

# ST. MARCELLUS CHURCH

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**Sunday, December 13, 2020**  
**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: 12/06	\$ 1,715.00
MAIL IN COLLECTION: 12/3	\$ 510.00
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$ 2,225.00</b>
PROPERTY & LIABILITY INSURANCE FUND:	\$ 422.00
FOOD PANTRY FUND:	\$ 220.00
CHRISTMAS OFFERING:	\$ 50.00
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OFFERING:	\$ 2.00

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

**CHURCH CLEANERS-Week-12/18-Group 3-Yvonne Hebert**

**NATIVITY CANCELLED-Sunday, December 20<sup>th</sup> at St. Peter Catholic Church,** New Iberia. The Knights of Columbus regret to inform us that the Live Nativity Reenactment previously scheduled will be cancelled due to the rise of cases of Covid-19 in our area. God Bless you and have a wonderful Advent Season!

**ALTAR FLOWERS: ...In Loving Memory of**  
**Evzen & Jana Pohorelsky**  
**By Matt & Alice Crochet**

**Happy 49<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary**  
**Janet & Greg Boudreaux**  
**December 18<sup>th</sup>**

**FOR SALE-DOUBLE MAUSOLEUM CRYPT-**

Contact Mrs. Billie Norris at 519-2225.

Reminder: all sales/transfers finalized thru St. Marcellus Office.

**Pastor:** Rev. James Nguyen

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

**Trustees:** Jay Boudreaux-337-519-4147  
Mike Wattigny 337-577-4904

**Financial Council Chairperson:** Dan Duncan: 364-4966

#### **Pastoral Council Members:**

Chairperson: Ashley Menard: 337-380-3239

Vice Chairperson:

Secretary: Wendy Segura: 337-367-1602

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

Evangelization Committee: Nancy Hebert: 337-364-4409

Religious Education Committee: Wendy Segura: 337-367-1602

Worship Committee: Adele Platt: 337-380-9218

Management & Finance Committee: Catherine Simmons:  
504-905-1726

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

**Religious Education Office Phone:** 364-9419

**Coordinator of Religious Education:** Yvonne Hebert: 519-8411

**Assistant Coordinator:** Wendy Segura: 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's of the month at 11:00 am**

**First Saturday of Month: (Rosary at 8:15am followed by Devotions) 9:00am Mass \*Children of Mary members please arrive at church by 8:00am for First Saturday 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 12 / 4:00pm:** Gerald Laviolette, Gloria, Melvin & Daniel Bourgeois, Shirley Comeaux (A), Elus & Odette Labit, Nelson & Una Hebert, Kim Patrick Labit, Jude Renice Labit, Brady Jerrod Labit, Barbara Begnaud, Joseph Floyd Labit, Adley "Nickie" Castille, Randy Castille, Deceased Members of Castille, Dāvid, DeRouen & Pepper Families, Joseph T. & Timothy J. Broussard, Pamela Mogerman, M/M Antonio Conde & Family, M/M Jackson Broussard & Family, Elias "E. J." DeRouen, Wayne Horton, Howard Richard, Rhett Flash, Pete Lopez Jr., Gustave & Irma Broussard & Family, Oscar & Delia Richard & Family, Dixie Flash, Mrs. Rose Johnson, M/M Ambrose Clay & Deceased Family Members, In Thanksgiving, Deceased Members of Joy and Danny Babineaux, Lucy Dooley, J. N. Dooley (A), Rudell Landry & Family, Raymond Yoder & Family, Jack P., E. J. & John S. Broussard & Family, Aaron J. Lavergne Jr., William & Dolores Dooley, For Vocations to the Priesthood & Consecrated Life, For All Parishioners Living & Deceased

**Sunday, December 13 / 7:00am:** Ashley Russo, Kevin Russo, Deceased Members of Boudreaux & Russo Families, Janis Wilson, Mack & Irene Wilson, Clayton Biggerstaff, Evzen & Jana Pohorelsky Family, Jonathan Gautreau, Robert Leslie, Royal & Agnes Linnartz, Lee Roy O'Quinn, For All Priests & Deacons Living & Deceased, For All Parishioners Living & Deceased

**Sunday, December 13 / 9:00am:** Genevieve & Ernest Crochet & Family, Lottie G. & Leroy Louviere Sr., Wayne Horton, Howard Richard, Rhett Flash, Pete Lopez Jr., Gustave & Irma Broussard & Family, Oscar & Delia Richard & Family, Dixie Flash, Ronnie Guidroz, Virginia "Sue" Inzerella, For All Seminarians of Lafayette Diocese, For All Parishioners Living & Deceased

**Tuesday, December 15 / 12:10pm:** James Bonin Falterman Jr. & Family Living & Deceased, Warren Pellerin, For All Priests & Deacons Living & Deceased

**Wednesday, December 16 / 12:10pm:** Phillip Lyle Timmons & Family Living & Deceased, For All Parishioners Living & Deceased

**Thursday, December 17 / 12:10pm:** For Seminarians of the Lafayette Diocese

**Friday, December 18 / 12:10pm:** For Vocations to the Priesthood & Consecrated Life

**Saturday, December 19 / 4:00pm:** Deceased Members of the Knights of Columbus Council 7050, Freddie, Loudella & Lloyd Miguez, James Thibodeaux Sr., The Gautreau, Miguez, Chauvin & Thibodeaux Families, Elus & Odette Labit, Nelson & Una Hebert, Kim Patrick Labit, Jude Renice Labit, Brady Jerrod Labit, Barbara Begnaud, Joseph Floyd Labit, Adley "Nickie" Castille, Randy Castille, Deceased Members of Castille, Dāvid, DeRouen & Pepper Families, Joseph T. & Timothy J. Broussard, Pamela Mogerman, M/M Antonio Condé & Family, M/M Jackson Broussard & Family, Elias "E. J." DeRouen, Wayne Horton, Howard Richard, Rhett Flash, Pete Lopez Jr., Gustave & Irma Broussard & Family, Oscar & Delia Richard & Family, Dixie Flash, Judy Terrell, Sefrien (A) & Viola Landry & Family, Mrs. Rose Johnson, M/M Ambrose Clay & Deceased Family Members, Susan Broussard, Jonathan Gautreau, Tonia Boudreaux Dugan, Aaron J. Lavergne Jr., M/M Etienne LeBlanc, Edward LeBlanc, Edward Kennedy, Willie, Lona, Randal & Byron Doré, Wilda Hebert, M/M Joseph Terrell, Cortland Hebert, Timmy Courtois, Gracie Boutte, Lucille Simmons, Dexter Landry, For Vocations to the Priesthood & Consecrated Life, For All Parishioners Living & Deceased

**Sunday, December 20 / 7:00am:** Evzen & Jana Pohorelsky Family, Robert Leslie, Alfred, Mary & Doug Leslie, John Simon, For All Priests & Deacons Living & Deceased, For All Parishioners Living & Deceased

**Sunday, December 20 / 9:00am:** Genevieve & Ernest Crochet & Family, Wayne Horton, Howard Richard, Rhett Flash, Pete Lopez Jr., Gustave & Irma Broussard & Family, Oscar & Delia Richard & Family, Dixie Flash, Lillian & Warren Adams Sr., Deceased Members of Moore & Adams Families, Mrs. Louise Albert, Ronnie Guidroz, Virginia "Sue" Inzerella, For All Seminarians of the Lafayette Diocese, For All Parishioners Living & Deceased

### TEEN LIFE MINISTRY-Ashley Menard-Leader

**\*\*Teen Life Ministry is now accepting new Members, in grades 5<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup>. Anyone interested in joining please contact Ashley Menard, her cell 337-380-3239.**

**SECOND COLLECTION-This weekend, December 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup>, there will be a second collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious.**

**SECOND COLLECTION-This weekend, December 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>, there will be a second collection for the Bishop's Services Appeal.**

### CHRISTMAS TREE AND CHURCH DECORATING-

On **Sunday, December 20<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm** Millie, Louisa and Jay will be decorating the Tree and Church. We are looking for volunteers to help decorate. Need Men to hang the wreaths on the top part of the Altar.

**CHRISTMAS PLAY-On Sunday, January 3<sup>rd</sup> at 8:55am the Children will perform the Epiphany Play. Please come early for mass to see their play.**

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### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 7050-

The Knights would like to recognize the following:

**Knight of the Month-Ron Clark**  
**Family of the Month-Kermit & Donna Rita Landry**  
**Knight of the Year-David Land**  
**Family of the Year-Johnny & Nancy Hebert**

**The Knights and Ushers will pick up your Brown Paper Bag donations this weekend to collect food for the Food Pantry for December 19<sup>th</sup> handout.**

### CONGRATULATIONS TO THE NEWLY BAPTIZED-

1. **Nova Aries Robicheaux**-Parents-Taylon Robicheaux & Ashlyn Pellerin
2. **Luna Belle Pellerin**-Parents-Skylar Pellerin & Eboly Gonzalez Pellerin
3. **Adeline Marie Pellerin**-Parents-Ryan Mujica & Chanley Pellerin

**CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S MASSES-Holy Days of Obligation-Christmas-Thursday, December 24<sup>th</sup> at 4:00pm, Friday, December 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:00am and 9:00am. New Year's-Thursday, December 31<sup>st</sup> at 4pm & Friday, January 1<sup>st</sup> at 7:00am and 9:00am.**



**SANCTUARY LAMP—**

**...In Loving Memory of  
Warren Pellerin  
By Dina Pellerin Mayard**

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS-**

**...STUDENT HOMESCHOOL FOLDERS-The next dates to turn in Student's Homeschool Folders and pick-up student's next folders are on these Sundays-**

**This Sunday, December 13, January 10, February 14, March 14 and April 11 after the 9am Mass at the Hall.**

**CONFIRMATION RETREAT-will be held at Nativity of Our Lady Church Parish Hall on 130 N. Richelieu Circle, New Iberia, on Saturday, January 9<sup>th</sup> be there for 7:30am and breakfast will be served. Lunch will be provided as well and you can bring any snacks you would like. You will not be allowed to leave to go get lunch. Bring your pillow and jacket. We will feed you supper. Be prepared to stay until after 8:00pm. Sunday, January 10<sup>th</sup> be there for 9:00am sharp. Parents/guardians will need to come at 9:30am. All of you will attend the 11:00am mass with your parents/guardians and the retreat team. All candidates will sit with their parents/guardians. Remember the Retreat is Mandatory.**

**FIRST COMMUNION STUDENTS will attend their religion class on Tuesday, January 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm at the Hall. There will be a First Communion parents/student meeting at the Church on Tuesday, January 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm.**

**THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU-Advent Confessions-**

**\*This Tuesday, December 15\* from 6:00pm to 7:30pm.** St. Marcellus will be open for individual confessions. Please wear a mask.

**SUNDAY READINGS-**

**December 13-Third Sunday of Advent-Is 61:1-2a, 10-11 / 1 Thes 5:16-24 / Jn 1:6-8, 19-28 (8)**

**December 20-Fourth Sunday of Advent-2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16 / Rom 16:25-27 / Lk 1:26-38 (11)**

**ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED-If you have a child that is interested in being an Altar Server, please contact Yvonne Hebert at 519-8411 or Church Office 364-0818. They must have made their First Communion and be in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade to high school.**

**\*\*FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION of the BLESSED SACRAMENT.\*\*Friday, February 5\*\* -8:00am until 4:00pm followed by Devotions. \*Mass at 4:30pm\*. There are hours left to fill, so please consider spending one hour with the Blessed Sacrament. The sign-up sheet can be found on the table in the front entrance of Church. **\*No Adoration in January****

**CHURCH SUPPORT-Father James asks for your continued almsgiving. Please continue to support our wonderful parish by mailing in your contributions to St. Marcellus Church, 6100 Avery Island Road, New Iberia, LA 70560**

**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. **The Food Basket handout is Saturday, December 19<sup>th</sup> from 10:00am to 10:30am.****

**Please pray for those of our community who have requested our**

**prayers:** Cleve Labit, Dossie Darby, Joseph Touchet, Stefan Norris, Gerald Boudreaux, Roxanne Lavergne, Julia Armentor, Nancy Hebert, Danny Dugas, Hazel Delahoussaye, Kimberly Elizabeth Moreaux, Linda Yoder, Matthew Babineaux, Sis Lavergne, Fr. Gene Tremie, Patrick Castille, Sarah Walker, Lisa Landry Quibedeaux, Carrol Lopez, Peggy Derouen, Debra Kennedy, Quinton Sims, Pete Phar, Noah Daniels, Jerome Decuir Sr., Rebecca Duplantis, Hayward Delcambre, Angelica Daniels, Johnny & Karen Broussard, Pam Jude, Michelle Thibodeaux Broussard, Daryl Hardy, Genevieve Robichaux, Wayne Derise, Mary Dartez, Gayle Louviere, Kressent Landry, Julie Bourgeois, Bill Broussard, Dayton Boutte, Catherine Landry, Elijah Landry, Jason Walker, David Seymour, Joyleen Seymour, Barbara Boudreaux, Theresa Robin Bourque, Brandon Barbin, Tina Broussard, Carolyn Flener, Wilda Hite, Cassie Lannie, Marvin Rentrop, Mary Grace Rentrop, Zoda P. Bourque, Christian James, Blair & Wendy Yoder, Mark & Karen Messinger, Corida Schaubert, Maggie & Finn Wise, Ken & Judy Broussard, Dorinda Broussard, Katie Faulk, Edwin Mayeaux, Freddie Norris, Robert R. Broussard Sr., Cody Castille, Robert LeBlanc, Geraldine LeBlanc, Lauris Land, Ryker Richard, Roy Boudreaux, Ramsey Moss, Jan Bergeron, Wendell Broussard, Bonnie Hazelton, Alison & Emberia Hazelton, Canton Fabia, Sharon Broussard, Denee Vidrine, Gregory Beauboef, Selena Gautreau, Benjamin Lassalle, Yvonne Russo, Kade Breaux, Shirley Romero, Stephanie Vidrine, Carolyn Deville, Earlene Guillory, Terry Broussard, Savannah Jones, Anthony Leger, Bailey Doré, Joseph Calvin Landry, Gerald Sewell, Carmen Decuir, Lois Romero, Amy Citrano, Joyce Romero, Gretchen Lavergne, Glorious Broussard, Jennifer Liner, Marcus Hebert, Hypolite Meyers, Brian Lasseigne, Nicholas Landry, Wanda Breaux, Vera Prioux, Durice Leleux Jr, Faith Kreamer, Jermaine Boutte, Jennifer O'Neall, Randal Riggie, Rita & Steven King, Linda Dartez, Don Simon, Irene Richard, Dean Lancon, Jessica Guidry, Barbara LeBlanc, Pete Bourque, Amy Crochet, Alison Lavergne, Gladys Eskind, Tye Nicholas Tassin, Bella Cervantes, Georgie & Kyle Pellerin, William "Kojak" Broussard, Monique Lancon, Amber Segura, Michael Norris, Denise David, Nelson Boudreaux, Jessica LeJeune, Ann LaPointe, Payton Suire, Michael Mogerma, Brian Delcambre, Steven Lavergne, Perry 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 Sacristy Room in back of Altar. Thank you & God Bless. **December / January****

**\*Elsie LeBlanc-Dec. 12-19-Saturday at 4pm Mass**

**\*Betty Romero-Dec. 20-Jan 10-Sunday at 9am Mass**

**\*Angie, Kent, Carson & Caroline Hebert-Jan 10-16-Sunday at 9am Mass**

**MASS INTENTIONS—Now Taking 2021 Mass Intentions -**

Please put your list of intentions & **\$5.00 per day 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 on the table in the back of Church along with envelopes.

**CENTENNIAL CAMPAIGN PAYMENTS-**

Reminder if you are paying by check for the Centennial Campaign, please make the check out to **Centennial Campaign.** Mail to: Diocese of Lafayette, Attn: Centennial Campaign, 1408 Carmel Drive, Lafayette, LA 70501. Thank You.

**COME, LORD JESUS! GROUP-**

The following Come, Lord Jesus group in our parish is: **Dan & Louise Duncan-Avery Island, 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.



Please pray for the perseverance of  
**Sem. David Furka &  
Rev. Mr. Casey Dugas →  
grandson of Ronald & Mary Dartz & all  
Seminarians of the Lafayette Diocese.**



**“The Season of Advent is like springtime in nature, when everything is renewed and so is fresh and healthy. Advent is also meant to do this to us—to refresh us and make us healthy, to be able to receive Jesus in whatever form He may come to us.” *Saint Mother Teresa***

**MASS FOR THIS WEEKEND**-Bishop Deshotel is urging everyone to wear masks while attending Weekend and Weekday Masses. **\*Phase 3-75%** occupancy for our church requires a limit of **225** persons at each mass. The Church doors will be opened 30 minutes before mass. Maintain 6 feet safe distancing at all times. There will not be any missalettes in pews. You may bring your copy of Magnificat or Word Among Us but please take home after mass. **\*If you need a missalette, ask Usher for one, it is for you to keep and bring back each week for mass.** The Gifts will not be brought up.

For Communion Time- Use hand sanitizer before you receive communion, please bring your own or use bottle in back of church. One row at a time-Parishioners go out one by one with 6 feet distance in between. **\*Receive Communion in the hands.** After mass, please take a bulletin from Usher and exit building with 6 feet distancing. \*Parishioners are not to socialize in church. You may visit outside after Mass away from exits and should be encouraged to physically distance and to wear masks.

If you are sick, please attend only when you are well. Also, persons over 65 years old are at a higher risk of experiencing worse symptoms than others if they contact the coronavirus and should consider not attending Mass.

\*Phase 3 also-All Catholics in the Diocese of Lafayette remain dispensed from their obligation from attending Sunday Masses until we get word from Bishop Deshotel. The duty to sanctify Sunday should be fulfilled through some other form of devotion, watch mass on television or on the internet, pray the rosary, scripture reading, etc. **\*Confessions will be heard in the Reconciliation Room. Please wear a mask.**

**Prayer to St. Joseph**-O St. Joseph, whose protection is so great, so strong, so prompt before the throne of God, I place in you all my interests and desires. O St. Joseph, assist me by your powerful intercession and obtain for me all spiritual blessings through your foster Son, Jesus Christ Our Lord, so that, having engaged here below your heavenly power, I may offer you my thanksgiving and homage. O St. Joseph, I never weary contemplating you and Jesus asleep in your arms. I dare not approach while He reposes near your heart. Press Him in my name and kiss His fine head for me, and ask Him to return the kiss when I draw my dying breath. Amen

**Reflection on the Gospel-**

John identifies himself not as the Messiah, but as the fulfillment of long-ago prophecies, as the one who prepares the way for the coming Messiah. But the questions still remained, even for John. Whoever thought that it would happen through a young, unmarried woman, that God would look “with favor on the lowliness of his servant,” Mary? God asks that as we wait for fulfillment, we be prepared for God to do new things, unexpected things, and be ready for the unlikely of answers.

*-Living Liturgy tm, Third Sunday of Advent 2020*

**ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION**-My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

**ALTAR FLOWER FUND DONATIONS**-Anyone interested in donating for the **Year 2021**, please contact Millie Comeaux at 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-\$30.00 total for all 4. Price for the 1 Weekend Altar Flowers-\$40.00

**USHERS, VOCATION PRAYER CHALICE, MONEY COUNTERS & CHURCH CLEANERS**-The 2021 Schedule are ready & can be picked up in the folder on the table in the front entrance of Church.

**OUR LADY OF THE OAKS 2020 RETREAT DATES**-**Grand Coteau, LA**- For list of dates or to register or info about retreats, [www.ourladyoftheoaks.com](http://www.ourladyoftheoaks.com)

**DIOCESAN MARRIAGE ANNIVERSARY MASS**-will be held on **Sunday, February 14, 2021** at **St. Joseph Catholic Church in Rayne**. The 2:00pm Mass will be celebrated by Bishop J. Douglas Deshotel. **Pre-registration by no later than January 31, 2021** is required for all couples who wish to be honored as they celebrate 25, 40, 50, 60 or more years of married life during the year 2021. **Covid Restrictions:** Couples celebrating will have reserved seating. Masks are highly recommended. Seating for those not celebrating are on a first come, first serve basis until max capacity is reached. The Mass will be live streamed on our Diocese of Lafayette Facebook page and YouTube channel. Please go to the following link to register: <https://diolaf.org/marriage-anniversary-mass-information>.

**Pro-Life Quote- “Justice is itself the great standing policy of civil society; and any eminent departure from it, under any circumstances, lies under the suspicion of being no policy at all.” *Edmond Burke***

**Prayer for the Holy Souls**-Our Lord dictated the following prayer to St. Gertrude to release 1,000 Souls from Purgatory each time it is said. **“Eternal Father, I offer Thee the Most Precious Blood of Thy Divine Son, Jesus, in union with the Masses said throughout the world today, for all the holy souls in Purgatory, for sinners everywhere, for sinners in the universal church, those in my own home and within my family. Amen.”**

**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. Contact Paul & Carolyn Trahan at 254-8947 or 337-898-9257, [cee.trahan@gmail.com](mailto:cee.trahan@gmail.com) or [www.ceelafayette.org](http://www.ceelafayette.org)  
**Upcoming dates: January 8-10, March 5-7, April 16-18, May 21-23, August 6-8, Sept. 17-19, Nov. 12-14**

**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 800-470-2230 / 337-873-3981