

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.



SECOND SUNDAY BREAKFAST

Immediately following the 8:00 a.m. Mass this Sunday

ADULT FAITH FORMATION - "THE MASS"

Tuesday, March 12 - 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

WAY OF THE CROSS

Friday, March 15 - 6:00 p.m.

MEN OF MMJ LENTEN FISH FRY

Friday, March 15 - 5:00 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
P. O. Box 408,
Woodworth, Louisiana 71485

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Website: mmjchurch.org

OFFICE HOURS

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

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Ms Jennifer Smilie, Youth Minister

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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.

LETTER FROM BISHOP DAVID TALLEY ANNOUNCING HIS NEW APPOINTMENT

The 5th of March 2019: a new appointment

From the very first day of my service here, *it has been a joy*. As you might remember, the announcement of my appointment came on the Feast of St. Matthew, the 21st of September 2016. I moved in with Fr. Jim Ferguson at our Cathedral in late October and on the 7th of November, was introduced to all at a Mass of Welcome. From that day until now, I have been embraced by our people, as they have shown me their love for Christ's Church and their love for those of us who serve them as ordained clergy; and I have come to love our priests and deacons and sisters...and the small group of disciples that work at the Chancery.

I was told of this new appointment, as the 6th Bishop of Memphis, on the evening of the 9th of February. I was in Fifth Ward, at Our Lady of Lourdes, celebrating the Vigil Mass and the Golden Jubilee of their beautiful church and the Confirmation of eleven of their teens. After holy Mass, as we were all in the fellowship hall for photos and the reception, I checked my voice-mail and heard the message of the Apostolic Nuncio...asking me to contact him. After arriving back in Alexandria, I called the Nuncio....and heard....that the Holy Father had appointed me Bishop of Memphis. The Nuncio then asked....*will you accept the appointment?*

Will you accept the appointment? For two and a half years, I have spent most every waking moment thinking and praying about our faith life in central Louisiana. I have received your counsel and the counsel of our priests and deacons and women Religious. For two and a half years, I've tried to work collaboratively with our clergy and religious and lay-leaders, looking to develop a plan for the evangelization of those who do not know Christ the Lord and a plan to *re-evangelize* those "cultural Catholics" who were baptized as infants but have yet to embrace with intention and resolve the ONE who has embraced us first....THE LORD. The Diocese of Alexandria has so many gifts to share and we have some challenges to face. And, with all of my heart, I was ready to offer it to you, the people of central Louisiana...for the rest of my life. *But then*, this call on the 9th of February, and the judgment, by the Holy Father and by all who assist his oversight of the world-wide Episcopacy....that the Diocese of Memphis would be served by the Episcopal ministry I am able to offer, by God's grace.

The Nuncio asked me...*Bishop Talley, will you accept the appointment?* For each of us who follow the Lord Jesus, we are asked the same question....*will you be obedient to the Way of the Lord as He calls you by name?* I...we....answer.... YES.

It has been a joy, and I am broken hearted in having to leave you. But I go to Memphis with a great desire to shepherd Christ's Church there...in sanctity and in service. You have my love, and I ask for your prayer. I will carry you in my heart.

AMDG

+ David

MASS INTENTIONS

WEEK OF MARCH 9, 2019

REG. COLLECTION: SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH
ADD'L COLLECTION: BLACK AND INDIAN MISSIONS

SATURDAY, MARCH 9

4:00PM - Voorhies P. Gauthier, Russel Edwards
Lector: S. Cranford
Server: TBD

SUNDAY, MARCH 10

8:00AM - Mike Howe
Lector: K. Switzer
Server: L. Delaney

10:30AM - Grady Sayes

Lector: D. Bess
Server: M. Hawthorne

5:30PM - Our Parish Family

Lector: J. Montalvo
Server: V. Montalvo

MONDAY, MARCH 11

7:00AM - Thomas Nassif, Recovery and Healing

TUESDAY, MARCH 12

7:00AM - Elizabeth Parker

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13

7:00AM - Susan Robin

THURSDAY, MARCH 14

7:00AM - For Family Members to Return to the Church

WEEK OF MARCH 16, 2019

REG. COLLECTION: SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH

SATURDAY, MARCH 16

4:00PM - Charles Medica, Janet Shrewsbury
Lector: G. Patty
Server: TBD

SUNDAY, MARCH 17

8:00AM - Thomas Nassif, Recovery and Healing
Lector: K. Chapman
Server: M. Mallach

10:30AM - Donald Normand

Lector: C. Coreil
Server: I. Antee

5:30PM - Our Parish Family

Lector: J. Montalvo
Server: V. Montalvo

MONDAY, MARCH 18

7:00AM - Richard Gadel

TUESDAY, MARCH 19

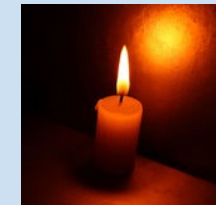
7:00AM - Teresa Coker

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20

7:00AM - Virginia Kroll

THURSDAY, MARCH 21

7:00AM - Frank Cospelich

**SANCTUARY CANDLE BURNS THIS WEEK**

*In loving memory of Grady Sayes
by Kenny & Cindy Sayes.*

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.

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

STEWARDSHIP

OFFERTORY GIFTS - 3/3/19

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| Total # of Envelopes | 64 |
| Avg. Identifiable Gift | \$ 67.69 |
| Weekly Collection | \$ 3,792.25 |
| EFT Collection | \$ 540.00 |
| Weekly Goal | \$ 5,330.00 |
| Shortage | \$ 997.75 |
| Goal March (5 wks) | \$ 26,650.00 |
| Received for March | \$ 4,332.25 |
| Still needed for March | \$ 22,317.75 |
| Maintenance & Repair | \$ 86.00 |
| Church in Eastern Europe | \$ 20.00 |
| Church in Latin America | \$ 100.00 |

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN - PHASE I

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| Goal | \$400,000.00 |
| Pledged to Date | \$187,290.00 |
| Received to Date | \$168,222.00 |
| Remaining Pledges to Goal | \$212,710.00 |

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

EXPENSES WEEK OF 3/3/19

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| Payroll | \$ 80.00 |
| WC of Louisiana (<i>Dumpster</i>) | \$ 104.04 |
| Marklin (<i>Baptismal Candles</i>) | \$ 87.00 |
| A T & T (<i>Office, Rectory, Cell</i>) | \$ 442.33 |
| Cleco (<i>Church, Office, Rectory</i>) | \$ 1,421.76 |
| Priscilla Gadel (<i>Reimbursement</i>) | \$ 26.63 |
| F. C. Ziegler | \$ 1,187.62 |
| Our Sunday Visitor | \$ 86.44 |
| Totals | \$ 3,435.82 |

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PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

OUR RCIA CANDIDATES

Robin Burns, Katelyn Emerson, Lincoln Holton, Lindsay Holton, Becky Lowe, Pete Lowe

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

George Babin, Becca Bartlett, Cary Boyd, Mary Brawner, Jackie Deptula, Stephen Deville, Marty Doiron, Eric Duck, Lona Foote, Justin Hebert, Dan Keely, Paul Lauve, Mathew Leotta, Missy Mathews, Leigh Anne Mulvey, Jennifer Quitta, Biz Roberts, Jenny Butler Spurlock, Zac Steely, Francis Thiels, Carlyn Volman, 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., Jeff Fitzgerald, John Goetz, Brenda Holloway, Betty Jones, Shelly Larrieu, Rachel Mayfield, Ana Maria Sierra, Irene Thompson, Elliott Trahan, Buddy Wise

OUR HOMEBOUND

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

OUR NURSING HOME RESIDENTS

Bunny Bosak, Francis Thiels, Fleta Waits, Ruth Valley

OUR ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY

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

DAILY PRAYER FOR PRIESTS

Fathers Dan O'Connor, Kenneth Obiekwe, Christian Ogbonna, Abraham Palakkattuchira, Binochan Pallipparambil, Jose Pallipurath, John Pardue

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 6 TO 8

Sunday - March 10
4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

GRADES PRE K TO 5

Wednesday, March 13
6:00pm to 7:00pm

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.

LIVESTREAMING MASS

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

ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL 2019



The waters of Baptism make us part of the new covenant in Christ. But the bishops' pastoral letter on stewardship reminds us that "there is a fundamental obligation arising from the Sacrament of Baptism...that people place their gifts, their resources - their selves - at God's service in and through the Church." Prayerfully consider supporting your parish by weekly contribution and the Diocesan Church by contributing to the Annual Diocesan Appeal.

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| Goal 2019: | \$ 18,702.00 |
| Received: | \$ 1,425.00 |
| Remaining: | \$ 17,277.00 |

LENT 2019

WAY OF THE CROSS

Fridays - 6:00PM

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Bishop Robert Barron's - The MASS
The Tuesdays of Lent - 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
Presenter: Deacon Paul Sunderhaus

MEN OF MMJ - FRIDAY FISH FRY

March 8, 15, 22, 29, April 5
5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
\$8.00 per plate; eat in or take out.

RECOGNIZING ADDICTION

Monday, March 11 - 6:00 p.m.
St. Rita Holy Family Center

Parents, teachers, youth ministers, administrators, please join us for a presentation on recognizing addiction. Professionals from the Shalom Center (Splendora, TX) will make the presentation. Open to the public and free of charge. Please attend this important presentation.



Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days 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. 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. 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.