



# ST. MARCELLUS CHURCH

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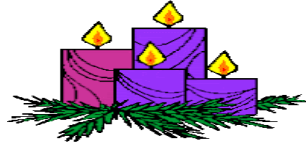
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## Sunday, December 21, 2025 Fourth Sunday of Advent



### 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: 12/14	\$ 1,652.00
MAIL IN COLLECTION: 12/15-19	\$ 220.00
	<u>\$ 1,872.00</u>

Retirement Fund for Religious:	\$ 428.00
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OFFERING:	\$ 749.00
FOOD PANTRY DONATION:	\$ 40.00
FIRST OFFERING:	\$ 1.00

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

### MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR!

From: Father James and Office Staff  
JESUS IS THE REASON FOR THE SEASON!

**CHURCH CLEANERS-**Week-12/27-Group 4-Youth Ministry

#### SUNDAY READINGS-

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

December 28-The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph-  
Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 / Col 3:12-21 / Mt 2:13-15, 19-23 (17)

**Pastor:** Rev. James Nguyen

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

**Trustees:** Wendy Segura 337-519-6029  
Ashley Menard 337-380-3239

**Financial Council Chairperson:** Dan Duncan: 337-380-8023

#### Pastoral Council Members:

Chairperson: Henry Charpentier: 337-256-2473

Vice Chairperson: Kathy Broussard: 337-352-1112

Secretary: Versa Dore: 337-967-2401

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Evangelization Committee: Nancy Hebert: 337-789-3608

Religious Education Committee: Kathy Broussard: 337-352-1112

Worship Committee: Versa Dore: 337-967-2401

Management & Finance Committee: Kevin Simon 337-967-6799

**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:** 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 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, Denis & Irma deLaHoussaye, Lionel & Beulah David, Cody David, 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)

**Monday, December 22 / 9:00am:** For All Parishioners Living & Deceased (Rosary at 8:30am)

**Tuesday, December 23 / 12:10pm:** Kay Christine Melancon & FL&D, For Priests & Deacons Living & Deceased (Holy Hour 11:00am)

**Wednesday, December 24 / 9:00am:** For All Parishioners Living & Deceased (Rosary at 8:30am)

**Wednesday, December 24 / 4:00pm:** Mathew Comeaux, Shirley & Homer Comeaux, Sidney & Ellen Gondron, Gerald Laviolette, Deceased Family Members of Jimmy & Bonnie Thibodeaux, Warren & Marie Hebert & FL&D, Bill & Eola Richard, Barbara & Donald Richard, Wilfred & Levie Gachassin, Adet, Harold & Alta Romero, Bessie Martin Stafford & FL&D, Julianna Watson Smith & FL&D, Adonis & Margaret Segura & Children, John Doumit, Marie Brasseaux, Steve & Marsha Chambers, Fernand & Gertrude DeBois, Jimmy Thibodeaux, Raymond J. Boudreaux, Lonie & Elvina Mire, Mitchell & Elia Boudreaux, Lory & Marty Segura, M/M Arty Segura, M/M Theo Delahoussaye, M/M Courtland Delahoussaye, For All Parishioners Living & Deceased

**Thursday, December 25 / 9:00am:** Mathew Comeaux, Floyd & Nettie Larson & FL&D, Bill & Eola S. Richard, Lester & Cynthia Lopez & FL&D, Kathleen Heinz Crandall & FL&D, Streamline Industries: Employees, Customers & Their F's L&D, Souls in Purgatory, Nelies Leleux, Mildred & Dennis Leleux, M/M Dennis Hebert, M/M Rufus Segura & Family, M/M Arthur Hebert & Family, Ronald Segura & Family, M/M Ned Thibodeaux & Family, Eula B. Segura & Family, Robert Leslie, Royal & Agnes Linnartz, LeeRoy O'Quinn, John Simon, Alfred & Mary Leslie, Doug Leslie, Craig Mayard, Warren Pellerin, Goldie Moore, Elizabeth Segura, Paul & Linda Richard, Willie & Mary Robertson, Gayle C. Kinsey & FL&D, Jimmy Thibodeaux & FL&D, Phillip J. Barras & FL&D, Francis H. Broussard Sr., Martha G. Broussard, Gaston J. Mestayer, Joann T. Mestayer, Kathy B. Jennings, For All Seminarians of the Lafayette Diocese

**Friday, December 26 / 12:10pm:** Alvin Romero, For the Holy Souls in Purgatory, For Vocations to the Priesthood & Consecrated Life (Holy Hour at 11:00am)

**Saturday, December 27 / 8:30am:** For All Parishioners Living & Deceased (Rosary at 8:00am)

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**Sunday, December 28 / 7:00am:** 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

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**SECOND COLLECTION-This Weekend, December 20 & 21,** there will be a second collection for the Property & Liability Insurance Fund.

**SPECIAL COLLECTION-This Wednesday, December 24 and Thursday, December 25,** there will be a Special Collection for the Christmas Offering.

Thank you to all who helped decorate the Church and the Christmas Tree. All is beautiful!

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

**CHRISTMAS PLAY PRACTICE-Christmas Play Practice-**This Saturday, December 20 at 10:00am at Church. The play will be performed December 24<sup>th</sup> at the 4pm Mass, meet at Church no later than 3:45PM. Millie-337-519-2555.

>Mass time for Christmas Eve, Wednesday, December 24<sup>th</sup> will be at 4:00pm. The mass time for Christmas Day, Thursday, December 25<sup>th</sup> will be at 9:00am.

>Mass Times for New Year's Eve, Wednesday, December 31<sup>st</sup> is at 4:00pm. New Year's Day, Thursday, January 1<sup>st</sup> is at 8:00am. Christmas & New Years are Holy Days of Obligation.



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 7050-**

**Knight of the Month-Greg Boudreaux**  
**Family of the Month-Ken & Judy Broussard**

**...LIVE NATIVITY SCENE-**The Knights of Columbus of Iberia Parish will be sponsoring a Live Nativity Scene **this Saturday, December 20<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm and this Sunday, December 21<sup>st</sup> 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.

**The Children's Christmas Gifts** will be handed out this Wednesday and Thursday before the dismissal of the Christmas Masses. Father James will call up the Altar Servers first, then he will call up the children.

**ST. MARCELLUS YOUTH GROUP-Ashley Menard-Leader-**  
**337-380-3239-**  
**Next function-Saturday, January 17-at St. Marcellus Hall.**  
**More information to be posted at a later date.**

**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, 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. Next class is **Tuesday, January 6.**

\***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 27<sup>th</sup> 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 **Sunday, January 11<sup>th</sup>.** 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 **this Sunday, December 21<sup>st</sup>.**

**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.** There are hours left to fill so 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 Lavergne, Lula Barras, Bailey Doré, Wilmer Sanford, 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 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.

**December / January**

- \***Helana & Audie Bodin**-Dec. 21-28-Sunday at 9am
- \***Betty Romero**-Dec. 28-Jan. 4-Sunday at 9am
- \***Dolores Segura**-Jan 4-10-Sunday at 9am

**ST. MARCELLUS FOOD BASKETS**-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.

**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 Cole Zaunbrecher  
Seminarian Haden Coleman  
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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“St. Joseph knew, when Mary became pregnant, that this child was not his child. He saw that she was pregnant but didn’t know how. If he had gone to the high priest, she would have been stoned to death. Do you see the charity and thoughtfulness of St. Joseph? If we have the same kind of charity and thoughtfulness toward each other, our families will become the abode of the Most High. How beautiful our families will become where there is total thoughtfulness for others.” *Saint Mother Teresa*

**Pro-Life Quote-**“Dearest St. Joseph...Help us to faithfully commit ourselves to the service and defense of human life—especially where it is vulnerable or threatened. Obtain for us the grace to do the will of God in all things.”  
USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, “A Prayer to St. Joseph, Defender of Life” ([www.respectlife.org/prayer-to-st-joseph](http://www.respectlife.org/prayer-to-st-joseph))  
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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.

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

“Let us adore Jesus Christ as our God;  
let us follow Him as our King.  
Let us offer Him all we have and all we are!”  
*Sermon on the Magi.-Thoughts of the Curé D’Ars*

**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.

**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 26<sup>th</sup>. 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](http://www.helpourmarriage.com) for more information & to register. Call 985-232-5963 / email [retrovibrcomcoor@gmail.com](mailto: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](http://www.gcretreats.org)  
337-662-5410

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**CATHOLIC HIGH ADMISSIONS TIMELINE-**  
January 16<sup>th</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Day at CHS;  
January 23-Red Letter Day. [www.chspanthers.com](http://www.chspanthers.com)  
[admissions@chspanthers.com](mailto:admissions@chspanthers.com) 337-256-5383

**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](http://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](http://www.ceelafayette.org) or Contact Mike & Phyllis Totaro at 337-962-5798 or [reginfo.ceelaf@gmail.com](mailto:reginfo.ceelaf@gmail.com)

**Reflection on the Gospel-**“In choosing a path that honors both Mary and the child within her, Joseph mirrors the divine empathy with humankind manifested in the incarnation. Just as the Holy One rectifies the broken relationship with humanity by becoming one with us, so Joseph rescues a dishonorable and potentially deadly situation by choosing to unite himself completely to Mary. Joseph exemplifies what their son Jesus will later teach his followers: one must go far beyond what the law requires in order to truly fulfill it.”  
-Living Liturgy tm, Fourth Sunday of Advent 2025