

Sunday, December 29, 2024 The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

GOD BLESS AMERICA

WELCOME: To all Visitors and New-comers! If you are interested in becoming a member of our church family, please call the office at (337) 364-0818 or fill out a Census Form found on the table in the entrance of Church and mail to the office.

BAPTISM: Please contact the office or Rev. James Nguyen.

MARRIAGE: Couples planning marriage should contact the office at least 6 months before the proposed date of weddings.

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE: Confessions are heard from 30 minutes until 10 minutes before weekend Masses, and from 11:30am until 12:00pm noon on weekday Masses, and by appointment.

**MASS INTENTIONS & BULLETIN INFORMATION

<u>DEADLINE:</u> Wednesday before 4:00 pm. All Mass intentions & Bulletin information turned in after Wednesday will be published in next weekend's bulletin.

LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTION & MAIL IN COLLECTION

CHURCH SUPPORT & MAINTENANCE: 12/22 \$ 1,805.00 MAIL IN COLLECTION: 12/23-26 \$ 76.00

\$ 1,881.00

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OFFERING: \$ 10.00

DONATION: \$ 5,100.00

"Thank You" for your generosity & continued support

CHURCH CLEANERS-Week-1/4-Group 1-Velma Laviolette

Happy New Year! From Father James and Office Staff



SUNDAY READINGS-

December 29-The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph-

Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 / Col 3:12-21 / Lk 2:41-52 (17)

January 5-The Epiphany of the Lord-

Is 60:1-6 / Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6 / Mt 2:1-12 (20)

ST. MARCELLUS CHURCH

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St. Marcellus Business Working Hours:

Monday-Thursday 8:30 am - 4:00 pm Lunch 11:30 am - 1:00 pm Friday 8:30 am - 11:30 am

CELEBRATING THE EUCHARIST

Saturday: 4:00 pm

Sunday: 7:00 am & 9:00 am

Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday: 12:10 pm

*First Friday of Month: Mass at 4:30pm *First Friday Adoration: 8:00am-4:00pm-Devotions Friday: 2nd, 3rd, 4th & 5th Friday of Month *12:10 pm

*Holy Hour: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & 2nd, 3rd,

4th & 5th Friday of the month at 11:00 am

First Saturday of Month: 9:00am Mass (Rosary at 8:15am followed by Devotions) Children of Mary members please arrive at church by 8:00am for Rosary

<u>BAPTISMS</u>- If you are not a registered member for our parish, there are registration census forms on the table in the entrance of Church that needs to be filled out before you can have your child baptized here. Either mail the form to the Church or put in an envelope marked "Census" and put in the collection. <u>*If you live outside of our parish</u>, you will have to contact your local church parish to get a letter stating they give permission for our Church to baptize your child here.

MA\$\$ INTENTION\$- \$aturday, December 28 / 8:30am: For All Parishioners Living & Deceased (Rosary at 8:00am)

Saturday, December 28 / 4:00pm: Johnny & Ethel Viator, For the Holy Souls of Purgatory, Polly Freyou Breaux & Family Living & Deceased, For Vocations to the Priesthood & Consecrated Life, For All Parishioners Living & Deceased (Rosary at 3:30pm)

Sunday, December 29 / 7:00ams Joann Mestayer (A), Mrs. Mary D. Robertson, Pete Bourque & Family Living & Deceased, Howard & Nickie Castille & Family Living & Deceased, Cody David, For All Priests & Deacons Living & Deceased, For All Parishioners Living & Deceased

Sunday, December 29 / 9:00am: Shirley & Roland DeRouen & Family, M/M John Inzerella Family, M/M Ernest Crochet & Family, Mathew Comeaux, For the Living: Alyssa Broussard & Reid Dore, For All Seminarians of the Lafayette Diocese, For All Parishioners Living & Deceased (Chaplet at 8:30am)

Monday, December 30 / 9:00am: Clelie Marie Hebert Moss & Family Living & Deceased, Rachel Amanda Sizemore Turner & Family Living & Deceased, For All Parishioners Living & Deceased (Rosary at 8:30am)

Tuesday, December 31 / 9:00am: For Priests & Deacons Living & Deceased (Rosary at 8:30am)

Tuesday, December 31 / 4:00pms: Janell Rivers (1st A), Gerald Laviolette, William & Dolores Dooley, For Priests & Deacons Living & Deceased (Holy Day of Obligation)

Wednesday, January 1 / 9:00ams Deceased Family Members of Joy & Danny Babineaux, Bill & Eola S. Richard, For All Parishioners Living & Deceased (Holy Day of Obligation)

Thursday, January 2 / 12:10am: For All Seminarians of the Lafayette Diocese (Holy Hour at 11:00am)

First Friday, January 3 / 4:30pms: Joseph (A) & Loucinda DuBois, Floyd & Nettie Larson & Family Living & Deceased, For Vocations to the Priesthood & Consecrated Life (Adoration at 8am-4pm, then Devotions)

First Saturday, January 4 / 9:00am: Mathew Comeaux, For All Parishioners Living & Deceased (Rosary at 8:15am, then Devotions)

Saturday, January 4 / 4:00pm: Mack & Irene Wilson & Family, Jonathan Gautreau, Jackson & Olampe (41st A) Broussard & Family

Living & Deceased, M/M Willie Dore, Randal Dore, Byron Dore, Dexter Landry, Glenn Gray & Family Living & Deceased, For Vocations

to the Priesthood & Consecrated Life, For All Parishioners Living & Deceased (Rosary 3:30pm)

Sunday, January 5 / 7:00am: Pete Bourque & Family Living & Deceased, Howard & Nickie Castille & Family Living & Deceased, Mrs. Mary D. Robertson, For All Priests & Deacons Living & Deceased, For All Parishioners Living & Deceased

Sunday, January 5 / 9:00am: M/M John Inzerella Family, M/M Ernest Crochet & Family, Mathew Comeaux, Rayward Segura, Bill & Eola S. Richard, For the Living: Alyssa Broussard & Reid Dore, For All Seminarians of Lafayette Diocese, For All Parishioners Living & Deceased (Rosary at 8:30am)

SPECIAL COLLECTION-This Tuesday and Wednesday,

<u>December 31 & January 1,</u> there will be a special collection for the **<u>Solemnity of Mary Offering.</u>**

OFFICE CLOSED-The Office will be closed for the Christmas and New Years Holidays starting Monday, December 23rd through January 3rd. We will be back in the office Monday, January 6. If you need assistance, please call the Office at 337-364-0818 and leave a message, we will check the messages daily.

TEEN LIFE MINISTRY-Ashley Menard-Leader

(337)380-3239 Anyone in 8th-12th grade & interested in attending Steubenville in June, 2025? Contact Ashley Menard for more information!

MASS TIMES FOR NEW YEARS-

New Year's Eve December 31st Mass at 4pm and New Year's Day, Wednesday, January 1st Mass at 9am.

New Years is Holy Day of Obligation.

VOUNTEERS NEEDED-On Saturday, January 11th at 10am,

We will need volunteers to take down the Christmas decorations and box and store them in shed. Need a few men to take down the Altar Wreaths and the Christmas Tree. Thank You.

2024 TAX NOTIFICATIONS-If you are interested in receiving a letter for your 2024 Church Contributions, please call the office (337-364-0818) and I will mail a letter to you. I will mail out letters to the 2023 list I have on file. If you no longer wish to receive tax notifications, please call the office to update records.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 7050-

...This Sunday after the 9am Mass, the Knights will be offering donut holes and coffee under the canopy of Church.

<u>Luke 2:46-47</u>-After 3 days they (Mary & Joseph) found him (Jesus) in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions, and all who heard him were astounded at his understanding and his answers.



<u>Divine Mercy Ministry for the Sick and Dying-</u> We, here at St. Marcellus, have a ministry of prayer for the sick, the homebound and the dying. We will pray with you at your home as often as you like. For more information, call Kathy Scott at (337)

365-5095.



SANCTUARY LAMP-

...In Loving Memory of Craig Mayard, Warren Pellerin, Goldie Moore, Elizabeth Segura, Paul & Linda Richard by Dina Mayard

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS-*These grades: 2nd grade First Communion and Confirmation classes (8th, 9th & 10th graders) is held at the hall on Tuesdays from 6pm to 7pm. Next class will be this Tuesday, January 7th.

>First Communion Parent / Teacher Meeting will be on Tuesday, January 14th at 6pm at the Hall.
>The Confirmation Retreat will be on February 21, 22 & 23 at St. Nicholas Church in Lydia.

*Elementary students: 1st, 3rd, 4th & 5th grades will come on the Second Sunday of the month, Mass at 9am and then class after from 10am to 11am at the Hall. The Next Elementary class will be this Sunday, January 12th. Please bring your lesson folders back to receive your next lesson folders.

*The High School students: 6th, 7th grades and Morality Class after Confirmation, will come on the Third Sunday of the month. Mass at 9am & then class after from 10am to 11am at Hall. The next High School class is this Sunday, January 19.

For those 8th, 9th & 10th grade students who get confirmed in 2024-2025: the Confirmed 8th & 9th grade students will come back 2025-2026 for Sacraments class, then Morality Class for 2026-2027. The Confirmed 10th grade students will come back for Morality Classes in 2025-2026 sessions.

When Confirmation gets to 8^{th} Grade the students will come back each year for Sacraments then Morality Classes.

<u>Lector Schedule, 2025 Usher, 2025 Church Cleaners, 2025 Eucharistic Ministers, 2025 Money Counters & 2025 Vocation Prayer Chalice Schedules</u> are ready & can be picked up in the folders in the front church entrance.

<u>CHILDREN'S CHURCH</u> is on each <u>Sunday</u> at the 9am mass. Father will call up the children before the readings & say a prayer then they will go in the Sacristy with the Teacher to learn a lesson on the Sunday Gospel. For children ages 4 thru the 5th grade.

EXERCISE CLASS-There are exercise classes for Seniors on Monday, Wednesday & Friday from 8:45am to 9:45am at the Hall. If interested to participate for classes please arrive at the Hall on these days to sign up. These classes are free of charge. For more information call Loney Leeson at 337-364-8888.

COME, LORD JESUS! GROUP-The following Come, Lord Jesus group in our parish is: Dan & Louise Duncan-Avery Island, 337-364-4966, meet on Wednesdays at 4:00pm. If you are interested in joining the group, please call. The group goes over Sunday Gospel, explaining God's word & prayer time.

ALTAR FLOWER FUND DONATIONS-Anyone interested in donating for the <u>Altar Flowers</u>, please contact Millie Comeaux at 337-519-2555 or mail your list to Millie Comeaux, 1901 Langston Road, New Iberia, LA 70560. **Make checks out to Millie Comeaux.**

Price for the 4 Holiday Altar Flowers<u>**\$50.00 total for all 4</u>. Price for the 1 Weekend Altar Artificial Flowers<u>**\$20.00 for artificial flower arrangement.</u>

Price for 1 Weekend Altar Real Flowers-\$65.00 for real flower arrangement. Please contact Millie if you want the Real Flower arrangement for a specific weekend so she can place order.

Please pray for those of our community who have requested our prayers: Casey Derouen, Judy Bourque, Devin Lavergne, Lula Barras, Margaret Bourque, Mary Oubre, Bailey Doré, Wilmer Sanford, Christine Bodin, Kerry Leleux, Mark Rouly, Rodney Leleux, Reagan Macicek, Michael Bourgeois Sr., Linda Escagne, Barbara Clark, Ken & Judy Broussard, Myra Derouen Boutte, Kathy Frusha Fuqua, Fisher Melder, Wilda Hite, Loretta Decuir, Barbara D. Alleman, Phyllis Aucoin, Louis Boudreaux Jr. & Sr., Fr. Manny Fernandez, Dean Lancon, Grant Darby, Michael Bourgeois Jr., Michelle Dugas, Kathy Scott, Steven Marcor, Amy K. Citrano, Dominik Citrano, Maddox Citrano, Dossie Darby, R.T. Touchet, Kim Rentrop, Freda Rentrop, Joyce Thibodeaux, Mona Doiron, Debbie Thibodeaux, Judy Landry, Zenaida Retana, Charlie Thibodeaux, Natasha & Ryan Kirkeby, Kerry Hebert, Daniel Bourque, Stefan Norris, Roxanne Lavergne, Julia Armentor, Hazel Delahoussaye, Kimberly Elizabeth Moreaux, Linda Yoder, Patrick Castille, Peggy Derouen, Debra Kennedy, Quinton Sims, Noah Daniels, Hayward Delcambre, Angelica Daniels, Johnny & Karen Broussard, Pam Jude, Michelle Thibodeaux Broussard, Wayne Derise, Mary Dartez, Kressent Landry, Dayton Boutte, Catherine Landry, Elijah Landry, Jason Walker, David Seymour, Joyleen Seymour, Barbara Boudreaux, Brandon Barbin, Cassie Lannie, Marvin Rentrop, Mary Grace Rentrop, Zoda P. Bourque, Christian James, Blair & Wendy Yoder, Mark & Karen Messinger, Katie Faulk, Edwin Mayeaux, Freddie Norris, Cody Castille, Robert LeBlanc, Geraldine LeBlanc, Lauris Land, Roy Boudreaux, Ramsey Moss, Kade Breaux, Savannah Jones, Joseph Calvin Landry, Gerald Sewell, Carmen Decuir, Lois Romero, Joyce Romero, Gretchen Lavergne, Glorious Broussard, Hypolite Meyers, Nicholas Landry, Wanda Breaux, Faith Kreamer, Jermaine Boutte, Jennifer O'Neall, Randal Riggle, Rita & Steven King, Don Simon, Jessica Guidry, Barbara LeBlanc, Amy Crochet, Alison Laverane, Bella Cervantes, William "Koiak" Broussard, Monique Lancon, Michael Norris, Denise David, Ann LaPointe, Payton Suire, Brian Delcambre, Steven Lavergne, & sick members of our church parish family, the homebound, those with a dependency, those recovering from injuries & those admitted into hospitals & nursing homes.

<u>VOCATION CHALICE</u> Each week at Mass, a family or individual is to receive the Chalice to pray for vocations. Please pick up the Chalice in the Sacristy in back of the Altar. Thank you & God Bless. <u>December / January</u>

*Betty Romero-December 29-January 5-Sunday at 9am

*Dolores Segura-January 5-11-Sunday at 9am

*Joy & Danny Babineaux-January 11-18-Saturday at 4pm

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION of the BLESSED SACRAMENT-Friday, January 3-Adoration 8:00am-4pm, then Devotions, Mass at 4:30pm. There are hours left to fill, so please consider spending one hour with the Blessed Sacrament. The sign-up sheet can be found on table in the entrance of the Church.

ST. MARCELLUS FOOD BASKETS-Food Baskets are prepared to help those who are in need. Please help us stock our pantry with non-perishable items. You can deposit your items in the corner of the front foyer of Church. Monetary donations will also be accepted, please enclose it in an envelope marked Food Pantry & drop it in the collection basket.

MASS BOOK NOW OPEN FOR INTENTIONS—Please put your list of intentions & \$5.00 per intention in a sealed envelope. >Indicate your name, address, phone number & the amount of money submitted. Put your envelope marked Masses in the collection basket or mail your envelope to the Office. MASS INTENTIONS Will Not Be Accepted Over the Phone. Forms can be found in the folder on the table at the entrance of Church.

Examples are for one intention: John Smith, or Mr. & Mrs. John Smith, or husband and wife-John and Sue Smith, or the John Smith Family. One intention is not John, June, Brock & Sam Smith. One intention is not John Smith, Don Boulder & Amy Charles. One intention is not Mr. & Mrs. John Smith & Mark.

Please pray for the perseverance of
Seminarian Anthony Phillips
Seminarian Deacon Ricky Castaneda
God our Father, thank you for calling these seminarians to
prepare for the priesthood. Grant them the grace to grow
closer to You through daily prayer. Amen.
Lafayette Vocations-www.facebook.com/lafayettelavocations
and website www.lafayettevocations.org



"The most terrible poverty is loneliness and the feeling of being unloved."

Saint Mother Teresa

FESTIVAL DE LA VIE 2025-Respect, Protect and Serve All Life together. **Saturday, January 18, 2025** at Parc Sans Souci, 201 E. Vermilion St. Lafayette, LA 70501, 10am – 1pm, Live Praise & Worship Music, Food, Family Fun & Games, Guest Speaker, prayer walk, family activities. <u>diolaf.org/ProlifeFestival</u> Join us as we pray for a greater respect for every life. Diocese of Lafayette.

JOIN IN THE GREAT NOVENA FOR THE DIOCESE OF LAFAYETTE- A 9 year novena leading up to 2033, the 2000th anniversary of our salvation. It begins Saturday, Sept. 14, 2024 on the Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross and continues until Sept. 14, 2033. 1. Pray the novena prayer every day. 2. Read the monthly reflections published for the Great Novena. 3. Observe the special days of prayer and fasting for each year. Visit GreatNovenaLafayette.com for more information.

2025 Diocesan Marriage Anniversary Mass-Couples celebrating 25, 40, 50, 60 years or more of marriage are invited to register for the Diocesan Marriage Anniversary Mass on February 2, 2025, at 2:00 PM at Our Lady Queen of Angels Catholic Church in Opelousas, led by Very Rev. Jared G. Suire. Registered couples will receive a certificate, and reserved seating will be provided for them and general seating for family and friends. Registration is required by January 24th at 12 noon. More details are available at https://diolaf.org/marriage-anniversary-mass-information.



Reflection on the Gospel-"It is through his earthly parents, loving followers of God's law and God's will, that Jesus will come to understand how beloved he is as God's chosen One. It is from listening to his mother's song, which dreams of the hungry being well fed and the lowly lifted up, that Jesus learns obedience to God's inclusive love. We too learn in our homes that we are already God's beloved children, as the reading from 1 John asserts; it is not a privilege to be earned but a gift already bestowed."

-Living Liturgy tm, The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph 2024

BISHOP'S SERVICES APPEAL-As of November 30, the Total Collected-\$8,544.00 Goal-\$8,213.00 Raised 104% of goal. Thank you for your generosity and continued support.

Pro-Life Quote-"Dearest St. Joseph...Help us to faithfully commit ourselves to the service and defense of human life—especially where it is vulnerable or threatened. Obtain for us the grace to do the will of God in all things." USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities A Prayer to St. Joseph, Defender of Life (www.respectlife.org/prayer-to-st-joseph) Copyright © 2024, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, Washington, DC. All rights reserved.

RUNNING REVS VS SLAMMING SEMS-Diocese of Lafayette Priests vs Seminarians Basketball Game-Monday, December 30, Tip off 6:30pm, at St. Thomas More High School, 450 E. Farrel Rd, Lafayette, LA. Sponsored by Knights of Columbus #1286. Adults \$5.00, Kids \$2.00 Middle School 3pt Shootout 6pm, 3pt Shootout Championship Halftime

"Whenever man attempts to do what he knows to be the Master's will, a power will be given him equal to the duty."

Venerable Fulton Sheen

Please pray for those who are in the Armed Forces:
US ARMY Firefighter-PFC-Braidyn Castille
US ARMY Tank Operator-Colin Boutte
National Guard/Army-Blackhawk Helicopter Pilot-Don L.
Romero II
AIR FORCE SPECIALIST-Mississippi-Nicholas Barras
ARMY-Drake Huval

"The Kingdom of God is within us when we love Him and are in a state of grace."

On Habitual Grace (Sp.)-Thoughts of the Curé D'Ars

OUR LADY OF THE OAKS RETREAT DATES-

Grand Coteau, LA- For list of dates or to register or info about retreats, www.gcretreats.org 337-662-5410

Men's Retreat-Rynella Area-May 15-18, 2025, call Tommy Hebert at 337-364-6946 to make a reservation.

MARCH FOR LIFE-For Life-Southern Deanery-Wednesday, January 14, 2025 Praying for an end to abortion and all pro-death activities in our nation and our world

<u>5:00pm</u>-Holy Hour of prayers, music & adoration with confession available at Grotto by Main Street Library,

6:00pm Silent Eucharistic Procession to St. Peter Church,
6:30pm Mass for Life at St. Peter Church, New Iberia Fr. David Furka will serve as presider and homilist (In event of inclement weather all activities will be moved to St. Peter Church)

ENGAGED COUPLES- Attend a Catholic Engaged Encounter Weekend. The weekend is open to any engaged couple wanting to prepare for a deeper more meaningful life together in a Sacramental Marriage recognized by the Catholic Church according to its Church law. \$275 Cost of weekends, \$125 non-refundable deposit to secure reservation, and to learn more, www.ceelafayette.org or Contact Mike & Phyllis Totaro at 337-962-5798 or reginfo.ceelaf@gmail.com 2025 Dates-1/24-26, 3/21-23, 9/26-28

RETROUVAILLE—is a ministry for troubled marriages. This program has helped tens of thousands of couples at all stages of disillusionment or misery in their marriage. The weekend provides safe setting encouraging couples to learn communication in marriage in a respectful manner. Visit www.helpourmarriage.com for more information & to register. Call 985-232-5963 / email retrovibrcomcoor@gmail.com