

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.

CHAPLET OF THE DIVINE MERCY

This Sunday, April 28 - 3:00 p.m.

VBS PLANNING MEETING

Sunday, April 28 - 4:30 p.m.
 Church Hall

MUG AND MUFFIN

Monday, May 6 - 9:30 a.m.
 The Home of Gaynell Patty



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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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.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

ORIGIN OF DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Saint Faustina: Mankind's need for the message of Divine Mercy took on dire urgency in the 20th Century, when civilization began to experience an "eclipse of the sense of God" and, therefore to lose the understanding of the sanctity and inherent dignity of human life. In the 1930s, Jesus chose a humble Polish nun, St. Maria Faustina Kowalska, to receive private revelations concerning Divine Mercy that were recorded in her Diary. Bl. John Paul explains:

This was precisely the time when those ideologies of evil, nazism and communism, were taking shape. Sister Faustina became the herald of the one message capable of off-setting the evil of those ideologies, that fact that God is mercy - the truth of the merciful Christ. And for this reason, when I was called to the See of Peter, I felt impelled to pass on those experiences of a fellow Pole that deserve a place in the treasury of the universal Church. ~ Bl. Pope John Paul II, Memory and Identity (2005)

Divine Mercy Sunday: St. Faustina's Diary records 14 occasions when Jesus requested that a Feast of Mercy (Divine Mercy Sunday) be observed, for example: My daughter, tell the whole world about My inconceivable mercy. I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the Fount of My mercy. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. ... Let no soul fear to draw near to Me. ... It is My desire that it be solemnly celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter. Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the Fount of My Mercy. (Diary, no. 699)

On May 5, 2000, five days after the canonization of St. Faustina, the Vatican decreed that the Second Sunday of Easter would henceforth be known as Divine Mercy Sunday.

PRESIDENT OF U.S.C.C.B. STATEMENT ON TERRORIST ATTACKS IN SRI LANKA ON EASTER SUNDAY

April 21, 2019

WASHINGTON - The following statement has been issued by Cardinal Daniel N. DiNardo, Archbishop of Galveston-Houston and President of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops regarding simultaneous explosions in Sri Lanka targeting the country's minority Christian community as well as luxury hotels around Colombo on Easter Sunday morning. At least 200 people were killed and more than 400 injured in the terrorist attacks.

Cardinal DiNardo's full statement follows:

"This morning in Sri Lanka a coordinated series of bombings killed hundreds of worshipers in Catholic Churches and others of all faiths in nearby hotels.

The Churches were St. Sebastian's Church in Negombo, St. Anthony's Shrine in Colombo, and Zion Church in the eastern city of Batticaloa. This great evil targeted these churches as they were packed full of worshipers who were celebrating Easter, the day in which Christians around the world celebrate the rising of the King of Peace from the dead.

We offer our prayers for the victims and their families. And we join with all people of good will in condemning these acts of terrorism.

This evil cannot overcome the hope found in our Savior's Resurrection. May the God of hope who has raised his Son, fill all hearts with the desire for peace."

MASS INTENTIONS

WEEK OF APRIL 27, 2019

REG. COLLECTION: SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH
ADD'L COLLECTION: CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS
2ND COLLECTION: INFIRMED PRIESTS

SATURDAY, APRIL 27

4:00PM - Marie Gauthier

Lector: B. Patty
Server: TBD

SUNDAY, APRIL 28

8:00AM - Robyn Santilli

Lector: G. Delaney
Server: M. Mallach

10:30AM - Teresa Coker, Gil Freitas

Lector: K. Bellard
Server: M. Hawthorne

5:30PM - Our Parish Family

Lector: R. Patin
Server: R. Lowe

MONDAY, APRIL 29

7:00AM - Jack Ellington

TUESDAY, APRIL 30

7:00AM - Andy Brown

WEDNESDAY, MAY 1

7:00AM - Donald Normand

THURSDAY, MAY 2

7:00AM - Jacqueline Brown

WEEK OF MAY 4, 2019

REG. COLLECTION: SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH

SATURDAY, MAY 4

4:00PM - Charles Medica

Lector: K. Sayes
Server: TBD

SUNDAY, MAY 5

8:00AM - Eugene H. LaPalme, 57th anniv.

Lector: K. Switzer
Server: K. Chapman

10:30AM - Bobby Gallent

Lector: D. Bess
Server: I. Antee

5:30PM - Our Parish Family

Lector: R. Mallach
Server: C. Mallach

MONDAY, MAY 6

7:00AM - David Foshee, Sr.

TUESDAY, MAY 7

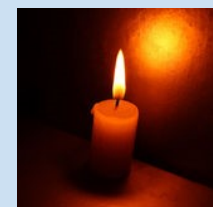
7:00AM - Mavis Tucker

WEDNESDAY, MAY 8

7:00AM - For family members to return to church

THURSDAY, MAY 9

7:00AM - Donald Normand



SANCTUARY CANDLE BURNS THIS WEEK

*In loving memory of Charles Medica
By Mike and Sherri 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.

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 - 4/21/19

Total # of Envelopes	67
Avg. Identifiable Gift	\$ 105.88
Weekly Collection	\$ 6,159.00
EFT Collection	\$ 935.00
Weekly Goal	\$ 5,330.00
Overage	\$ 1,764.00
Goal April (4 wks)	\$ 21,320.00
Received for April	\$ 17,005.00
Still needed for April	\$ 4,315.00
Maintenance & Repair	\$ 130.00
Easter Flowers	\$ 365.00
Infirm Priests	\$ 135.00
Holy Land	\$ 228.00

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN - PHASE I

Goal	\$400,000.00
Pledged to Date	\$ 189,745.00
Received to Date	\$ 173,757.00
Remaining Pledges to Goal	\$212,410.00

ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL 2019

Goal	\$ 18,702.00
Pledged	\$ 15,676.00
Remaining	\$ 3,026.00

EXPENSES WEEK OF 4/21/19

Payroll	\$ 1,080.00
Diocese of Alexandria	\$ 5,974.19
Willie Cranford (reimb.)	\$ 25.21
Pat Brister (reimb)	\$ 50.91
Town of Woodworth	\$ 229.11
AT&T Mobility	\$ 102.13
Totals	\$ 7,461.55

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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

George Babin, Becca Bartlett, Cary Boyd, Mary Brawner, Joann Fuqua Brock, Jackie Deptula, Stephen Deville, Lona Foote, Rev. Ross Ford, Justin Hebert, Dan Keely, Paul Lauve, Mathew Leotta, Missy Mathews, Leigh Anne Mulvey, Jennifer Quita, Tayme S. Parker, Rachel Patin, Biz Roberts, Jenny Butler Spurlock, Zac Steely, Francis Thiels, Carlyn Volman, Jody Walker, Marilyn Wilson, Cody Le-on Wood

OUR RECOVERING/CONVALESCING

Kathy Stevens Bosch, Dan Broussard, Kylie Renee Bush, Glenn Carroll, Amy Ladner Davis, Geri Deptula, Walter Deptula, Jr., Eric Duck, John Goetz, Betty Jones, Neil Kavanaugh, Terry Kohler, Shelly Larrieu, Rachel Mayfield, Philip Morris, 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, Travis Edwards, Daniel Keely, Kelley Perry, Michael Smilie

DAILY PRAYER FOR PRIESTS

Fathers Derek Ducote, Peter Faulk, Jim Ferguson, Bill Gearheard, Joy Aelavanthara, Archbishop Gregory Aymond

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.

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.

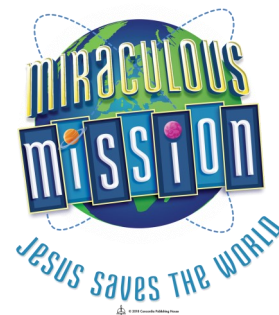
CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

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.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (VBS)

June 17 - 21, 2018
8:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
Early drop off begins at 7:30 a.m.

VBS PLANNING MEETING

Sunday, April 28 - 4:30 p.m.
Church Hall

We are in need of adults and junior high/high school students to assist us to ensure a fun and successful week. Please contact Brinda Edwards if you are interested in helping but unable to attend this meeting.

PARISH NEWS

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

This Sunday, April 28

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

MUG AND MUFFIN

Monday, May 6 - 9:30 a.m.
Home of Gaynell Patty - (318) 664-3400
9100 Highway 165S, Woodworth

Bring your favorite mug. If you are a "mature woman" and would like to join our monthly gatherings, call Gerri Craft at (318) 448-3152.

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.

SECOND COLLECTION - INFIRM PRIEST

A portion of our monthly obligations to the diocese of Alexandria includes \$250 (\$3,000 annual) to support the sick/infirm priests of our diocese. This weekend, there will be a second collection to help our parish defray these costs. All funds collected will be directly applied to this \$3,000 budget item. Thank you in advance for your typical generosity.

A WORD OF THANKS AND APPRECIATION

During the past several weeks we've hosted an Easter breakfast, funeral luncheons, and other hospitality events. In typical Mary, Mother of Jesus Parish fashion anyone and everyone asked to help immediately said yes and jumped right in. Y'all continually and constantly give me reasons to be proud to be your pastor. God has greatly blessed us, and continues to do so. May we continue to express our gratitude in the ways we bless the lives of others.