

Mary, Mother of Jesus Roman Catholic Church

COLD & FLU PRECAUTIONS

If you have a cold or any symptoms of the flu, then you are to stay at home and not go to Mass. The sick are excused from the obligation to go to Mass, and those who might be contagious have a moral duty to not expose others to their illness.

Our response to cold and flu should continue to be guided by recommendations from our health officials. During 'flu seasons', they are recommending extra caution which includes:

- ◆ Those who are feeling ill stay at home so as not to spread the disease;
- ◆ Increased vigilance in washing hands and not touching our own eyes, mouth, or nose;
- ◆ Coughing and sneezing into disposable tissues (and washing one's hands afterwards), or if none available, the inside of one's forearm to reduce spreading any virus;
- ◆ Getting the current flu and pneumonia vaccination;



Whenever there is a report of a disease outbreak, it is often asked if we would stop the shaking of hands at the Sign of Peace. However, that 'solution' ignores the fact that colds and flu are also airborne viruses. Those who are infected can spread such viruses simply through breathing, let alone sneezing and coughing. Also, if someone's hands are infected, then those hands also touch door handles, tops of pews, hymnals, etc... and spread the virus to those surfaces. If the touch of hands is to be excluded at the Sign of Peace to avoid 'contact germs,' then one would also have to refrain from touching *anything* in the church that those infected hands have also touched, which is nearly impossible to do. The absolutely best way for colds and flu to be kept from spreading is for those who have them to self-quarantine.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

This sacrament should no longer be considered exclusively for the dying, as in "last rites". It is to be celebrated by and for those whose health has been seriously impaired by illness or old age. Anyone may be anointed before surgery or an invasive test or medical procedure. Elderly people may be anointed if they have become notably weakened even though no serious illness is present. The sacrament may be repeated if the sick person recovers after being anointed and then again falls ill or if during the same illness the person's condition becomes more serious. This is one more way that God imparts to each of us, and in particular at this time to the seriously ill and elderly his endless love and grace. Please contact Fr. Paul if you would like to be anointed.

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OF COUNSEL TO THE PASTOR

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Chair: Deborah Bess
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Finance Council

Chair: Marshall Long (Trustee)
Gary Delaney, Bernard Patty,
Kenny Sayes (Trustee), Kevin Switzer



ALL ARE WELCOME

No matter what your present status in the Catholic Church, no matter what your current family and marital situation, no matter what your personal history, age, background, race, etc., you are invited, welcomed, loved and respected here.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION/CCD

Wednesday, March 18 - 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Thursday, March 19 - 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

WAY OF THE CROSS

Friday - 6:00 p.m.

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

To live, love, forgive, and serve the needs of others in the example of Jesus Christ.

PARISH OFFICES

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OFFICE HOURS

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DIVINE WORSHIP

Monday - Thursday
7:00 a.m.

Saturday Anticipated
4:00 p.m.

Sunday
8:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 5:30 p.m.

SACRAMENTS OF THE CHURCH**Reconciliation/Confession**

30 minutes before every weekend Mass for 15 minutes.

Baptism

Celebrated during any weekend Mass or other convenient time. Contact the church office.

Holy Matrimony

Contact the pastor at least six months in advance.

Anointing of the Sick and Communion Calls

Please call the office when a parishioner is confined at home, is in the hospital, or placed in a nursing home or hospice. Holy Communion is brought weekly to all shut-ins.

Mass of Christian Burial

All arrangements should be made directly with the funeral home who will then contact the church.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD**

A program of religious education for children ages 2-4. They meet every Sunday from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. in the Youth Center. Please call facilitator Rachel Patin at (318) 625-5614 with any questions or if you would like to teach or register your child(ren).

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

At the 10:30 a.m. Sunday Mass, children ages 4-7 are dismissed during the Liturgy of the Word. Led by a trained adult, these children reflect on the scriptures at a level and in a manner appropriate for them. They return to the worshipping community for the Liturgy of the Eucharist.

FIRST PENANCE & FIRST EUCHARIST

If you have a child who is or will be 7 years old in the Fall and is expecting to celebrate their first Penance (Confession) and receive their first Eucharist (Communion) in the Spring of the next year, the following conditions must be met:

- ◆ A personal interview with the child and their parent(s)/guardian(s) with the pastor;
- ◆ Attend Sunday class 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.;
- ◆ One year previous religious education, either CCD or Catholic School;
- ◆ Complete and submit a religious education/CCD registration form;

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION

If you are or have a child who will be entering 11th grade in the Fall and is expecting to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation in the Spring, the following conditions must be met:

- ◆ A letter handwritten by the candidate submitted to the Pastor by October 1 requesting the Sacrament;
- ◆ Submit a completed and signed Sponsor eligibility form;
- ◆ One year previous religious education, either CCD or Catholic School;
- ◆ Attend Wednesday classes 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.;

REGISTRATION/CENSUS

Do you consider Mary, Mother of Jesus Parish "home"? Do you worship with us regularly? If you have not done so already, we ask that you please register in our parish. Forms for this purpose are available in the church or online at www.mmjchurch.org. Adult children no longer living at home and recently married couples are especially encouraged to register. In this way we can serve you better. It also facilitates sponsorship for baptisms and confirmations, religious education registration, etc.

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES**SACRISTAN**

A family, couple or person that arrives at least 30 minutes before mass to open up the church and make sure everything is set up for Mass. That the Lector, Altar Server, Eucharist Ministers and Ushers have arrived, if not find their replacement – Father Paul can help with this. Please contact head sacristan Ada Choate (318) 484-3529 if you are interested.

ALTAR SERVER

Any young person in at least the 3rd grade, or adult, is invited to serve at the altar during Mass. Training is provided. There are also social events planned throughout the year. Anyone interested should contact lay leader Jennifer Montalvo (337) 704-1892

LECTOR/READER

The ministry of proclaiming the Word of God is a real gift and blessing. We welcome any adult who has a strong voice and is comfortable in front of people to share God's word in scripture. Please contact Fr. Paul if you would like to share your gifts and talents.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

If you have been confirmed and are in a valid Catholic marriage, you may distribute Communion. All ministers are recommended by the pastor and approved by the bishop for a three year term which is indefinitely renewable.

HOLY WEEK 2018

CHRISM MASS

Tuesday, March 27 - 11:00 a.m.
St. Francis Xavier Cathedral

PARISH PENANCE SERVICE

Wednesday, March 28 - 6:00 p.m.
Four priests will be available for confession.

HOLY THURSDAY

Thursday, March 29
Mass of the Lord's Supper - 6:00PM

The altar of repose will be in Cumella Hall for adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. This year we ask that families spend up to one hour in adoration at the following times:

Last name begins with A-H: 7:00PM - 8:00PM
I-P: 8:00PM - 9:00PM
P-Z: 9:00PM - 10:00PM

These are not exclusive assignments, merely recommendations. Anyone may spend time in adoration at any time from 7:00PM to 10:00PM.

GOOD FRIDAY

Friday, March 30

The Lord's passion, veneration of the Cross, reception of holy communion - 3:00 p.m.

Way of the Cross - 6:00 p.m.

HOLY SATURDAY

Easter Vigil - 8:00PM

EASTER SUNDAY

Masses - 8:00AM, 10:30AM, 5:30PM
Breakfast w/the Easter Bunny - 9:00AM
This replaces our usual 2nd Sunday breakfast.
Easter Egg Hunt - 9:45AM

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

April 8

Immediately following the 10:30 a.m. Mass the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed. At 3:00 p.m. we will sing the Chaplet of the Divine Mercy with Benediction.

PRAYER/SOCIAL/OUTREACH

ST. DYMPHA NOVENA

The first Monday of each month for nine months, beginning September 2017, we will gather at 6:30 p.m. to pray for those whose lives are impacted by nervous disorders, Alzheimer's, incest and/or sexual abuse.

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET

On the fourth Sunday of every month beginning in September and ending in May, the 10:30 a.m. Mass concludes with exposition and benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, and the sung Chaplet of the Divine Mercy.

SECOND SUNDAY BREAKFAST

The second Sunday of every month, a complimentary breakfast is served following the 8:00 a.m. Mass.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Monthly on the 3rd Wednesday
10:00 a.m. - Cumella Hall
Contact Gerry Craft at (318) 448-3152

During construction, whether of a shawl, blanket or infant baptism gift, the committee begins with prayers and blessings for the recipient.

PRO LIFE COMMITTEE

Meetings are on the 3rd Monday of the month to address various pro life issues. We help Cenla Homeless Coalition, local crisis pregnancy centers, nursing homes, hospices, etc. Call Cindy Sayes at (318) 446-2893 if you would like to join us in this ministry.

CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

Every Sunday
Ages 2-4
9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.
Youth Center

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

Every Sunday
10:30 a.m. Mass
During the Liturgy of the Word
Ages 4-7
Youth Center

MASS INTENTIONS

WEEK OF MARCH 17, 2018

REG. COLLECTION: SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH

SATURDAY, MARCH 17

4:00PM - Charles Medica 1st anniversary,
Barbara Reich
Lector: G. Patty
Server: B. Gadel

SUNDAY, MARCH 18

8:00AM - Murriel Jones, Sr
Lector: K. Chapman
Server: M. Mallach
10:30AM - Jacob Williamson, Patricia
Hamilton, Angie Roberts 2nd anniv
Lector: C. Coreil
Server: M. Hawthorne
5:30PM - For our parish family
Lector: J. Montalvo
Server: V. Montalvo

MONDAY, MARCH 19

7:00AM - Barbara Reich

TUESDAY, MARCH 20

7:00AM - Alfred & Betty Mathews

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21

7:00AM - Carl Bess, Jr.

THURSDAY, MARCH 22

7:00AM - Buddy Normand

If you are a victim or survivor of sexual abuse by members of the Catholic clergy or representatives of the Catholic Church and you want to make a formal complaint of abuse to the diocese, arrange a personal meeting with the bishop or his representative, and/or to obtain support for the needs of the individual and families, call Dr. Lee Kneipp, Victim Assistance Coordinator (318) 623-3804 or the Diocesan **HOTLINE** (318) 445-1427. Diocesan Protecting our Children - Understanding, Reporting, and Preventing Child Abuse" brochures are available in the narthex bookcase. Both the Diocesan Policy for the Protection of Minors, and the Diocesan Code of Pastoral Conduct are in the safe environment section at www.diocesealex.org

WEEK OF MARCH 24, 2018

REG. COLLECTION: SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH

SATURDAY, MARCH 24

4:00PM - James Doiron, Barbara Reich
Lector: B. Patty, K. Sayes
Server: B. Gadel

SUNDAY, MARCH 25

8:00AM - Carl Bess, Jr
Lector: T. Ogaard, G. Delaney
Server: L. Delaney
10:30AM - Alfred Mathews
Lector: J. Foote, J. Antee
Server: I. Antee

5:30PM - For our parish family

Lector: E. Lohman, R. Mallach
Server: M. Mallach

MONDAY, MARCH 26

7:00AM - Janet Normand, for strength and courage

TUESDAY, MARCH 27

7:00AM - James Doiron

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 28

7:00AM - Barbara Reich

THURSDAY, MARCH 29

6:00PM - That we may be more loving
Lectors: S. Cranford
Servers: B. Gadel, V. Montalvo
I. Antee, V. Montalvo

FRIDAY, MARCH 30

3:00PM - Good Friday Commemoration
Lectors: S. Cranford & C. Sayes
Servers: B. Gadel, V. Montalvo
M. Mallach, L. Delaney

SANCTUARY CANDLE BURNS THIS WEEK

*In loving memory of
Charles Medica
by Mike, Sherri, & Anna Stephenson*

If you would like to have a loved one or special intention remembered by providing for the sanctuary candle, please contact the parish office. The cost is \$7.00 per candle.

STEWARDSHIP

OFFERTORY GIFTS - 03/5/18

Total # of envelopes	57
Avg. identifiable gift	\$ 97.18
Weekly Collection	\$ 5,539.00
EFT Collection	\$ 1,125.00
Weekly Goal	\$ 5,330.00
Overage	\$ 209.00
Goal for March (4 wks)	\$ 21,320.00
Received for March	\$ 11,779.00
Still Needed for March	\$ 9,541.00
Maintenance & Repair	\$ 80.00
(FY 2017/2018)	\$ 2,670.00

ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL

Goal	\$ 16,579.03
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THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

EXPENSES WEEK OF 02/25/18

Payroll Taxes	\$ 2,277.36
Payroll	\$ 750.00
Reimbursement Fr. Paul (<i>Rectory Living Expense</i>)	\$ 551.26
Mass Stipends Fr. Paul	\$ 160.00
Diocese of Alexandria	\$ 5,781.68
J. & J. Exterminating	\$ 81.00
OCP Publications	\$ 20.00
Our Sunday Visitor (<i>Church Envelopes</i>)	\$ 77.50
Total Expenses	\$ 9,698.80

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PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

THOSE PREPARING FOR FIRST COMMUNION

Cohen Antee, Grace Brundrett

THOSE PREPARING FOR CONFIRMATION

Peyton Bellard

RCIA CANDIDATES

Jocelyn Brown, Maddie Doherty, Lara Riché

THOSE PREPARING FOR MATRIMONY

Jason E. Duck and Elizabeth A. Smith

OUR SICK

Fr. Terry Allen, George Babin, Becca Bartlett, Gerri Deptula, Jackie Deptula, Paul Dunstane, Betty Jones, Dan Keely, Donzal Langston, Shelly Larrieu, Paul Lauve, Mathew Leotta, Leigh Anne Mulvey, Terry Rabalais, Biz Roberts, Jenny Butler Spurlock, Blaine Thiels, Francis Thiels, Elliott Trahan

OUR RECOVERING

Kathy Stevens Bosch, Joann Fuqua Brock, Kylie Renee Bush, Amy Ladner Davis, Walter Deptula, Jr., John Goetz, Layne Guidroz, Rachel Mayfield, Raymond Michiels

OUR HOMEBOUND

Joan Alpha, Butch and Marty Doiron, Richard Kelly, Donald Normand

OUR NURSING HOME RESIDENTS

Bunny Bosak, Francis Thiels, Fleta Waits, Ruth Valley

OUR ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY

Timothy Deptula, Travis Edwards, Cade Jameson, Daniel Keely, Michael Smilie, Hunter Stafford

DAILY PRAYER FOR PRIESTS

Fathers Gabriel Uzongu, Abraham Varghese, Victor Vead, Nino Viviano, Dutch Voltz, John Wiltse, and Joseph Xavier

Please inform us if you know of anyone who should be included or removed. You may also use a pew envelope for this purpose.

NOTES FROM THE PASTOR

This Sunday at the 10:30 Mass we will celebrate the third and final scrutiny with our RCIA candidates as they move closer to full communion in the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil.

Thank you to the Men of MMJ for their hard work and dedication ensuring that our Lenten Fish Fries were once again a great success. The food was delicious and the fellowship blessed.

PARISH NEWS

ADULT FORMATION THURSDAYS

Mar. 22 - 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

THE NEW EVANGELIZATION

Facilitator: Fr. John Wiltse

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

Tuesday, March 21, 2018

ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL (ADA)

As Pope Francis tells us "Every Christian is a missionary to the extent that he or she has encountered the love of God in Christ Jesus. We no longer say that we are 'disciples' and 'missionaries' but rather we are always missionary disciples." We are to serve as instruments of the New Evangelization. These efforts are enhanced and supported through diocesan efforts. Your gift to the 2018 Annual Diocesan Appeal is one way for you to help me and all of our faithful to *give a new heart* to all we encounter.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION/CCD

CCD/RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Wednesday, March 14

6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

Every Sunday - 10:30 a.m. Mass

During the Liturgy of the Word

Ages 4-7 - Youth Center

LENT 2018

WAY OF THE CROSS

Fridays - 6:00 p.m.



PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION

The 4:00 p.m. Saturday and 10:30 a.m. Sunday Masses will begin in the Hall. Palms will be blessed, the Gospel reading of Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem will be proclaimed followed by the procession to the Church for the continuation of our celebration.

EASTER MEMORIAL FLOWER FUND

This fund enables us to decorate the Church during the 50 days of the Easter season. The donors and those to be remembered will be listed in the May 26-27 bulletin. The suggested donation is \$10. An envelope for this purpose is in the pews, your monthly packet, or one of your own. Don't forget to include on the envelope the name(s) of your loved one(s) to be remembered/honored.

THE FRIDAYS OF LENT

Good Friday is a day of fast and abstinence. This means that we do not eat meat and we have only one full meal. The other Fridays of the season of Lent are days of abstinence from meat. The obligation to abstain from meat binds Catholics 14 years of age and older. It is obvious that abstaining from meat is meaningless for vegetarians, who must choose some other form of abstinence. It is equally obvious that replacing meat with a gourmet seafood meal is not in keeping with the spirit of Lent. The obligation to fast, limiting oneself to one full meal and two lighter meals in the course of the day, binds Catholics from the age of 18 to 59. Those who are younger or older may freely embrace these disciplines. But Lenten disciplines should never endanger your health.