



ST. MARCELLUS CHURCH

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Sunday, December 15, 2024
Third 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: 12/08	\$ 1,576.00
MAIL IN COLLECTION: 12/9-12	\$.00
	\$ 1,576.00

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OFFERING:	\$ 445.00
FOOD PANTRY:	\$ 45.00
DONATION:	\$ 50.00

"Thank You" for your generosity & continued support

CHURCH CLEANERS-Week-12/21-Kim Hebert

ALTAR FLOWERS-...In Loving Memory of

Mary Faye Cestia (Death Anniversary-Dec. 12)

Evzen Pohorelsky (Birthday-December 13)

By Hadley, James, Jana Chauvin, Brielyn & Hudson Crochet

HAPPY 53RD WEDDING ANNIVERSARY to
Greg and Janet Boudreaux (December 18th)
Congratulations!

SUNDAY READINGS-

December 15-Third Sunday of Advent-
 Zep 3:14-18a / Phil 4:4-7 / Lk 3:10-18 (9)

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

Pastor: Rev. James Nguyen

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

Trustees: Wendy Segura 337-519-6029
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Financial Council Chairperson: Dan Duncan: 337-380-8023

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Worship Committee: Versa Dore: 337-967-2401

Management & Finance Committee: Kevin Simon 337-967-6799

Religious Education Office Phone: 337-364-9419

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

Assistant Coordinator: Wendy Segura: 337-519-6029

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, December 14 / 8:30am: For All Parishioners Living & Deceased (Rosary at 8:00am)

Saturday, December 14 / 4:00pm: Gerald Laviolette, Johnny & Ethel Viator, James Bonin Falterman & Family Living & Deceased, Lory & Marty Segura, For the Holy Souls of Purgatory, For Vocations to the Priesthood & Consecrated Life, For All Parishioners Living & Deceased (Rosary at 3:30pm)

Sunday, December 15 / 7:00am: Robert Leslie, Royal & Agnes Linnartz, LeeRoy O'Quinn, John Simon, Mrs. Mary D. Robertson, Pete Bourque & Family Living & Deceased, Howard & Nickie Castille & Family Living & Deceased, Harold Borel, Cody David, Denis & Irma delaHoussaye, For All Priests & Deacons Living & Deceased, For All Parishioners Living & Deceased

Sunday, December 15 / 9:00am: Shirley & Roland DeRouen & Family, M/M John Inzerella Family, M/M Ernest Crochet & Family, Mathew Comeaux, William & Dolores Dooley, Georgette Arton (B), Louis "Deany" Arton (B), Dennis Peter Arton (B), For All Seminarians of the Lafayette Diocese, For All Parishioners Living & Deceased (Chaplet at 8:30am)

Monday, December 16 / 9:00am: Craig Mayard, Warren Pellerin, Goldie Moore, Elizabeth Segura (B), Paul & Linda Richard, Phillip Lyle Timmons & Family Living & Deceased, For All Parishioners Living & Deceased (Rosary at 8:30am)

Tuesday, December 17 / 12:10pm: Clelie Marie Hebert Moss & Family Living & Deceased, Rachel Amanda Sizemore Turner & Family Living & Deceased, For Priests & Deacons Living & Deceased (Holy Hour at 11:00am)

Wednesday, December 18 / 12:10pm: For All Parishioners Living & Deceased (Holy Hour at 11:00am)

Thursday, December 19 / 12:10am: 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 20 / 12:10pm: For Vocations to the Priesthood & Consecrated Life (Holy Hour at 11:00am)

Saturday, December 21 / 8:30am: For All Parishioners Living & Deceased (Rosary at 8:00am)

Saturday, December 21 / 4:00pm: Rudell Landry & Family Living & Deceased, 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, For Vocations to the Priesthood & Consecrated Life, For All Parishioners Living & Deceased (Rosary 3:30pm)

Sunday, December 22 / 7:00am: Mrs. Mary D. Robertson, For the Living: Gerald Robertson (B), For Living: Geraldine Robertson (B) Pete Bourque & Family Living & Deceased, Howard & Nickie Castille & Family Living & Deceased, Lionel & Beulah 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 All Seminarians of Lafayette Diocese, For All Parishioners Living & Deceased (Rosary at 8:30am)

SECOND COLLECTION-This weekend, Dec. 14 & 15, there will be a second collection for the Property & Liability Insurance Fund.

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!

OFFICE CLOSED-The Office will be closed for the Christmas and New Years Holidays starting Monday, December 23rd until 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.

CHURCH DECORATING FOR CHRISTMAS-This Saturday, December 14 at 11:30am. Need volunteers to help decorate in the Church. We will need men to put up wreaths and Christmas Tree and Lights. Arrive at Church at 11:30am.

CHRISTMAS SOCIAL-St. Marcellus Church will have a Christmas Social this Saturday, December 14th starting after the 4pm Mass at the Hall. It will be a Chicken and Sausage Gumbo with Rice provided by the Segura's. The Church will provide the drinks and paper goods. The Choices of Covered Dishes that are needed-Meat Dishes, Vegetable Dishes, Potato Salad, Desserts, Bread/Buns. There is a sign-up sheet on the table at the entrance of Church for the covered dish food list. The Children's Christmas Gifts will be handed out.

MASS TIMES FOR CHRISTMAS & NEW YEARS-
Mass time for Christmas Eve, Tuesday, December 24 is at 4:00pm and the Mass time for Christmas Day, Wednesday, December 25 will be at 9:00am.
New Year's Eve December 31st Mass at 4pm and New Year's Day, Wednesday, January 1st Mass at 9am.
 Christmas and New Years are Holy Days of Obligation.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 7050-

The Knights would like to recognize the following:

Knight of the Month-Cody Castille

Family of the Month-David & Katy Larson

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

...The Knights will have a meeting this Monday, December 16 at 7pm at the Hall. Knights, please be there by 6:15pm to say a Rosary then a meal will be served.

...The Knights and Ushers will hand out Brown Paper Bags to collect food for the December Food Pantry Handout on Dec. 21.

...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.

CHRISTMAS PLAY PRACTICES-Saturdays, December 14 and Dec. 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.

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 for the Living and Deceased Members of Landry, Broussard, Yoder, Kennedy & LeBlanc Families
by Dot Landry & Edmond Broussard

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, December 17th.

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, December 15.**

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 8th Grade the students will come back each year for Sacraments then Morality Classes.

“The Light is On For You”-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 & experience God's healing love.

St. Marcellus Church-Wednesday, Dec. 18, from 6pm-7pm.

CHILDREN’S CHURCH is on each **Sunday** 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.

2025 ALTAR FLOWER FUND DONATIONS-Anyone interested in donating for the **“2025 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.

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 Darte, 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’Neill, Randal Riggle, Rita & Steven King, Don Simon, Jessica Guidry, Barbara LeBlanc, Amy Crochet, Alison Lavergne, Bella Cervantes, William “Kojak” 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.

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 / January**
***Betty Romero-December 15-22-Sunday at 9am**
***Helana & Audie Bodin-December 22-31-Sunday at 9am Mass**
***Betty Romero-December 29-January 5-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 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. **Handout date is Saturday, December 21 from 10am to 10:30am.**

2025 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
Seminarist Brother John Paul Fruge
Seminarist Sebastian Cramer

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



“St. Joseph knew, when Mary became
pregnant, that this child was not his child. He
saw that she was pregnant but didn’t know
how. If he had gone to the high priest, she
would have been stoned to death. Do you see
the charity and thoughtfulness of St. Joseph? If
we have the same kind of charity and
thoughtfulness toward each other, our families
will become the abode of the Most High. How
beautiful our families will become where there
is total thoughtfulness for others.”

Saint Mother Teresa

**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.



Third Sunday of Advent

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>.

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.**

Reflection on the Gospel-

“In the gospel, John the Baptist speaks about a more advanced
stage of turning toward God. Beyond the baptism of repentance
and its freeing joy is a further “baptism” with “the Holy Spirit and
fire” that the Christ brings. Followers of Jesus will be empowered
by the Spirit, who emboldens them for all manner of ministries.
They will also undergo a purification process, a winnowing away
of any imperfections that impede God’s love and joy.”

-Living Liturgy tm, Third 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 St. Bakhita, assist all those who are trapped in
a state of slavery; Intercede with God on their behalf so that they
will be released from their chains of captivity. Those whom man
enslaves, let God set free.” USCCB “Prayer to St. Josephine
Bakhita” Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities *Copyright © 2024,
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BISHOP’S SERVICES APPEAL-As of October 31, the Total
Collected-\$8,282.00 Goal-\$8,213.00 Raised 101% of goal.
Thank you for your generosity and continued support.

“With the crib seen as a tabernacle and the child as a kind of
host, then the home becomes a living temple of God. The
sacristan of that sanctuary is the mother, who never permits the
tabernacle lamp of faith to go out.”

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

“After thanking our Guardian Angel
who has remained by our side during our sleep,
we should ask him for his protection during the day.”
On the Joys of the Interior Life (S.)-Thoughts of the Curé D’Ars

TRANSITIONAL DIACONATE ORDINATION-The diocese of
Lafayette joyfully announces & invites you to the Ordination to the
Transitional Diaconate of **Brother John Paul Fruge, CJC.**
**This Saturday, December 14th at 10am at Cathedral of St. John,
Lafayette** with Bishop Douglas Deshotel officiating. Please
remember Brother John Paul in your prayers as he takes this
significant step in his journey toward the priesthood.

RUNNING REVS VS SLAMMING SEMS-Diocese of Lafayette
Priests vs Seminarists 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