

Mary, Mother of Jesus Roman Catholic Church

COLD & FLU PRECAUTIONS

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.

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.

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

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.



GRADES 6 TO 8

Sundays - 4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

GRADES 9 TO 12

Sundays - 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION: OREMUS

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 23 - 6:00 P.M.

GRADES PRE K TO 5

Wednesday, October 24 - 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

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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OFFICE HOURS

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

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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 in the Youth Center during the 10:30 a.m. Mass. Facilitator: Rachel Patin at (318) 625-5614.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

During the 10:30 a.m. Sunday Mass, children ages 3-7 are dismissed during the Liturgy of the Word. 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 and receive their first Eucharist in the Spring of the next year, the following conditions must be met: Attend separate class; 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 Sacramental Preparation Classes.

PRAYER/SOCIAL/OUTREACH**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. Please call Gerry if you know of anyone affected by physical or mental illness who could benefit from a prayer shawl or blanket.

PRAYER/SOCIAL/OUTREACH**SECOND SUNDAY BREAKFAST**

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

PRO LIFE COMMITTEE

Meetings are at 6:00 p.m. on the 3rd Monday of the month to address various pro life issues. Contact: Cindy Sayes, (318) 446-2893.

LADIES' ROSARY MINISTRY

Women gather in the Church every Tuesday at 9:30 a.m. to pray the rosary.

BEREAVEMENT COMMITTEE

Provides for the luncheon following the funeral of a member of our parish family. Contact: Bobbie Long, (318) 442-3578

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES**SACRISTAN**

A family, couple or individual that arrives at least 30 minutes before mass to open up the church and ensure everything is prepared for Mass. Contact: Ada Choate (318) 484-3529.

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. Contact Deacon Paul or 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. Contact Deacon Paul to share your gifts.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION

If you are confirmed and 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.

PRAYERS AND DEVOTIONS

How Do I Pray?

Various forms of prayer are presented in the Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC 2623-2649). These various forms include prayer of blessing or adoration, prayer of petition, prayer of intercession, prayer of thanksgiving, and prayer of praise.

What Is Meditation?

Meditation is a Christian practice of prayer dating back to the early Church. As the Catechism states: "Meditation is above all a quest. The mind seeks to understand the why and how of the Christian life, in order to adhere and respond to what the Lord is asking." By meditating on the Gospels, holy icons, liturgical texts, spiritual writings, or "the great book of creation," we come to make our own that which is God's. "To the extent that we are humble and faithful, we discover in meditation the movements that stir the heart and we are able to discern them. It is a question of acting truthfully in order to come into the light: "Lord, what do you want me to do?" (CCC 2705-2706).

Meditation is an essential form of Christian prayer, especially for those who are seeking to answer the vocational question, "Lord, what do you want me to do?"

How Do We Pray With Sacred Scripture?

Spiritual reading of Sacred Scripture, especially the Gospels, is an important form of meditation. This spiritual reading is traditionally called *lectio divina* or divine reading. *Lectio divina* is prayer over the Scriptures.

1. The first element of this type of prayer is reading (*lectio*): you take a short passage from the Bible, preferably a Gospel passage and read it carefully, perhaps three or more times. Let it really soak-in.
2. The second element is meditation (*meditatio*). By using your imagination enter into the Biblical scene in order to "see" the setting, the people, and the unfolding action. It is through this meditation that you encounter the text and discover its meaning for your life.
3. The next element is prayer (*oratio*) or your personal response to the text: asking for graces, offering praise or thanksgiving, seeking healing or forgiveness. In this prayerful engagement with the text, you open yourself up to the possibility of contemplation.

Contemplation (*contemplatio*) is a gaze turned toward Christ and the things of God. By God's action of grace, you may be raised above meditation to a state of seeing or experiencing the text as mystery and reality. In contemplation, you come into an experiential contact with the One behind and beyond the text.

What Are Devotions?

Popular devotions are expressions of love and fidelity that arise from the intersection of one's own faith, culture and the Gospel of Jesus Christ. As Saint John Paul II said in 2001:

Genuine forms of popular piety, expressed in a multitude of different ways, derives from the faith and, therefore, must be valued and promoted. Such authentic expressions of popular piety are not at odds with the centrality of the Sacred Liturgy. Rather, in promoting the faith of the people, who regard popular piety as a natural religious expression, they predispose the people for the celebration of the Sacred Mysteries.

The correct relationship between these two expressions of faith must be based on certain firm principles, the first of which recognizes that the Liturgy is the center of the Church's life and cannot be substituted by, or placed on a par with, any other form of religious expression. Moreover, it is important to reaffirm that popular religiosity, even if not always evident, naturally culminates in the celebration of the Liturgy towards which it should ideally be oriented. This should be made clear through suitable catechesis" (Address to the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments, September 21, 2001).

MASS INTENTIONS

WEEK OF OCTOBER 20, 2018

REG. COLLECTION: SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH
ADD'L COLLECTION: WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20

4:00PM - Dana Malone, Ottis Monroe

Lector: B. Patty
Server: R. Lowe

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 21

8:00AM - Carl Bess, Jr.

Lector: T. Ogaard
Server: K. Chapman

10:30AM - Donald Normand

Lector: D. Bess
Server: I. Antee

5:30PM - Our Parish Family

Lector: J. Montalvo
Server: V. Montalvo

MONDAY, OCTOBER 22

NO MASS

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 23

COMMUNION SERVICE

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 24

NO MASS

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 25

COMMUNION SERVICE

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 OCTOBER 27, 2018

REG. COLLECTION: SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 27

4:00PM - Carl Bess, Jr., Thomas Nassif for recovery and healing

Lector: S. Cranford
Server: K. Sayes

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 28

8:00AM - Barbara Reich

Lector: G. Delaney
Server: M. Mallach

10:30AM - Donald Normand

Lector: C. Coreil
Server: M. Hawthorne

5:30PM - Our Parish Family

Lector: E. Lohman
Server: R. Lowe

MONDAY, OCTOBER 29

7:00AM -

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 30

7:00AM - Carl Bess, Jr.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 31

7:00AM - Wanda Reich

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 1

7:00AM - Our beloved dead
6:00PM - Our beloved dead

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 2

4:00PM - Our beloved dead

Alexandria Memorial Gardens

SANCTUARY CANDLE BURNS THIS WEEK

In loving memory of those who died as a result of hurricanes Florence & Michael.

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 - 10/14/18

Total # of Envelopes	59
Avg. Identifiable Gift	\$ 87.51
Weekly Collection	\$ 5,163.00
EFT Collection	\$ 1,155.00
Weekly Goal	\$ 5,330.00
Shortage	\$ 167.00

Goal for October (4 wks)	\$ 21,320.00
Received for October	\$ 9,960.00
Still Needed for October	\$ 11,360.00

Maintenance & Repair	\$ 25.00
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CAPITAL CAMPAIGN - PHASE I

Goal	\$400,000.00
Pledged to Date	\$181,755.00
Received to Date	\$143,067.00
Remaining Pledges to Goal	\$218,245.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

EXPENSES WEEK OF 10/14/18

Payroll	\$ 380.00
Diocese of Alex (<i>assessment & hurricane disaster collection</i>)	\$ 6,680.45
J & J Exterminating	\$ 161.00
Sam's M/C (<i>RLE, Oremus, Advent wreath & candles</i>)	\$ 1,942.82
Total Expenses	\$ 9,164.27



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PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

THOSE PREPARING FOR 1ST EUCHARIST

Luke Brocato, Caroline White

THOSE PREPARING FOR CONFIRMATION

Noah Bellard, Julianna Foote, Tucker Foshee, Frank Lemoine, Max Mallach

OUR SICK

Fr. Terry Allen, George Babin, Becca Bartlett, Cary Boyd, Mary Brawner, Teresa Coker, Jackie Deptula, Stephen Deville, Eric Duck, Justin Hebert, Brenda Holloway, Ray Juneau, Dan Keely, Paul Lauve, Mathew Leotta, Butch McGilvery, Leigh Anne Mulvey, Biz Roberts, Jenny Butler Spurlock, Zac Steely, Francis Thiels, Tommy Tremer, Kirsten VanMol, Jody Walker, Marilyn Wilson

OUR RECOVERING/CONVALESCING

Callie Bess, Kathy Stevens Bosch, Kylie Renee Bush, Glenn Carroll, Amy Ladner Davis, Geri Deptula, Walter Deptula, Jr., John Goetz, Betty Jones, Shelly Larrieu, Rachel Mayfield, Ana Maria Sierra, Joseph Thompson, Elliott Trahan, Buddy Wise

OUR HOMEBOUND

Joan Alpha, Butch and Marty Doiron, Richard Kelly, Henry Lemoine, Beatrice Papillion, Donald Smith, Shirley Smith

OUR NURSING HOME RESIDENTS

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

OUR ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY

Kory Butler, Timothy Deptula, Travis Edwards, Cade Jameson, Daniel Keely, Michael Smilie

DAILY PRAYER FOR PRIESTS

Fathers Gabriel Uzundu, Abraham Varghese, Vic Vead, Nino Viviano, Dutch Voltz, John Wiltse, 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.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION/CCD

Grades Pre K to 5

Wednesday - October 17
6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Grades 6 to 8

Sunday - October 14
4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Grades 9 to 12

Sunday - October 14
6:30 p.m. to 8:00 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

CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

Every Sunday during the 10:30 a.m. Mass
For children ages 2-4.

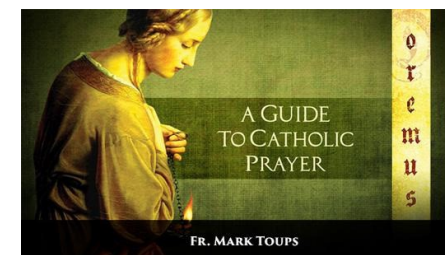
Drop children off directly at the Youth Center before Mass.

RCIA

**Wednesday, October 24
6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.**

The home of Keith and Beth Chapman
1022 Doc Drive
Beth - 623-8016; Cindy - 446-2893

ADULT FAITH FORMATION



Tuesday, October 16
6:00 p.m.
Cumella Hall

Contact Deacon Paul with any questions or if you need a workbook.

PARISH NEWS

SECOND SUNDAY BREAKFAST

Sunday, November 11
Immediately following the 8:00 a.m. Mass
If you would like to volunteer for this or any of the other second Sundays, the sign up sheet is on the display cabinet in the narthex.

WE REMEMBER OUR BELOVED DEAD

Located near the baptismal font is our parish's Book of Remembrance. Please write the names of any deceased for which you would like us to pray on All Souls Day and during the month of November. (If you have enrolled their names in past years, there is no need to re-enroll!)

HOMELESS COALITION

The Central Louisiana Homeless Coalition (CLHC) remains in need of our help. Their greatest need is adult diapers, bottled water, and deodorant for men and women. Place your donations in the collection box in the narthex.

FLAG RETIREMENT CEREMONY

Saturday, November 10
Following the 4:00 p.m. Mass
In front of the church
If you have any old, tattered flags that need to be retired, please bring them to this ceremony. Flags may also be left in the narthex.

VETERANS DAY - NOVEMBER 11TH

As you know, November 11 was originally known as Armistice Day in recognition of the armistice that was signed ending the Great War to end all wars, World War I. In 1954, the United States changed the name to Veterans Day. This year marks the 100th anniversary of Armistice Day. As an acknowledgement, and to celebrate our veterans, please bring a framed picture of any veteran(s) among your family or friends, living or deceased. Include their name on the front of the frame and the war/conflict in which they served. They will be displayed in the narthex throughout the month of November and remembered in our prayer. Pictures may be brought to the office or directly to the church.