

ST. MARCELLUS CHURCH

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Sunday, December 3, 2023 First Sunday of Advent



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: 11/26	\$	1,455.00
MAIL IN COLLECTION: 11/27-30	\$	101.00
TOTAL:	\$	1,556.00

PROPERTY & LIABILITY INSURANCE FUND:	\$	546.00
FOOD PANTRY:	\$	25.00
THANKSGIVING DONATION:	\$	40.00

"Thank You" for your generosity & continued support

CHURCH CLEANERS-Week-12/08-Kim Hebert

TEEN LIFE MINISTRY-

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

ALTAR FLOWERS-...In Loving Memory of

Loucinda DuBois (Birthday)

By Joseph DuBois Family

SUNDAY READINGS-

December 3-First Sunday of Advent-

Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7 / 1 Cor 1:3-9 / Mk 13:33-37 (2)

December 10-Second Sunday of Advent-

Is 40:1-5, 9-11 / 2 Pt 3:8-14 / Mk 1:1-8 (5)

Pastor: Rev. James Nguyen

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

Trustees: 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

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

Evangelization Committee: Nancy Hebert: 337-364-4409

Religious Education Committee: Wendy Segura: 337-367-1602
& Kathy Broussard: 337-352-1112

Worship Committee: Versa Dore: 337-967-2401

Management & Finance Committee: Henry Charpentier:
337-256-2473

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

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: 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-

First Saturday, December 2 / 9:00am: The Holy Souls in Purgatory, For All Parishioners Living & Deceased (Rosary at 8:15am, Devotions)

Saturday, December 2 / 4:00pm: Aaron J. & Sis Lavergne Jr., Gerald Laviolette, Deceased Family Members of Jimmy & Bonnie Thibodeaux, Johnny & Ethel Viator, E. J. DeRouen, Deceased Family Members of Joy & Danny Babineaux, Rudell Landry & Family Living & Deceased, Warren Pellerin, Goldie Moore, Elizabeth Segura, M/M Willie Dore, Randal Dore, Byron Dore, Dexter Landry, For Vocations to the Priesthood & Consecrated Life, For All Parishioners Living & Deceased (Rosary at 3:30pm)

Sunday, December 3 / 7:00am: Calvin Glaubrecht Family, Cody David, Mary D. Robertson, The Holy Souls in Purgatory, For All Priests & Deacons Living & Deceased, For All Parishioners Living & Deceased

Sunday, December 3 / 9:00am: Rayward Segura, Joseph & Loucinda (Birthday) DuBois, M/M John Inzerella Family, Ernest Crochet Sr. Family, Father Joseph Pilola & Family Living & Deceased, Shirley & Roland DeRouen & Family, Living & Deceased Family of Richard Delcambre, Georgette Arton (B), For All Seminarians of the Lafayette Diocese, For All Parishioners Living & Deceased (Rosary at 8:30am)

Monday, December 4 / 9:00am: Paul & Linda Richard, For All Parishioners Living & Deceased (Rosary at 8:30am)

Tuesday, December 5 / 12:10pm: The Holy Souls in Purgatory, For Priests & Deacons Living & Deceased, (Holy Hour at 11:00am)

Wednesday, December 6 / 12:10pm: Living & Deceased Family of Denise & Johnny David, The Holy Souls in Purgatory, For All Parishioners Living & Deceased (Holy Hour at 11:00am)

Thursday, December 7 / 12:10pm: The Holy Souls in Purgatory, For Seminarians of the Lafayette Diocese (Holy Hour at 11:00am)

***Friday, December 8 / 12:10pm:** Living & Deceased Family of Denise & Johnny David, The Holy Souls in Purgatory, For Vocations to the Priesthood & Consecrated Life (Holy Hour at 11:00am) (Immaculate Conception Holy Day of Obligation)

***Friday, December 8 / 5:30pm:** For All Parishioners Living & Deceased (Immaculate Conception Holy Day of Obligation)

Saturday, December 9 / 8:30am: The Holy Souls in Purgatory, For All Parishioners Living & Deceased (Rosary at 8:00am)

Saturday, December 9 / 4:00pm: Aaron J. & Sis Lavergne Jr., Johnny & Ethel Viator, E. J. DeRouen, Jackson & Olampe Broussard & Family Living & Deceased, Bill & Susan Broussard, Warren Pellerin, Goldie Moore, Elizabeth Segura, For Vocations to the Priesthood & Consecrated Life, For All Parishioners Living & Deceased (Rosary 3:30pm)

Sunday, December 10 / 7:00am: Mack & Irene Wilson Family, Jonathan Gautreau, Cody David, Mary D. Robertson, The Holy Souls in Purgatory, For All Priests & Deacons Living & Deceased, For All Parishioners Living & Deceased

Sunday, December 10 / 9:00am: M/M John Inzerella Family, Ernest Crochet Sr. Family, Avriil Elizabeth Patout Viator & Family Living & Deceased, Shirley & Roland DeRouen & Family, Louis J. "Deany" Arton Jr. (B), For All Seminarians of Lafayette Diocese, For All Parishioners Living & Deceased (Chaplet at 8:30am)

SPECIAL COLLECTION-This Friday, December 8th, there will be a special collection for the Immaculate Conception Offering.

SECOND COLLECTION-Next Weekend, December 9 & 10, there will be a second collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious. See Insert.

FATIMA STATUE FLOWERS-...In Loving Memory of
Deceased Members of the Arton Family
By Barbara Arton

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY MASSES will be on **Friday, December 8th at 12:10pm and 5:30pm.** This day is a Holy Day of Obligation.

CHURCH DECORATING FOR CHRISTMAS-
Sunday, December 17th at 1pm, Need volunteers to help decorate in the Church.

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION of the BLESSED SACRAMENT-Friday, January 5th-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.

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



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 7050-

The Knights would like to recognize the following:

Knight of the Month-Everette Dionne

Family of the Month-Jarrold & Kimberly Segura

...The Knights will be offering coffee and donut holes after the 9am mass this Sunday under the canopy of Church.

...The Knights and Ushers will hand out Brown Paper Bag to collect food for the Food Pantry Christmas Handout on Saturday, December 16th. Please bring back your donations each weekend to help support the Food Pantry.

...The Knights will be offering coffee, hot chocolate, donut holes after the 4pm Christmas Eve Mass, Sunday, December 24th under the canopy of Church.

Father James will not be on vacation December 4-7. He will say masses this week. There will be 9am mass on Monday.

DUE TO SCHEDULING CONFLICTS, THERE WILL BE NO CHRISTMAS SOCIAL, THERE WILL BE A SPRING SOCIAL, more information will be announced at a later date.

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 Cemetery. Thank you.

LECTOR, USHER & 2024 CHURCH CLEANING SCHEDULES-are ready and can be picked up in the folders on the schedule table in the front entrance of Church.



SANCTUARY LAMP-

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

Please pray for the Repose of the Soul and Consolation of the Family of Anne Melancon. May She Rest in Peace. Funeral at St. Peter Church this Monday at 11am. Wake 9:30am-11am.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS-This coming session will consist of Homeschool lessons each month and 1 class per month. >**These grades: 2nd grade First Communion and 10th & 11th grade Confirmation** classes will be held at the hall on Tuesdays from 6pm to 7pm. **The Next class is on Tuesday, December 5th.** >**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 is on Sunday, December 10th.**

>**High School students:** 6th, 7th, 8th & 9th 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 Sunday, December 17th.**

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

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PLAY PRACTICE

SCHEDULE- December 9 & 23. Practice starts at 10am at Church. The play will be performed on Sunday, December 24th at 4pm Christmas Eve Mass.

THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU-St. Marcellus Confessions will be heard on Wednesdays, December 13 and 20 from 6pm-7pm. Religion Students & Families can come to confessions these nights

CHILDREN'S CHURCH will be on each Sunday 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 5th grade.**

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.

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-*\$50.00 total for all 4.
Price for the 1 Weekend Altar Artificial Flowers-*\$20.00 for artificial flower arrangement.

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: 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., Barbara Clark, Fr. Manny Fernandez, Dean Lancon, Grant Darby, Michael Bourgeois Jr., Michelle Dugas, Kathy Scott, Steven Marcor, Donna McDonald Snoddy, 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 Dartz, 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, Ken & Judy Broussard, 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 Riggie, Rita & Steven King, Don Simon, Irene Richard, 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.

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 the Sacristy in back of the Altar. Thank you & God Bless.

December

***Maria & Jay Boudreaux-Dec. 3-9**-Sunday at 7am Mass

***Elsie LeBlanc-Dec. 9-16**-Saturday at 4pm Mass

***Helana & Audie Bodin-Dec. 17-24**-Sunday at 9am Mass

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 continued support to this ministry. **The Food Basket handout is Saturday, December 16th from 10am-10:30am.**

CHURCH CLEANERS NEEDED-If you are interested in helping clean the church every 4 weeks with a group, please call Yvonne at the Office to sign up at 337-364-0818.

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 Bret Lee
Seminarian Evan Hebert

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



“Not all of us can do great things, but we can
do small things with great love.”
Saint Mother Teresa

All church parishes of the Diocese of Lafayette will offer
individual confession every Wednesday of Advent from 6:30pm to
8pm. This is a special outreach of mercy to encourage Catholics to
return to the Sacrament of Confession and experience God's
healing love. St. Marcellus-Wed., December 13 & 20-6pm-7pm.
See insert for How to Make a Good Confession.

IBERIA PARISH FOOD NET FOOD DRIVE-Tuesday,
December 12th from 7am-6pm. Convenient drive thru/ drop off
location at the Sugarcane Festival Building, Parkview Dr. New
Iberia. Canned goods and non-perishable food items along with
financial contributions will be collected & distributed to 6 Iberia
Parish Food Pantries who serve those in need in our community.

HEALING SERVICE-Please join Fr. Manny Fernandez for a
Healing Service here at Sacred Heart Church in New Iberia on
Wednesday, December 20 at 1:30 pm in Church. Rosary at
1pm. For more information call: Faye Boutte at 337-944-6138

FESTIVAL DE LA VIE 2024-Respect, Protect and Serve All
Life together. Saturday, January 13, 2024 Parc San Souci 9am –
1pm Live Praise & Worship Music, Guest Speaker, prayer walk,
family activities. diolaf.org/ProlifeFestival Join us as we pray for
a greater respect for every life. Diocese of Lafayette.

MARRIAGE ANNIVERSARY MASS-Sunday, February 4,
2024 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 26th
12noon deadline to secure your spot.

Reflection on the Gospel-Advent isn't a time of waiting for the
coming of the Christ Child—that already happened over two
thousand years ago. It is, rather, a time when we break our normal
routine and move into heightened alert to perceive more intensely
the ways of Emmanuel, “God-with-us.” The watchfulness that
Jesus speaks about in today's gospel is not waiting in dread.
Rather, it is attentive listening for the familiar footstep of the
returning Beloved. We would not want to be found sleeping but
ready with open arms.

-*Living Liturgy tm, First Sunday of Advent 2023*

“May Jesus, Mary & Joseph bless and protect all the families in
the world, so that in them may reign the serenity and joy, the
justice and peace which Christ by his Birth brought as a gift to
humanity.” (12/27/15-Angelus) *Pope Francis*

“Try and labor to destroy in yourself all that displeases Jesus
Christ, and you will see how your Communion will make you
walk with great strides on your way to Heaven!”

E. M. 12.-Thoughts of the Curé D'Ars

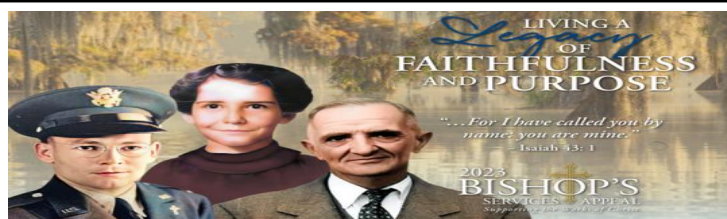
MARCH FOR LIFE-For Life-Southern Deanery-Wednesday,
January 17, 2024 Praying for an end to abortion and all pro-death
activities in our nation and our world

5:00pm-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-“*The Gospel of Life* recognizes the full range of
threats against human life, from poverty and malnutrition to murder
and war. Particular emphasis, however, is placed on threats to life
at its beginning and end—precisely when it is most in need of
protection. In modern times, children in their mothers' wombs and
those approaching the end of their lives are certainly among the
'least of these' in our world's estimation.” USCCB Secretariat of
Pro-Life Activities, respectlife.org/live-the-gospel-of-life
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► 2023 BISHOP'S SERVICES APPEAL UPDATE-As of
Nov. 12-Total Collected-\$9,057.41 Our 2023 Goal-\$8,438.00
We reached our goal. Your donations are important and very
much needed by parishioner participation. Thank you!

“The Rosary is the best therapy for these distraught, unhappy,
fearful, and frustrated souls, precisely because it involves the
simultaneous use of three powers: the physical, the vocal, and
the spiritual, and in that order.” *Venerable Fulton Sheen*

OUR LADY OF THE OAKS 2024 RETREAT DATES-
Grand Coteau, LA- For list of dates or to register or info about
retreats, www.ourladyoftheoaks.com, or call 337-662-5410

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.
Upcoming weekends: January 26-28, April 26-28, Sept. 13-15,
2024. For cost of weekends, and to learn more, visit website
www.ceelafayette.org or Contact Tom & Geraldine Rizzuto at
337-984-7954 or cee.trahan@gmail.com

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