

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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Chair: Deborah Bess
 Brinda Edwards, Brad Gadel, Priscilla Gadel,
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Finance Council

Chair: Marshall Long (Trustee)
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 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.



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

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Mrs. Natalie Flynn, Custodian

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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.

HOLY WEEK 2019

CHRISM MASS

Tuesday, April 16 - 11:00 a.m.
St. Francis Xavier Cathedral

PARISH PENANCE SERVICE

Wednesday, April 17 - 6:00 p.m.
Four priests will be available for confession.

HOLY THURSDAY

Thursday, April 18
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, April 19

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

April 20 - 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 28

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.

POPE NAMES APOSTOLIC ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE DIOCESE OF ALEXANDRIA



Archbishop Gregory Aymond, the metropolitan archbishop of the New Orleans Province, which encompasses the state of Louisiana, was appointed April 3 by Pope Francis as apostolic administrator of the Diocese of Alexandria as the diocese awaits the appointment of a new bishop.

Archbishop Aymond will remain as archbishop of New Orleans and will continue to reside in New Orleans with regular visits to the Diocese of Alexandria.

"My family has deep roots in Avoyelles Parish, and I am privileged to serve you as you await a new Diocesan bishop," said Archbishop Aymond. "I will be as present as I possibly can be to the clergy, religious diocesan staff, and the people of God in the Diocese of Alexandria. Please pray for me as I will pray for you."

MASS INTENTIONS

WEEK OF APRIL 13, 2019

REG. COLLECTION: SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH

SATURDAY, APRIL 13

4:00PM - Warren Gadel

Lector: S. Cranford, M. Leleux
Server: TBD

SUNDAY, APRIL 14

8:00AM - Donald Normand

Lector: K. Switzer, T. Ogaard
Server: M. Mallach

10:30AM - Bobbie Gallent

Lector: J. Foote, J. Antee
Server: M. Hawthorne

5:30PM - Our Parish Family

Lector: J. Montalvo, J. Louviere
Server: V. Montalvo

MONDAY, APRIL 15

7:00AM - Mavis Tucker

TUESDAY, APRIL 16

7:00AM - Ernestine Moras 47th anniv.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17

7:00AM - Ham Prestidge

THURSDAY, APRIL 18

6:00PM - That we may be more loving

Lector: J. Montalvo
Server: V. Montalvo, B. Gadel

FRIDAY, APRIL 19

3:00PM - Good Friday Commemoration

Lector: S. Cranford, C. Sayes
Server: B. Gadel

SANCTUARY CANDLE BURNS THIS WEEK

In loving memory of our Beloved Dead

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.

WEEK OF APRIL 20, 2019

REG. COLLECTION: SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH

SATURDAY, APRIL 20

8:00PM - Our Parish Family

Lector: K. & B. Chapman, S. Cranford,
R. Patin, C. Sayes, C. Coreil
Server: TBD

SUNDAY, APRIL 21

8:00AM - Our Parish Family

Lector: B. Edwards
Server: L. Delaney

10:30AM - Our Parish Family

Lector: TBD
Server: I. Antee

5:30PM - Our Parish Family

Lector: J. Montalvo
Server: V. Montalvo

MONDAY, APRIL 22

No Mass

TUESDAY, APRIL 23

7:00AM - Donald Normand

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24

7:00AM - Laura Gadel Jacob

THURSDAY, APRIL 25

7:00AM - Thomas Nassif Recovery & Healing

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 - 4/7/19

Total # of Envelopes	41
Avg. Identifiable Gift	\$ 112.98
Weekly Collection	\$ 2,677.00
EFT Collection	\$ 1,955.00
Weekly Goal	\$ 5,330.00
Shortage	\$ 698.00
Goal April (4 wks)	\$ 21,320.00
Received for April	\$ 4,632.00
Still needed for April	\$ 16,688.00
Maintenance & Repair	\$ 38.00
Easter Flowers	\$ 98.00
Catholic Home Missions	\$ 1.00

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN - PHASE I

Goal	\$400,000.00
Pledged to Date	\$187,540.00
Received to Date	\$169,602.00
Remaining Pledges to Goal	\$212,460.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

EXPENSES WEEK OF 4/7/19

Payroll	\$ 80.00
Our Sunday Visitor (<i>envelopes</i>)	\$ 72.45
Suddenlink (<i>office</i>)	\$ 81.94
ACS Technologies	\$ 37.00
Simpson Security	\$ 60.00
Glass Specialties	\$ 240.94
E. L. Gremillion	\$ 170.00
AllTemp (<i>repair freezer</i>)	\$ 1,422.30
Totals	\$ 2,164.63

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

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, Joann Fuqua Brock, Charles "Ricky" Bryant, Jackie Deptula, Stephen Deville, Lona Foote, Justin Hebert, Dan Keely, Paul Lauve, Mathew Leotta, Missy Mathews, Leigh Anne Mulvey, Jennifer Quitta, Rachel Patin, Biz Roberts, Jenny Butler Spurlock, Zac Steely, Francis Thiels, Carlyn Volman, Jody Walker, Marilyn Wilson, Cody Leon Wood

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, Neil Kavanaugh, Shelly Larrieu, Rachel Mayfield, Robert Ruemker, Ana Maria Sierra, Irene Thompson, Elliott Trahan, Buddy Wise

OUR HOMEBOUND

Joan Alpha, Butch Doiron, Richard Kelly, Henry Lemoine, 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 Anthony Aelavanthara, Walter Ajaero, Steve Brandow, David Braquet, John Brocato, Scott Chemino, Dan Cook

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 - April 28
4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

GRADES PRE K TO 5

See you in September!

FIRST EUCHARIST

Sunday, May 5 - 10:30 a.m. Mass
Luncheon/Reception to Follow

CONFIRMATION - 11TH GRADE STUDENTS

Friday, May 31 - 6:00 p.m.

In the absence of a Bishop, Fr. Paul has been delegated to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation at Mary, Mother of Jesus.

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.

ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL 2019

Thank you to everyone who made a pledge last weekend to the Annual Diocesan Appeal. If you have not had the opportunity to make your pledge, there are pledge envelopes available in each pew. Please take the time to make your commitment to the larger Church, knowing that your gift to the Annual Diocesan Appeal makes a real difference in the lives of the laity of the Diocese.

Goal 2019:	\$ 18,702.00
Pledged:	\$ 12,417.00
Remaining:	\$ 6,285.00

PARISH NEWS

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Bishop Robert Barron's - The MASS
Tuesday, April 16 - 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
Presenter: Deacon Paul Sunderhaus
This is the final evening presentation.



PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

In commemoration of the Triduum, the office will be closed Holy Thursday, March 29.

GOOD FRIDAY

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 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.

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 June 15 - 16 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.