

# Sunday, January 5, 2025 The Epiphany 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

**<u>DEADLINE:</u>** 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: 12/29 \$ 1,691.50 MAIL IN COLLECTION: 12/30-1/2 \$ 100.00

\$ 1,791.00

CHRISTMAS OFFERING: \$ 1,977.00
SOLEMNITY OF MARY OFFERING: \$ 20.00
FIRST OFFERING: \$ 22.00
FOOD PANTRY: \$ 20.00

"Thank You" for your generosity & continued support

CHURCH CLEANERS-Week-1/10-Kim Hebert

## Happy Birthday! Father James January 10th

## SUNDAY READINGS-

<u>January 5-The Epiphany of the Lord-</u> Is 60:1-6 / Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6 / Mt 2:1-12 (20)

January 12-The Baptism of the Lord-

Is 42:1-4, 6-7 / Acts 10:34-38 / Lk 3:15-16, 21-22 (21)

## ST. MARCELLUS CHURCH

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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: 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Friday of Month \*<u>12:10 pm</u>

\*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 (Rosary at 8:15am</u> 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.

MA\$\$ INTENTIONS- First \$aturday, January 4 / 9:00am: Mathew Comeaux, For All Parishioners Living & Deceased (Rosary at 8:15am, then Devotions)

**Saturday, January 4 / 4:00pm:** Mack & Irene Wilson & Family, Jonathan Gautreau, Jackson & Olampe (41st A) Broussard & Family Living & Deceased, M/M Willie Dore, Randal Dore, Byron Dore, Dexter Landry, Glenn Gray & Family Living & Deceased, Keith Waguespack, Darren Waguespack, For Vocations to the Priesthood & Consecrated Life, For All Parishioners Living & Deceased (Rosary 3:30pm)

**Sunday, January 5 / 7:00ams**: Pete Bourque & Family Living & Deceased, Howard & Nickie Castille & Family Living & Deceased, Mrs. Mary D. Robertson, For All Priests & Deacons Living & Deceased, For All Parishioners Living & Deceased

**Sunday, January 5 / 9:00ams** M/M John Inzerella Family, M/M Ernest Crochet & Family, Mathew Comeaux, Rayward Segura, Bill & Eola S. Richard, For the Living: Alyssa Broussard & Reid Dore, For All Seminarians of Lafayette Diocese, For All Parishioners Living & Deceased (Rosary at 8:30am)

Monday, January 6 / 9:00am: For All Parishioners Living & Deceased (Rosary at 8:30am)

Tuesday, January 7 / 12:10pms For Priests & Deacons Living & Deceased (Holy Hour at 11:00am)

**Wednesday, January 8 / 9:00ams** Deceased Family Members of Joy & Danny Babineaux, Bill & Eola S. Richard, For All Parishioners Living & Deceased (Holy Day of Obligation)

Thursday, January 9 / 12:10am: For All Seminarians of the Lafayette Diocese (Holy Hour at 11:00am)

Friday, January 10 / 12:10pms For Vocations to the Priesthood & Consecrated Life (Holy Hour at 11:00am)

Saturday, January 11 / 8:30am: Mathew Comeaux, For All Parishioners Living & Deceased (Rosary at 8:00am)

**Saturday, January 11 / 4:00pm:** Bill (A) & Susan Broussard & Family Living & Deceased, Deceased Family Members of Joy & Danny Babineaux, Jackson and Olampe Broussard & Family Living & Deceased, For Vocations to the Priesthood & Consecrated Life, For All Parishioners Living & Deceased (Rosary at 3:30pm)

**Sunday, January 12 / 7:00ams** Pete Bourque & Family Living & Deceased, Howard & Nickie Castille & Family Living & Deceased, Mrs. Mary D. Robertson, For All Priests & Deacons Living & Deceased, For All Parishioners Living & Deceased

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SECOND COLLECTION-Next weekend, January 11 & 12, there will be a second collection for the **Property & Liability Insurance Fund.** 

OFFICE CLOSED-The Office will be closed for the New Years Holidays. 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.

TEEN LIFE MINISTRY-Ashley Menard-Leader (337)380-3239 Anyone in 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade & interested in attending Steubenville in June, 2025? Contact Ashley Menard for more information!

**POINSETTIA FLOWERS-** The Poinsettia flowers can be taken this weekend, **January 4**th & 5th after each mass. The only flowers to be taken will be by the bulletin table in Church. Please do not take any other flower arrangements. Thank you.

**<u>VOUNTEERS NEEDED-On Saturday, January 11<sup>th</sup> at 10am,</u>**We will need volunteers to take down the Christmas decorations and box and store them in shed. Need a few men to take down the Altar Wreaths and the Christmas Tree. Thank You.

**2024 TAX NOTIFICATIONS-**If you are interested in receiving a letter for your 2024 Church Contributions, please call the office (337-364-0818) and I will mail a letter to you. I will mail out letters to the 2023 list I have on file. If you no longer wish to receive tax notifications, please call the office to update records.

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** 



### 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.

FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS for Kermit Landry-This Saturday, January 4, Wake 10am to 12:30pm at Evangeline Funeral Home, Rosary by the Knights of Columbus at 11am, Funeral at St. Marcellus Church at 1pm, burial at Mausoleum. Please pray for the Repose of the Soul and Consolation of the Family of Kermit Landry. May He Rest in Peace.

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

"The Wise Men overcame every difficulty and surmounted every obstacle, in order to follow the Star!"

Sermon on the Magi-Thoughts of the Curé D'Ars

ALTAR FLOWERS-...In Memory of
Robert Leslie (Death Anniversary 7 years)
By Don and Sally Leslie

**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: 2<sup>nd</sup> grade First Communion and Confirmation classes (8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> graders) is held at the hall on Tuesdays from 6pm to 7pm. Next class will be this Tuesday, January 7<sup>th</sup>.

>First Communion Parent / Teacher Meeting will be on Tuesday, January 14<sup>th</sup> 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 next Sunday, January 12th. Please bring your lesson folders back to receive your next lesson folders.

\*The High School students: 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> 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 Sunday, January 19.

For those 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> grade students who get confirmed in 2024-2025: the Confirmed 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> grade students will come back 2025-2026 for Sacraments class, then Morality Class for 2026-2027. The Confirmed 10<sup>th</sup> grade students will come back for Morality Classes in 2025-2026 sessions.

When Confirmation gets to 8<sup>th</sup> Grade the students will come back each year for Sacraments then Morality Classes.

### 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.

<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.

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 <u>Altar Flowers</u>, 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. <u>January</u>

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

\*Joy & Danny Babineaux-January 11-18-Saturday at 4pm

\*Velma Laviolette-January 18-25-Saturday at 4pm

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION of the BLESSED SACRAMENT-Friday, February 7-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-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.

MASS BOOK 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 Seminarian Isaac Lejeune Seminarian Drew Landry

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.

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



"I know God will not give me anything
I can't handle. I just wish that He didn't
trust me so much."
Saint Mother Teresa

**FESTIVAL DE LA VIE 2025-**Respect, Protect and Serve All Life together. **Saturday, January 18, 2025** at Parc Sans Souci, 201 E. Vermilion St. Lafayette, LA 70501, 10am – 1pm, Live Praise & Worship Music, Food, Family Fun & Games, Guest Speaker, prayer walk, family activities. <u>diolaf.org/ProlifeFestival</u> Join us as we pray for a greater respect for every life. Diocese of Lafayette.

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-"In today's gospel reading, the danger posed to the newborn Christ child is made known through the dreams of exotic visitors from another land. These visitors prompt us to reflect on the gifts that come to us in hidden ways from foreigners and strangers. Those who are different are often a source of fear for us, but in today's gospel, they are friends, coheirs to the promise, and the first to recognize the hidden plans of God."

-Living Liturgy tm, The Epiphany of the Lord 2025

Pro-Life Quote-"O Blessed Mother, you received the good news of the incarnation of Christ, your Son, with faith and trust. Grant your protection to all pregnant mothers facing difficulties. Guide us as we strive to make our parish communities places of welcome and assistance for mothers in need. Help us become instruments of God's love and compassion." USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities "A Prayer for Pregnant Mothers" Copyright © 2024, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, Washington, DC. All rights reserved.

JOIN IN THE GREAT NOVENA FOR THE DIOCESE OF LAFAYETTE- A 9 year novena leading up to 2033, the 2000<sup>th</sup> 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.

Living out Christmas in the New Year-How do we live out the message of Christmas in the New Year, rather than pack it away with the ornaments? Each year, the Octave Day of Christmas falls on the first day of the New Year, on which we also celebrate the Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God. Her open heart and courageous "yes" to God show us how to live year-round—with hearts open to the Lord, following where He leads. We are called to place our trust in Him, to enter compassionately into the suffering of others, and to love one another as Christ loves us. Like Our Blessed Mother welcomed Jesus, we are called to cherish and protect the gift of human life, at every stage and in every circumstance. One way to live out the message of Christmas and follow Our Lady's example is to pray 9 Days for Life, a novena for the protection of human life taking place January 16-24. Each day of the novena features a different prayer intention, a short reflection, and more. Download the novena or sign up to get the daily prayers by email or text message at 9daysforlife.com! Copyright © 2024, U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, Washington, D.C. Reprinted with permission. All rights reserved.

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MARCH FOR LIFE-For Life-Southern Deanery-Wednesday, January 14, 2025 Praying for an end to abortion and all pro-death activities in our nation and our world

<u>5:00pm</u>-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. David Furka will serve as presider and homilist (In event of inclement weather all activities will be moved to St. Peter Church)

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, <a href="www.ceelafayette.org">www.ceelafayette.org</a> or Contact Mike & Phyllis Totaro at 337-962-5798 or <a href="reginfo.ceelaf@gmail.com">reginfo.ceelaf@gmail.com</a> 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 <a href="https://www.helpourmarriage.com">www.helpourmarriage.com</a> for more information & to register. Call 985-232-5963 / email <a href="mailto:retrovibrcomcoor@gmail.com">retrovibrcomcoor@gmail.com</a>