



Sunday, December 14, 2025

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: 12/7	\$ 1,920.25
MAIL IN COLLECTION: 12/8-11	\$ 20.00
	<u>\$ 1,940.25</u>

BISHOP'S SERVICES APPEAL:	\$ 385.00
FOOD PANTRY DONATION:	\$ 140.00
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OFFERING:	\$ 15.00

"Thank You" for your generosity & continued support

ALTAR FLOWERS-

...In Memory of Deceased Family Members
of the Guillot and Duncan Families
by Louise & Dan Duncan

CHURCH CLEANERS-Week-12/20-Kim Hebert

SUNDAY READINGS-

December 14-Third Sunday of Advent-
Is 35:1-6a, 10 / Jas 5:7-10 / Mt 11:2-11 (7)

December 21-Fourth Sunday of Advent-
Is 7:10-14 / Rom 1:1-7 / Mt 1:18-24 (10)

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: 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 13 / 8:30am: For All Parishioners Living & Deceased (Rosary at 8:00am)

Saturday, December 13 / 4:00pm: Joseph T. & Dorinda Broussard & FL&D, Edward & Gladys Guidry & FL&D, Jimmy Thibodeaux, For Vocations to the Priesthood & Consecrated Life, For All Parishioners Living & Deceased (Rosary at 3:30pm)

Sunday, December 14 / 7:00am: M/M Jerry & Harette Shea, Pete Bourque & FL&D, Howard & Nickie Castille & FL&D, Willie & Mary Robertson, Jimmy Thibodeaux & FL&D, For All Priests & Deacons Living & Deceased, For All Parishioners Living & Deceased

Sunday, December 14 / 9:00am: Mathew Comeaux, M/M Ernest Crochet & Family, James Bonin Falterman Jr. & FL&D, Ray Allen Viator & FL&D, Louis "Deany" Arton (B), Georgette Arton (B), For the Living: Alyssa Broussard and Reid Dore, For All Seminarians of the Lafayette Diocese, For All Parishioners Living & Deceased (Rosary at 8:30am)

Monday, December 15 / 9:00am: For All Parishioners Living & Deceased (Rosary at 8:30am)

Tuesday, December 16 / 12:10pm: Phillip Lyle Timmons & FL&D, For Priests & Deacons Living & Deceased (Holy Hour at 11:00am)

Wednesday, December 17 / 12:10pm: In Thanksgiving, For All Parishioners Living & Deceased (Holy Hour at 11:00am)

Thursday, December 18 / 12:10pm: Gayle C. Kinsey & FL&D, For All Seminarians of the Lafayette Diocese (Holy Hour at 11:00am)

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

Saturday, December 20 / 8:30am: For All Parishioners Living & Deceased (Rosary at 8:00am)

Saturday, December 20 / 4:00pm: Deceased Members of the Knights of Columbus Council 7050, Mack & Irene Wilson & Family, Jonathan Gautreau, E. J. DeRouen, Rudell Landry & FL&D, Sederic Hebert, Brooks Hebert, Deceased Family Members of Joy & Danny Babineaux, Joseph T. & Dorinda Broussard & FL&D, Edward & Gladys Guidry & FL&D, Jimmy Thibodeaux, For Vocations to the Priesthood & Consecrated Life, For All Parishioners Living & Deceased (Rosary at 3:30pm)

Sunday, December 21 / 7:00am: Calvin Glaubrecht Family, Pete Bourque & FL&D, Howard & Nickie Castille & FL&D, Willie & Mary Robertson, Jimmy Thibodeaux & FL&D, For All Priests & Deacons Living & Deceased, For All Parishioners Living & Deceased

Sunday, December 21 / 9:00am: Mathew Comeaux, M/M Ernest Crochet & Family, For the Living: Alyssa Broussard and Reid Dore, For All Seminarians of Lafayette Diocese, For All Parishioners Living & Deceased (Chaplet at 8:30am)

SECOND COLLECTION-This Weekend, December 13 & 14, there will be a second collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious.

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OFFICE CLOSED-The Office will be closed for the Christmas and New Years Holidays starting Tuesday, December 23rd through Friday, January 2nd and the Office will reopen on Monday, January 5th. If you need assistance, please call the Office at 337-364-0818 and leave a message, we will check the messages daily.

CHRISTMAS PLAY PRACTICES-These are the dates and times for the Christmas Play Practices-This Saturday, December 13 at 10:00am & next December 20 at 10:00am at Church. The play will be performed December 24th at the 4pm Mass, meet at Church no later than 3:45PM.

HAPPY 54TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY to
Greg and Janet Boudreaux (December 18th)
CONGRATULATIONS!

Ushers Schedule, Money Counters Schedule, Lectors Phone List, Vocation Prayer Chalice Families Schedule, the Eucharistic Ministers and Church Cleaning Schedule-The 2026 Schedules are ready and can be picked up in the folders on the Schedule table in the front entrance of Church.

CHILDRENS CHOIR-There are sign up forms in the back of Church on the Bulletin Table for joining the Children's Choir for the 7:00am Mass on the 1st, 3rd, and 5th (if there is one) Sundays of the month. Ages 7-12



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 7050-

Knight of the Month-Mike Wattigny

Family of the Month-Ken & Judy Broussard

...The Knights will have a meeting this Monday, December 15th
at 7pm at the Hall. Knights, please arrive 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 non-perishable food for the Christmas Food Baskets Handout on December 20th.

...LIVE NATIVITY SCENE-The Knights of Columbus of Iberia Parish will be sponsoring a Live Nativity Scene on **December 20th at 5:30pm and on December 21st at 5:30pm** on the grounds of Our Lady of Nativity Church located at 130 N. Richelieu Circle in New Iberia. We would like to invite all to come and share in this beautiful re-enactment of the birth of Jesus Christ.

CHURCH DECORATING FOR CHRISTMAS-This Sunday, December 14th at 1:00pm. 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 1:00pm.

THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU-CONFESSIONS-

Advent Confessions this Wednesday **December 17.**

St. Marcellus time is from **6:00pm to 7:00pm at the Church.**

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

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 & Deceased Members of the
Landry, Broussard, Yoder, Kennedy &
LeBlanc Families**
by Dot Landry & Edmond Broussard

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. Next class is **this Tuesday, December 16.**

***First Communion Parent/Child Meeting, on Tuesday, January 13 at 6:00pm at the Hall.**

***CONFIRMATION RETREAT MEETING-**There will be a meeting on **Tuesday, January 27th at 6:00pm** at Our Lady of Nativity Church Hall, 130 N. Richelieu Circle, New Iberia for Parents, Confirmation Students, Teachers.

***Confirmation Retreat-Saturday, February 7 at Our Lady of Nativity Church Hall. 8:30am-Arrival, 9:00am-Start Retreat.**

***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 is **this Sunday, December 14th.** Bring folders to class. ↓

***The High School students:** 6th, 7th grades & Sacrament Class & 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 High School class is on **next Sunday, December 21st.**

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

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.

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION of the BLESSED SACRAMENT-Friday, January 2-Adoration 8:00am-4pm, 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.

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. 2026 Altar Flowers Prices**
Price for the 4 Holiday Altar Flowers-\$55.00 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.

Please pray for those of our community who have requested our prayers: Lillian Dore, Sandra Bourgeois, Loretta Decuir, Peggy Derouen, 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 Laverne, Lula Barras, Bailey Doré, Wilmer Sanford, Christine Bodin, Kerry Leleux, Mark Rouly, Rodney Leleux, Reagan Macicek, Michael Bourgeois Sr., 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, R.T. Touchet, Kim Rentrop, Freda Rentrop, Joyce Thibodeaux, Mona Doiron, Debbie Thibodeaux, Zenaida Retana, Charlie Thibodeaux, Natasha & Ryan Kirkeby, Kerry Hebert, Daniel Bourque, Stefan Norris, Roxanne Laverne, 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 Laverne, Glorious Broussard, Hypolite Meyers, Nicholas Landry, Wanda Breaux, Faith Kreamer, Jermaine Boutte, Jennifer O'Neill, Randal Riggle, Rita & Steven King, Jessica Guidry, Barbara LeBlanc, Amy Crochet, Alison Laverne, Bella Cervantes, William "Kojak" Broussard, Monique Lancon, Michael Norris, Denise David, Ann LaPointe, Payton Suire, Brian Delcambre, Steven Laverne, & 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. 14-21-Sunday at 9am**

***Helana & Audie Bodin-Dec. 21-28-Sunday at 9am**

***Betty Romero-Dec. 28-Jan. 4-Sunday at 9am**

ST. MARCELLUS FOOD BASKETS-Christmas 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. The Christmas Food Basket Handout will be on **Saturday, December 20th from 10:00am-10:30am.**

MASS BOOK FOR INTENTIONS-

2026 Mass Book is Now Open

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 William Hebert
Seminarian Eric Hernandez
**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



“Come, O blessed Spirit of knowledge and light,
 and grant that I may perceive the will of the
 Father. Show me the nothingness of earthly
 things, that I may realize their vanity and use
 them only for your glory and my own salvation,
 looking ever beyond them to you and your
 eternal reward.” *Saint Mother Teresa*

Mass Times Christmas & New Years-

>Mass time for Christmas Eve, Wednesday, December 24th
 will be at 4:00pm. The mass time for Christmas Day,
 Thursday, December 25th will be at 9:00am.
 >Mass Times for New Year's Eve, Wednesday, December 31st
 is at 4:00pm. New Year's Day, Thursday, January 1st is at
 8:00am. Christmas & New Years are Holy Days of Obligation.

RUNNIN' REVS VS SLAMMIN' SEMS-Priests vs Seminarians
 Basketball Game Tuesday, December 30- 6:30pm Tip-Off at
 St. Thomas More High School, Lafayette. Adults \$5 / Kids \$2.
 Middle School Shootout at 6pm / Championship at Halftime.

“Change your entire point of view! Life is not a mockery.
 Disappointments are merely markers on the road of life,
 saying: “Perfect happiness is not here.” Though your passions
 may have been satisfied, you were never satisfied, because
 while your passions can find satisfaction in this world,
 you cannot.” *Venerable Fulton Sheen*

FESTIVAL DE LA VIE-Respect, Protect and Serve All Life
 together. Saturday, January 17, 2026 at Parc San Souci,
 201 E. Vermilion Street, Lafayette 70501 from 10am to 1pm.
diolaf.org/ProLifeFestival Join us to Pray for a greater respect for
 every Life. Speakers-Kristi Fredieu & Kayla Stansbury, Sean
 Corcoran; and Interfaith Prayer Walk, Praise Music, Fun and
 Food. Interfaith Prayer Walk will highlight 5 Areas of Life:
 Individuals with *Disabilities, *Unborn, *Stronger Marriages,
 *Elderly & Dying, *Most Vulnerable.

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

Reflection on the Gospel-"It is not easy to always be joyful, to
 keep in mind the duty of delight," the Catholic social activist
 Dorothy Day wrote in her memoir, The Long Loneliness. And in a
 private journal entry she wrote, "A sad world. We are surrounded
 by sadness. ...One must will to rejoice." How can the church ask
 me to rejoice today? What does the church know of the burdens I
 bear? Perhaps Gaudete Sunday is a liturgical version of Dorothy
 Day's reminder of a duty of delight."
-Living Liturgy tm, Third Sunday of Advent 2025

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
 Solidarity" (www.respectlife.org/prayer-for-radical-solidarity)
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BISHOP'S SERVICES APPEAL UPDATE-

2025 Goal-\$8,087.00 As of November 30,
 Actual Collected-\$12,242.73, Raised- 151.4% of goal!
 Thank you for your generosity & continued support.

“Those who go often to Mass during the week, do their work
 very much better than those who, for want of faith, think they
 have no time for it!” On the Sanctification of Daily Life (E.).
-Thoughts of the Curé D'Ars

CATHOLIC HIGH ADMISSIONS TIMELINE-

Dec. 15-All Applications Open; CHS-4th-12th grade
 January 16th-3rd Grade Day at CHS;
 January 23-Red Letter Day. www.chspanthers.com
admissions@chspanthers.com 337-256-5383

MARCH FOR LIFE-SOUTH DEANERY-Praying for an end to
 abortion and all pro-death activities in our nation and our world.
Tuesday, January 13, 2026 at St. Peter Catholic Church in New
 Iberia. 5pm-Holy Hour at Grotto Main St. by Library,
 6pm- Eucharistic Procession from Grotto to St. Peter Church,
 6:30pm- Mass for Life Fr. Blanda will serve as presider and
 homilist. (In event of inclement weather all activities will be
 moved to St. Peter Church) Knights of Columbus, Knights of Peter
 Claver, Diocese of Lafayette

DIOCESAN MARRIAGE ANNIVERSARY MASS-Sunday,

February 1, at 2pm hosted at St. Anne Catholic Church in
 Youngsville. Join us for a special celebration honoring couples
 marking 25, 40, 50, 60 or more years of marriage! Registered
 couples will receive a commemorative certificate, and reserved
 seating will be provided for honorees. Family and friends are
 welcome to join on a first-come, first-served basis until we reach
 capacity. Registration is required by January 26th. Don't miss this
 chance to be part of a beautiful tradition made possible by the BSA.
 To submit your name to be recognized at this special Mass visit our
 website-
<https://diolaf.org/marriage-anniversary-mass-information>

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

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