



SAINT JOSEPH

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DECEMBER 23, 2018 - FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

PARISH MINISTERS

- Rev. William Schambough*Pastor*
- Deacon Keith Duhon*Deacon*
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- Sandra Smith*Bookkeeper*
- Eva Green*Coordinator of 1st-11th Grade Religion*
- Celeste Fortier*Safe Environment Coordinator*
- John Buroker*Choir Director*

SACRAMENTS

RECONCILIATION: Saturday from 3:00–3:55 pm, 20 minutes before daily Mass and by appointment, (please call the office).

BAPTISM: Preparation for the sacrament is provided to parents held in the evenings. (See bulletin for time and place.) Parents are encouraged to attend during pregnancy, to avoid undue delays.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK: For Anointing, death, or in case of an emergency please call the parish office.

MARRIAGE: Couples planning marriage are asked to contact the pastor or deacon at least six months before.

CELEBRATING THE EUCHARIST

- Saturday:.....4:00 p.m.
- Sunday:8:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m., & 5:00 p.m.
- Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday:.... 6:30 a.m.
- Thursday:.....6:00 p.m.
- Holy Days:..... 6:30 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.

WELCOME, VISITORS.

We extend a warm welcome to the individuals and families who are celebrating with us today. We invite you to become registered with our Parish Family by completing our Parish Census Form, and returning it to the office on 208 E. Edith.

PASTORAL COUNCIL

- Pam Begnaud Trista Littell
- Bob Cole Nicole Hebert
- Dan Guidry
- Steve LeMaire

PARISH TRUSTEES

- Linda Desormeaux
- Robert Landry



4th Sunday of Advent

Here we are, mere days from Christmas, and we hear a Gospel anticipating the birth of another child. Mary has received word that her cousin Elizabeth is with child. Pregnant as she is, Mary "set out and traveled to the hill country in haste." She has recently received the greatest news of her life - that she is to be mother to the Messiah by the power of the Holy Spirit - but her concern is for her cousin in need. Through God's grace, Elizabeth turns it into an opportunity to honor the coming Christ. "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb." Yet Mary's example of selflessness should inspire us.

As Christmas draws near, there is plenty of goodness to anticipate for many of us. We'll reunite with family and friends, uphold time-honored traditions, swap stories old and new, exchange gifts, and welcome Jesus at the Christmas liturgy. These are wonderful things! Of course, they probably all come with their own to-do list. Shop for last-minute gifts, pick up recipe ingredients, ready the guest room, or pack your own bags. Mary probably had things to do as well. She had a lot to consider, for one thing. How do you plan to tell your parents you're pregnant, but no man was involved? When Joseph finds out, who will care for the practical needs of you and your child? Into what may have been a chaos of questions, Mary receives news that someone is in need. She goes immediately.

In these final days before Christmas, stay watchful and awake! You never know when God might invite you to welcome, hospitality, and compassion. It might be tempting to reject the opportunity for your own needs. Follow the example of Mary! If God is providing you an opportunity to love, He will provide the means to accomplish all your other tasks. This Christmas season, may you too hear, "Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled."

Please Pray For The Sick

- Gracie Broussard Meyer Moore Wilmer Landry
- Lucy Broussard Chase Conway Stoute Trisha Doucet
- Norval Knapp Brennen Albert Dina Broussard
- Susan Vincent Gunner Breaux Hunter Henry
- Joyce Comeaux James Benoit Joe Daigle
- Diane Johnson Dolores Benoit Kathryn Trahan
- Bobby Trahan Charlie Harrington Kathleen Blanco
- Betty Thibodeaux Rudolph Fabre Kim Vincent
- Luby Landry Lilly Mae Romero Enola G. Bernard
- Mary Belle Broussard Judy Touchet Karen Hebert
- Bernice Breaux Mary Trahan Raywood Decou

Our Gift Back to God

Offertory *(Due to early printing, not available)*. . . . \$

Weekly Goal \$12,000.00

Thank You!

The Gospel today tells of the Virgin Mary, pregnant herself, hurrying off to help her cousin Elizabeth. The model of good stewardship, she who had given herself to bear the Savior gave her time and love to others as well.

When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the infant leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth, filled with the Holy Spirit, cried out in a loud voice and said, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb." - Lk 1:41-42

Mass Intention

Weekend of December 22nd & 23rd, 2018
Sat. 4 p.m., Sun. 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. for the intentions listed,
Sun. 10:30 a.m. for our parish (Pro Populo)

Helaire & Matilda T. Decou & Family (His Birthday), J. V. Landry, Jr., Mabel & Romain Hebert, Drew Eschete (Birthday), Preston Venable, Eugene Broussard, Lewis & Maude Picard, Bradley J. Demette, Mary P. Meche, M/M Alton Broussard, Emandolia Provost Johnson, Willis Morvant, Wilda & Louis Theo Bares, Jacob Theriot, Ryan Viator, Pierre Long Hebert

Weekday Masses

Monday 24 Clomore Trahan, Eugene Broussard, M/M Maxie Duhon & Family, Cameron Bailey, Harold Vice, Sr., Katherine M. Fontenot, Joseph & Valarie Broussard & Family, M/M Theodule Baudoin & Family, Grace B. Credeur, Charlene Gremillion

Christmas Day

Louis Guidry, Loyd Denais, Dalfred John Guidry, Gayle J. Stoute, M/M Romain Broussard, M/M Deussard Baudoin, Yenes & Elwood Baudoin, Living & Deceased members of the Curtis J. Decou Family, John Ivy & Hazel Broussard & Family, Clifford "Bud" Broussard & Family, Ernest & Laura Hebert, Lawrence Benoit, Sr., Tommy & Dot Collins, Sostane & Stanley Broussard & Family, Ray Simon, Tanya Wilson, Clifford J. Viator & Family, Norris & Leline Gerard & Family, Ryan Viator, Allen Gerard & Family, Ga & Kay Fortier, Patricia Taylor Smith, Jeffrey & Nola Broussard, Pam McDonald, Dudley & Amie Denais, Erwin & Winnie Bixenman, Mary Wallace, Howard Broussard, Etienne & Leona Clark, M/M Dewey Steiner, M/M Etian Gallet, Emery Don Gallet, Azeline & Mitchell Theriot, Randy & Pearl Taquino, Betty M. Badeaux, Lynn D. Begnaud, Laci Taquino, Melba Melancon, Pierre Long Hebert, Lane Everette Begnaud, Emily Kay Benoit, Maurice Galligan, Huey Theriot, Ryan Rabalais, Preston Hebert, Jr., Douglas & Lula Lantier Duhon, Sr., Etta Touchet, Eustis & Beulah Toups & Russell, Percy & Ophelia Rabalais, George & Beatrice Stelly Stout, Helaire & Matilda T. Decou & Family, L. L. Bourque, Beverly C. & Mildred B. Picard, Hardy Theriot, Clifton & Lorena Broussard & Family, Sharon Decou Racca & Family, Drew Eschete, Eura V. Simon, M/M Surville Girard, M/M Eugene Robin, Nolan Pat Begnaud, M/M Nolan Begnaud, M/M Lee Begnaud (Living), Carla Hebert Leger, Wilda & Louis Theo Bares, Olan & Marie Lemaire, Francis & Lou Hebert, Allen Anslem, Mabry and Tina Simon and Children, Special Intention, Edwin & Editha H. Simon, Ronald Joseph Romero, Sabel Trahan, Mary Lou David, Dallas Fabre (Birthday), Lester David, Cameron Bailey, M/M Leody Boudreaux, Evelyn B. Landry, M/M Rawley Bernard, Azamia & Sarah Hanks, Alvin Trahan, Charlie Myers, Lillian Nepveux, Willis & Geri Morvant, Bobby Landry, Ron Bourque, The David Venable Family, The Wilton Bourque Family, Bye Broussard, Peggy Broussard, Zachary Esters, Gilbert & Ada Mouton & Ben

Wednesday 26 Vocations to the Priesthood
 Thursday 27 Sick of the Parish
 Friday 28 St. Joseph Community

Sanctuary Candle

Curtis J. Decou & Family
 M/M J. M. Delcambre
 Gayle Stoute
 M/M Ben Rogers



Holyday Mass Schedule

The Feast of Christmas

Christmas Eve

Monday, December 24th
4:00 & 6:00 p.m.

Christmas Day

Tuesday, December 25th
8:00 & 10:30 a.m.

**(NO 5:00 p.m. Mass
Christmas Day)**

Merry Christmas!!

Parish office Closed In observance of the Christmas Holiday, the parish office will be closed on Monday, **December 24th**, Tuesday, **December 25th** and Wednesday, **December 26th**. The office will reopen on Thursday, December 27th. On behalf of Father Schambough and the Parish Staff, we would like to wish everyone a very safe and Merry Christmas!



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Christmas Flower Décor In Memory of:

Alfred & Louise Albert
Allen Anslem
Betty & Buck Badeaux
Cameron Michael Bailey
Theo Bares
Wilda Bares
Yenes & Elwood Baudoin
L. L. Bourque Family
Marie & Ivan Bourque
Simeon & Nola Broussard
Katie Calcote
Adam & Una Campbell
John Chaisson
Jimmy Courville
Lloyd Denais

Francis & Lou Hebert
Romain & Mabel Hebert
Vincent Jimenez
J. V. Landry, Jr.
Richard LeBlanc
Robert “Tully” Landry
J. C. & Leona Moore
Jeri Morvant
Willis Morvant
Charles Myers
Junius Norris
Mark Norris
Wanda Norris
Ana Ramirez
James Richard

Thelma Sistrunk
Gayle James Stoute
Laci Taquino
Pearl Taquino
Randy Taquino
Azeline Theriot
Hardy Theriot
Jacob Theriot
Mitchell Theriot
Alvin Trahan
Preston Venable
Verona Vidrine
Charles Louis Whitney
Cynthia & Danny
Winchester

Events This Week

- Mon. (24th): Christmas Eve**
Masses: 4:00 & 6:00 p.m.
- Tues. (25th): Christmas Day**
Masses: 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.
- Wed. (26th):** Parish Office Closed
- Thurs. (27th):** No Events Scheduled
- Fri. (28th):** Knights of Columbus
Christmas Social 7:00 p.m.
Parish Office Closed
- Sat. (29th):** No Events Scheduled
- Sun. (30th):** No Events Scheduled



Word of Life “To couples who cannot have children of their own, you are no less loved by God; your love for each other is complete and fruitful when it is open to others.” *For married couples who long to welcome a child into their family: May the coming of the Christ Child bring hope and peace.*

The Knights of Columbus will have their Christmas Social on Friday, **December 28th** at 7:00 p.m. in the Life Center.

The Next Baptism Seminar will be held on Thursday, **January 10th, 2019** at 6:30 p.m. in Church. Parents are encouraged to attend during pregnancy in order to avoid delays.

Pope Francis Prayer Intention
In the Service of the Transmission of Faith: That people, who are involved in the service and transmission of faith, may find, in their dialogue with culture, a language suited to the conditions of the present time.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29 [2]/Lk 1:67-79
- Tuesday: Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29 [2a]/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25
- Midnight: Is 9:1-6/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13 [Lk 2:11]/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14
- Dawn: Is 62:11-12/Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20
- Day: Is 52:7-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 [3c]/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or Jn 1:1-5, 9-14
- Wednesday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17 [6]/Mt 10:17-22
- Thursday: 1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 [12]/Jn 20:1a, 2-8
- Friday: 1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7cd-8 [7]/Mt 2:13-18
- Saturday: 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6 [11a]/Lk 2:22-35

Next Sunday’s Readings

- Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14
- Psalm 128:1-2, 3, 4-5
- Colossians 3:12-21 or 3:12-17
- Luke 2:41-52



March for Life The Knights of Columbus Council 7557 will sponsor a Pro-Life Walk on Saturday, **January 12th** at 8:30 a.m. We will begin with a presentation inside Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church in Broussard by Sarah Bergeron followed by a blessing from Fr. Kyle White. We will march through Broussard to St. Joseph Church and then return to the Parish Life Center. The Rosary for life will be prayed. Refreshments will be served after the walk.

Bearing Our Sacred Mysteries: A Journey with our Mother with Robin Hebert Our own joyful, sorrowful and glorious mysteries have much to teach us about our spiritual journey, about bearing tenderly our unanswered questions, our deepfelt sufferings, our call to witness Christ's love in the world. Let us look to Mary, our Mother, for the clarity, wisdom and courage we need as women to ponder our lives and explore the new life to which the Lord is calling us. This is a deeply contemplative retreat. It will be held at the Jesuit Spirituality Center, Grand Coteau, **January 17th-20th**. The fee is \$290.00. For more information or to register call 662-5251 or visit JesuitspiritualityCenter.org/2019-Retreat.

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"A priest is not a priest for himself, he is a priest for you." - Cure' of Ars

Please Pray for Our Priest:
Rev. Jerome LeDoux, SVD
Chaplain Col. Louis Ledoux
Rev. Mark Ledoux
Rev. Austin Leger
Rev. Lambertus Lein, SVD
Rev. Roland Lesseps, SJ
Rev. James Liprie, OSB

Thought of the Week God's blessings come in many different guises. Some we see straight away and some we only see and appreciate in retrospect.



Mass For The Homebound Every Sunday St. Mary Parish in Lafayette is "steaming" their Sunday 8:00 a.m. Mass. The homebound, as well as residents in assisted living facilities and nursing homes can watch the Mass "live" at 8:00 a.m. on Sundays or watch the video recording of the Mass any time on Sunday or during the rest of the week. Go to www.stmarych.com/live. Please help pass the word to those who might benefit by this ministry.

Liturgical Ministers December 24th, 25th 29th & 30th 2018
Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, & Servers

We ask all ministers to please be there **15 minutes before Mass**. Sacristans, please be there 30 to 45 minutes before Mass. Please call for a replacement if unable to make your scheduled time.

- Monday, December 24th, 4:00 p.m. (Christmas Eve)**
Sacristan: Kat Trahan
Lectors: Wally Broussard, Dan Lapointe
Eucharistic Ministers: Deacon Keith Duhon, Kat Trahan, Jude Bares, Sylvia Broussard
Altar Servers: Walker Bares, Joseph Kreamer
- Monday, December 24th, 6:00 p.m. (Christmas Eve)**
Sacristan: Steve & Sharon Moore
Lectors: Sharon Moore, Steve Moore
Eucharistic Ministers: Grant Bourque, Jed Bourque, Monica Bourque, Hanna Bourque, Jerry Besson, Kristie Besson, Toni Hebert
Altar Servers: John Luke Bourque, Noah Bourque
- Tuesday, December 25th, 8:00 a.m. (Christmas Day)**
Sacristan: Robert & Angie Landry
Lectors: Bob Cole, Judy Cole
Eucharistic Ministers: Liz Curnutt, Angie Landry, Robert Landry, Becky Prejean, Mary Adams, Donna Pitre, Deidre Toups
Altar Servers: Noah Poff, Cooper Poff, Tyler Boudreaux
- Tuesday, December 25th, 10:30 a.m. (Christmas Day)**
Sacristan: Leslie Breaux
Lectors: Cindy Fontenet, Randy Blanchard
Eucharistic Ministers: Deacon Keith Duhon, Leslie Breaux, Suzie Trappey, Gerard Labat, Paige Gary, Jake Duplechin, Earline Blanchard
Altar Servers: Gavin Duplechin, Jarret Duplechin
- Saturday, December 29th, 4:00 p.m.**
Sacristan: Cyndi Miller
Lectors: Chenell Privat, Cyndi Miller
Eucharistic Ministers: Angelique Latiolais, Eileen Massie, Anna Bernard
Altar Servers: Graham Verret, Morgan Massie
- Sunday, December 30th, 8:00 a.m.**
Sacristan: Doug & Sue Duhon
Lectors: Ali Picard, Joyce Broussard
Eucharistic Ministers: Henri Quereau, Doug Duhon, Sue Duhon, Brandi Badeaux, Stacey Picard, Laci Quereau, Joseph Santiago
Altar Servers: Logan Broussard, Parker Broussard, Emily Landry
- Sunday, December 30th, 10:30 a.m.**
Sacristan: Leurline Norris
Lectors: Dina Segura, Lisa McCowen
Eucharistic Ministers: Kim Sonnier, Krissy Smith, Cindy LeBlanc, Nathan Champagne, Leurline Norris, Vickie Jacques, Amie Dupuis
Altar Servers: Graham Snodgrass, Elizabeth Roy, Alayna LaFleur
- Sunday, December 30th, 5:00 p.m.**
Sacristan: Mary Landry
Lectors: James Blanchard, Velma Cheramie
Eucharistic Ministers: Sarah Gary, Debbie Dumas, Mary Landry, Pam Begnaud, Wayne Begnaud, Dennis Dumas, Sara Blady
Altar Servers: Alyssa Blanchard, Meghan Tavares