

# ST. MARCELLUS CHURCH

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## Sunday, December 17, 2023 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: 12/10	\$ 2,019.80
MAIL IN COLLECTION: 12/11-14	\$ 110.00
TOTAL:	\$ 2,129.80

RETIREMENT FOR RELIGIOUS:	\$ 442.40
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OFFERING:	\$ 427.50
FOOD PANTRY:	\$ 20.00

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

#### TEEN LIFE MINISTRY-

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

#### ALTAR FLOWERS-...In Loving Memory of

Mary Faye Cestia (Death Anniversary-December 12)

Ezven Pohorelsky (Birthday-December 13)

By Brielyn & Hudson Crochet

#### FATIMA STATUE FLOWERS-...In Loving Memory of

Deceased Members of the Arton Family By Barbara Arton

#### SUNDAY READINGS-

December 17-Third Sunday of Advent-

Is 61:1-2a, 10-11 / 1 Thes 5:16-24 / Jn 1:6-8, 19-28 (8)

December 24-Fourth Sunday of Advent-

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

**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 16 / 8:30am:** The Holy Souls in Purgatory, For All Parishioners Living & Deceased (Rosary at 8:00am)  
**Saturday, December 16 / 4:00pm:** Aaron J. & Sis Lavergne Jr., Gerald Laviolette, Johnny & Ethel Viator, E. J. DeRouen, Phillip Lyle Timmons & Family Living and Deceased, Brooks Hebert, Sederic Hebert, Warren Pellerin, Goldie Moore, Elizabeth Segura, Raymond Yoder & Family Living & Deceased, M/M Etienne LeBlanc, Edward LeBlanc, William & Dolores Dooley, Nolan Broussard & Family Living & Deceased, Ronny Clark, Mason Andrew Broussard, Donna McDonald Snoddy, For Vocations to the Priesthood & Consecrated Life, For All Parishioners Living & Deceased (Rosary at 3:30pm)  
**Sunday, December 17 / 7:00am:** Cody David, Mary D. Robertson, The Holy Souls in Purgatory, For All Priests & Deacons Living & Deceased, For All Parishioners Living & Deceased  
**Sunday, December 17 / 9:00am:** M/M John Inzerella Family, Ernest Crochet Sr. Family, Glenn Gray & Family, Shirley & Roland DeRouen & Family, Dennis Paul Arton (B), For All Seminarians of the Lafayette Diocese, For All Parishioners Living & Deceased (Rosary at 8:30am)  
**Monday, December 18 / 9:00am:** Paul & Linda Richard, For All Parishioners Living & Deceased (Rosary at 8:30am)  
**Tuesday, December 19 / 12:10pm:** The Holy Souls in Purgatory, For Priests & Deacons Living & Deceased, (Holy Hour at 11:00am)  
**Wednesday, December 20 / 12:10pm:** Living & Deceased Family of Denise & Johnny David, The Holy Souls in Purgatory, For All Parishioners Living & Deceased (Holy Hour at 11:00am)  
**Thursday, December 21 / 12:10pm:** The Holy Souls in Purgatory, For Seminarians of the Lafayette Diocese (Holy Hour at 11:00am)  
**Friday, December 22 / 12:10pm:** Living & Deceased Family of Denise & Johnny David, The Holy Souls in Purgatory, For Vocations to the Priesthood & Consecrated Life (Holy Hour at 11:00am)  
**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, 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, 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)

**See Insert for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Mass Intentions**

**SECOND COLLECTION-This Weekend, December 16 & 17,** there will be a second collection for the **Property Liability Insurance Fund.**

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

**CHURCH CLEANERS-Week-12/22-Kim Hebert**

**CHURCH DECORATING FOR CHRISTMAS-This Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup> at 1pm,** we will need volunteers to help decorate the Church & Tree & men to put up wreaths. Arrive at church 1:00PM.

**HAPPY 52<sup>ND</sup> WEDDING ANNIVERSARY!**  
**GREG and JANET BOUDREAUX**  
**(DECEMBER 18<sup>TH</sup>)**

**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.**

**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



### **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 7050-**

The Knights would like to recognize the following:  
**Knight of the Month-Everette Dionne**  
**Family of the Month-Jarrod & Kimberly Segura**

**...The Knights will be offering coffee and donut holes after the 9am mass this Sunday under the canopy of Church.**

**...The Knights will be offering coffee, hot chocolate, donut holes after the 4pm Christmas Eve Mass, Sunday, December 24<sup>th</sup> under the canopy of Church.**

**Knights of Columbus Live Nativity Scene-This year the Nativity will be at St. Joseph Catholic Church on Main Street in Loreauville, this Saturday, December 16 & this Sunday December 17 at 5pm each night.**



### **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.

**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.**



**SANCTUARY LAMP-**

**...In Loving Memory for Living & Deceased Members of Landry, Broussard, Yoder, Kennedy & LeBlanc Families by Dot Landry & Edmond Broussard**

**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, December 19<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, December 17<sup>th</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.**

**THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU-**St. Marcellus Confessions will be heard on Wednesdays, December 20 from 6pm-7pm.

All are invited to this event and Religion Students & Families can also come to confessions these nights.

**CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PLAY PRACTICE**

**SCHEDULE-** Saturday, December 23. Practice starts at 10am at Church. The play will be performed on Sunday, December 24<sup>th</sup> at 4pm Christmas Eve Mass.

**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:** 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., Barbara Clark, 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 Darte, 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, Ken & Judy Broussard, Katie Faulk, Edwin Mayeaux, Freddie Norris, Cody Castille, Robert LeBlanc, Geraldine LeBlanc, Lauris Land, Roy Boudreaux, Ramsey Moss, Kade Breaux, 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 Breaux, Faith Kreamer, Jermaine Boutte, Jennifer O'Neall, Randal Riddle, 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**

**\*Helana & Audie Bodin-Dec. 17-24-Sunday at 9am Mass**

**\*Betty Romero-Dec. 24-January 7-Sunday at 9am 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. **The Food Basket handout is this Saturday, December 16<sup>th</sup> from 10am-10:30am. We need Volunteers to come help hand out food baskets to recipients. Please arrive by 9:30am at Hall and stay until 10:30am.**

**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)



“God dwells in us. It doesn’t matter where you  
are as long as you are clean of heart. Clean of  
heart means openness, that complete freedom,  
that detachment that allows you to love God  
without hinderance, without obstacles. When  
sin comes into our lives that is a personal  
obstacle between us and God. Sin is nothing  
but slavery.” *Saint Mother Teresa*

**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.**

**All church parishes of the Diocese of Lafayette** will offer  
individual confession every Wednesday of Advent from 6:30pm to  
8pm. This is a special outreach of mercy to encourage Catholics to  
return to the Sacrament of Confession and experience God’s  
healing love. **St. Marcellus-Wed., December 20-6pm-7pm.**

**\*HEALING SERVICE\***-Please join Fr. Manny Fernandez for a  
Healing Service here at Sacred Heart Church in New Iberia on  
**Wednesday, December 20 at 1:30 pm** in Church. **Rosary at  
1pm.** For more information call: Faye Boutte at 337-944-6138

**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.

**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.**

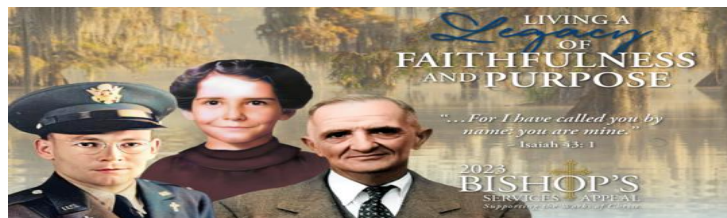
**Reflection on the Gospel**-John the Baptist uses Isaiah’s words to  
present himself as “the voice of one crying out in the desert, ‘Make  
straight the way of the Lord.’” Just as effective lighting in a room  
does not call attention to itself but rather enables you to see what is  
in the room, so too John is not the focus but rather points to the  
One who is the Light. This expected One is already in their midst,  
and in our midst. Do you recognize him? -*Living Liturgy tm,  
Third Sunday of Advent 2023*

“But the most beautiful thing God made-so the Bible tells us-  
was the family. He created man and woman. And he gave  
them everything. He entrusted the world to them: “Grow,  
multiply, cultivate the earth, make it bear fruit, let it grow.”  
All the love he put into that marvelous creation, he entrusted to  
a family.” (9/26/15-Prayer Vigil) *Pope Francis*

“The virtue of Obedience makes the will supple. It gives the  
power to conquer self, to overcome laziness, and to resist  
temptations. It inspires the courage with which to fulfill the  
most difficult tasks.” *Catechism on the Duty of Children (F.)-  
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 St. Bakhita, assist all those who are trapped in  
a state of slavery; Intercede with God on their behalf so that they  
will be released from their chains of captivity. Those whom man  
enslaves, let God set free.” *USCCB “Prayer to St. Josephine  
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**► 2023 BISHOP’S SERVICES APPEAL UPDATE-As of  
Nov. 12-Total Collected-\$9,057.41 Our 2023 Goal-\$8,438.00  
We reached our goal. Your donations are important and very  
much needed by parishioner participation. Thank you!**

“Our Lord was born not just of her flesh  
but also by her consent.”  
*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.  
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