

ST. MARCELLUS CHURCH

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Sunday, May 16, 2021 The Ascension 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:5/9	\$	1,799.00
MAIL IN COLLECTION: 5/10-13	\$	470.00
TOTAL:	\$	2,269.00

CEMETERY FUND:	\$	10.00
EASTER OFFERING:	\$	40.00

"Thank you" for your generosity & continued support

Readings for The Ascension of the Lord, this Weekend starts on page 86

ALTAR FLOWERS---In Memory of
Howard & Angella Boudreaux, Keith, David & Ethan Neisser,
Johnnie & Annie Jemelka, Emily & Wilson Boudreaux
By Dot Boudreaux

SUNDAY READINGS-May 16-The Ascension of the Lord-
Acts 1:1-11 / Eph 1:17-23 / Mk 16:15-20 (58)
May 22-Pentecost Vigil-Gn 11:1-9 / Rom 8:22-27 / Jn 7:37-39
(62), **May 23-Pentecost Sunday-Acts 2:1-11 / 1 Cor 12:3b-7 /**
Jn 20:19-23 (63)

FOR SALE-DOUBLE MAUSOLEUM CRYPT-

Contact Mrs. Billie Norris at 519-2225.

Reminder: all sales/transfers finalized thru St. Marcellus Office.

Pastor: Rev. James Nguyen

Staff: Office Manager: Ann Boudreaux
Receptionist/Secretary: Yvonne Hebert

Trustees: Jay Boudreaux-337-519-4147
Mike Wattigny 337-577-4904

Financial Council Chairperson: Dan Duncan: 364-4966

Pastoral Council Members:

Chairperson: Ashley Menard: 337-380-3239

Vice Chairperson:

Secretary: Wendy Segura: 337-367-1602

Social Justice Committee: Claire Larson: 337-277-9171

Evangelization Committee: Nancy Hebert: 337-364-4409

Religious Education Committee: Wendy Segura: 337-367-1602

Worship Committee: Adele Platt: 337-380-9218

Management & Finance Committee: Catherine Simmons:
504-905-1726

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

Religious Education Office Phone: 364-9419

Coordinator of Religious Education: Yvonne Hebert: 519-8411

Assistant Coordinator: Wendy Segura: 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: 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

BAPTISMS- 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. ***If you live outside of our parish, 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-

Saturday, May 15 / 4:00pm: Judy Terrell, Paul Walker (1st A), Elias "E. J." DeRouen, Doris G. Prados, Elus & Odette Labit, Nelson & Una Hebert, Kim Patrick Labit, Jude Renice Labit, Brady Jerrod Labit, Barbara Begnaud, Joseph Floyd Labit, Harriet Fremin Labit, Rudell Landry (B) & Family, Raymond Yoder & Family, Jack P., E. J. & John S. Broussard & Family, B. J. & Estelle Pellerin & Deceased Family Members, Johnny Viator, Sederic Hebert, Claude & Lizzie Hebert, Rufus, Odette & Ronald Segura, Saddle Gachasin, Mary Ann Goudeaux, Joseph Honn Tudor & Family Living & Deceased, Joseph T. & Timothy J. Broussard, Pamela B. Mogerman, M/M Antonio Conde & Family, M/M Jackson Broussard & Family, Susan Broussard & Family, Aaron J. Lavergne Jr., For Vocations to the Priesthood & Consecrated Life, For All Parishioners Living & Deceased

Sunday, May 16 / 7:00am: Kevin & Ashley Russo & Deceased Members of Boudreaux & Russo Families, Janis Wilson, Clayton Biggerstaff, Mack & Irene Wilson, Jonathan Gautreau, Edward Kennedy & Family, M/M Jackson Broussard & Family, Joyce Crochet, Mrs. Mary D. Robertson, For All Priests & Deacons Living & Deceased, For All Parishioners Living & Deceased

Sunday, May 16 / 9:00am: Ernest & Genevieve Crochet & Family, Al Romero (86th B), For All Seminarians of Lafayette Diocese, For All Parishioners Living & Deceased

Tuesday, May 18 / 12:10pm: Richard Joseph Tammany & Family Living & Deceased, Angela Russo Harrington & Family Living & Deceased, Warren Pellerin, Goldie Moore, For Priests & Deacons Living & Deceased

Wednesday, May 19 / 12:10pm: Sarah Marie Ray & Family Living & Deceased, Kay Dooley (B), For All Parishioners Living & Deceased

Thursday, May 20 / 12:10pm: Jack Philips Ferrell & Family Living & Deceased, Joyce Crochet, For Seminarians of the Lafayette Diocese

Friday, May 21 / 12:10pm: Jacques Henri Hebert & Family Living & Deceased, William & Dolores Dooley, For Vocations to the Priesthood and Consecrated Life

Saturday, May 22 / 4:00pm: Elias "E. J." DeRouen, Gerald Laviolette, Elus & Odette Labit, Nelson & Una Hebert, Kim Patrick Labit, Jude Renice Labit, Brady Jerrod Labit, Barbara Begnaud, Joseph Floyd Labit, Harriet Fremin Labit, Freddie, Loudella & Lloyd Miguez, James & Ruby Thibodeaux Sr., The Gautreau, Miguez, Chauvin & Thibodeaux Families, Joseph T. & Timothy J. Broussard, Pamela B. Mogerman, M/M Antonio Condé & Family, M/M Jackson Broussard & Family, Leticia Boudreaux (B), Aaron J. Lavergne Jr., Deceased Members of Joy & Danny Babineaux, Judy Terrell, For Vocations to the Priesthood & Consecrated Life, For All Parishioners Living & Deceased

Sunday, May 23 / 7:00am: Mrs. Mary D. Robertson, For All Priests & Deacons Living & Deceased, For All Parishioners Living & Deceased

Sunday, May 23 / 9:00am: Louise Albert, Ernest & Genevieve Crochet & Family, Lester & Cynthia B. (A) Lopez, For All Seminarians of the Lafayette Diocese, For All Parishioners Living & Deceased

TEEN LIFE MINISTRY-Ashley Menard-Leader

****Teen Life Ministry is now accepting new Members, in grades 5th through 12th. Anyone interested in joining please contact Ashley Menard, her cell 337-380-3239.**

SECOND COLLECTION-This weekend, May 15th & 16th, there will be a second collection for Aid to Church in Eastern Europe.

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ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED-Student's 3rd grade to high school are invited to become altar servers for masses. Students must have made their First Communion. Please call Yvonne Hebert at the office at 364-0818 or cell phone 519-8411. I will train them before they are scheduled to serve.

CHURCH CLEANERS-Week-5/21-Group 3-Yvonne Hebert

MEN OF ST. MARCELLUS-Need to get away from this busy, hectic world? Try a retreat at Our Lady of the Oaks Retreat House in Grand Coteau, **May 20-23**. Make time to relax in a beautiful place and get closer to Jesus Christ! To make a reservation or for more information about Retreat, call Tommy Hebert at 577-4566.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 7050-

The Knights would like to recognize the following:

Knight of the Month-Dennis Pellerin

Family of the Month-Clint & Darla Comeaux

The Knights will have a meeting this Monday, May 17th at 7pm at the Hall. Knights please be there by 6:15pm to say a Rosary, then a meal will be served.

GRADUATE'S MASS-Graduates from High Schools, Tech Schools & Colleges, please attend the **9am Mass this Sunday, May 16th** to honor you. You may sit in the reserved sitting area with your family. You may also wear your cap, gown & stoles.

PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING-The Pastoral Council will have a meeting **this Thursday, May 20th at 6pm** at the Hall.

FATHER JAMES VACATION-Father James will be on vacation Monday, May 24 through Thursday, May 27th. There will be no Mass on Monday, May 24th. Father Richard Greene will say 12:10pm masses on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL-There will not be a Vacation Bible School this Summer.

BISHOP'S SERVICES APPEAL-These are the ways you can give to the BSA: Once a month second collection, if paying by check make checks payable to BSA and place in second collection in envelope marked BSA at church or mail to BSA at 1408 Carmel Drive, Lafayette, LA 70501, or give online at diolaf.org/bsa, or text DIOCESE to 41444.



SANCTUARY LAMP—
...In Loving Memory of
Warren Pellerin and Goldie Moore
By Dina Mayard

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS-*Student Homeschool Folders-Please bring folders back to the White Office Building, and or pick up last lesson folder, Monday-Thursday-8:30am-12noon, 1:00pm to 3:30pm, Friday-830am-11:30am or leave in between the door of the office if no one is there. I will be here this Sunday after mass if you need to hand in folder.

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION of the BLESSED SACRAMENT-Friday, June 4-8:00am 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 the table in the front entrance of 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.

ALTAR FLOWER FUND DONATIONS-Anyone interested in donating for the flowers, please contact Millie Comeaux at 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-\$30.00 total for all 4. Price for the 1 Weekend Altar Flowers-\$40.00.

Openings for Weekend Altar Flowers-July 4, September 19, September 26, October 31 and November 14.

CHURCH SUPPORT-Father James asks for your continued almsgiving. Please continue to support our wonderful parish by mailing in your contributions to St. Marcellus Church, 6100 Avery Island Road, New Iberia, LA 70560

COME, LORD JESUS! GROUP-

The following Come, Lord Jesus group in our parish is: **Dan & Louise Duncan-Avery Island, 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.

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

A FATHER'S REFLECTION BY REDBIRD MINISTRIES-

This event is for Dads of child loss from pregnancy to adulthood. It will be held on June 12, 2021 from 8:30am-1:00pm at St. Bernard Catholic Church in Breaux Bridge. Please visit **https://www.redbird.love/fathersday** to register.

PRO-LIFE QUOTE-

“The largest marginalized group in the world can be found in the U. S. They are the unborn.”

Sister Deirdre Byrne

Please pray for those of our community who have requested our prayers: Loretta Guidroz, Daniel Bourque, Kyle Pellerin, Gayle Cormier, John Hebert, Sharon Guillotte, Yvonne Russo, Ronald Clark, Braidyn Castille, Dossie Darby, Joseph Touchet, Stefan Norris, Gerald Boudreaux, Roxanne Lavergne, Julia Armentor, Nancy Hebert, Danny Dugas, Hazel Delahoussaye, Kimberly Elizabeth Moreaux, Linda Yoder, Matthew Babineaux, Sis Lavergne, Fr. Gene Tremie, Patrick Castille, Sarah Walker, Lisa Landry Quibedeaux, Peggy Derouen, Debra Kennedy, Quinton Sims, Pete Phar, Noah Daniels, Rebecca Duplantis, Hayward Delcambre, Angelica Daniels, Johnny & Karen Broussard, Pam Jude, Michelle Thibodeaux Broussard, Daryl Hardy, Genevieve Robichaux, Wayne Derise, Mary Dartez, Gayle Louviere, Kressent Landry, Julie Bourgeois, Bill Broussard, Dayton Boutte, Catherine Landry, Elijah Landry, Jason Walker, David Seymour, Joyleen Seymour, Barbara Boudreaux, Theresa Robin Bourque, Brandon Barbin, Tina Broussard, Carolyn Flener, Wilda Hite, Cassie Lannie, Marvin Rentrop, Mary Grace Rentrop, Zoda P. Bourque, Christian James, Blair & Wendy Yoder, Mark & Karen Messinger, Corida Schaubert, Ken & Judy Broussard, Dorinda Broussard, Katie Faulk, Edwin Mayeaux, Freddie Norris, Robert R. Broussard Sr., Cody Castille, Robert LeBlanc, Geraldine LeBlanc, Lauris Land, Ryker Richard, Roy Boudreaux, Ramsey Moss, Jan Bergeron, Wendell Broussard, Bonnie Hazelton, Alison & Emberia Hazelton, Canton Fabia, Sharon Broussard, Denee Vidrine, Gregory Beauboef, Selena Gautreau, Benjamin Lassalle, Kade Breaux, Shirley Romero, Stephanie Vidrine, Carolyn Deville, Earlene Guillory, Terry Broussard, Savannah Jones, Anthony Leger, Bailey Doré, Joseph Calvin Landry, Gerald Sewell, Carmen Decuir, Lois Romero, Amy Citrano, Joyce Romero, Gretchen Lavergne, Glorious Broussard, Jennifer Liner, Marcus Hebert, Hypolite Meyers, Brian Lasseigne, Nicholas Landry, Wanda Breaux, Vera Prioux, Durice Leleux Jr, Faith Kreamer, Jermaine Boutte, Jennifer O'Neall, Randal Riggle, Rita & Steven King, Linda Dartez, Don Simon, Irene Richard, Dean Lancon, Jessica Guidry, Barbara LeBlanc, Pete Bourque, Amy Crochet, Alison Lavergne, Gladys Eskin, Tye Nicholas Tassin, Bella Cervantes, Georgie Pellerin, William "Kojak" Broussard, Monique Lancon, Amber Segura, Michael Norris, Denise David, Nelson Boudreaux, Jessica LeJeune, Ann LaPointe, Payton Suire, Michael Mogerman, Brian Delcambre, Steven Lavergne, Perry Lavergne & sick members of our church parish family, the homebound, those with a dependency, those recovering from injuries & those admitted into hospitals & nursing homes. **Please call the office 364-0818 to update the names.**

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

May / June

- ***Dolores Segura-May 16-23-Sunday** at 9am Mass
- ***Emily & Richard Bourque-May 23-30-Sunday** at 9am Mass
- ***James, Angelia & Caroline Meyers-May 30-June 5-Sunday** at 9am Mass

***MASS INTENTIONS**—Please put your list of intentions & **\$5.00 per intention** in a sealed envelope. **Starting now the Examples are for one intention: John Smith, or Mr. and Mrs. John Smith, or husband and wife-John and Sue Smith, or the John Smith Family.** One intention is **not** John, June, Brock, and Sam Smith. One intention is **not** John Smith, Don Boulder, and Amy Charles. One intention is **not** Mr. and Mrs. John Smith and Mark.

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 on the table in the back of Church along with envelopes. **All masses for this year that were received will remain as is, starting now we will begin the new method.**

Please pray for the perseverance of
**Sem. Evan Hebert &
Rev. Mr. Casey Dugas →
grandson of Ronald & Mary Dartz & all
Seminarians of the Lafayette Diocese.**



**“Ask yourself: Have I heard Jesus say directly and personally to me, “I want your love?” If our hearts are pure, really surrendered to Him, this thing becomes part of our thirst to love Him better.”
Saint Mother Teresa**



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OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

Pastoral Letter on the Sunday Obligation

(To be read as the homily the weekend of May 15 & 16)

“Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has everlasting life and I will raise him up on the Last Day”

Dear Brothers and Sisters of the Diocese of Lafayette,

The third commandment of God, obliges us to keep holy the Lord's Day. This commandment is fulfilled when we give God the most perfect worship possible, the worship of Jesus Christ himself in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. We also observe it by works of charity, spiritual reading, and refraining from unnecessary servile labor to spend time with family and loved ones. In this way we give God the adoration that is His due, nourish our souls with the Body and Blood of Christ and direct our lives to our eternal goal – life with God. This understanding is what we know as the “obligation for Catholics to participate in Mass every Sunday”.

Because of seriousness of the pandemic, the Sunday obligation was dispensed by me to comply with safety directives recommended by health authorities. Now that conditions have improved, people more frequently shop, socialize, go to gyms and participate in other activities outside their homes, the time has come to also observe the Lord's Day by assisting at Mass on Sundays. I am therefore lifting the dispensation from Sunday Obligation in the Diocese of Lafayette beginning on June 6, 2021, the Feast of Corpus Christi. All Catholics will be seriously obligated to assist at Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation. Those who are sick, in nursing homes, immune-compromised, of advanced age or caring for a sick person at home are, as before, exempt from the obligation.

I am humbled by so many who have already returned to Mass each Sunday. It is a testament to your faith and desire for the Eucharist. I thank God for that. I also wish to thank our many good priests who looked for ways to creatively continue to minister to us in a safe way during the pandemic. After consulting with experts who have confirmed that with proper precautions we can gather together for mass, I think that this is the proper time for us to come together to worship God.

I know that for many, the pandemic has been a time of spiritual renewal, a deeper appreciation for the Mass and a desire to receive the Eucharist. I ask you to join with me on June 6, the Feast of Corpus Christi, to worship God at Mass, hear His word in the Scriptures and be nourished with the Bread of Life, the Body and Blood of the Lord.

Wishing all of you God's blessings, I am,

Most Reverend J. Douglas Deshotel
Bishop of Lafayette

Prayer to St. Joseph-O St. Joseph, whose protection is so great, so strong, so prompt before the throne of God, I place in you all my interests and desires. O St. Joseph, assist me by your powerful intercession and obtain for me all spiritual blessings through your foster Son, Jesus Christ Our Lord, so that, having engaged here below your heavenly power, I may offer you my thanksgiving and homage. O St. Joseph, I never weary contemplating you and Jesus asleep in your arms. I dare not approach while He reposes near your heart. Press Him in my name and kiss His fine head for me, & ask Him to return the kiss when I draw my dying breath. Amen

Reflection on the Gospel-Like the Eleven, we are also people entrusted with the mission of proclaiming the gospel now that Jesus has ascended to heaven and is no longer with us physically. We too are sent to do new wonders, speak new words with the fire of the Spirit on our tongues, offer new healing to our sisters and brothers, and cast out contemporary “demons” from ourselves and others. And all this continues to be “in the name of,” in the personal power of Jesus into whose Body we are baptized.
-Living Liturgy tm, The Ascension of the Lord 2021

ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION-My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

CENTENNIAL CAMPAIGN PAYMENTS-

Reminder if you are paying by check for the Centennial Campaign, please make the check out to **Centennial Campaign**.
Mail to: Diocese of Lafayette, Attn: Centennial Campaign,
1408 Carmel Drive, Lafayette, LA 70501. Thank You.

“When we are before the Blessed Sacrament, let us open our heart; our good God will open His. We shall go to Him; He will come to us; the one to ask, the other to receive. It will be like a breath from one to the other.” Catechism on the Real Presence (Sp.)-Thoughts of the Curé d'Ar

**“Do not be afraid to be holy!
Have the courage and humility to present yourselves to the world determined to be holy, since full, true freedom is born from holiness.”
Message of the Holy Father Pope John Paul II
To the Youth Meeting in Santiago de Compostela**

OUR LADY OF THE OAKS 2020 RETREAT DATES-

Grand Coteau, LA- For list of dates or to register or info about retreats, www.ourladyoftheoaks.com

***Men's Retreat-May 20-23-**Avery Island-contact Tommy Hebert-577-4566 to make a reservation.

Women's Retreats-June 3-6, June 24-27

Young Adult Retreat (Ages 18-30)-Young Men, Young Women, Young Couples. Directed by Father Joe Laramie, S.J. on **July 9-11**-Friday dinner to Sunday Lunch Deposit: \$25.00; Total Cost: \$200 (includes deposit) Registration 337-662-5410 x 200 or visit our website: ourladyoftheoaks.com

ORDINATION TO THE TRANSITIONAL DIACONATE-

Saturday, May 22 at 10:00am at the Cathedral of St. John Church in Lafayette. Seminarian Mr. Nicholas Ware and (Seminarian Mr. Alex Lancon at St. Peter's Basilica in Rome on Thursday, September 30, 2021)

PRIEST ORDINATION-Saturday, June 5th at 10am at Cathedral of St. John Church in Lafayette. Rev. Mr. Casey Dugas, Rev. Mr. Seth Lemaire, Rev. Mr. Connor Poirrier.

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 marriage recognized by the Catholic Church according to its Church law. Contact Paul & Carolyn Trahan at 254-8947 or 337-898-9257, cee.trahan@gmail.com or www.ceelafayette.org
Upcoming dates: August 6-8, Sept. 17-19, Nov. 12-14

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