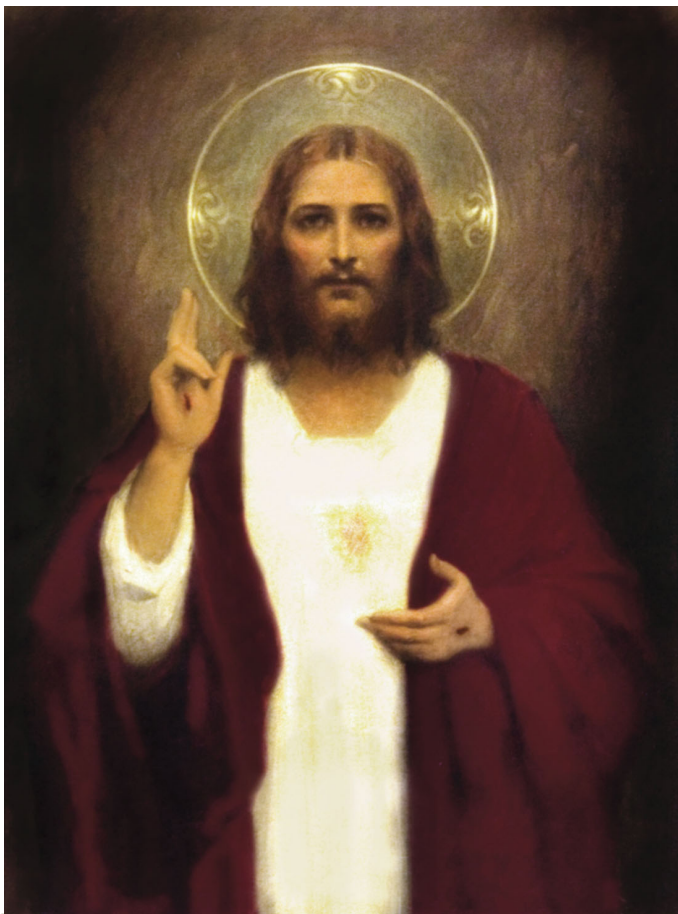


# Sacred Heart of Jesus & St. Mary Church

## December 15, 2019



**Sacred Heart of Jesus**  
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**Office Hours:** Mon.—Thurs.9:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

**In case of an emergency,**  
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 585-2279.

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### Mass Schedule:

Confessions are heard 30 minutes before every Mass.

	<u>Sacred Heart</u>	<u>St. Mary</u>
Tuesday	12:05 p.m.	
Wednesday	6:00 p.m.	
Thursday		7:00 a.m.
Friday	7:00 a.m.	
Saturday	4:00 p.m.	
Sunday	7:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m.

### Pastoral Staff

*Fr. Clint Trahan* *Pastor*  
*Rose Nelams Decou* *Office Manager -Sacred Heart*  
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**Baptisms/ Weddings/ Annulments/ Bulletin/ Cemetery/ Mass Intentions:** Please call Rose at (337) 585-2279 for more information.

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**St. Mary Church:** Religion Classes contact Shirley Rene at 281-788-1899.



**MASS INTENTIONS**  
**DECEMBER 15, 2019-DECEMBER 22, 2019**

**Tuesday, December 17, 2019, Sacred Heart of Jesus, 12:05 p.m.:** Gantt Wade Wyble, In Thanksgiving to St. Padre Pio

**Wednesday, December 18, 2019, Sacred Heart of Jesus, 6:00 p.m.:** Fred and Myrtle Codori, George and Emma Soileau and Family

**Thursday, December 19, 2019, St. Mary Church, 7:00 a.m.:**

**Friday, December 20, 2019, Sacred Heart of Jesus, 7:00 a.m.:** Fred and Myrtle Codori

**Saturday, December 21, 2019, Sacred Heart of Jesus, 4:00 p.m.:** Walter and Adena B. Andrus, Rap and Hilda Kennison, Una Mae Miller, Jim and Gloria Kennison, Larry Gauthier

**Sunday, December 22, 2019, Sacred Heart of Jesus, 7:00 a.m.:** Herman John, Alec Hayden and Kenneth J. Olivier, Garland Badeaux

**Sunday, December 22, 2019, Sacred Heart of Jesus, 9:00 a.m.:** Parochial Mass for all Parishioners

**Sunday, December 22, 2019, St. Mary Church, 11:00 a.m.:**

**First Saturday Mass will be on Saturday, January 4, 2020 at St. Mary at 9:00 a.m.**

**The Knights of Columbus meet on the 3rd Tuesday of each month. The next meeting is on Tuesday, January 21, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.**

**Sacred Heart of Jesus  
Collections**

**Due to an early bulletin  
deadline offertory  
amounts are not  
available.**

**St. Mary Church  
Collections**

**December 1, 2019  
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**Mass Intention Envelopes** are at the back of Church and must be received in the church office at least 2 weeks in advance of the date to be printed in the bulletin. Each intention or name is \$5.00 and should be paid at the time of recording. You may include the money in the collection but please put it in a Mass Intention Envelope and include dates & times masses are to be said as well as your name and phone number in case we need to speak to you.

## REASON TO REJOICE

Dark violet is used throughout Advent to express its character as a season of spiritual preparation for Christmas and “the coming of the Lord.” But on the Third Sunday of Advent, formerly known as *Gaudete* (Latin for “rejoice”) Sunday, rose may be added to the liturgical environment. The entire liturgy is infused with a spirit of rejoicing. Today’s first reading and Gospel proclaim the reality of God’s saving work in our midst. Isaiah exuberantly describes the idyllic transformation of all creation as a result of God’s presence in the midst of the people. In the Gospel, Jesus connects Isaiah’s prophecy with what is happening in his own ministry. In addition to the list of healings from Isaiah (the blind, the lame, lepers, and the deaf), Jesus’ presence brings two other reasons for rejoicing: “The dead are raised, and the poor have the good news proclaimed to them” (Matthew 11:5).

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## TODAY’S READINGS

**First Reading** — The barren deserts will rejoice and flower (Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10).

**Psalms** — Lord, come and save us (Psalm 146).

**Second Reading** — Be patient, for the coming of the Lord is as sure as the rain (James 5:7-10).

**Gospel** — Tell of what you hear and see: The blind regain their vision, the crippled their movement, the deaf their hearing (Matthew 11:2-11).

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## SAINT JOHN OF THE CROSS (c. 1542-1591)

December 14

How beautiful the experience of love for God and neighbor, a fire deep within! How disheartening when love suddenly cools and our souls grow dark, our prayer arid. How painful when misunderstanding, even rejection, comes our way, sometimes from those we least expect. For all such “seasons of the soul,” an inspiring fellow-pilgrim is the poet and mystic John of the Cross. As a young Carmelite, he was recruited by Teresa of Ávila for her Discalced (“barefoot,” evangelical poverty) Carmelite reform, striving to renew the Church from within after the Protestant Reformation had led countless religious away. John suffered unspeakably harsh abuse, even imprisonment, from friars who rejected this reform. Yet during these times of deepest suffering, John composed spiritual masterpieces that still guide souls to God, their titles reflecting his own painful yet ultimately victorious journey: from *The Dark Night of the Soul* through *The Ascent of Mount Carmel* to his *Spiritual Canticle* and *The Living Flame of Love*. John summarized his spirituality simply: “Put love where there is no love, and you will find love.”

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## Third Sunday of Advent

### THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU

In addition to the regular schedule of Confession listed on the front of the bulletin, Fr. Clint will be available for Confession during Advent on Wednesday evenings following the 6:00 p.m. Mass at Sacred Heart. CCD students are especially encouraged to receive reconciliation during this time.

### CHRISTMAS SOCIAL

The Christmas Social is this Sunday, December 15, 2019 at 4:00 p.m. in St. Joseph Hall. Everyone is invited and asked to bring a dish. Santa will be there. More information will be coming soon.

### CHRISTMAS FLOWER INTENTIONS

Christmas Flower Envelopes are available at the entrance of Church. If you would like to make a donation for Christmas Flowers please use the envelope provided.

### MONETARY CHRISTMAS GIFTS

Envelopes have been placed at the entrances of both churches if you would like to give Fr. Clint a monetary gift for Christmas. These envelopes will be presented to him at **Christmas Eve Mass**. Place your gift in the envelope and **seal it**. You can put the envelope in the collection basket or drop it off at the Church Office. Please do so by December 19, 2019.

### THANK YOU

Thank you to the Knights of Columbus Council #3496 of Sacred Heart of Jesus Church for the Catholic Calendars. The calendars will be available at the entrance of the church this weekend.

### MARIAN MOVEMENT FOR PRIESTS

Parishioners are invited to a Cenacle called a “Marian Movement for Priests”. The rosary and other prayers are prayed for priests and for our families. We will meet on Monday, December 16, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. at St. Joseph Hall. For more information call Cynthia Perron at 337-658-6816.

### CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

**Christmas Eve** - 4 p.m. - Sacred Heart

**Christmas Day** - 7 a.m. St. Mary

9 a.m. at Sacred Heart

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