

5TH SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 18, 2018



St. Mary Mother of the Church

419 Doucet Road, Lafayette, Louisiana 70503

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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	Mar 18	10:30 AM	Bells of St. Mary Ringing at Mass 10:30 AM Children's Church (Church/School) 6:00 PM Life Teen (Parish Hall) 6:00 PM Edge (Jr. High CCD) (School)
TUE	Mar 20	3:45 PM	Children's Bells Classes (Church) 6:15 PM Bells of St. Mary Rehearsal (Church)
WED	Mar 21	1:30 PM	GriefShare (Conference Room)
FRI	Mar 23	5:30 PM	Way of the Cross (Church)
SUN	Mar 25	2 nd	Coll Aid to Church in E. Europe & Africa 10:30 AM Children's Bells Ringing at Mass 10:30 AM Children's Church (Church/School) 6:00 PM Life Teen (Parish Hall) 6:00 PM Edge (Jr. High CCD) (School)

VESTIBULE

The Vestibule will be closed Tuesday and Wednesday, March 27 and 28. The floors are being sealed and will not be able to be walked on for a few days. Thank you for your patience.

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon	Mar 19	7:00	Peace in Our Country
Tue	Mar 20	7:00	Sick & Homebound of the Parish
Wed	Mar 21	7:00	Warren Guidry (living)
Thu	Mar 22	7:00	Peace in the Middle East
Fri	Mar 23	7:00	George Cole
Sat	Mar 24	4:30	George Scott, Thomas Higginbotham; George Cole, Broussard Family
Sun	Mar 25	8:00	Dr. Dean Keeley; Ronnie Gibbens; Gerry Guidry; Joe "Bud" Ardoin
		10:30	Richard Wild; Virginia White; Jerry Sibille; William Bishop; Doris Decoux; Michael Allen; M/M Herman Gesser Sr.
		5:00	St. Mary Parish Family

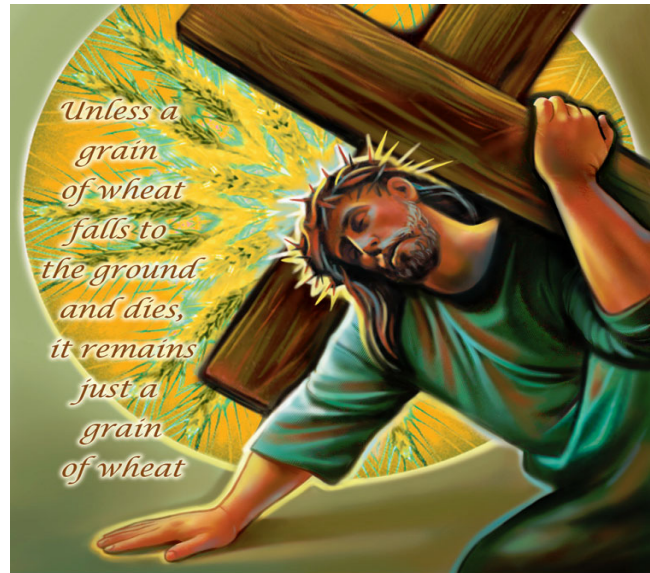
SICK IN THE PARISH

Please pray for:

Loraine Namias; Thad Doucet; Tom Martin; Alice Carlin; Vance Carlin; Billie Hebert; Jeannine Sibille; Carolyn Kreig; Grant Elledge; Lawana Carlin; Sammy Guilbeaux; Stephanice Davis; Mason Sonnier; Carolyn Perron; Rita Schenck; Don Breaux; Diane Sibille; Robert Ducharme.

GOD'S HOUSEKEEPERS

Purificator for March	– Carol Duplechin
March 22-23	Miriam Ellis & Jan Vinning
March 29-30	Carol Duplechin & Volunteer (Holy Week)
April 6	JoAnn LeJune & Jessica Bernard
April 12-13	Morella Palombo & Susan James
April 19-20	Carol Long & Dee Irion



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FEBRUARY FINANCIAL REPORT

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Sunday Weekly Offertory	\$53,901.00
Average Weekly Offertory	\$13,475.00

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS COLLECTION

February	\$ 5,735.00
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TOTALS: FEBRUARY 2018

Total Parish Income	\$59,636.00
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SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

St. Mary Charities	\$ 2,018.00
Lenten Mission	\$ 5,163.00

MARCH 19-25 HAPPY BIRTHDAY ST. MARY PARISHIONERS

Mon March 19 Earnest Anselmo, III Thomas Danton Charla Glod Gerald Guilbeau	Virginia Guilbeau Sherrie Lafleur	Sat March 24 Whitney Ashy
Tue March 20 Dr Jerome Alesi Laura Alexander Marae Carriere Amber David Ella Sheets Catherine Whitehead	Thu March 22 Logan Burks Sara Callais Mary Domingue Lucretia Huval Betty Koury Earl O'Neal Christopher Pilgrim Francis Richardson Bill Roza	Julie Bacon Michael Billeaudeau Matthew Domas Cara Gerdes Clinton Heileman, Jr. James Hutchison, III Nicholas Knight Andrew Lege Michele Manuel Hunter Orsak
Wed March 21 Kathy Adley Tara Blanchard Mary Fontenot Joseph Giglio, III Clay Grant Warren Guidry	Louis Soileau Fri March 23 Marie Breaux Taylor Fitch Daniel Journic Tonia Lerille Emma Warren	Jerry Vinning Sun March 25 Olivia Daigle Susan James Donna LaCombe John Picard Terry Reddick Anna Thibodeaux

HOLY WEEK

Palm Sunday Weekend, March 24-25

Blessing of palms at all Masses

Holy Thursday, March 29

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 30

Service begins at 3:00 PM

(Collection for the Holy Land)

There is **NO 7:00 AM Mass** today.

Easter Vigil, March 31

Incense will be used

Mass begins at 8:00 PM

(2nd Collection for St. Mary Charities)

There is **NO 4:30 PM Mass** today.

Easter Sunday, April 1

Masses are: 8:00 & 10:30 AM

(2nd Collection for St. Mary Charities)

There is **NO 5:00 PM Mass** today.

EASTER FLOWER MEMORIAL AND DONATIONS

St. Mary is now accepting Easter Flower Memorials for your deceased loved ones. Please call the church office during regular business hours for more information.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

2nd COLLECTION

The 2nd collection next weekend is for the support of the church in Central and Eastern Europe. Your assistance will provide vital resources to build faith, to educate children, and to help restore communities. For more information, go to www.usccb.org/ccee.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR CONFESSION

ST. MARY CHURCH

Saturdays, 3:00 to 4:00 PM

March 24

Sundays, 9:45 to 10:15 AM

Monday thru Friday, 6:45 AM

WAY OF THE CROSS

Way of the Cross, St. Mary Church
March 23, at 5:30 PM. (last one)

MEMORIAL GIFTS FOR BAPTISM FONTS

Those interested in giving \$5,000 Memorial Gift in memory of a loved one to help cover the cost of the new baptismal fonts should contact the pastor. The name of the Loved One will be engraved in the "Book of Memory" located in the vestibule (baptistry) of the church. The name of the donor will not be included in the "Book of Memory."

ANNULMENT PROCESS WORKSHOP

April 17, the Judicial Vicar for the Diocese of Lafayette, Msgr. Robie Robichaux, will be presenting workshops on Declaration of Nullity and what is needed to begin the process. The 2 hour workshops will be held at 10:00 AM or 6:00 PM, at the Diocesan Offices. Please register by calling 261-5623, or email to catrahan@diolaf.org. There is no charge for this workshop.

COME MARINATE IN THE WORD!

The *Jubilee of the Word Marathon – 100 Hours for 100 Years* is a unique way to celebrate the Centennial of the Diocese of Lafayette! Beginning on Wednesday, **April 4**, 12:30 PM, the Bible will be read publicly cover to cover, without pause, in the Square of St. Martinville. For more information or to register as a lector, please contact: Fr. Michael Champagne, CJC at fetedieuduteche@gmail.com or 394-6550. More information is available at www.fetedieuduteche.org and Fete-Dieu du Teche on Facebook.

SAFE ENVIRONMENT TRAINING

The 2018 Virtus online training module is available for all volunteers and employees who need to complete their Safe Environment continuing education. Only those who have completed the initial training are eligible to use the online version. For more information regarding Safe Environment, contact Sharon LaBarbera at 337-739-5020.

HOPEFEST 2018

Come support the STM Options Program and Jacob Crouch Suicide Awareness foundation with music, face painting, food stands, great people, and more! This event is scheduled for **March 24**, at Parc International, downtown Lafayette. For more information, go to <https://www.stmcougars.net/spiritual-life/hopefest>, or contact hfc9244@stmcougars.net

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

FIRST COMMUNION

Saturday, April 28, 9:00 AM

1st Communion Retreat

Saturday, May 5, 4:30 PM, Church

Sacrament of 1st Communion

FR. CONLEY'S REFLECTIONS

Fr. Harold,

This has been a most enjoyable and inspiring week of retreat. Thanks for the opportunity and the privilege of preaching this parish mission. You asked that I share some of my impressions of the St. Mary Mother of the Church Faith Community; for what it's worth, I am delighted to offer the following observations:

The Catholic faith is different in Lafayette culture... it is much stronger and more demonstrative than other parts of the country. I experience this in the number of younger people at worship at St. Mary, which is very encouraging. Also, seeing young families bringing small children to liturgy is such a positive sign. The comfort folks have with their parish church is evident in their body language and facial expressions as they enter the church building; your presence to the people is a great sign!

I reverence the music ministry at St. Mary's; the choir is obviously dedicated, and cantors and musicians take this ministry seriously. Your lectors are well prepared — some of the finest I've experienced — and they have the skill-set to proclaim the Word with energy and passion.

My time in the Reconciliation Room was absolute GRACE! Folks were engaging and authentically searching to go deeper. The vast majority of penitents had a mature understanding of sin, and a spirituality that has clearly been nourished by fine homilies and/or other adult faith formation.

I would keep encouraging those at worship to come to the front; I know how difficult it is to change people's mindset and patterns of behavior; nevertheless, it will be a better liturgical experience when we are not scattered around the church.

Jack



Fr. Jack Conley, CP
Passionist Community at Catholic Theological Union