

Sunday, December 22, 2024 Fourth 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

**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: 12/15 \$ 1,471.00 MAIL IN COLLECTION: 12/16-19 \$ 155.00

\$ 1,626.00

PROPERTY & LIABILITY INSURANCE FUND: \$ 415.00 IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OFFERING: \$ 26.00

"Thank You" for your generosity & continued support

CHURCH CLEANERS-Week-12/28-Group 4-Youth Ministry

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year! From Father James and Office Staff Jesus is the Reason for the Season!

SUNDAY READINGS-

appointment.

December 22-Fourth Sunday of Advent-Mi 5:1-4a / Heb 10:5-10 / Lk 1:39-45 (12)

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

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

ST. MARCELLUS CHURCH

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Financial Council Chairperson: Dan Duncan: 337-380-8023

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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

<u>First Saturday of Month: 9:00am Mass</u> (<u>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.

MA\$\$ INTENTION\$- \$aturday, December 21 / 8:30ams For All Parishioners Living & Deceased (Rosary at 8:00am)

Saturday, December 21 / 4:00pm: Rudell Landry & Family Living & Deceased, E. J DeRouen, Mack & Irene Wilson & Family, Jonathan Gautreau, Johnny & Ethel Viator, Deceased Members of Knights of Columbus Council 7050, Sylvia Prince (A), M/M Jackson Broussard & Family Living & Deceased, For the Holy Souls of Purgatory, Darren Waguespack, For Vocations to the Priesthood & Consecrated Life, For All Parishioners Living & Deceased (Rosary 3:30pm)

Sunday, December 22 / 7:00ams Mrs. Mary D. Robertson, For the Living: Gerald Robertson (B) and Geraldine Robertson (B), Pete Bourque & Family Living & Deceased, Howard & Nickie Castille & Family Living & Deceased, Lionel & Beulah David, Cody David, For All Priests & Deacons Living & Deceased, For All Parishioners Living & Deceased

Sunday, December 22 / 9:00am: Shirley & Roland DeRouen & Family, M/M John Inzerella Family, M/M Ernest Crochet & Family, Mathew Comeaux, Darrell Floris, For the Living: Alyssa Broussard & Reid Dore, For All Seminarians of Lafayette Diocese, For All Parishioners Living & Deceased (Rosary at 8:30am)

Monday, December 23 / 9:00ams Charles Messinger (B), Kay Christine Melancon & Family Living & Deceased, 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 24 / 9:00am: For Priests & Deacons Living & Deceased (Rosary at 8:30am)

Tuesday, December 24 / 4:00pms Shirley & Homer Comeaux, Sidney & Ellen Gondron, Gerald Laviolette, Bill & Eola Richard, Barbara & Donald Richard, Wilfred & Levie Gachassin, Adet Romero, Harold Sr. & Alta Romero, Deceased Family Members of Jimmy & Bonnie Thibodeaux, Bessie Martin Stafford & Family Living & Deceased, Julianna Watson Smith & Family Living & Deceased, R. J. & Margerine Nunez, Deceased Family Members of Joy & Danny Babineaux, Lory & Marty Segura, M/M Arty Segura, M/M Theo Delahoussaye, M/M Courtland Delahoussaye, Nelies Leleux, Raymond Yoder & Family Living & Deceased, Sederic Hebert, Brooks Hebert, M/M Arthur Pellerin, Kyle Pellerin, Rose Bourque, Mathew Comeaux, Warren Sr. & Marie Hebert & Family Living & Deceased, Jackson & Olampe Broussard & Family Living & Deceased, William & Dolores Dooley, Marie Brassaux, John Doumit, Adonis & Margaret Segura & Children, For Priests & Deacons Living & Deceased (Christmas Play 3:50pm)

Wednesday, December 25 / 9:00ams Calvin Glaubrecht Family, M/M Francis H. Broussard Sr., M/M Gaston J. Mestayer, Robert Leslie, Alfred & Mary Leslie, Doug Leslie, Royal & Agnes Linnartz, LeeRoy O'Quinn, John Simon, Mrs. Mary D. Robertson, Bill & Eola S. Richard, Raymond Boudreaux, M/M Mitchell Boudreaux, M/M Lonie Mire, Kathleen Heinz Crandall & Family Living & Deceased, Streamline Industries: Employees, Customers & Their Families Living & Deceased, Souls in Purgatory, Mathew Comeaux, Lester & Cynthia Lopez & Family Living & Deceased, Bill & Susan Broussard & Family Living & Deceased, Phillip Barras, For All Parishioners Living & Deceased

Thursday, December 26 / 12:10am: Alvin Romero, Clelie Marie Hebert Moss & Family Living & Deceased, Rachel Amanda Sizemore Turner & Family Living & Deceased, For All Seminarians of the Lafayette Diocese (Holy Hour at 11:00am)

Friday, December 27 / 12:10pm: Simone Marie Hebert Tudor & Family Living & Deceased, For Vocations to the Priesthood & Consecrated Life (Holy Hour at 11:00am)

Saturday, December 28 / 8:30am: For All Parishioners Living & Deceased (Rosary at 8:00am)

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SPECIAL COLLECTION-This Tuesday and Wednesday, Dec. 24 & 25, there will be a special collection for the Christmas Offering.

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.

CHRISTMAS PLAY PRACTICE-Saturday, December 21 at 10am at the Church. The Christmas play will be performed on Tuesday, December 24 before 4pm Mass, meet this night at church no later than 3:45PM. Millie-337-519-2555.

MASS TIMES FOR CHRISTMAS & NEW YEARS- These are Holy Days of Obligation. Mass time for Nativity of the Lord-(Christmas Eve), Tuesday, December 24 at 4:00pm, the Mass time for (Christmas Day), Wednesday, December 25 at 9:00am. Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God-(New Year's Eve) December 31st Mass at 4:00pm, the mass time for (New Year's Day) Wednesday, January 1st Mass at 9:00am.



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.

...KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS LIVE NATIVITY-

The Knights of Columbus will sponsor a Live Nativity Performance at St. Joseph Church on 117 South Main Street in Loreauville, LA. It will be viewed on Saturday, December 21st and Sunday, December 22nd from 5:00pm-7:00pm each night. The Knights would like to invite everyone to attend this beautiful presentation of The Birth of Jesus.

Divine Mercy Ministry for the Sick and Dying- 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.

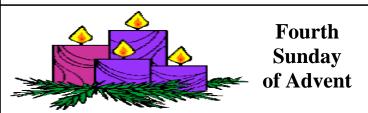
>The Confirmation Retreat will be on February 21, 22 & 23 at St. Nicholas Church in Lydia.

>*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>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 **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.

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.

December / January

*Helana & Audie Bodin-December 22-29-Sunday at 9am Mass

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

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

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION of the BLESSED SACRAMENT-Friday, January 3-Adoration 8:00am-4pm, then 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.

ST. MARCELLUS FOOD BASKETS-Christmas Food

<u>Baskets</u> 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 <u>Food Pantry</u> & drop it in the collection basket. **Handout date is this Saturday, December 21 from 10am to 10:30am.**

<u>MASS INTENTIONS</u>—Please put your list of intentions & <u>\$5.00</u> <u>per intention</u> in a sealed envelope. >Indicate your name, address, phone number & the amount of money submitted. Put your envelope marked <u>Masses</u> 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 Roy Bertrand
Seminarian Zack Michael 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



"In God we live & move & have our being. It is God who gives life to all, who gives power & being to all that exists. But for His sustaining presence, all things would cease to be & fall back into nothingness. Consider that you are in God, surrounded & encompassed by God, swimming in God."

Saint Mother Teresa

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!

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-

"Elizabeth, who has been utterly faithful to God all her life long (Like 1:6), despite the suffering she has endured, is the perfect companion for Mary. She helps Mary learn to trust even more deeply the mysterious ways of God. We too carry the mysterious power of God's life within us, which enables us to be a source of delight and blessing for others. We are meant to be companions to one another, a source of mutual joy, wisdom, and strength."

-Living Liturgy tm, Fourth Sunday of Advent 2024

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

Pro-Life Quote-"O Blessed Mother, at the angel's word you went in haste to the aid of your cousin Elizabeth. Although pregnant yourself, you placed her needs before your own. By your example of radical solidarity, teach us to reverence and protect those in need, without conditions or expectations... Obtain for us the grace to bring Christ to any expectant mother who is alone and afraid." USCCB "Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities Prayer for Radical Solidarity (www.respectlife.org/prayer-for-radical-solidarity) Copyright © 2024, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, Washington, DC. All rights reserved.

<u>BISHOP'S SERVICES APPEAL</u>-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.

"The life of a bishop should be more perfect than the life of a hermit. The reason he gave was that the holiness which the monk preserves in the desert must be preserved by the bishop into the midst of the evil of the world." *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 Blessed Virgin is like a good mother who, not content with looking after all her children in general, watches over each one separately."

Sermon for the Feast of the Nativity of Our Lady-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.

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

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