

# Sunday, January 7, 2024 The Epiphany of the Lord

## 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

DEADLINE: 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: 12/3: MAIL IN COLLECTION: 1/2-4 TOTAL:	1 \$ <u>\$</u> \$	1,707.00 210.00 1,917.00
SOLEMNITY OF MARY OFFERING: CHRISTMAS OFFERING:	\$ \$	711.00 15.00
FIRST OFFERING:	\$	10.00
DONATION:	\$	50.00
FOOD PANTRY:	\$	100.00
"Thank You" for your generosity & continued support		

#### TEEN LIFE MINISTRY-

Ashley Menard-Leader-337-380-3239 & Angela Meyer

#### CHURCH CLEANERS-Week-01/12-Kim Hebert

#### **ALTAR FLOWERS**

...In Memory of Robert Leslie (Death Anniversary January 5) By Don & Sally Leslie

#### SUNDAY READINGS-

January 7-The Epiphany of the Lord-Is 60:1-6 / Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6 / Mt 2:1-12 (20) January 14-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time-1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19 / 1Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20 /Jn 1:35-42 (65)

#### ST. MARCELLUS CHURCH

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**Pastor:** Rev. James Nguyen

<u>Staff:</u> Office Manager: Ann Boudreaux Receptionist/Secretary: Yvonne Hebert

<u>Trustees:</u> Mike Wattigny 337-577-4904 Catherine Simmons 504-905-1726

Financial Council Chairperson: Dan Duncan: 337-364-4966

#### **Pastoral Council Members:**

Chairperson: Wendy Segura: 337-367-1602 Vice Chairperson: Claire Larson: 337-277-9171 Secretary: Kathy Broussard: 337-352-1112

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Regional Pastoral Council: Open for Volunteer-Call the office to

Religious Education Office Phone: 337-364-9419

Coordinator-Religious Education: Yvonne Hebert 337-519-8411

**Assistant Coordinator:** Wendy Segura: 337-367-1602

#### 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: 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Friday of Month \*12:10 pm

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

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

<u>First Saturday of Month: 9:00am Mass (Rosary at 8:15am</u> 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.

#### **MASS INTENTIONS-**

**First Saturday, January 6 / 9:00am:** The Holy Souls in Purgatory, For All Parishioners Living & Deceased (Rosary at 8:15am then Devotions)

**Saturday, January 6 / 4:00pms** Deceased Family Members of Joy & Danny Babineaux, George & Lona Deslatte, Rudell Landry & Family Living & Deceased, M/M Willie Dore, Randal Dore, Byron Dore, Dexter Landry, Gerald Laviolette, Doctor Nicholas James Bellingham & Family Living & Deceased, For Vocations to the Priesthood & Consecrated Life, For All Parishioners Living & Deceased (Rosary 3:30pm)

**Sunday, January 7 / 7:00am:** Mack & Irene Wilson Family, Jonathan Gautreau, Cody David, Robert Leslie, Royal & Agnes Linnartz, LeeRoy O'Quinn, John Simon, For All Priests & Deacons Living & Deceased, For All Parishioners Living & Deceased

**Sunday, January 7 / 9:00am:** M/M John Inzerella Family, Ernest Crochet Sr. Family, Shirley & Roland DeRouen & Family, Rayward Segura, For All Seminarians of Lafayette Diocese, For All Parishioners Living & Deceased (Chaplet at 8:30am)

Monday, January 8 / 9:00am: For All Parishioners Living & Deceased (Rosary at 8:30am)

**Tuesday, January 9 / 12:10pm:** Living & Deceased Family of Denise & Johnny David, For Priests & Deacons Living & Deceased, (Holy Hour at 11:00am)

**Wednesday, January 10 / 12:10pm:** Evelyn Migues & Family Living & Deceased, For All Parishioners Living & Deceased (Holy Hour at 11:00am)

**Thursday, January 11 / 12:10pm:** Living & Deceased Family of Denise & Johnny David, For Seminarians of the Lafayette Diocese (Holy Hour at 11:00am)

Friday, January 12 / 12:10pm: For Vocations to the Priesthood & Consecrated Life (Holy Hour at 11:00am)

Saturday, January 13 / 8:30am: For All Parishioners Living & Deceased (Rosary at 8:00am)

**Saturday, January 13 / 4:00pm:** Bill (A) & Susan Broussard & Family Living & Deceased, Gayle Kinsey & Family Living & Deceased, Wilfred & Levie (B) Gachassin, For Vocations to the Priesthood & Consecrated Life, For All Parishioners Living & Deceased (Rosary at 3:30pm)

**Sunday, January 14 / 7:00am:** Cody David, For All Priests & Deacons Living & Deceased, For All Parishioners Living & Deceased **Sunday, January 14 / 9:00am:** M/M John Inzerella Family, Ernest Crochet Sr. Family, Shirley & Roland DeRouen & Family, Harry & Judith Crandall Arnold & Family Living & Deceased, For All Seminarians of the Lafayette Diocese, For All Parishioners Living & Deceased (Rosary at 8:30am)

# SECOND COLLECTION-Next Weekend, January 13 & 14, there will be a second collection for the **Property & Liability Insurance Fund.**

<u>CATHOLIC HIGH-</u> Father James and The Councils have approved a measure for this year to defray a \$500.00 Parish Subsidy fee per family which is charged to St. Marcellus Parishioners whose children attend Catholic High School for 2024-2025 school year. Limit is one per family, and there is a cap to this fund, so apply soon. Catholic High needs these forms back no later than January 31, 2024. <u>Please put your completed CHS Parish Subsidy form in envelope marked Yvonne and put in collection or bring your forms from Catholic High to our office so Father can sign and stamp with Church Seal.</u>

Bishop J. Douglas Deshotel of the Diocese of Lafayette will lead an unforgettable ceremony to officially close the diocesan phase of the process for the Cause for Canonization of the Servant of God Charlene Marie Richard. All are invited to this ceremony at 10 a.m. on Saturday, January 13, 2024, at St. Edward Church in Richard. January 13 marks Charlene's 77th birthday.

**2023 TAX NOTIFICATIONS-**If you are interested in receiving a letter for your 2023 Church Contributions, please call the office (337-364-0818) and I will mail a letter to you. I have mailed letters to the parishioners from the 2022 list I have on file. If you no longer wish to receive tax notifications, please call the office to update records.

**BLUE CEMETERY GARBAGE CAN-**When you are replacing flowers and picking up around your cemetery plot, please put the old flowers and garbage in the Blue Garbage Can marked **Cemetery** and put the items in the garbage bag. The garbage can is located by the Cross walkway in the Cemetery. Thank you.



#### **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 7050-**

 $\dots$  The Knights will have a meeting next Monday, January 15th at 7pm at the Hall.

<u>Volunteers needed-This Sunday, January 7<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm</u> at the Church, we 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.

OFFICE CLOSED-The Office will be closed next Monday, January 15<sup>th</sup> in observance of the Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday.

<u>PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING-</u>The Pastoral Council will have their meeting on <u>Thursday</u>, <u>January 18<sup>th</sup> at 6pm</u> at the Hall. Everyone is invited to attend.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS: \*\*For those students that weren't able to attend class, please go the White Office Building and pick up your folder that is in a bag with your name on it. The bags are hanging on the door. Bring your completed lessons and put in bag and hang on door.

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 GERMANY-Nicholas Barras



#### SANCTUARY LAMP-

...In Loving Memory of Aaron J. Jr. and Sis Lavergne by Family

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS-This coming session will consist of Homeschool lessons each month and 1 class per month. > These grades: 2<sup>nd</sup> grade First Communion and 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> grade Confirmation classes will be held at the hall on Tuesdays from 6pm to 7pm. The Next class is this Tuesday, January 9<sup>th</sup>.

>First Communion Parent / Teacher Meeting will be this Tuesday, January 9<sup>th</sup> at 6pm at the Hall.

>Confirmation Retreat-at Nativity of Our Lady Church Hall on 130 North Richelieu, New Iberia. On Friday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> 5:30pm-8:30pm & on Saturday, February 24<sup>th</sup> All Day, will have time to attend coming soon.

>Elementary students: 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> 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 is this Sunday, January 14<sup>th</sup>.

>High School students: 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> grades 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 21<sup>st</sup>.

\*After the 10<sup>th</sup> grade students get Confirmed this session 2023-2024, they will come back for Morality class next session 2024-2025. Then the 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> grade students who get confirmed in 2024-2025 will come back for Sacraments and or Morality Classes 2025-2026 sessions. When Confirmation gets to 8<sup>th</sup> Grade the students will come back after each year for Sacraments then Morality Classes.

<u>FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS-</u>Gerald Boutte Sr. will be at Fletchers Funeral Home in New Iberia on Monday, January 8 from 8am until 10:30am with Rosary at 9:30am. Funeral at St. Marcellus Church at 11am with burial at Holy Family Cemetery.

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION of the BLESSED
SACRAMENT-Friday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>-Adoration 8:00am until
4:00pm, followed by Devotions, Mass at 4:30pm. Please
consider spending one hour with the Blessed Sacrament. The
sign-up sheet can be found on table in the entrance of the Church.

2024 ALTAR FLOWER FUND DONATIONS-Anyone interested in donating for the "2024 Flowers", 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.

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.

Please pray for those of our community who have requested our prayers: Linda Escagne, Barbara Clark, Ken & Judy Broussard, Myra Derouen Boutte, Kathy Frusha Fuqua, Fisher Melder, Kristen and Baby Hebert, Becky H. LeBlanc, Wilda Hite, Loretta & Oswald Decuir, Dot Boudreaux, 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, Craig Mayard, Kim Rentrop, Freda Rentrop, Joyce Thibodeaux, Mona Doiron, Debbie Thibodeaux, Charlisse LaBauve, Judy Landry, Zenaida Retana, Charlie Thibodeaux, Natasha & Ryan Kirkeby, Kerry Hebert, Daniel Bourque, John Hebert, 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, Bailey Doré, Joseph Calvin Landry, Gerald Sewell, Carmen Decuir, Lois Romero, Joyce Romero, Gretchen Lavergne, Glorious Broussard, Marcus Hebert, Hypolite Meyers, Nicholas Landry, Wanda Breaux, Faith Kreamer, Jermaine Boutte, Jennifer O'Neall, Randal Riggle, Rita & Steven King, Don Simon, Jessica Guidry, Barbara LeBlanc, Pete Bourque, Amy Crochet, Alison Lavergne, Bella Cervantes, Georgie Pellerin, William "Kojak" Broussard, Monique Lancon, Michael Norris, Denise David, Jessica LeJeune, 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.

#### January

continued support to this ministry.

\*Dolores Segura-January 7-14-Sunday at 9am Mass

\*Joy & Danny Babineaux-January 13-20-Saturday at 4pm Mass

\*Velma Laviolette-January 20-27-Saturday at 4pm Mass

<u>CHILDREN'S CHURCH</u> will be on each <u>Sunday</u> at the 9am Mass. Father will call up the children before the readings and 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 to 5<sup>th</sup> grade.

# 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. Thank you for your

**2024 MASS 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 Diego Padilla Seminarian Michael Pagan

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.

<u>Lafayette Vocations</u>-www.facebook.com/lafayettelavocations and website www.lafayettevocations.org



"We need to find God, and He cannot be found in noise and restlessness. God is the friend of silence. See how nature—trees, flowers, grass—grow in silence; see the stars, the moon and the sun, how they move in silence.

We need silence to be able to touch souls."

Saint Mother Teresa

<u>FESTIVAL DE LA VIE 2024-</u>Respect, Protect and Serve All Life together. <u>Saturday, January 13, 2024</u> Parc San Souci 8am – 1pm Live Praise & Worship Music, 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.

#### OUR LADY OF THE OAKS 2024 RETREAT DATES-

<u>Grand Coteau, LA-</u> For list of dates or to register or info about retreats, www.ourladyoftheoaks.com, or call 337-662-5410

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.

\*HEALING SERVICE\*-Please join Fr. Manny Fernandez for a Healing Service here at Sacred Heart Church in New Iberia on Wednesday, January 17, at 1:30pm in Church. Rosary at 1pm. For more info call Faye Boutte at 337-944-6138.

#### JUBILEE OF THE WORD MARATHON-Wednesday, January 17<sup>th</sup> at 12:30pm to Sunday, January 21<sup>st</sup> at 4:30pm.

The Holy Bible will be read cover to cover publicly at the Square of St. Martinville. A 100-hour Marathon with over 300 Assigned Readers. Come Marinate in the Word!

### MARRIAGE ANNIVERSARY MASS-Sunday, February 4 at 2:00pm at St. Anne Catholic Church, Youngsville, LA.

Are you celebrating a milestone anniversary of 25, 40, 50, 60 years or more? If so, we invite you to register for the Diocesan Marriage Anniversary Mass, sponsored annually by the Office of Marriage and Family Life. Bishop Douglas Deshotel will be the celebrant, and all registered couples will be presented with a certificate honoring their special milestone. Reserved seating will be provided for the couples being celebrated, but families and friends are welcome to attend on a first-come, first-served basis until the maximum capacity is reached. Please register by January 26<sup>th</sup> 12noon deadline to secure your spot.

Reflection on the Gospel-The readings today help us to reflect on the kind of welcome we provide to the twelve million undocumented immigrants who live and work in the United States and the even greater number of refugees worldwide. Those who are settled face similar challenges in welcoming outsiders as did the early church, which struggled to accept Gentiles into the faith community. Like the foreign magi, these newcomers bear gifts of immeasurable value for the whole community.

-Living Liturgy tm, The Epiphany of the Lord 2024

"Patience is power. Patience is not an absence of action; rather it is "timing" it waits on the right time to act, for the right principles and in the right way."

Venerable Fulton Sheen

"Directly anyone feels they are losing their fervour, they should at once make a Novena to the Holy Spirit, asking Him to give them Faith and Love."

Catechism on the Holy Spirit-Thoughts of the Curé D'Ars

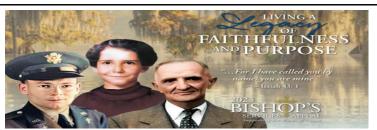
MARCH FOR LIFE-For Life-Southern Deanery-Wednesday,

<u>January 17, 2024</u> 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. Nathan Comeaux will serve as presider and homilist

Pro-Life Quote-"O Blessed Mother, you received the good news of the incarnation of Christ, your Son, with faith and trust. Grant your protection to all pregnant mothers facing difficulties. Guide us as we strive to make our parish communities places of welcome and assistance for mothers in need. Help us become instruments of God's love and compassion." USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, A Prayer for Pregnant Mothers" Copyright © 2023, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, Washington, DC. All rights reserved.



► 2023 BISHOP'S SERVICES APPEAL UPDATE-As of Nov. 12-Total Collected-\$9,144.41 Our 2023 Goal-\$8,438.00 We reached our goal. Your donations are important and very much needed by parishioner participation. Thank you!

"We ask precisely you who are weak to become a source of strength for the Church and humanity. In the terrible battle between the forces of good and evil, revealed to our eyes by our modern world, may your suffering in union with the Cross of Christ be victorious!" (Salvifici Doloris, Apostolic Letter)

Pope St. John Paul II

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. Upcoming weekends: January 26-28, April 26-28, Sept. 13-15, 2024. For cost of weekends, and to learn more, visit website <a href="www.ceelafayette.org">www.ceelafayette.org</a> or Contact Mike & <a href="Phyllis">Phyllis</a> Totaro at 337-962-5798 or <a href="mailto:reginfo.ceelaf@gmail.com">reginfo.ceelaf@gmail.com</a>

<u>RETROUVAILLE</u>—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 <a href="https://www.helpourmarriage.com">www.helpourmarriage.com</a> for more information & to register. Call 985-232-5963 / email <a href="mailto:retrovibrcomcoor@gmail.com">retrovibrcomcoor@gmail.com</a>