



ST. MARCELLUS CHURCH

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Sunday, February 22, 2026 First 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: 2/15	\$ 1,516.51
MAIL IN COLLECTION: 2/16-19	\$.00
	<u>\$ 1,516.51</u>

Property & Liability Insurance Fund:	\$ 586.00
BISHOP'S SERVICES APPEAL:	\$ 10.00

"Thank You" for your generosity & continued support

CHURCH CLEANERS-Week-2/28-Group 1-Dan Duncan

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

SUNDAY READINGS-

February 22-First Sunday of Lent-
 Gn 2:7-9, 3:1-7 / Rom 5:12-19 / Mt 4:1-11 (22)

March 1-Second Sunday of Lent-
 Gn 12:1-4a / 2 Tm 1:8b-10 / Mt 17:1-9 (25)

Pastor: Rev. James Nguyen

Staff: Office Manager: Ann Boudreaux
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Religious Education Office Phone: 337-364-9419

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, February 21 / No 8:30am Mass

Saturday, February 21 / 4:00pm: Joseph T. & Dorinda Broussard & FL&D, Edward & Gladys Guidry & FL&D, Deceased Members of the Knights of Columbus Council 7050, Jimmy Thibodeaux & FL&D, E. J. DeRouen (B), William & Dolores Dooley, For Vocations to the Priesthood & Consecrated Life, For All Parishioners Living & Deceased (Rosary at 3:30pm)

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

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

Monday, February 23 / No 9:00am Mass

Tuesday, February 24 / 12:10pm: Therese Ruth Ray & FL&D, For Priests & Deacons Living & Deceased (Rosary 11:30am)

Wednesday, February 25 / 12:10pm: Streamline Industries: Employees, Customers & Their FL&D, Souls in Purgatory, Gary Paul Hebert & FL&D, For All Parishioners Living & Deceased (Rosary at 11:30am)

Thursday, February 26 / 12:10pm: Brittan Marie Falterman & FL&D, For All Seminarians of the Lafayette Diocese (Rosary at 11:30am)

Friday, February 27 / 12:10pm: Mathew Comeaux, Craig Mayard, Sawyer Richard, Warren Pellerin, Goldie Moore, Elizabeth Segura, Paul & Linda Richard, William & Dolores Dooley, For Vocations to the Priesthood & Consecrated Life (Rosary at 11:30am)

Saturday, February 28 / No 8:30am Mass

Saturday, February 28 / 4:00pm: Rudell Landry & FL&D, Joseph T. & Dorinda Broussard & FL&D, Edward & Gladys Guidry & FL&D, Gerald Laviolette, Mack & Irene Wilson & Family, Jonathan Gautreau, For Vocations to the Priesthood & Consecrated Life, For All Parishioners Living & Deceased (Rosary at 3:30pm)

Sunday, March 1 / 7:00am: Jimmy Thibodeaux & FL&D, 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 1 / 9:00am: M/M John Inzerela Family, Mathew Comeaux, Don Simon & FL&D, Simonet & Helen Delcambre, For All Seminarians of Lafayette Diocese, For All Parishioners Living & Deceased (Chaplet at 8:30am)

SECOND COLLECTION-This weekend, February 21 & 22, there will be a Second Collection for the **Black & Indian Mission.** Our support of this collection helps build the Church in African American, Native American, and Alaska Native communities from coast to coast. Schools, parish religious ed programs, and diocesan ministries depend on your generosity to help them spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Fr. James is on a trip in Vietnam February 15-March 12. Bishop J. Douglas Deshotel will say the weekend masses and Msgr. Father Richard Greene will say the weekday masses Tuesdays – Fridays at 12:10pm. There will be no masses on Mondays and Saturday Mornings.

CRS RICE BOWLS- Lent-A Time for Preparation-CRS Rice Bowl brings Catholics across the United States together each Lent to respond to global hunger and poverty through prayer, fasting and almsgiving. During this holy season, let us recommit to sharing bread for life with our global family so that all people can reach their God-given potential. Visit crsricebowl.org/week-1 to read this week's Story of Hope.

Please pick up a Rice Bowl located on the Baptismal Railing.

Please pray for these First Communion Candidates:

Demi Delahoussaye, Sailor Hebert, Trace Pellerin, Adalie Pullins, Walker Renard, David Simmons, Everly 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-Ted Broussard
Family of the Month-Donald & Catherine Segura

...The Knights and Ushers will hand out Brown Paper Bags to collect non-perishable food for the Easter Food Pantry Handout on Saturday, March 28th.

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.

The Way of the Cross will be at 2:30pm in Church on Fridays in Lent, Friday, February 20, February 27, March 6, March 13, March 20, March 27, April 3.

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 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, February 24.**

***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 **Sunday, March 8th.** 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 next High School class is **Sunday, March 15th.**

2025 TAX NOTIFICATIONS-If you are interested in receiving a letter for your 2025 Church Contributions, please call the office (337-364-0818) and I will mail a letter to you. I will mail out letters to the 2024 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-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, March 6-Adoration 8:00am-4pm,
***Mass at 12:10pm.** 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 Change**
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.

Please pray for those of our community who have requested our prayers: Karen Darby, Larry Chevalon, Catherine LeBlanc, Lillian Dore, Michael Bourgeois Sr., 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 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 & 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.**

February / March

***Kathy & Ray Scott-Feb. 22-March 1-Sunday at 9am**
***Yvonne & Gregg Hebert-March 1-8-Sunday at 9am**
***Lula Barras-March 8-14-Sunday at 9am**

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 on Saturday, March 28th from 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 Sebastian Cramer
Seminarian Deacon Ricky Castaneda
 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



“Love can be misused for selfish motives. If I love you but at the same time I want to take from you as much as I can, even the things that are not for me to take. Then there is no true love anymore.”

Saint Mother Teresa

Pro-Life Quote-“The essence of our identity is that we are created in God’s image and likeness and loved by Him. Nothing can diminish the priceless worth of any human life. Every person is *cherished*.” USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities
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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”

ANGOLA BUS TRIP-SUNDAY, MARCH 29-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.

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 the subtle way that temptation resembles truth that gets us. For people who have made a fundamental choice to accept God’s invitation to orient their lives toward the divine love, those things that are blatantly evil do not hold allure. They are easily recognizable as wrong, and it does not take much effort to reject them. The real temptations are the ones that are just close enough to the truth that they appear good & beneficial.” -*Living Liturgy tm, First Sunday of Lent 2026*

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

“The deaf who deny they are deaf will never hear; the sinners who deny there is sin deny thereby the remedy of sin, and thus cut themselves off forever from Him Who came to redeem.”
Venerable Fulton Sheen

“Jesus on the Cross said to the disciple whom He loved: “Behold your mother!” How sweet are those words to the Christian who is able to understand what depths of love they contain!”
 Notre-Dame d’Ars, Meditation 8.-*Thoughts of the Curé D’Ars*

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