

23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SEPTEMBER 6, 2020



Prayer for Hurricane Season

O God, Master of this passing world, hear the humble voices of your children. The Sea of Galilee obeyed your order and returned to its former quietude. You are still the Master of land and sea. We live in the shadow of a danger over which we have no control: the Gulf, like a provoked and angry giant, can awake from its seeming lethargy, overstep its conventional boundaries, and invade our land and spread chaos and disaster.

During this hurricane season we turn to you, O Loving Father. Spare us from past tragedies whose memories are still so vivid and whose wounds seem to refuse to heal with the passing of time. O Virgin, Star of the Sea, Our Beloved Mother, we ask you to plead with your Son in our behalf, so that spared from the calamities common to this area and animated with a true spirit of gratitude, we will walk in the footsteps of your Divine Son to reach heavenly Jerusalem where a stormless eternity awaits us. Amen.

+Maurice Schexnayder

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Pastor	Reverend Cedric Sonnier	Baptism	Expectant parents should register for Baptism Class four to six months before the child's birth. Baptismal classes are held once every month. The deacon celebrates baptisms once per month on Saturday at 10:00 AM.
Deacon	Deacon Michael Crain	Marriages	Anyone interested in getting married at St. Mary Church should contact the church 6-12 months prior to any marriage planning. For further information, see our Website Video.
Phone	337-981-3379	Funerals	To arrange a funeral at St. Mary Church, please call the Parish Office.
Office Hours	Monday-Thursday: 9:00 AM-12:00 PM, 1:00-4:00 PM Friday: 9:00 AM-12:00 PM		
Masses	All Masses are Live Streamed (watch all day) Monday-Friday: 7:00 AM in Church 1 ST Fri & 1 ST Sat Masses with devotions: 7:00 AM Saturday: 4:30 PM in Church Sunday: 8:00 & 10:30 AM & 5:00 PM in Church		
Reconciliation	Saturday: 3:00-4:00 PM Sunday: 9:45 — 10:15 AM, 4:30 — 4:50 PM Monday - Friday: 6:35 - 6:55 AM		

THIS WEEK

Morning Prayers Monday thru Friday 6:25 – 6:45 AM

Reconciliation Monday thru Friday 6:35 – 6:55 AM

Seating Capacity in Church: 150

Overflow Seating Capacity in Founders Hall: 75

Requesting everyone to wear your mask, please.

Sun	Sep 6	Masses: 8:00 AM, 10:30 AM, and 5:00 PM 2 nd Collection St. Mary Capital Improvement
Mon	Sep 7	Church Office Closed: Memorial Day
Wed	Sep 9	Grief Share (Ministry Room)
Thu	Sep 10	11:00 Altar Society Meeting (Founders Hall)
Sat	Sep 12	3:00 – 4:00 PM Confessions 4:30 PM Mass
Sun	Sep 13	Masses: 8:00 AM, 10:30 AM, and 5:00 PM 9:15 AM RCIA (Ministry Room) 9:15 AM Sunday Elementary CCD (Boumans H) 3:30 PM Confirmation Session (Founders Hall) 6:00 PM Edge (Jr. High CCD) (Founders Hall)

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon	Sep 7	7:00	Sharon Duplechin
Tue	Sep 8	7:00	Janice Andrus; George LeBlanc; Renee Mallette; Ann Knight
Wed	Sep 9	7:00	Arthur J. Mire Family
Thu	Sep 10	7:00	Vicki Cooper Petitjean
Fri	Sep 11	7:00	George H. Cole; Kenneth Petro
Sat	Sep 12	4:30	Reginald Keller; Rita MacKenzie; George H. Cole; Tom Butcher
Sun	Sep 13	8:00	Lora Dee Guidry; Dr. Harold Chastant; Dr. Dean Keeley; Josephine Hulin; Hugh & Tootsie Mouton
		10:30	Susan Luckenbach & Bill Bishop; Marie Garrett; Claylee Latour; Merk, Lou & Mike Gaspard; Frank & Mary DiBenedetto; M/M Herman Gesser Sr.; Del & Emery Guidry; Dr. Russell Romero
		5:00	Diana Gesser; St. Mary Parishioners

SICK IN THE PARISH

Please pray for: Thad Doucet; Alice Carlin; Vance Carlin; Jeannine Sibille; Carolyn Kreig; Carolyn Perron; Rita Schenck; Don Breaux; Buddy Moody; Bonnie Thompson; Anna Clare Melancon; Judy Johnson; Kasey Belgum; Jessica Farrington; Cile Martin; Mary Pat Keeley; Kirby Arceneaux; Mel Caldwell; Claire Whitney; Sandra Cox; Craig & Susan Andrew; Douglas Duhon; Audrey Thibodeaux; Marie Broussard.

DIED IN CHRIST

George Michel Sfeir, husband of Nida Sfeir
John A. Meaux, brother of Floyd Meaux
Terry Perram, St. Mary Parishioner
Ann Knight, St. Mary Parishioner
Tom Foard, husband of Celia Foard
Cleve Martin, brother of Carol Duplechin



OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

OFFERTORY COLLECTION	
AUGUST Offertory	\$64,096.00
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS COLLECTION	
August	\$ 6,315.00
TOTAL AUGUST INCOME	\$70,411.00

SEPTEMBER 7 - 13 HAPPY BIRTHDAY ST. MARY PARISHIONERS

Mon Sep 7 AnnaGrace Franques Aimee Frisby Joseph Handy Lindsey Kastner Walter Kremheller Alyse Lambert Lynn Norwood	Thu Sep 10 Alexandra Broussard Betty Crenshaw Keith DeLatte Laurie Domingue Enzo Garcia Michelle Jeanmard Aline Norwood Dr Andre Perron Tyron Picard Kamryn Stelly	Sat Sep 12 Lola Busby Reese Durel Connie Gardiner James Grimley Harry Higgins Michael Matt Elisabeth McCoy Anne Orsak Elizabeth Robertson Robert Romero Dr. Erick Salvatierra Roberta Schexnailder Katie Vantassell
Tue Sep 8 Jeanette Camel Camille Dumont Aaron Mouldous Marie Norby Luke Veillon	Fri Sep 11 Michael Bickford Elizabeth Cole Dwayne David Paula Gillette Randall Latch Louise Short George Sobiesk	Sun Sep 13 Bradley Badeaux Morris Cormier Glen Fowler Madeline Graves Thomas Kovarik Antoinette Lerille Kenneth Rogers Margaret Rucks
Wed Sep 9 Stuart Billeaud Kelly Briggs William Chouest Lisa Gardiner Kristen Guidry Luke McCoy Jacob Neu Rylee Savant Henry Spiller		

GOD'S HOUSEKEEPERS

September Purificator: Mary Callaway	
Sep 10-11	Sophie Bergeron & Norma Billeaudeau
Sep 17-18	Catherine Andrew & Volunteer needed
Sep 24-25	Beth Pellessier & Joelyn Credeur

LITURGY

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS NEEDED

St. Mary is in need of Eucharistic Ministers. You may volunteer for all of our ministries at any time, however, we are in need of Eucharistic Ministers at the present time. Volunteer forms may be found at the front entrance of the church.

ALTAR SOCIETY

St. Mary Altar Society invites all women of the parish to the first meeting Thursday, **September 10**, 11:00 AM, in Founders Hall. Guest speaker will be Father Cedric Sonnier. This is a great opportunity to come and see what we are all about. Bring a friend. All are welcome.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Information and forms for registration can be found at:

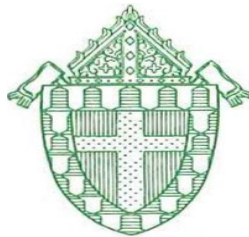
www.stmarych.com/religious-education.

Please contact Denise Gesser, DRE, at 703-3045, for all questions. All CCD orientations and classes begin after Labor Day.

- Families with children who are of school age, can find information on registration, schedules and the policies/procedures on returning to all the religious education programs safely following strict guidelines for the health and safety of our children, teachers and volunteers on our website. Registration can be done online or you can print out the registration forms and turn them in to the church office. No registration will be complete until payment is made.
- First Communion and Confirmation registration must include a copy of your child's baptismal certificate along with the registration form and fee.

RCIA

RCIA program is for adults who were never baptized, baptized in other faith communities, or Catholics who were never confirmed or received First Communion. Sessions begin **Sep 13**. Contact Melanie Fowler, Coordinator, at 654-8400 or mfowler.rcia@gmail.com.



Letter from Bishop Deshotel

The Diocese of Lake Charles has suffered catastrophic damages in the wake of Hurricane Laura which made landfall on August 27, 2020. The Diocese of Lake Charles was founded on January 29, 1980 out of the most western part of the Diocese of Lafayette. We, therefore, feel a special concern for our daughter Diocese which has experienced devastating losses. While Lake Charles is in need of many volunteer and material resources, Bishop Provost has communicated to me that their most pressing need is for financial assistance at this time.

I am, therefore, directing that a special *Diocese of Lake Charles Recovery Collection* be taken up on the weekend of **September 12th and 13th** in all parishes in the Diocese of Lafayette. Donations from this collection will go directly to the Diocese of Lake Charles for disaster relief. For those who wish to donate sooner, a special link on the diolaf.org home page has been created for donations by credit card to this collection.

It will take months, if not years, for the people of the Diocese of Lake Charles to recover from the crushing losses by Hurricane Laura, one of the strongest hurricanes ever recorded in Louisiana history. Please ask your parishioners to make a sacrificial gift to help relieve the suffering of the people of the entire five civil parish region which encompasses the Diocese of Lake Charles. Please remember them in your prayers and, pray also for the repose of the souls of those who died as a result of the hurricane.

With every good wish, I am faithfully yours in Christ.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

The Parish Office will be closed Monday, **September 7**, for the Labor Day Holiday.

WE NEED YOUR HELP

With a disaster the magnitude of Hurricane Laura, response and long term recovery will take years. Catholic Charities of Acadiana is in need of individuals to raise their hands to potentially serve as volunteers in the following roles:

- Tarp Teams
- Damage Assessment
- Muck Out / Clean Up
- Debris Removal & Chainsaw Crew
- Food Service Team Member

Please contact Catholic Charities of Acadiana to help those who have been impacted by Hurricane Laura. info@catholiccharitiesacadiana.org

FR HAROLD'S REFLECTIONS

Fr. Harold Trahan prepares video reflections on the Gospel Readings used at Mass on Tuesdays and Thursdays. These videos are available on the St. Mary website: choose Spirituality, then Fr. Harold's Reflections.

COVID 19 PRECAUTIONS

All are asked to please continue wearing masks while attending Mass. We also ask that you cooperate with the Ushers who are seating you for Mass so we may be able to fit everyone in the Church. Our present capacity has not changed; 150 in Church and 75 in the Parish Hall, keeping with the social distancing requirements.

YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH

PILGRIMAGE DAY TRIP

We will be offering an opportunity to visit the St. Joseph Churches in Patterson, Centerville and Loreauville on Tuesday, **September 22**. Due to Covid 19, we will not be going by bus, but carpooling in our own cars. The day includes traveling to the churches, learning about their history, and praying together. A lunch break will be provided (pay your own way). For those interested, we will meet in the parking lot (Parish Hall) of St. Mary Church, at 8:45 AM. For more information or to register for the pilgrimage, please contact JoAnn LeJunc 703-3041, by September 21.

Information Page

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