

6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 6, 2018



MARY MOTHER OF THE CHURCH

The Assumption of Mary is symbolized by the upward motion of the four colored bands and veil, as well as the stars, which are reminiscent of the hymn "Ave Maria Stella" ("Hail, Star of the Sea"). Mary's facial features are attributed to the original settlers of Acadiana, the Atakapan people. The dove to the left represents the Holy Spirit. The cross and circle to the right represent Christ. The red of the circle makes it the Greek letter Rho, thus showing both a simplified corpus with the cross that forms the two Greek letters Chi Rho, which are the first two letters of Christos in Greek. The lily in the bottom window, which is in the Cry Room, symbolizes the ascension of Christ and assumption of Mary. The serpent recalls the prophecy in Genesis 3:15 ("I will put enmity between you and the women, and between your offspring and hers."), for as Christ is the new Adam, so Mary is the new Eve. The fleur de lis ("flower of the lily") at the bottom of the large window represents our Acadian ancestors who brought the faith to our area.

(Artist Robert E. Harmon, d. 1999, St. Louis MO)

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. The pastor celebrates baptisms once per month on Saturday at 10:00 AM.
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: 7:30, 9:30, 11:00 AM, & 5:00 PM		
Reconciliation	Saturday: 3:00-4:00 PM Monday, Wednesday-Friday: 6:45 AM		

THIS WEEK

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

SUN	May 6	2 nd Collection St. Mary Capital Improvement 10:30 AM Children's Church (Church/School)
MON	May 7	1:30 PM Suga Bees Meeting (CR)
TUE	May 8	4:00 PM Children's Bell Classes (Church) 6:00 PM Life Teen (School) 6:15 PM Bells of St. Mary Rehearsal (Church)
FRI	May 11	11:00 AM Adult Social (Parish Hall)
SAT	May 12	1:00 PM Lafayette High Choral Concert (Ch)
SUN	May 13	Happy Mother's Day 10:30 AM May Crowning during Mass 10:30 AM Children's Bells ringing 10:30 AM Children's Church (Church/School)

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon	May 7	7:00	David F. David
Tue	May 8	7:00	Communion Service
Wed	May 9	7:00	Bernadette Iverson
Thu	May 10	7:00	Sick & Homebound of the Parish
Fri	May 11	7:00	Vocations
Sat	May 12	4:30	George Scott; Larry Guidry
Sun	May 13	8:00	Anna Calvert Kraus; Gerry Guidry; Ronnie Gibbens; Barbara Stansbury; Eula Mae Halphen; Elmae Ardoin; Myrtle Cormier; Mickey LeJeune; Dr. Dean Keeley; George Cole
		10:30	Del & Emery Guidry; Wanda Savoy; Mildred Mann; Youseph Arida; Jerry Sibille; Claylee Latour; M/M Herman Gesser Sr.; May C. Louviere
		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;
Lawana Carlin; Sammy Guilbeaux; Stephanice Davis;
Mason Sonnier; Carolyn Perron; Rita Schenck; Don Breaux;
Diane Sibille; Robert Ducharme; Father Dan Edwards;
Beverly Webb; Denise Concienne; Jean C. Breaux;
Msgr. Robert G. Angelle; Douglas "Buddy" Moody;
Ashley Elledge.

DIED IN CHRIST

Juanita Cherie Cormier, sister of Jay Trahan

FLOWER MEMORIAL

Henrietta Altepeter and Rita Altepeter Schennum

GOD'S HOUSEKEEPERS

Purificator for May – Aline Scott	
May 4	Sophie Bergeron & Norma Billeaudeau
May 10-11	Carol Duplechin & Volunteer Needed
May 17-18	Sally Block & Susan James
May 24-25	Leslie Cathey & Mary Beth Broussard



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APRIL FINANCIAL REPORT

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Sunday Weekly Offertory	\$68,686.00
Average Weekly Offertory	\$13,737.00

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS COLLECTION

April	\$ 6,467.00
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TOTALS: APRIL 2018

Total Parish Income	\$75,153.00
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SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

Catholic Home Missions	\$ 900.00
Rice Bowl	\$ 476.50
Holy Land	\$ 2,091.00

MAY 7 - 13

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

ST. MARY PARISHIONERS

Mon May 7

Aimee Cotter
Aimee David
Dana Domingue
Andre Hebert
Caleb James
Peter Kaiser
Nicolas LaGraize
Madeleine McNulty
Kaliste Saloom, V

Tue May 8

Robert Malhiet
Molly McFarlain
Betty Michot
Katherine Recatto
Michael Roché
Frankie Savoy

Wed May 9

Nicholas Benoit
Lucille Cart
Brooke McMichael
Kaliste Saloom, IV

Thu May 10

Thomas Billeaudeau
Rachel Durel
Paul Hebert
Collin LeBlanc
Lila Rosales
Eric Scott

Fri May 11

Joel Babineaux
Juliette Cheramie
Ken Christian, III
Annabella Delcambre
David Orsak

Gabriella Perez
Travis Redifer
Sat May 12
Grace Andrus
Bonnie Del Greco
Elizabeth McCormick
Anne-Marie Morella
Janine Neck
Brent Palombo
Emil Regard
Gabrielle Villarreal
Sun May 13
Gerald DeJean, II
Hayley Dumont
Theresa Fassy
Carmen Guidry
Mark Jumonville
Matt Quantz



CENTURY OF LOVE



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Powerhouses of Prayer: Religious Life in Acadiana

Pope St. John Paul II wrote "the consecrated life has not only proved a help and support for the Church in the past, but is also a precious and necessary gift for the present and future of the People of God, since it is an intimate part of her life, her holiness and her mission." The centennial of the Diocese of Lafayette allows us to marvel at the incredible witness and support that so many religious communities have given to the People of God here in Acadiana.

The very beginning of the Church in Acadiana was possible because of the religious order priests who came to serve. The first recorded sacrament in the area was celebrated by a Benedictine priest, and the French Capuchins (Franciscan) had a strong presence in the 1700s and 1800s. Many of these priests served in the missionary fields of southwest Louisiana. The first religious community to take root in the diocese was the Religious of the Sacred Heart. In 1821, a small group of sisters were sent by St. Philippine Duchesne to open and operate a school for girls in Grand Coteau called Sacred Heart. Now, almost 200 years later, mem-

bers of that community continue to serve the Academy of the Sacred Heart.

The first established presence of a male religious community also began in Grand Coteau. In 1837, the Society of Jesus (Jesuits) was invited to the area by Archbishop Anthony Blanc. The Jesuits operated St. Charles College for boys from 1838-1922. The campus serves today as the Jesuit

Spirituality Center offering retreats in the model of the spirituality of St. Ignatius of Loyola.

Many other religious orders found their way to the Diocese of Lafayette because of education. In 1846, the Sisters of Mount Carmel were invited to

operate a school for girls in Lafayette. Later, these sisters would begin schools in New Iberia, Abbeville, and Rayne. The Brothers of Christian Schools (De La Salle Christian Brothers) also had a long history of involvement in education in Lafayette and beyond. The Sisters of the Most Holy Sacrament, founded in France in 1851, began teaching in Breaux Bridge in 1892. The Most Holy Sacrament Sisters worked in education and healthcare, offering services to the elderly in Lafayette.

The Sisters of the Holy Family, an African American religious order founded in New Orleans by Mother Henriette Delille, began serving in education



Academy of the Sacred Heart in Grand Coteau



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as early as 1872 when they opened a school in Grand Coteau. The Holy Family Sisters made many great contributions to the Diocese, especially in their ministry at Holy Rosary Institute in Lafayette.

St. Katharine Drexel founded the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament in 1891. Her financial assistance played a major role in the creation of 24 rural schools for African Americans in south Louisiana. Her sisters were sent to the Diocese of Lafayette to educate at many of these schools beginning in New Iberia with St. Edward's School.

Upon the creation of the Diocese of Lafayette, Bishop Jeanmard immediately sought to have a true heartbeat of prayer for the Diocese in the form of a cloistered religious community dedicated solely to prayer. During his time as a priest in New Orleans, Jeanmard served as Chaplain to the Discalced Carmelites there. He extended the invitation for them to open a new monastery in Lafayette as early as 1918, but they were unable to immediately respond to his call. Finally, in May of 1936, five Sisters from the Carmelite community in New Orleans traveled to Lafayette and established a new monastery under the title of Mary, Mother of Grace. The Carmelites remain a constant source of grace and prayer



St. Katharine Drexel

for the Diocese of Lafayette.

The Franciscan Missionaries of Our Lady came to the Diocese in 1949, when they opened a new hospital named Our Lady of Lourdes. These Sisters have continued to serve in healthcare. More recently, in 1986, Mother Teresa of Calcutta opened a convent of the Missionaries of Charity in Lafayette in service to the poor. In 1990, Bishop



Mother Henriette Deille

Flynn invited the Olivetan Benedictine Monks to establish a community in the Diocese. Today, the Mother of the Redeemer Monastery is located near Opelousas, where monks continue the Benedictine tradition of work and prayer.

Religious communities of priests have had a lasting impact on the diocese as well. The Jesuits have served in parish ministry since their arrival in 1837. The Society of St. Joseph (Josephites), Divine Word Missionaries (SVDs) and Holy Ghost Fathers (Spiritans) were all invited into the Diocese of Lafayette for ministry to black Catholics in the early 1900s. Still to this day, they continue to offer pastoral leadership in over twenty Church parishes in the Diocese of Lafayette.



LITURGY

MAY CROWNING

St. Mary May Crowning is Sunday, **May 13**, during the 10:30 AM Mass. Children of all ages wishing to participate in the May Crowning are asked to bring a small bouquet of flowers, from the garden or the store.

SUMMER ACTIVITIES

AMAZING GRACE FAMILY RACE

8th Annual Amazing Grace Family Race is a summer program based on the TV series, "Amazing Race". Come race with us around the diocese and celebrate our 100th Anniversary. The race will run **June 2-30**. Run as many legs of the race as you are able. All families are invited to participate, especially families with children ages 5-12. Be on the look-out for registration information. Any questions, contact Cindy or Tiffany at 703-3045.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Splash Canyon VBS

June 11 to 15, 9:00 AM till NOON

Children 5-10 are welcome.

Your children will learn that God keeps His promises on life's wild ride! They'll look into the Bible, God's Holy Word, and explore five Bible accounts where our faithful God keeps His promises to be with us and gives us life and hope through Jesus, our Savior.

Come along with us as we sing fun songs, do crazy crafts, eat yummy snacks, play awesome games, and more. Plus, learn that all God's promises are Yes in Jesus!

Register now! Spots are limited. Registration will end when we reach 60 children. First come, first serve.

For more information, contact Mindy Ancelet at mindyancelet@gmail.com or call the Religious Education office at 703-3045.

CHILDREN'S HANDBELLS

Handbells for children who are beginning the 2nd grade are invited to participate in the half hour classes beginning Tuesday, **June 5**, 4:00 PM. Contact Deborah Duhon at 981-3379 to register.

FROM PASTOR'S DESK

OUR BAPTISMAL FONTS - Part III

1. BOWL IS CRACKED - we recently observed that the large outer bowl is cracked, possibly damaged when being shipped from Italy. The warranty will cover the cost to replace it with a new bowl. The new bowl will arrive sometime this summer.

2. CHEMICALS IN THE WATER - there is a filter system to remove debris from the fonts, but it does not take out chemicals such as calcium. Plans are being made to add a second filter system that will remove calcium and other chemicals from the water.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who supported our Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts in their annual fundraisers. Your support to our troops is much appreciated.

EVANGELIZERS FOR CHRIST

The 72 Evangelizers will be meeting Thursday, **May 17**, 6:15-7:30 PM, in the Parish Hall.

The new Evangelizers committee will be introduced and there will be a 30-40 minute teaching on Matthew, 28:19-20 "Go and make disciples..." with a small group discussion following. For more information, contact Deacon Crain at 789-3351.

LARGE AREA RUG FOR SALE

The area rug and padding (12 ft x 18 ft) previously located in the church vestibule, are for sale. The rug is a KARASTAN which is power loomed with pure wool pile, worsted yarn, and guaranteed against moth damage. Call the pastor at 993-9122, to discuss the possibility of purchasing them.

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."

ADULT SOCIAL

SUGA BEES MEETING

The Suga Bees will meet **Monday, May 7**, 1:30 PM, in the Conference Room. New volunteers are always welcome.

LES BONS AMIS LUNCHEON

The adult social luncheon will be **Friday, May 11**, 11:00 AM, in the Parish Hall. This is our last luncheon until September. All senior citizens are welcome to join us for fellowship, bingo, and a delicious meal.

RETREATS

JESUIT SPIRITUALITY CENTER

The Jesuit Spirituality Center at Grand Coteau, announces the following retreat dates: **May 14 or 17; May 28 or 31**.

For more information on all of the retreats at the Spirituality Center, call 662-5251 or visit www.jesuitspiritualitycenter.org.

SCHOOL NEWS

LAFAYETTE HIGH CHORUS CONCERT

All are invited to attend the LHS Chorus Concert directed by Holly Grefe, Saturday, **May 19**, 1:00 PM, at St. Mary Church.

ST. THOMAS MORE CHEERLEADERS SUMMER CLINIC

The STM cheerleaders will be holding a summer cheer clinic **July 24-27** for all children entering Pre-K through 8th grade. Online registration is available at stmcougars.net, under Summer Camps. For more information, contact Colleen Dill at cdill@lusfiber.net.

GRADUATE'S PRAYER

Lord, I have knowledge, so will You show me now, how to use it wisely and find a way somehow to make the world I live in a little better place and make life with its problems a little bit easier to face.

Grant me faith and courage and put purpose in my days, and show me how to serve You in effective ways, so my education, my knowledge and my skill may find their true fulfillment as I learn to do your will.

And may I ever be aware in everything I do that knowledge comes from learning and wisdom comes from You. Amen.

Congratulations to our 2018 Graduates!