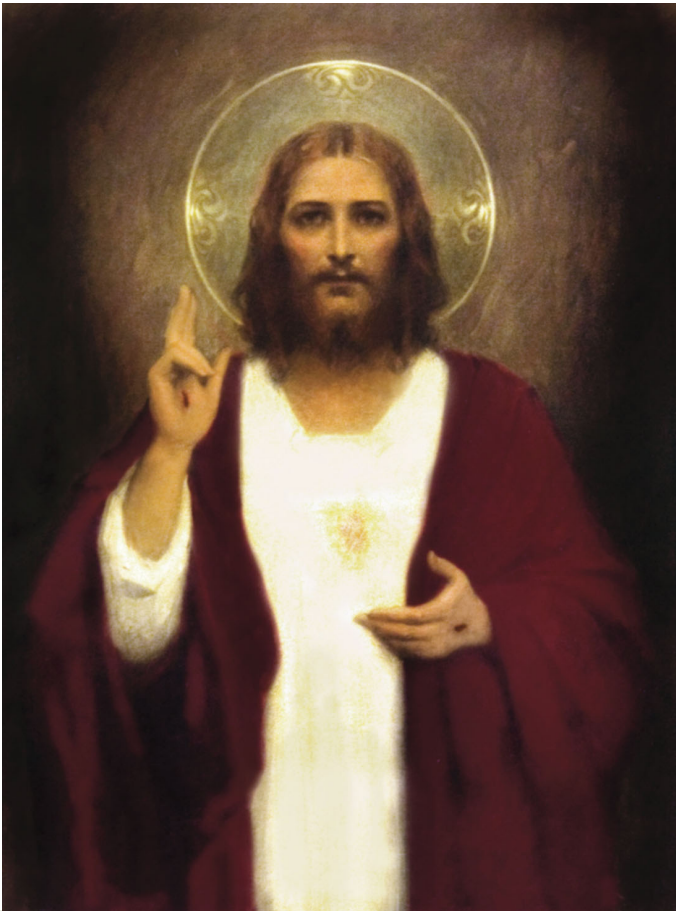


# Sacred Heart of Jesus & St. Mary Church

## December 22, 2019



**Sacred Heart of Jesus**  
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 (337) 585-2279 office

**Office Hours:** Mon.—Thurs.9:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

**In case of an emergency,**  
 please call the office at St. Joseph's Hall: (337)  
 585-2279.

**Please visit our website:**  
[www.sacredheartstmary.org](http://www.sacredheartstmary.org).

**St. Mary Church**  
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 (337) 585-2315 office

**Office Hours:** Wednesday & Thursday 3:30 pm—5:30  
 pm

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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*  
*Cegie Leger* *Safe Environment Coordinator*  
*Kathy Collins* *Secretary - St. Mary*

**Baptisms/ Weddings/ Annulments/ Bulletin/ Cemetery/ Mass Intentions:** Please call Rose at (337) 585-2279 for more information.

**Website/ Facebook/ Safe Environment/ CCD:** Please contact Cegie Leger at (337) 692-4722.

**Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA):** Contact Cynthia Perron at 658-6816.

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



**MASS INTENTIONS**

**DECEMBER 22, 2019-DECEMBER 29, 2019**

**Tuesday, December 24, 2019, Sacred Heart of Jesus, 4:00 p.m.:** Walter & Anna Lanta, Vicki L. Barron, Virgie Lanclos, Jason Bryant Duplechain, Elias & Avenire Guidroz, George & Hazel Dupre, Ray Thibodeaux, Percy Marks, Sr., Herman John, Alec Hayden & Kenneth J. Olivier, Leona, Ronnie & Cynthia Devillier, Gantt Wade Wyble, Edward Doucet, Robert Breaux, Una Mae Miller, Bill and Verval Wheaton, Gerald Savant, Lennie & Lucille Hardy, Fred & Myrtle Codori, Mr. & Mrs. Preston Scruggins & Family, Leon A. Scruggins, Joseph B. LeBouef, Jr., Joseph B. LeBouef, Sr.

**Wednesday, December 25, 2019, St. Mary Church 7:00 a.m.:**

**Wednesday, December 25, 2019 Sacred Heart of Jesus, 9:00 a.m.:** Toby Young & Family, Mr. & Mrs. Oliver Reed & Family, Mr. & Mrs. Ashton Whaley & Family, Garland Badeaux, Diane Ryder Wyble, Eddie Stelly, Donald L. Andrus & Fannie Bryson

**Thursday, December 26, 2019, St. Mary Church, 7:00 a.m.:**

**Friday, December 27, 2019, Sacred Heart of Jesus, 7:00 a.m.:**

**Saturday, December 28, 2019, Sacred Heart of Jesus, 4:00 p.m.:** Dan & Ella Duplechain. Garland Badeaux, Una Mae Miller

**Sunday, December 29, 2019, Sacred Heart of Jesus, 7:00 a.m.:** Herman John, Alec Hayden and Kenneth J. Olivier, Karen Lejeune & Stephanie Hayes, Larry Gauthier

**Sunday, December 29, 2019, Sacred Heart of Jesus, 9:00 a.m.:** Parochial Mass for all Parishioners

**Sunday, December 29, 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

December 8, 2019

Offertory

\$2,710.00

Capital Improvements

\$1,242.00

**St. Mary Church  
Collections**

**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.

### TRUST IN GOD

On this final Sunday of Advent our scriptures focus on the historical birth of Jesus, who is son of David and Son of God, child and king, Jesus and Emmanuel.

Isaiah the prophet begs Ahaz to ask for a sign, to allow God to offer him reassurance of the survival of the Davidic dynasty. The king hypocritically refuses to “tempt the Lord” in that way (Isaiah 7:12), but the prophet foretells the birth of a son, an heir to the throne, who will prove the Lord’s enduring protection of God’s chosen lineage on the throne of David. The child will be called Emmanuel.

Matthew’s reference to this history in his description of the birth of Jesus highlights the contrast between the faithless refusal of trust shown by Ahaz, and the complete trust in God shown by Mary and Joseph in bringing about the birth of Jesus Christ.

### TODAY’S READINGS

**First Reading** — You will be given this sign: The virgin shall conceive and bear a son (Isaiah 7:10-14).

**Psalm** — Let the Lord enter; he is king of glory (Psalm 24).

**Second Reading** — God has called us to belong to Jesus Christ (Romans 1:1-7).

**Gospel** — The son born of Mary shall be called Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins (Matthew 1:18-24). The English translation of the Psalm Responses from *Lectio-nary for Mass* © 1969, 1981, 1997, International Commission on English in the Liturgy Corporation. All rights reserved.

### CHRISTMAS

A young mother, her eyes shining with fatigue, who is arranging her hair; a father who finds himself alone with his pretty wife and baby, straightening the stable to make himself useful in some way; shepherds who bring cheese and perhaps also some curdled milk; sheep who look at their shepherds while bleating; a donkey who is eyeing his manger changed into a cradle; an adorable swaddled baby whom one calls Savior, Christ and Lord: This is the manifestation of the goodness and the tenderness of God. This is the most fantastic birth in the history of humanity, the one which changed the face of the world! This is how far God humbled and compromised himself with us! This is Emmanuel!

—From *God’s Word Is Our Joy*, Vol. 1 by Lucien Deiss, CSSp, copyright © 1998, World Library Publications, p. 73

## December 22, 2019

### Fourth Sunday of Advent

## MERRY CHRISTMAS!

### CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve Vigil-Sacred Heart- 4:00 p.m.

No 12:05 Mass

Christmas Day - 7:00 a.m. - St. Mary

9:00 a.m. - Sacred Heart

### NEW YEAR’S MASS SCHEDULE

December 31, 2019 - New Year’s Eve

Vigil Mass 6:00 p.m. at Sacred Heart

No 12:05 Mass

New Year’s Day - 7:00 a.m. - St. Mary

9:00 a.m. - Sacred Heart

New Year’s Day is a Holy Day of Obligation

### CHRISTMAS OFFICE SCHEDULE

Sacred Heart Church Office will be closed for Christmas Holiday from December 23, 2019 until January 2, 2020. If you have an emergency call the church office at 337-585-2279 and the answering service will forward your call.

### OFFERING ENVELOPES

**Parishioners wanting to receive church envelopes can contact the office. If you already receive envelopes there is no need to contact us.**

### CONFIRMATION RETREAT

**Confirmation Retreat for Sacred Heart/St. Mary will be January 24, 25, and 26, 2020. All students are required to attend.**

### SAINT STEPHEN (first century) December 26

“A man filled with faith and the Holy Spirit” (Acts 6:5): thus Luke introduces Stephen, first of seven deacons chosen by the community for its ministry of charity, first to lay down his life in witness to Christ. As the church’s first martyr, Stephen’s life and death mirror the preaching and passion of Jesus, “the faithful witness” (Greek, martyr) (Revelation 1:5). Like Jesus, Stephen works “great signs and wonders among the people” (Acts 6:8). Like Jesus, when falsely accused, Stephen’s face radiates angelic serenity (Acts 6:15), though his tongue, like Jesus’, is a two-edged sword. As the dying Jesus forgave his executioners, even making excuses for them, then commended his spirit into his Father’s hands (Luke 23:34, 46), so Stephen intercedes for his murderers and begs Jesus to receive his spirit (Acts 7:60, 59). How fruitful both passions! The penitent thief inherits Paradise; Saul, who consented to Stephen’s killing, is transformed into the fearless preacher Paul. Thus Stephen challenges us to bear witness not in words only, but by Christ-like forgiveness toward all.

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