

# 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT

## DECEMBER 16, 2018



## Coming Events

**Sunday, December 16**  
Christmas Giving Tree

**Wednesday, December 19**  
Usher's Christmas Social  
"The Light is On For You" Confessions

**Monday, December 24**  
Christmas Eve Masses  
4:00 PM and 6:00 PM  
(No 7:00 AM Mass)

**Tuesday, December 25**  
Christmas Day Masses  
8:30 AM and 5:00 PM  
(No 7:00 AM Mass)

## St. Mary Mother of the Church

419 Doucet Road, Lafayette, Louisiana 70503      [www.stmarych.com](http://www.stmarych.com)

<b>Pastor</b>	Rev. Harold J. Trahan	<b>Baptism</b>	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.
<b>Phone</b>	337-981-3379	<b>Marriages</b>	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.
<b>Office Hours</b>	Monday-Thursday: 9:00 AM-12:00 PM, 1:00-4:00 PM Friday: 9:00 AM-12:00 PM	<b>Funerals</b>	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.
<b>Masses</b>	Monday-Friday: 7:00 AM Saturday: 4:30 PM Sunday: 8:00, 10:30 AM, & 5:00 PM		
<b>Reconciliation</b>	Saturday: 3:00-4:00 PM Sunday: 9:45—10:15 AM Monday-Friday: 6:45 AM		

## THIS WEEK

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

Sun	Dec 16	Christmas Giving Tree (Vestibule) 9:00 AM RCIA 9:00 AM Sunday Religious Ed (School) 10:30 AM Baby Jesus Blessing 10:30 AM Children's Liturgy and Bells 10:30 AM Children's Church (Church/School) 6:00 PM Edge Religious Education (School)
Tue	Dec 18	4:00 PM Elem. Religious Education (School) 6:00 PM Bells of St. Mary Rehearsal (Ch)
Wed	Dec 19	6:00 PM Usher's Social (Parish Hall) 6:00 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal (Ministry Rm) 6:00 PM Come Lord Jesus (Conference Room) 6:30 PM "The Light is On For You" (Church) 7:00 PM Youth Group (School)
Sun	Dec 23	10:30 AM Bells of St. Mary Ringing at Mass

## MASS INTENTIONS

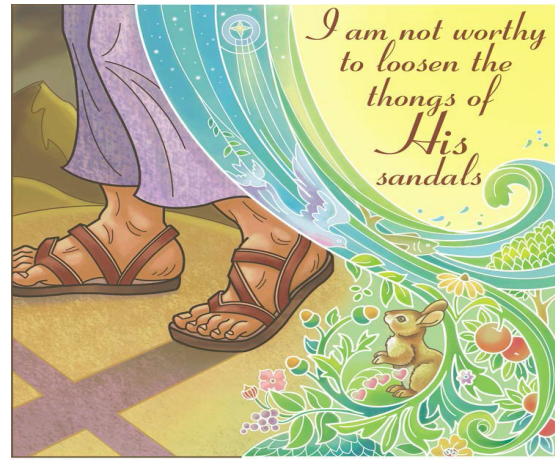
Mon	Dec 17	7:00	Mickey Burkhart O'Donnell; Jerry Howe; Larry Link
Tue	Dec 18	7:00	Gwen Romero; Keith LeJune
Wed	Dec 19	7:00	Bernadette Iverson; Larry Link; Gaston Horaist
Thu	Dec 20	7:00	Diane Sibille
Fri	Dec 21	7:00	Arthur J. Mire Family; Diane Sibille
Sat	Dec 22	4:30	Lloyd Joseph Hebert; Broussard Fmly; Margaret Baudoin; Richard Steiner; Ralph Bender; Sammy Guilbeaux; Thomas Higginbotham; Marie Julie Lawton
Sun	Dec 23	8:00	Ronnie Gibbens; George Beaver; Dr. Dean Keeley; Gerry Guidry; M/M A.P. Gautreau & Alvin; Elena C. Cannata
		10:30	Michael Chachere; June G. Conciene; Jerry Sibille; Diane Sibille; M/M Herman Gesser Sr.; Rosemarie Boudreaux; Emile & Lessie Conciene; Irby & Inez Gaudin
		5:00	Maude & Theophile Baudoin; Henry & Frances Kinsman; St. Mary Parishioners

## SICK IN THE PARISH

**Please pray for:** Loraine Namias; Thad Doucet; Alice Carlin; Vance Carlin; Jeannine Sibille; Carolyn Kreig; Lawana Carlin; Carolyn Perron; Rita Schenck; Don Breaux; Robert Ducharme; Beverly Webb; Denise Conciene; Ashley Elledge; Jean C. Breaux; Douglas "Buddy" Moody; Carrie Foard; Stacy Long; Bonnie Thompson; Judy Johnson; Lou Duplechain.

## GOD'S HOUSEKEEPERS

Purificator for December: Jan Vinning  
December 20-21 Susan James & Darlene LeBlanc  
January 5 Gerry Horaist & Becky Latilais  
January 11-12 Mary Callaway & Jan Vinning  
January 18-29 Margie Leblanc & Teresa Fraser  
January 25-26 Paula Gibbens & Mary Beth Broussard



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## NOVEMBER FINANCIAL REPORT

### OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Sunday Weekly Offertory	\$52,247.00
Average Weekly Offertory	\$13,062.00

### CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS COLLECTION

November	\$ 5,137.00
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### TOTALS: NOVEMBER 2018

Total Parish Income	\$57,384.00
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### Special Collections

St. Mary Charities	\$ 3,794.00
Campaign for Human Dev.	\$ 833.00

## DECEMBER 17-23

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

## ST. MARY PARISHIONERS

### Mon December 17

Anne Bourgeois  
Ruth Ann Gannon  
Lauren Hains  
Dorric LeBlanc  
Lesley Mancuso  
Maeve McCoy  
Timothy Norby

### Tue December 18

Carol DiBenedetto  
Randall Duplechien  
Jill Guidry  
Max Jumonville  
Dr Harold LeDoux  
Robert Rhymes  
Gabrielle Smith

### Wed December 19

Paul Buzhardt  
Haylan Chapman

Mary Coleman  
Zachary Domingue  
Charles Guidry  
Rowan Knight

### Thu December 20

Nancy Cochrane  
Karen Domingue  
Archie Ducote  
Joan Hill  
Dakota King  
Davis Lambert  
Terry Mansfield

### Fri December 21

Thomas Blossom  
Sheldon Galloway  
Graham Laborde  
Georgia Mader  
Liam Majeau  
Tyla McMichael

Tarah Raxsdale  
Ryan Reaux  
Timothy Sonnier

### Sat December 22

Adam Angers  
Bridget Fitch  
Margaret Karam  
Myra Lambert  
Chloe Landry  
Elizabeth McCord

### Sun December 23

William Bailey, Sr.  
Harry Benoit  
Beth Bishop  
Christopher Lewis  
Marjorie Morgan  
Laurie Pfeffer  
Nicholas Talbot  
Michael Veillon

## DIED IN CHRIST

**Stephanie Ann Judice**, sister of Gene Fortier  
**Sally Block**, wife of Jack Block

## *Mass Schedule for Christmas*

Monday, December 24  
4:00 PM, Church & Parish Hall  
(No 7:00 AM Mass)

6:00 PM, Church  
*2<sup>nd</sup> Collection is for St. Mary Charities*

Tuesday, December 25  
8:30 AM & 5:00 PM  
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(No 7:00 AM Mass)

## *Mass Schedule for New Year's*

Monday, December 31  
4:30 PM  
(No 7:00 AM Mass)

Tuesday, January 1  
8:00 & 10:30 AM  
(No 7:00 AM Mass)

## LITURGY

### GUEST CELEBRANTS THIS WEEK

Fr. Rex Broussard  
Monday, Dec 24 – 4:00 (Hall)

Fr. Paul Onuegbe  
Tuesday, Dec 25 – 5:00  
Friday, Dec 28 – 7:00

### LITURGICAL MINISTERS' SCHEDULE

All Liturgical Ministers are reminded to send in their unavailable dates for January and February to Deborah at [deb58@cox.net](mailto:deb58@cox.net) or call 981-3379 ext. 250, by **Monday, December 17**.

### 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.

## WORDS OF WISDOM

### Beauty, Goodness, and Truth

"In contemporary America, most people are not moved by claims of truth or goodness. Relativism has made truth to be whatever you want, thereby turning the good into whatever makes you feel good. So how can you engage the average nonbeliever? How can you place him on the road that would lead him back to the Truth and the Good? Show him beauty." (Rev. John Cihak)

## ST. MARY EARLY LEARNING CENTER

St. Mary ELC will be conducting registration in early January. Packets go home on **January 7**, for current students and **January 10**, for parishioners. Contact Michelle Guidry at 984-3750 for more information in regard to registration. St. Mary ELC accepts students from 12 months to Pre-K 4.

## SOCIALS

### USHER'S SUPPER

All St. Mary Ushers and their spouses are invited to a Supper, **Wednesday, December 19**, 6:00 PM, in the Parish Hall.

### PARISH GUMBO

Mark your calendar for **January 20**. 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, door prizes, and welcome those who joined St. Mary Church Parish during the 2018 year.

## COMMUNITY SERVICE

### 2<sup>nd</sup> COLLECTION

#### Christmas

The 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

### CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE

St. Mary Outreach Committee is sponsoring the Giving Tree in the Vestibule of the Church. The ornaments on the tree indicate male or female. Choose an ornament and bring the gift in a gift bag with the ornament tag attached to the bag, **on or before December 16**.

### RUNNIN' REVS vs. SLAMMIN' SEMS

All are invited to watch the 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Basketball Game between the Lafayette Diocesan Priests and the Diocesan Seminarians on **December 18**, 6:30 PM at Cathedral-Carmel Gym. This fun-filled family event helps to promote and support priestly and religious vocations. All are welcome.

## 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.

## 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>.

## 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.

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

St. Mary is always in need of more Liturgical Ministers. You may volunteer at any time. Volunteer forms may be found at the front entrances of the church. Ministries are: Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Altar Servers, Ushers and Greeters. For more information, call the church office at 981-3379.

## LIGHTHOUSE CATHOLIC MEDIA

New CD's are available from well-known Catholic presenters. The CD's are located in the kiosk in the Vestibule of our Church. Your donations for the CD's will keep this kiosk open.

## SAVE THE DATE

Susan Castille's Bible Study  
**March 7 – April 11, 2019**  
St. Jules Church  
*Holy Week, the Lessons of the Last Days*

## HEALING HEARTS

Healing Hearts is a Catholic support group for women, whose relationships have been negatively impacted by the pornography addiction or sexual addiction of a loved one. Meetings are held on a weekly basis. Call 404-6113 for more information and respond to the prompting.

## ST. MARY KEYS

All parishioners who are no longer involved in Church Ministry at St. Mary, are asked to return all church keys which are not currently being used. You may return your keys to the church office during regular business hours.