

# 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 pew, 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.

## AMAZON SMILE



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## OF COUNSEL TO THE PASTOR

### Pastoral Council

Chair: Deborah Bess  
 Brinda Edwards, Brad Gadel, Priscilla Gadel,  
 Runnie Hunter, Bobbie Long, Rachel Patin,  
 Cindy Sayes, Katie Upton

### 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.



## HAPPY 10<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY MARY, MOTHER OF JESUS PARISH

## HAPPY MOTHERS' DAY TO ALL OUR BELOVED MOTHERS

Breakfast In Cumella Hall Following The 8:00 a.m. Mass

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (VBS)

Registration Forms In The Narthex. Please Register ASAP.

## OUR MISSION STATEMENT

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

**PARISH OFFICES**

9323 Highway 165 South  
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Woodworth, Louisiana 71485

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Fax - (318) 445-0436

Website: [mmjchurch.org](http://mmjchurch.org)

**OFFICE HOURS**

Monday - Thursday 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

**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 11<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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.

**Rev. Paul M. LaPalme KHS, Pastor**

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(317) 250-9997 - [ccd@mmjchurch.org](mailto:ccd@mmjchurch.org)

**Mrs. Natalie Flynn, Janitorial/Maintenance**

(318) 487-9894 - [maintenance@mmjchurch.org](mailto:maintenance@mmjchurch.org)

**Mrs. Priscilla Gadel, Director of Music**

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**Mr. Matt Brundrett, Youth Minister**

(225) 274-5196 - [mbrundrett@mmjchurch.org](mailto:mbrundrett@mmjchurch.org)

**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.

**PARISH CELEBRATIONS**

**FIRST EUCHARIST - SUNDAY, MAY 6, 2018**

Cohen Antee  
Grace Brundrett



**CONFIRMATION - FRIDAY, MAY 4, 2018**

Peyton Bellard



**PRAYER/SOCIAL/OUTREACH**

**ST. DYMPHNA 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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**

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Ages 2-4  
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Youth Center

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**MASS INTENTIONS**

**WEEK OF MAY 12, 2018**

REG. COLLECTION: SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH  
ADD'L COLLECTION: CATHOLIC COMMUNICATIONS

**SATURDAY, MAY 12**

4:00PM - Our beloved mothers living and deceased  
Lector: G. Patty  
Server: B. Gadel

**SUNDAY, MAY 13**

8:00AM - Our beloved mothers living and deceased  
Lector: T. Ogaard  
Server: M. Mallach

10:30AM - Our beloved mothers living and deceased  
Lector: J. Antee  
Server: M. Hawthorne

5:30PM - Our beloved mothers living and deceased  
Lector: E. Lohman  
Server: V. Montalvo

**MONDAY, MAY 14**

7:00AM - Kuby and Bob Epperson

**TUESDAY, MAY 15**

7:00AM - Ann P. and Salim Mitchell

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 16**

7:00AM - Carl Bess, Jr.

**THURSDAY, MAY 17**

7:00AM - Helen, Schick, & Doug Gormanous

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](http://www.diocesealex.org)

**WEEK OF MAY 19, 2018**

REG. COLLECTION: SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH

**SATURDAY, MAY 19**

4:00PM - James Doiron  
Lector: K. Sayes  
Server: K. Sayes

**SUNDAY, MAY 20**

8:00AM - Buddy Normand  
Lector: B. Edwards  
Server: M. Mallach

10:30AM - Gerri Deptula for Health & Healing  
Lector: K. Bellard  
Server: I. Antee

5:30PM - Our Parish Family  
Lector: J. Louviere  
Server: V. Montalvo

**MONDAY, MAY 21**

7:00AM - Barbara Reich

**TUESDAY, MAY 22**

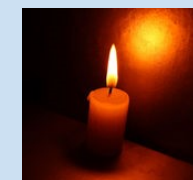
7:00AM - Kathryn McCusker

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 23**

7:00AM - Carl Bess, Jr.

**THURSDAY, MAY 24**

7:00AM - Ernest & Bernice Moore



**SANCTUARY CANDLE BURNS THIS WEEK**

*In honor of our beloved mothers living and deceased*

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 - 05/06/18**

Total # of envelopes	54
Avg. identifiable gift	\$ 86.05
Weekly Collection	\$ 4,402.00
EFT Collection	\$ 245.00
Weekly Goal	\$ 5,330.00
<b>Shortage</b>	<b>\$ 683.00</b>
Goal for May (4 wks)	\$ 21,320.00
Received for May	\$ 4,647.00
<b>Still Needed for May</b>	<b>\$ 16,673.00</b>
Maintenance & Repair	\$ 75.00

**ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL**

Goal	\$ 16,579.03
Received to Date	\$ 14,424.00
Remaining	\$ 2,155.03

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!**

**EXPENSES WEEK OF 05/06/18**

Payroll	\$ 580.00
Fr. Paul (Reimbursement)	\$ 27.67
AT&T (Office)	\$ 190.91
WC of LA (Dumpster)	\$ 93.64
Brinda Edwards (VBS)	\$ 85.00
Our Sunday Visitor (Envelopes)	\$ 55.86
Ziegler (Hosts)	\$ 75.85
ACS Technologies	\$ 108.00
Suddenlink (Rectory)	\$ 196.42
Suddenlink (Office)	\$ 65.00
1st Communion Cake	\$ 55.90
Confirmation Cake	\$ 49.57
Cleco (3 buildings)	\$ 1,166.94
Total Expenses	\$ 2,750.76

**Electronic Giving** is a convenient, consistent way to help our church grow. Consider scheduling a recurring electronic contribution today. You won't need to write checks and prepare envelopes every week. And even when you can't attend Mass, your electronic contributions will arrive without delay. Visit our website: [www.mmjchurch.org](http://www.mmjchurch.org)

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER**

**THOSE PREPARING FOR MATRIMONY**

Jason E. Duck and Elizabeth A. Smith

**OUR SICK**

Fr. Terry Allen, George Babin, Becca Bartlett, Mary Brawner, Gerri Deptula, Jackie Deptula, Eric Duck, Justin Hebert, Betty Jones, Dan Keely, Shelly Larrieu, Paul Lauve, Mathew Letotta, Leigh Anne Mulvey, Biz Roberts, Jenny Butler Spurlock, Blaine Thiels, Francis Thiels, Elliott Trahan, Tommy Tremer, Jody Walker, Buddy Wise, Marilyn Wilson

**OUR RECOVERING**

Larry Amberg, Kathy Stevens Bosch, Frank Brasseaux, Sr., Joann Fuqua Brock, Kylie Renee Bush, Amy Ladner Davis, Walter Deptula, Jr., John Goetz, Brenda Holloway, Kathie Mallach, Rachel Mayfield, Tommy McBeth, Ana Maria Sierra

**OUR HOMEBOUND**

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

**OUR NURSING HOME RESIDENTS**

Bunny Bosak, Richard Gadel, Francis Thiels, Fleta Waits, Ruth Valley

**OUR ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY**

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

**DAILY PRAYER FOR PRIESTS**

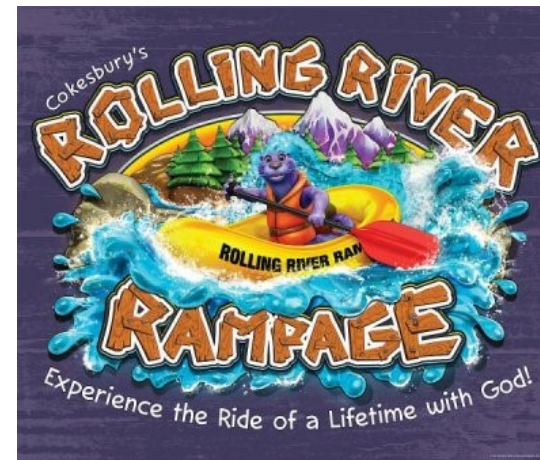
Fathers James Nellikunnel, Marc Noel, John O'Brien, Dan O'Connor, Kenneth Obiekwe, Christian Ogbonna, Remigus Owuamanam

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

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION/CCD**

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (VBS)**

*"When you pass through the waters, I will be with you"* (Isaiah 43:2)



Experience the Ride of a Lifetime with God and learn that Jesus is with us all the time, even in rough water rapids. Along the river, we'll discover that life with God is an adventure full of wonder and surprise, and that we can trust God to be with us through anything.

**June 18 - 22, 2018**

8:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

PreK - Grade 6 (Spring of 2018)

Early drop off begins at 7:30 a.m.

There will be no charge for registered parishioners. The cost for all others is \$25 per family. Donations are always welcome. Please call the office if you're not sure of your registration status.

**AREA NEWS**

**EVENT 2018**

St. Martin Catholic Church in Lecompte will host its annual "Event" June 1-3, this year in memory of Ottis Monroe. Friday night starts with a dance featuring the music of Ronnie Bryant and Friends from 8 p.m. - 11 p.m. in the church hall. Admission is \$15 per person or \$25 per couple. Saturday Family Night starts at 6:30 p.m. with Bingo, concessions and a Sweet Shop. Sunday is a Fried Fish dinner (\$8 per plate) from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. with a Sweet Shop and Raffle/Live Auction. For more info, call 318-776-9480 or Kathy Monroe at 318-748-7645.

**FROM THE PASTOR**

Last Tuesday evening I and our architect, Mike Holt, held a parish-wide informational meeting. Story boards outlining our parish's master plan are on display in the narthex. This week I will be sending a letter to all registered parishioners outlining the results of our meeting and requesting your help in realizing our goal for Phase I.

This Sunday, May 13 marks the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Mary, Mother of Jesus Parish. In thanksgiving, we will celebrate at the 8:00 a.m. Mass with music. A breakfast in Cumella Hall will follow the Mass. Our parish family has much for which to be thankful. God has blessed us abundantly and continues to do so each day.

**PARISH NEWS**

**EASTER MEMORIAL FLOWER FUND**

The Easter Season continues until Pentecost Sunday, May 20. Therefore, we continue to joyfully decorate our church and welcome donations to the Easter memorial flower fund

**ADDITIONAL COLLECTION**

This weekend we will take up the Collection for the **Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC)** in our parish. This Collection supports the essential work that keeps the gospel message in the world, providing Catholic content for radio, the Internet, MP3 players, television, and print publications. Please be generous in this important Collection. CCC is how the Good News gets around to you.

**MASS FROM MMJ CHURCH**

For the benefit of our homebound and/or sick parishioners, we have begun live streaming the 10:30 a.m. Sunday Mass. To watch it live on You Tube, search for MMJ Woodworth. You may also view it on our Facebook page.

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