

# ST. MARCELLUS CHURCH

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## Sunday, December 24, 2023 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 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: 12/17	\$ 1,617.00
MAIL IN COLLECTION: 12/18-21	\$ .00
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$ 1,617.00</b>

PROPERTY & LIABILITY INSURANCE FUND:	\$ 494.00
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OFFERING:	\$ 20.00
FOOD PANTRY:	\$ 520.00

*"Thank You" for your generosity & continued support*

#### TEEN LIFE MINISTRY-

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

#### CHURCH CLEANERS-Week-12/29-Group 4-Youth Ministry

Thank you to all who helped decorate the Church and Christmas Tree and the Knights for putting together the Manger outside of the Church.

#### SUNDAY READINGS-

December 24-Fourth Sunday of Advent-

2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16 / Rom 16:25-27 / Lk 1:26-38 (11)

December 31-The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph-

Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 / Col 3:12-21 / Lk 2:22-40, 39-40 (17)

**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: 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 & 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> 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 23 / 8:30am:** The Holy Souls in Purgatory, For All Parishioners Living & Deceased (Rosary at 8:00am)

**Saturday, December 23 / 4:00pm:** Aaron J. & Sis Lavergne Jr., Johnny & Ethel Viator, Charles Messinger (B), E. J. DeRouen, Jackson & Olampe Broussard & Family Living & Deceased, Kay Christine Melancon Lee & Family Living & Deceased, Raymond J. Boudreaux, M/M Lonie Mire, M/M Mitchell Boudreaux, Elias Mire, Deceased Family Members of Joy & Danny Babineaux, Warren Pellerin, Goldie Moore, Elizabeth Segura, George & Lona Deslatte, Nolan Broussard & Family Living & Deceased, Ronny Clark, Mason Andrew Broussard, Donna McDonald Snoddy, Anne Melancon, For Vocations to the Priesthood & Consecrated Life, For All Parishioners Living & Deceased (Rosary 3:30pm)

**Sunday, December 24 / 7:00am:** Mack & Irene Wilson Family, Jonathan Gautreau, Calvin Glaubrecht Family, Cody David, Mary D. Robertson, The Holy Souls in Purgatory, Harold Borel, For All Priests & Deacons Living & Deceased, For All Parishioners Living & Deceased

**Sunday, December 24 / 9:00am:** M/M John Inzerella Family, Ernest Crochet Sr. Family, Bessie Martin Stafford & Family Living & Deceased, Shirley & Roland DeRouen & Family, For All Seminarians of Lafayette Diocese, For All Parishioners Living & Deceased (Chaplet at 8:30am)

**Sunday, December 24 / 4:00pm:** Gerald Laviolette, Bill and Eola Richard, Barbara & Donald Richard, Wilfred & Livie Gachassin, Adet Romero, Sefrien & Viola Landry & Family, Odan & Adele LeBlanc & Family, Russel Landry, Nelines Leleux, Dolores Fitch, Tad & Sigrid Fitch, Lona & George Deslatte, Deceased Family Members of Jimmy & Bonnie Thibodeaux, Brooks Hebert, Sederic Hebert, Lory Marty Segura, M/M Arty Segura, M/M Theo Delahoussaye, M/M Cortland Delahoussaye, M/M Asia Stein, Sr., M/M Asia Stein Jr., Marie Brasseaux, John Doumit, Margaret & Adonis Segura & Children, Mason Andrew Broussard, Donna McDonald Snoddy, Howard & Irene Richard & Family, Wayne Horton & Family, Rhett Flash & Family, For Vocations to the Priesthood & Consecrated Life, For All Parishioners Living & Deceased

**Monday, December 25 / 7:00am:** M/M Francis H. Broussard Sr., Robert Leslie, Royal & Agnes Linnartz, LeeRoy O'Quinn, John Simon, Alfred & Mary Leslie, Doug Leslie, Warren Pellerin, Goldie Moore, Elizabeth Segura, Paul & Linda Richard, The Holy Souls in Purgatory, For All Priests & Deacons Living & Deceased, For All Parishioners Living & Deceased

**Monday, December 25 / 9:00am:** Wallace & Ann LeBlanc, Shirley & Homer Comeaux, Sidney & Ellen Gondron, Kathleen Heinz Crandall & Family Living & Deceased, Streamline Industries: Employees, Customers & Their Families Living & Deceased, Souls in Purgatory, William & Dolores Dooley, For All Seminarians of Lafayette Diocese, For All Parishioners Living & Deceased

**Tuesday, December 26 / 12:10pm:** Living & Deceased Family of Denise & Johnny David, The Holy Souls in Purgatory, For Priests & Deacons Living & Deceased, (Holy Hour at 11:00am)

**Wednesday, December 27 / 12:10pm:** Simone Marie Hebert Tudor & Family Living & Deceased, The Holy Souls in Purgatory, For All Parishioners Living & Deceased (Holy Hour at 11:00am)

**Thursday, December 28 / 12:10pm:** Living & Deceased Family of Denise & Johnny David, The Holy Souls in Purgatory, For Seminarians of the Lafayette Diocese (Holy Hour at 11:00am)

**Friday, December 29 / 12:10pm:** The Holy Souls in Purgatory, For Vocations to the Priesthood & Consecrated Life (Holy Hour 11am)

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

**Saturday, December 30 / 4:00pm:** Aaron J. & Sis Lavergne Jr., Harold & Tara LeBlanc, Sefrien & Viola Landry & Family, Odan & Adele LeBlanc & Family, Johnny & Ethel Viator, E. J. DeRouen, Deceased Family Members of Joy & Danny Babineaux, Warren Pellerin, Goldie Moore, Elizabeth Segura, For Vocations to the Priesthood & Consecrated Life, For All Parishioners Living & Deceased (Rosary at 3:30pm)

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SECOND COLLECTION-This Sunday and Monday, December 24 & 25, there will be a special collection for the Christmas Offering.

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CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PLAY PRACTICE SCHEDULE- Saturday, December 23. Practice starts at 10am at Church.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PLAY- The play will be performed this Sunday, December 24<sup>th</sup> at 4pm Christmas Eve Mass.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT MASSES-Sunday Obligation Attend one of these-Saturday, December 23<sup>rd</sup>-4:00pm  
Sunday, December 24<sup>th</sup>-7:00am & 9:00am and

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES-Holy Days of Obligation Attend one of these-Sunday, December 24<sup>th</sup>-4:00pm Mass  
Monday, December 25<sup>th</sup>-7:00am and 9:00am

NEW YEARS MASS TIME-Not a Holy Day of Obligation this year. There will be a mass on Monday, January 1<sup>st</sup>-9am Mass.



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 7050-**

...The Knights will be offering hot chocolate and cookies after the 4pm Christmas Eve Mass, Sunday, December 24 under the canopy of the Church.



**MERRY CHRISTMAS AND  
HAPPY NEW YEAR!  
FROM: FATHER JAMES AND  
OFFICE STAFF**

OFFICE CLOSED-The Office will be closed for the Christmas and New Year's Holidays- **Friday, December 22<sup>nd</sup> through Monday, January 1<sup>st</sup>.** If you need assistance, please call the office at 337-364-0818 and leave a message, we will check the messages daily.



**SANCTUARY LAMP-**

**...In Loving Memory of Warren Pellerin,  
Goldie Moore, Elizabeth Segura,  
Paul & Linda Richard  
by Dina Mayard**

**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 on Tuesday, January 9<sup>th</sup>.**

>**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.**

**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 5<sup>th</sup> grade.**

**\*There will be no Children’s Church December 24<sup>th</sup>. Merry Christmas!**

**FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION of the BLESSED SACRAMENT-Friday, January 5<sup>th</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.

**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:** 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 Breau, 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 Breau, Faith Kreamer, Jermaine Boutte, Jennifer O’Neill, 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.

**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-Dec. 24-January 7-Sunday at 9am Mass**

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

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

**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  
Seminarist Rev. Mr. John Dugas  
Seminarist Br. John Paul Fruge

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.

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and website [www.lafayettevocations.org](http://www.lafayettevocations.org)



“Life is full of paradoxes. I have found that if  
you love until it hurts, there can be no more  
hurt, only more love.” *Saint Mother Teresa*

**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.

**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**

**16<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL PRIESTS VS. SEMINARIANS BASKETBALL  
GAME**-Runnin’ Revs vs. Slammin’ Sems-**Tuesday, December 26**  
Tip off at 6:30pm St. Thomas More High School, 450 E. Farrel  
Road, Lafayette, LA 70508 Adults-\$5 Kids \$2 Middle School  
3point Shootout at 6pm. Shootout Championship @ Halftime.

**\*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.**

**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](http://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 26<sup>th</sup>  
12noon deadline to secure your spot.**

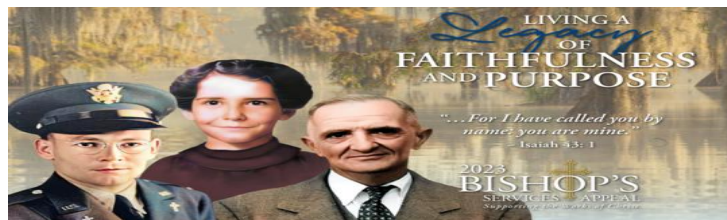
**Reflection on the Gospel**- Mary’s role was unique. But God asks  
us, too, to make a dwelling place within ourselves and within our  
world for Christ. The circumstances are always messy. It is not in  
glorious buildings but in the humblest of persons, in the most  
difficult of circumstances, that God takes up residence. It is  
precisely in such times that God dwells with us, assuring us that  
we are full of grace and favor, asking us to trust that God can and  
will bring forth blessing, even if we cannot see how,  
*-Living Liturgy tm, Fourth Sunday of Advent 2023*

“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*

“Let us adore Jesus Christ as our God; let us follow Him as our  
King. Let us offer Him all we have and all we are.”  
*Sermon on the Magi-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**-“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  
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**► 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!**

“Any book which inspires us to lead a better life  
is a good book.”  
*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](http://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](http://www.ceelafayette.org) or Contact Tom & Geraldine Rizzuto at  
337-984-7954 or [cee.trahan@gmail.com](mailto: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](http://www.helpourmarriage.com) for more information & to register.  
Call 985-232-5963 / email [retrovibrcomcoor@gmail.com](mailto:retrovibrcomcoor@gmail.com)