDY

Bible studies at St. Mary will begin again in **January**. For more information or to register, please contact Mary Gretchen at 247-0206.

FOOD FOR THE JOURNEY

The Central Deanery of the Diocese of Lafayette presents "**Food for the Journey**", a monthly lunchtime speakers series designed to help Catholics live out our faith in our daily lives. Our speakers for January are The Seminarians of the Diocese of Lafayette. This month "Food for the Journey" will be held on **Tuesday, January 2**, at River Oaks Catering and Event Center Lafayette, 520 East Kaliste Saloom Road, beginning at 12:00 NOON. An optional buffet is available for purchase beginning at 11:30 AM. All are welcome to come "eat and be fed". Please bring a friend! Pre-registration is not required. For more information, please call Danielle Huval 232-1322.

PARISH GUMBO

Mark your calendar for **January 14**. St. Mary will host its annual Parish Gumbo in the Parish Hall, beginning at 6:00 PM. All parishioners are invited. As we begin this New Year, we are inviting you to share gumbo and welcome those who joined St. Mary Church Parish during the 2017 year.

GRIEFSHARE

St. Mary Mother of the Church is offering GriefShare, on Wednesdays, from 1:30 to 3:00 pm, beginning **January 17**. This is a support group designed to help and encourage those who have experienced the loss of a loved one. GriefShare is a video seminar session sharing important topics to people in grief. We know it hurts and we want to help. For more information and to register, please contact JoAnn LeJune at 981-3379 ext. 241.

SCHOOL UNIFORM OUTREACH

This outreach is a coalition of Lafayette Parish Churches of all denominations, whose mission is to collect and process gently used school uniforms for needy students. The collection bin at St. Mary Church is in the hallway next to the restrooms on the right side of the Church. Thank you for your generosity.