



ST. MARCELLUS CHURCH

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Sunday, March 22, 2026
Fifth Sunday of Lent

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: 3/15	\$ 2,902.00
MAIL IN COLLECTION: 3/16-19	\$ 195.00
	\$ 3,097.00

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES:	\$ 367.00
FOOD PANTRY:	\$ 50.00

"Thank You" for your generosity & continued support

CHURCH CLEANERS-Week-3/28-Group 3-Yvonne Hebert

CRS RICE BOWLS-Embracing God's Love, United in

Generosity God created man & woman in his image, reminding us that every person is sacred & reflects God's love. Each of us has a purpose, woven into God's plan. Our support of CRS Rice Bowl provides hope & opportunity to families around the world. Let's reflect on how our prayers, fasting, & almsgiving can help our sisters & brothers fulfill their potential. Visit crsricebowl.org/week-5 to read this week's Story of Hope. Please pick up a Rice Bowl located on Baptismal Railing.

SUNDAY READINGS-

March 22-Fifth Sunday of Lent-

Ez 37:12-14 / Rom 8:8-11 / Jn 11:1-45 (34)

March 29-Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord-

Mt 21:1-11 (37) / Is 50:4-7 / Phil 2:6-11 / Mt 26:27-66 (38)

Pastor: Rev. James Nguyen

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

Saturday, March 21 / 4:00pm: Joseph T. & Dorinda Broussard & FL&D, Edward & Gladys Guidry & FL&D, Gerald Laviolette (A), Deceased Members of the Knights of Columbus Council 7050, Jimmy Thibodeaux & FL&D, E. J. DeRouen, William & Dolores Dooley, Sederic Hebert, Brooks Hebert, Keith Waguespack, Deceased Family Members of Joy & Danny Babineaux, For Vocations to the Priesthood & Consecrated Life, For All Parishioners Living & Deceased (Rosary at 3:30pm)

Sunday, March 22 / 7:00am: Robert Leslie, Alfred & Mary Leslie, Doug Leslie, Mary & Willie Robertson, Pete Bourque & FL&D, Howard & Nickie Castille & FL&D, For All Priests & Deacons Living & Deceased, For All Parishioners Living & Deceased

Sunday, March 22 / 9:00am: Mathew Comeaux, For All Seminarians of the Lafayette Diocese, For All Parishioners Living & Deceased (Rosary at 8:30am)

Monday, March 23 / 9:00am: Mary Elizabeth Hebert Broussard & FL&D, For All Parishioners Living & Deceased (Rosary at 8:30am)

Tuesday, March 24 / 12:10pm: Edith Joan Simon Ray & FL&D, Manuella Dominique & FL&D, For Priests & Deacons Living & Deceased (Holy Hour at 11:00am)

Wednesday, March 25 / 12:10pm: Harry Lynn Arnold & FL&D, J. C. Ray & FL&D, Streamline Industries: Employees, Customers & Their FL&D, Souls in Purgatory, Craig Mayard, Sawyer Richard, Warren Pellerin, Goldie Moore, Elizabeth Segura, Paul & Linda Richard, Louis "Dean" Arton Sr. (B), For All Parishioners Living & Deceased (Holy Hour at 11:00am)

Thursday, March 26 / 12:10pm: For All Seminarians of the Lafayette Diocese (Holy Hour at 11:00am)

Friday, March 27 / 12:10pm: Ellen Gondron (A), Matthew Comeaux (A), For the Living Malise Buford (B), Averie Grace Haydel & FL&D, For Future Generations for Graces Necessary for Salvation, For Vocations to the Priesthood & Consecrated Life (Holy Hour at 11:00am; Way of the Cross at 2:30pm)

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

Saturday, March 28 / 4:00pm: Joseph T. & Dorinda Broussard & FL&D, Edward & Gladys Guidry & FL&D, Mabel Breux (B), Mack & Irene Wilson & Family, Jonathan Gautreau, Bill & Eola Richard, For Vocations to the Priesthood & Consecrated Life, For All Parishioners Living & Deceased (Rosary at 3:30pm)

Sunday, March 29 / 7:00am: Mary & Willie Robertson, Pete Bourque & FL&D, Howard & Nickie Castille & FL&D, For All Priests & Deacons Living & Deceased, For All Parishioners Living & Deceased

Sunday, March 29 / 9:00am: Lester (B) & Cynthia Lopez, Raymond J. Boudreaux, M/M Lonie Mire, M/M Mitchell Boudreaux, Mathew Comeaux, Alphone & Elodie Sonnier, For All Seminarians of Lafayette Diocese, For All Parishioners Living & Deceased (Chaplet at 8:30am)

SECOND COLLECTION-This weekend, March 21 & 22, there will be a Second Collection for the **Bishop's Services Appeal.**
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†**MAKING PALM CROSSES**† -Need volunteers to help make Crosses for Palm Sunday on **Friday, March 27th** arrive at 9am at the Hall.
***Bring back your old palm branches & crosses** to church & put in box in entrance of Church, so we can burn for next year's ashes.

The Disch-DeClouet Social Service Center is having its Annual Campaign in the months of Lent. The Center has served the poor and needy of Iberia Parish providing critical and basic human needs for 48 years. Please consider investing, there are campaign envelopes that are on the bulletin table.

LENTEN REGULATIONS-
All Fridays of Lent are obligatory days of abstinence- (means we do not eat meat). The law of fast binds everyone from age 18-59.
Good Friday is an obligatory day of fast and abstinence-means we have only one full meal a day. Two lighter meals are permitted. We do not eat meat this day also. The law of abstinence binds from age 14 and older. Those that are excused are the physically and mentally ill including those suffering from chronic illness, diabetes, pregnant or nursing mothers.

Please pray for these First Communion Candidates:
 Demi Delahoussaye, Sailor Hebert, Trace Pellerin, Adalie Pullins, Walker Renard, David Simmons, Evely Thibodeaux, Steele Touchet.

Please pray for these Confirmation Candidates:
 Evan Aucoin, Caroline Babineaux, Elliot Ball, Noah Barthelemy, Jett Dore, Max Harrison, Ava Hebert, Reagan Segura, Ava Simon, Brie Stinson.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 7050-
Knight of the Month-Darrel Adams
Family of the Month-Ronald & Mary Dartz

ST. MARCELLUS YOUTH GROUP-
Ashley Menard-Leader-337-380-3239

The Way of the Cross will be at 2:30pm in Church on Fridays in Lent, **Friday, March 20, 27, April 3.**

HOLY WEEK-
 Monday, March 30-Mass at 9:00am
 Tuesday, March 31 Mass at 12:10pm
 Wednesday, April 1-Mass at 12:10pm
 Holy Thursday, April 2-Mass at 7:00pm
 Good Friday, April 3-Way of the Cross-2:30pm, Service 3pm
 Holy Saturday, April 4-Vigil Mass at 8:00pm
 Easter Sunday, April 5-Masses at 7:00am & 9:00am.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS-
First Communion Retreat, First Confessions & Practice on Saturday, April 11th from 9:30am – Noon
First Communion Ceremony-Sunday, April 12th at the 9am Mass, reception after at hall.
Confirmation Practice-Monday, April 20th at 6:00pm.
Confirmation Ceremony-Tuesday, April 21st at 6:30pm Mass, reception after at hall.

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, Sawyer Richard,
Warren Pellerin, Goldie Moore,
Elizabeth Segura, Paul & Linda Richard
by Dina Pellerin Mayard**

Religious Education News-

***These grades: 2nd grade First Communion and Confirmation classes (8th graders) will be held at the hall on Tuesdays from 6pm to 7pm. The next First Communion & Confirmation class is this Tuesday, March 24. Last class is on Tuesday, March 31.**

***Elementary students:** 1st, 3rd, 4th & 5th grades: **Students, turn in last folder on *Sunday, April 19th at 10am at the Hall to Teacher, then dismissed. ↑This day because of First Communion and Reception on Sunday, April 12.**

***The High School students:** 6th, 7th grades & Sacrament Class & Morality Class after Confirmation: **Students, turn in last folder on Sunday, April 19th at 10am at Hall to Teacher, then dismissed.**

JOIN BOOKS ALONG THE TECHE LITERARY FESTIVAL

On Friday, April 10 from 12pm-2:30pm in the Sliman Theater in downtown New Iberia for 2 free sessions which explore the Creole roots of Pope Leo XIV, the rich & moving celebration of Catholic life in Acadiana, & and inspiring real life story of service to the community guided by Catholic faith.

ST. EDWARD SCHOOL-Enroll Now School Registration Online Applications for 2026-2027. Phone 337-369-6764, For more information contact cpattillo@sespandas.com or go to our website www.sespandas.com St. Edward School 175 Porter Street, New Iberia, LA

Please pray for those who are in the Armed Forces:
US ARMY Firefighter-Specialist 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

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION of the BLESSED SACRAMENT-Friday, April 3-Adoration 8:00am-2pm, Way of the Cross at 2:30pm, Good Friday Service 3pm. Please consider spending one hour with the Blessed Sacrament. The sign-up sheet can be found on table in the entrance of the Church.

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.

ALTAR FLOWER FUND DONATIONS-Anyone interested in donating for the Altar 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. Altar Flowers Prices
Price for the 4 Holiday Altar Flowers-*\$50.00 total for all 4.
Price for the 1 Weekend Altar Artificial Flowers-*\$10.00 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.
Available Dates-June 6, July 4, August 8, 15, 29, September 26.

Please pray for those of our community who have requested our prayers: Colby Landry, Karen Darby, Larry Chevalon, Catherine LeBlanc, Lillian Dore, Michael Bourgeois Sr., Sandra Bourgeois, Loretta Decuir, Kathy Scott, Ken & Judy Broussard, Crystal Olivier Peña, Luka Escuriex, Verna DeRouen, Chilson Dugas Jr Angelina Alyssa Hodges, David Hodges, Judy Landry, Bob Landry, Katie Kelly, Kari Judice, Dot Boudreaux, Angela M. Sattler, Mark Comeaux, Barbara Boudreaux, Judy Bourque, Devin Lavergne, Lula Barras, Bailey Doré, Wilmer Sanford, Kerry Leleux, Mark Rouly, Rodney Leleux, Reagan Macicek, Linda Escagne, Barbara Clark, Myra Derouen Boutte, Kathy Frusha Fuqua, Fisher Melder, Wilda Hite, Barbara D. Alleman, Phyllis Aucoin, Louis Boudreaux Jr., Fr. Manny Fernandez, Dean Lancon, Grant Darby, Michael Bourgeois Jr., Michelle Dugas, Steven Marcor, Amy K. Citrano, Dominik Citrano, Maddox Citrano, Dossie Darby, Kim Rentrop, Freda Rentrop, Joyce Thibodeaux, Mona Doiron, Debbie Thibodeaux, 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, 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, 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, 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 &

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. **March / April**
***Wilda Hite-March 21-28-Sunday at 9am**
***Joy & Danny Babineaux-March 28-April 4-Saturday at 4pm**
***Teddy Leleux-April 5-11-Sunday at 7am**

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.

ST. MARCELLUS FOOD BASKETS-Easter Food Baskets are prepared to help those who are in need. Please help us stock our pantry with unexpired 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.
Food Basket Handout Saturday, March 28th 10am-10:30am.

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 Zack Hebert-grandson of Johnny & Nancy Hebert
Seminarian Ian McElwee
Seminarian Augustin Alexander Tarazona
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



“Once the longing for money comes, the longing also comes for what money can give—superfluous things. Our needs will increase, for one thing leads to another and the result will be endless dissatisfaction.”
Saint Mother Teresa

BISHOP’S SERVICES APPEAL UPDATE-
2026 GOAL-\$7,461.00 As of February 28, Actual Collected-
\$4,373.50 Raised-58.62% of Goal
“Thank you” for your Generosity and Continued Support!

TRANSITIONAL DIACONATE ORDINATION-Saturday,
May 30th at 10am at Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist
Church on 914 St. John Street in Lafayette, LA
PRIESTLY ORDINATION-Saturday, June 6, at 10am at
Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist Church on 914 St. John
Street in Lafayette, LA

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR-March 30-May 24 6pm
each Monday. 8 powerful seminar sessions. Participants will receive a Certificate of Participation. Seminar will conclude Sunday, May 24 during the 11am Mass and will be followed by a Love Fest. St. Edward Catholic Church, 201 Ambassador W. Lemelle Dr., New Iberia, LA For more information and to register, please contact Michelle at 337-369-3101.

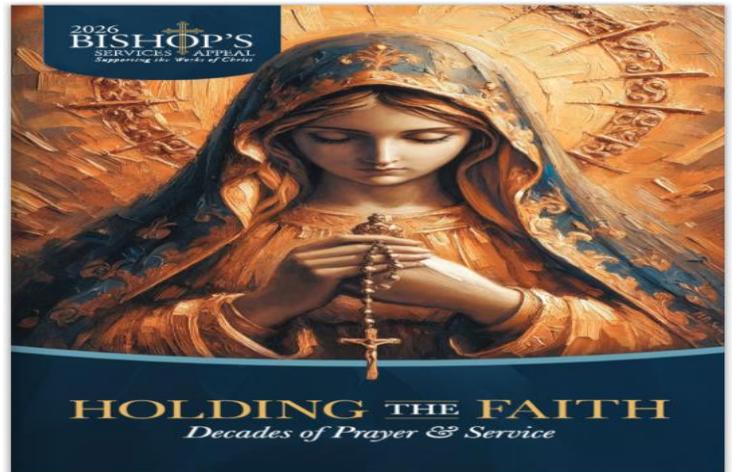
ANGOLA BUS TRIP-*SUNDAY, APRIL 12*-Bus departs 7am at St. Edward Catholic Church parking lot, 175 Ambassador W. Lemelle, New Iberia; 7:30am Bus departs from St. Paul Catholic Church Parking Lot, 326 South Washington St. Lafayette, LA. This ministry is made possible by the Catholic Diocese of Lafayette. No fee is charged. To reserve your seat or for more information call: Stephanie Bernard, Prison Ministry Coordinator-337-261-5694. If interested in attending to see your loved one, you can pick up a paper with more information on bulletin table.

MOTHER’S DAY REFLECTION-May 6 at 9am, 8:15am check in at Diocese of Lafayette, 1408 Carmel Drive, Lafayette, 70501. Registration required by May 1st. The cost is \$25 per person, which includes lunch & all materials for the day. To register: <https://secure.qgiv.com/.../event/mothersdayofreflection/> Speakers-Sarah O’Pry & Koa Melancon-The Cajun Mamas. Presenting-“The Freedom Found in Surrender”

Mothers Day Women’s Retreat & Hope & Purpose Eucharistic Revival Conference Flyers are on Bulletin Table.

Reflection on the Gospel-“When one chooses to abide in Jesus, then he is always present, even if not in the same physical, earthly way the first beloved disciples wanted him to be. As Martha professes her belief in the Risen One, she affirms that he is always truly present and that all who die believing in him are likewise living and present still. Such belief does not take away grief for the dear departed but turns our mourning into hope-filled joy.”
-Living Liturgy tm, Fifth Sunday of Lent 2026

Pro-Life Quote-“There is an everyday heroism, made up of gestures of sharing, big or small, which build up an authentic culture of life... Part of this daily heroism is also the silent but effective & eloquent witness of all those ‘brave mothers who devote themselves to their own family without reserve, who suffer in giving birth to their children & who are ready to make any effort, to face any sacrifice, in order to pass on to them the best of themselves’... We thank you, heroic mother, for your invincible love! We thank you for your intrepid trust in God & in his love. We thank you for the sacrifice of your life.” *(The Gospel of Life 86) Copyright © 2026, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, Washington, DC. All rights reserved*



“We must take care not to get slack....
We ought always to be going from strength to strength.....”
Sermon on False & True Goodness-Thoughts of the Curé D’Ars

HOPE WITH INFERTILITY-Wednesday, March 25 at Diocese of Lafayette, 1408 Carmel Drive, Lafayette, LA. Mass at 6:00pm followed by A Special prayer service for married couples. For more information: 337-457-5285

“Truth never appeals to us unless it is personal.”
Venerable Fulton Sheen

COME & SEE-Join us for a weekend at St. Joseph Seminary in Covington, LA where you’ll have the opportunity to spend time with seminarians, experience daily life at the seminary, and explore the vocation. This free event is open to men ages 16 and older. Date: **March 27-29**, visit the website for registration and retreat forms, www.lafayettevocations.com/retreat. Meals and Lodging provided, prayer and fellowship.

OUR LADY OF THE OAKS RETREAT DATES-
Grand Coteau, LA- For list of dates or to register or info about retreats for men or women or couples, go to www.gcretreats.org **337-662-5410** ***Men’s Retreat-Rynella Area-May 14-17, call Tommy Hebert at 337-364-6946 to make a reservation.**
Women’s Retreat-May 28-May 31, June 18-21, August 20-23, Sept 10-13, Oct 1-4, Oct 8-11, Oct 15-18, Nov 1-4, Nov 12-15, Dec 3-6

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