

## IN MEMORIAM

### • Recently Deceased

INTO YOUR HANDS, O LORD, WE HUMBLY ENTRUST OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS

Julius Daigrepoint | Jane Thevenot | Felton Kidder | Rebecca Jeansonne  
 Villemarette | Beverly Desselle | Audrey Firmin Guillory | Tara Lacombe  
 Ramour | Anita B. Ray | Betty D. Ponthier | Ewell J. Gaspard, Jr. | Zelian J.  
 Armand

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THEIR SOULS AND THE CONSOLATION OF THEIR FAMILIES

• **Sanctuary Candles:** in memory of Bill & Flo Scott (*church*) and Tommy Wixson  
 (*day chapel*).

(ALTAR FLOWERS CAN BE PURCHASED IN MEMORY OF LOVED ONES. CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE  
 FOR SCHEDULING AND PRICING.)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

-**SMS Mass** on Wednesday mornings at 8:00 a.m. is discontinued until early August  
 when the new academic year begins – Mass at 5:15 p.m. on Wednesdays continues.

-**School Uniform Clothing Drive:** *Jesus' Helping Hands Ministry* seeks the following  
 minimally used items as part of its uniform drive – uniform shirts, uniform pants,  
 tennis shoes, and black or brown belts. Collected items will be given to needy  
 children in Avoyelles Parish schools. Please drop donated items in the collection  
 tote located in the vestibule of the church – deadline for donating is June 30.

### -Summer Youth Activities

- **Steubenville South:** June 21-23 (Alexandria)
- **Covecrest Summer Camp:** July 7-13 (Georgia)

-**Women's Bible Study / Book Club:** Fridays at 10:00 a.m., Cottonport Museum.  
 All women (age 18+) are invited to attend. Call 717-3619 for more information.

-**Women's Marian Prayer Group:** third Monday of the month at 9:00 a.m. in the  
 rectory garage meeting room.

-**AA Meeting / Big Book Study:** first and the third Thursdays at 6:00 p.m. in the  
 SMS multipurpose building. Contact Chester Landry at 318-359-7628.

-**ASIST Workshops** (Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training): visit  
[savecenla.com/assist](http://savecenla.com/assist) to register.

-**Jerusalem Rosaries** are for sale in the church office - \$10 each - a great gift idea!

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- CORPUS CHRISTI EUCHARISTIC PROCESSION AND PARISH PICNIC – SUN., JUNE 2
- LECTOR FORMATION WORKSHOP – SAT., JUNE 15 AT 8 A.M. (HOSTED BY ST. MARY'S)

## SICK LIST

LORD, EASE THE SUFFERINGS AND COMFORT THE WEAKNESSES OF YOUR SERVANTS

Dede Lemoine | Jeremy Andress | Louie Laborde | Kristin Callegari | Barbara  
 Mayeux | Kathryn Ducote | Pat Rabalais | Romona Chenevert | Roderick Ray | Kim  
 Wixson

(note: names are published for six weeks – call the church office with additions, deletions, or renewals)

## COLLECTIONS

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

February 2024	March 2024	April 2024
\$30,770	\$37,521	\$31,720

(DONATE BY TEXTING **ASSUMPTION TO 73256**; OR BY THE **E-GIVING** TAB ON THE CHURCH'S  
 WEBSITE; OR BY CASH, CHECK, OR ENVELOPE AT MASS)



## SCAN TO DONATE

USING YOUR PHONE'S CAMERA, SCAN THIS QR CODE  
 TO GIVE TO ST. MARY'S – IT'S EASY AND SECURE!  
 USE THE PULLDOWN MENU TO DONATE TO THE  
 CHURCH OR TO THE SPECIAL DIOCESAN COLLECTION

(note: in the "Memo" section, please specify name of the special diocesan collection).

## DIOCESE OF ALEXANDRIA

-**Annual Diocesan Appeal:** prayerfully consider giving to the diocesan church – visit  
[diocesealex.org/donate](http://diocesealex.org/donate)

**UPDATE:** Our goal as a church parish is \$25,677 – of this amount, 19%  
 of our parishioners have pledged \$13,386 representing approximately  
 52% of our goal – please consider giving either online or bring your  
 offering to the church office.

-**Vocations:** Please pray for Graham Descant of this church parish who is studying  
 for the (diocesan) priesthood at Notre Dame Seminary (New Orleans).

-**Safe Environment:** All adults who work/volunteer with minors in the church or  
 school must be trained in the Virtus child sexual abuse awareness program. Register  
 by clicking on "Safe Environment" at [diocesealex.org](http://diocesealex.org) or call 318-445-6424 (ext. 213).  
 Once certified, you are required to login to your online account and read your  
 monthly bulletins to maintain certification.

- **Virtus Training:** Wed., June 19 at 6:00 p.m. – St. Alphonsus Church  
 (red building – Hessmer).

## PLEASE SUPPORT OUR PATRONS

Escudé Funeral Home • 964-2324

Attorney Peter J. Lemoine • 318-717-1995 • *Social Security Disability Law*

Druco Lumber Company • Mansura, LA • 318-964-2214

7Voip • 318-295-9557 • [sevenvoip.com](http://sevenvoip.com) • Ron Juneau, Owner

Philip Davis • Independent Associate • [philip61.legalshieldassociate.com](http://philip61.legalshieldassociate.com)

T-Jim's Grocery & Market • 318-876-2351 • Jacques Moreau, Owner

Jacob E. Gauthier, DDS • 253-8529 • *Complete Family Dentistry*

Mike's Glass & Tinting, Inc. • 876-3893 • Mike Dobison, Owner

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New York Life • 876-3226 • William "Scotty" Scott, Agent

Juanita D. Brouillette, Certified Public Accountant • 876-2725

Knights of Columbus • St. Mary's Council 1199

Catholic Daughters of the Americas • Court Padre Pio 2141

Clark's Collision Center • 876-2980 • Danny Clark, Owner

Roy, Scott, & James • Marksville, LA • 240-7800 • *Injury Attorneys*

Cottonport Family Clinic • 876-3696 • Jamie Garrett, FNP • Buzz Jeansonne, FNP

*In Honor of St. Isidore – Patron Saint of Farmers • May 15 – Feast Day*

SOLEMNITY OF

# PENTECOST

MAY 19, 2024



# ST. MARY'S ASSUMPTION CHURCH

820 Front Street • Cottonport, LA 71327 • 318-876-3681

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Priscilla Brouillette, Bookkeeper

Nettie Chenevert, Organist

## SCHOOL

850 Front Street • Cottonport, LA 71327 • 318-876-3651

[smsangels.org](http://smsangels.org) • Facebook: @SMSCottonport

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Paul Newton, Athletic Director

## TO MY BELOVED PEOPLE

One of you asked me this week, "Father, do you like Cottonport? Do you like us? Because sometimes you don't act like it." That broke my heart. But I could see where they were coming from. Let me share with you that I plan on being here a long time, and I am excited for what is happening and very excited for the future. I am very passionate; it motivates me to love. And throughout this year I feel as if my passion has been 70% because I feel sorrowful. What causes this sorrow? For eight years I knew where I was eating dinner every Saturday night; every Wednesday kids would sing me my favorite song; Friday nights were spent playing poker with 8 guys from Church. Thankfully, I can adjust to new routines, but relationships are what I desire the most. God is good. He is ever present. My hope is to eat more meals at your homes; to play table tennis with y'all in the CYO; to share life with you. I know it will happen because you are good people, and I have a great desire to love you.

Please be aware that Sunday, June 2 (the Solemnity of Corpus Christi) will be a special day here at St. Mary's. After the 9:30 Mass we will have a Eucharistic Procession followed by a day of fun, games, food, and fellowship. Please dress comfortably and bring drinks, lawn chairs, and fun! Jambalaya will be available for purchase with proceeds benefiting our Youth Ministry Program – money will go directly to paying for 16 of our teens to attend Covecrest Summer Camp in Georgia.

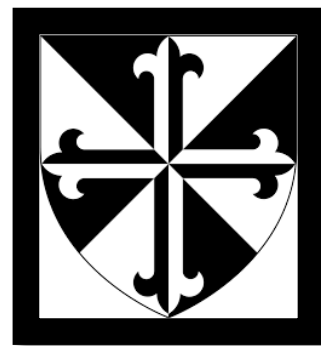
In conclusion, please pray that the Holy Spirit will be felt by all in Cottonport. May God's goodness be proclaimed! And may we accomplish His will by loving, forgiving, and serving one another.

In Service to Christ and His Church,

Fr. Charlie

## SMS CLASS OF 2024

Ana Bordelon  
Gabe Lemoine  
Kayden Dibble  
Amelia Mayeux  
Jean-Paul Gremillion  
Kennedy St. Romain  
Kaden Troha



We congratulate the eighth grade graduates of our beloved school who now transition into secondary education. May their foundational Catholic education serve them well both spiritually and intellectually; and may their days at St. Mary's forever live on in their hearts.

## RECTORY EXTERIOR PROJECT

Updates to the exterior of the rectory and its garage are now complete. A substantial (confidential) donation from a parishioner funded most of the repairs. While most of the work to the building was done by a contractor, some parishioners gave of their time and talent to rebuild the handicap ramp at the rectory entrance – required materials were also donated by parishioners. May God bless all involved for their generosity.

## LIVING ACCORDING TO THE SPIRIT

Pentecost is a time in the Church when we remember how the Holy Spirit came to the disciples. This event transformed them and gave them the power to spread God's word. It reminds us that the same Spirit is present in our lives today. The Holy Spirit gives us courage, helps us remember God's presence, and calls us to live as witnesses of God's love. Through the Spirit, God gives us strength to be prophets. He inspires us to comfort those in need of care. This transformation is especially clear on Pentecost. God's Spirit lives within us. We share in the relationship between the Father and the Son. This unity gives us the strength to carry out our mission. It is easy to forget that God dwells within us, especially when we face challenges or feel alone. This is why it is important to pray for the Holy Spirit to stir within us again. We remember that God is with us, and we find the strength to continue. Our faith grows stronger each time we recall these experiences. The Holy Spirit calls us to be active witnesses in the world. This means living out the love and truth of the Gospel every day. We show God's love through our actions and how we treat others. Each act of kindness or moment of truth-telling is a reflection of God's love. We are not just telling others about Jesus; we are showing them His love in action. This can be challenging, but it is also rewarding. As we live out our faith, we inspire others to seek God. We become lights in the world, guided by the Holy Spirit. On Pentecost, we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit. We remember the courage He gives us to speak God's word and live out His love. We remind ourselves to seek His presence in our lives, especially when we feel alone or afraid. And we commit to being His witnesses in the world, living out the Gospel in our actions and relationships. Let us embrace the Spirit's power within us and let us share His love with everyone we meet.

## MONDAY, MAY 20

### MEMORIAL OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, MOTHER OF THE CHURCH

- **Confessions:** 4:45-5:10 p.m.
- **Rosary:** 4:45 p.m.
- **Mass:** 5:15 p.m.  
**Readings:** Acts 1:12-14 / Ps 87 / Jn 19:25-34  
**Lector:** Carlene Gauthier  
**Intention:** Ronald J. Juneau, Sr.
- **Divine Mercy Chaplet:** 5:45 p.m.

## TUESDAY, MAY 21

### TUESDAY OF THE SEVENTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

- **Men's Rosary:** 6:00 a.m. – chapel
- **Confessions:** 4:45-5:10 p.m.
- **Rosary:** 4:45 p.m.
- **Mass:** 5:15 p.m.  
**Readings:** Jas 4:1-10 / Ps 55 / Mk 9:30-37  
**Lector:** Cain Merrick  
**Intention:** Michael Normand

## WEDNESDAY, MAY 22

### MEMORIAL OF SAINT RITA

- **Confessions:** 4:45-5:10 p.m.
- **Rosary:** 4:45 p.m.
- **Mass:** 5:15 p.m.  
**Readings:** Jas 4:13-17 / Ps 49 / Mk 9:38-40  
**Lector:** Stephen Scott  
**Intention:** Mr. and Mrs. A.J. DaGian

**OCCUPY YOUR MIND WITH GOOD THOUGHTS, OR THE ENEMY WILL FILL THEM WITH BAD ONES. UNOCCUPIED, THEY CANNOT BE.**

- Saint Thomas More

## THURSDAY, MAY 23 THURSDAY OF THE SEVENTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

- **Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament:** 6:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m.
- **Confessions:** 4:45-5:10 p.m.
- **Mass:** 5:15 p.m.  
**Readings:** Jas 5:1-6 / Ps 49 / Mk 9:41-50  
**Lector:** René Desselle  
**Intention:** Ken Gremillion

## SATURDAY, MAY 25 VIGIL FOR THE SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

- **Confessions:** 4:00-4:25 p.m.
- **Rosary:** 4:10 p.m.
- **Mass:** 4:30 p.m.  
**Readings:** Dt 4:32-34, 39-40 / Ps 33 / Rom 8:14-17 / Mt 28:16-20  
**Lectors:** René Desselle (A) | Steve Mayeux (B)  
**EMHCs:** Aimee Richardson | Sue White  
**Altar Server:** \*volunteer needed  
**Intentions:** T-Jim Moreau | Stuart & Dorothy Thevenot | Bill & Flo Scott | Becky J. Villemarette | Tara L. Ramour | Anita B. Ray | Living & Deceased Stanley Sprinkle Family | Brenta & Curtis Ducote

## SUNDAY, MAY 26 SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

- **Confessions:** 30 minutes before each Mass
- **Readings:** Dt 4:32-34, 39-40 / Ps 33 / Rom 8:14-17 / Mt 28:16-20
- **Mass:** 7:00 a.m.  
**Lectors:** Nita Brouillette (A) | Margaret Juneau (B)  
**EMHCs:** Cindy Moreau | Monica Sprinkle  
**Altar Servers:** Lawson Juneau | Abram Juneau | Brant Juneau  
**Intention:** For the People of St. Mary's (*Pro Populo*)
- **Mass:** 9:30 a.m.  
**Lectors:** Kenneth McMullen (A) | Lenon Johnson (B)  
**EMHCs:** Kathy Lacombe | Priscilla Brouillette  
**Altar Servers:** Hudson Normand | Graham Gremillion  
**Intention:** Rozas-Thevenot Families  
**Children's Liturgy Facilitator:** Laura Descant
- **Mass:** 5:30 p.m.  
**Lectors:** Terri Thevenote (A) | Diann Poret (B)  
**EMHCs:** Debbie Decuir | Connie Dobison  
**Altar Servers:** Thomas Welch  
**Intentions:** Helen St. Romain | Tony Pickett | M/M Levy Michel & Dr. John Tassin | Ronnie & Claire Rabalais | Percy & Lorena Laborde | Bruce & Sheila Armand | Herman & Lois Rabalais | Living and Deceased Ducote and Welch Family Members | All the Souls in Purgatory especially deceased members of the Friends of the Suffering Souls | David Lemoine | Julius Daigrepoint | Megan Ducote Parra | Mondel & Ola Ducote Family

† On May 26, 2012, Father Charlie was ordained to the priesthood. May God's blessing and joy be his on his twelfth anniversary for all he does in the faithful service of God as Pastor of St. Mary's.



**HOLY SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY**  
*United in the charity of Christ*

† **Ryan Louis Plauche and Mallory Michelle Herde**  
(May 11, 2024)