

Mary, Mother of Jesus Roman Catholic Church

PARISH OFFICES

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OFFICE HOURS

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

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.

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OUR MISSION Statement

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

SACRAMENTS OF THE CHURCH

Reconciliation/Confession

30 minutes before every weekend Mass.

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.

MASS INTENTIONS

WEEK OF DECEMBER 31, 2022

REG. COLLECTION: SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31

4:00PM - Mr. & Mrs. Harris Veillon, Mr. & Mrs. A. B. Coreil

Lector: P. Gadel

Server: L. Brouillette

SUNDAY, JANUARY 1

8:00AM - Alvin Loyacano

Lector: E. Lohman

Server: A. Daigrepoint

10:30AM - Austin Olivier, Jr., Eric Steltenpohl
68th birthday remembrance

Lector: J. Montalvo

Server: V. Montalvo

5:00PM - **NO MASS**

MONDAY, JANUARY 2

7:00AM - Eugene F. LaPalme 23rd anniv.,
Wilfred Moras 39th anniv.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 3

7:00AM - Griffin Ogaard in honor of his 1st
birthday

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4

7:00AM - Adrien, Lena, Marty, Larry, and Jim
Doiron

THURSDAY, JANUARY 5

7:00AM - Adrienne Angele Matt

WEEK OF JANUARY 7, 2023

REG. COLLECTION: SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH

SATURDAY, JANUARY 7

4:00PM - Ben Van Mol 36th birthday
remembrance, Rita A. LaPalme 10th
anniv., Kristian Louviere

Lector: J. Louviere

Server: L. Brocato

SUNDAY, JANUARY 8

8:00AM - Mary Virginia Young

Lector: R. Normand

Server: B. Emerson

10:30AM - Marie Hawthorne

Lector: J. Leglue

Server: A. Brundrett

5:00PM - For Our Parish Family

Lector: J. Reynolds

Server: H. Reynolds

MONDAY, JANUARY 9

7:00AM - Gene Tucker

TUESDAY, JANUARY 10

7:00AM - Wilfred Moras 128th birthday
remembrance

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11

7:00AM - Jackie Kroll Reine

THURSDAY, JANUARY 12

7:00AM - Bob and Johnnie Lively

SANCTUARY CANDLE BURNS THIS WEEK



FOR HEALTH AND HEALING TERRY MELANÇON

BY HIS DAUGHTER, JOANIE

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) 542-9805 or the LA Child Abuse **HOTLINE** (855) 452-5451. 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

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER**OUR RECENTLY DECEASED**

Baby Oliver Arthur Roussel

THOSE PREPARING FOR FIRST EUCHARIST

Corbin Bennett, James Ducote, Thomas Long, Harper Rajewski, Bentley Ryland, Ben Upton, Lawson Wheat, Charlie White

THOSE PREPARING FOR CONFIRMATION

Madeline Buller, Kennedy Daigrepoint, Julia Loken, Casey Mallach

OCIA CANDIDATES

Mary Deweese, Chad Doyle, Lory Malone, Benjamin Malone, Jackson Malone, Bridgette Thompson, Garrison Thompson, Claude Weatherford

THOSE PREPARING FOR MATRIMONY

Jennifer Smilie and C. J. Fuqua - April 15, 2023

Christina Rubio and Chad Doyle - October 21, 2023

OUR SICK

Lynn Bawner, Mary Louise Bawner, George Juan Burns, Rachal Burns, Richard Charon, Frank Cortello, Jr. Brian Dobard, Randy Francis, Keith Johnson, Betsy Lanclos, Helen Mathews, Jacques Matt, Terry Melançon, Debbie Norment, Jana Robinson, Lori Spratling, Kyle Stokes, Earlene Tanner, Chuck Vernon, Michelle Vincent

OUR RECOVERING/CONVALESCING

Michael Brewton, Mary Cezar, Eric Duck, Rhonda Earhart

OUR HOMEBOUND

Phyllis Broussard, Faye Connella, Butch Doiron, Betty Jones, Janet Lamkin, Janet Normand, Jane Richey, Adrienne Stevens, Joe & Irene Thompson

OUR ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY

Kory Butler, Brandon Coreil, Travis Edwards, David J. Francis, Dustin Guillory, Michael Hawthorne, Daniel Keely, Kelley Perry, Robin Perry, Michael Smilie



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

STEWARDSHIP**OFFERTORY GIFTS - 12/25/2022**

Regular Collection	\$ 4,142.00
EFT Collection	\$ 1,350.00
One Time Donation	\$ 3,000.00
Weekly Goal	\$ <u>6,530.00</u>
Overage	\$ 1,962.00

Goal for December (4 Sundays)	\$ 26,120.00
Received for December	\$ <u>32,473.00</u>
Overage for December	\$ 6,353.00

Christmas Flowers	\$ 197.00
Church Vocations	\$ 10.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!**MERCI BEAUCOUP!!****COMMUNITY REWARDS**

Visit [Kroger.com](https://www.kroger.com) and sign up under Community at the bottom of their home page. Mary, Mother of Jesus will receive a percentage of your purchases. There is no charge to the shopper.

AMAZON SMILE

When you shop at Amazon, and select Mary, Mother of Jesus as your charitable organization, Amazon will donate 0.5% back to our parish. Smile is the same Amazon you know.

ELECTRONIC GIVING

This is a convenient, consistent way to help our church grow. It allows you to create or alter your contribution schedule at any time and see reports of your contribution history that you can use for your records. When you can't attend Mass, your electronic contributions will arrive without delay. Visit our website: www.mmjchurch.org

REGISTRATION/CENSUS

Do you consider Mary, Mother of Jesus Church "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.

FAITH FORMATION**FROSTY FEST**

Sunday, January 15
3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Youth Center

Everyone in Grades 6-12 is invited to our first ever!! Join us for winter-themed snacks, drinks, and minute-to-win-it-style games.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION/CCD**GRADES PREK - 5**

January 11 - 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

GRADES 6 - 12

January 11 - 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

OCIA (FORMERLY RCIA)

If you are not Catholic and have been thinking about initiation in the Catholic Church, or if you are a Baptized Catholic who has not celebrated all three of the Sacraments of Initiation, consider joining the **Order of Christian Initiation for Adults**. **OCIA** is the process by which people celebrate their Sacraments of Initiation, namely Baptism, Communion and Confirmation, in the Catholic Church.

Who Is OCIA For?

- ⇒ **Unbaptized...** Persons (7 years and older) who want to follow in Jesus' footsteps and become members of the Catholic Church;
- ⇒ **Baptized in Another Christian Church...** Those members from a different Christian community other than Catholic who are seeking full initiation in the Catholic Church;
- ⇒ **Baptized but no previous Religious Education...** persons who were baptized as babies in the Catholic Church but have not had any Religious Education within the Catholic Tradition. Have you celebrated all of your sacraments of Communion and Confirmation?

Tuesday, January 3
5:30 p.m. - Church Hall

CHURCH NEWS**THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD**

Saturday, December 31
4:00 p.m.

Sunday, January 1
8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

HOLY DAY/HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS

In observance of New Year's Day, Mary, Mother of God, the church offices will be closed Monday, January 2.

EPIPHANY POT LUCK LUNCHEON

Sunday, January 8 - Serving starts at 12:00 p.m.

The Church is providing the pork loin and drinks. Please bring your favorite side-dishes to share.

Please email secretary@mmjchurch.org to let us know how many of you will be coming and what food you will be bringing to share.

EVERYONE IS WELCOME!!

CHRISTMAS MEMORIAL FLOWER FUND

This fund enables us to decorate the Church during the Christmas season. The donors and those remembered will be listed in the bulletin the weekend of January 14-15, 2023. The suggested donation is \$10. An envelope for this purpose is in the pews and your monthly packet. You may use one of your own envelopes. Remember to include on the envelope the name(s) of those to be remembered/honored.

LADIES' ROSARY MINISTRY

Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m. in the Church to pray for our Church and World.

ROMEOs

(Retired Old Men Enjoying Ourselves)

Wednesdays - 7:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.
Coffee, biscuits, conversation - Church Hall

QUILTING MINISTRY

Wednesdays beginning at 9:00 a.m.
Call Brenda Mathews (318) 730-8123



**From Father Paul, Deacon Paul,
and all who minister to and with you:**

May the New Year of 2023 be filled with hope and joy for you and those you love.

Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother Of God

Numbers 6:22-27
Ps 67:2-3,5-6,8
Galatians 4:4-7
Luke 2:16-21

Monday January 2
Sts. Basil the Great & Gregory of Nazianzen

1 John 2:22-28
Ps 98:1-4
John 1:19-28

Tuesday January 3

1 John 2:29--3:6
Ps 98:1,3cd-6
John 1:29-34

Wednesday January 4
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

1 John 3:7-10
Ps 98:1,7-9
John 1:35-42

Thursday January 5
St. John Neumann

1 John 3:11-21
Ps 100:1b-5
John 1:43-51

Friday January 6

1 John 5:5-13
Ps 147:12-15,19-20
Mark 1:7-11
or Luke 3:23-38

Saturday January 7

1 John 5:14-21
Ps 149:1-5,6a,9b
John 2:1-11



Today, consecrate the new year to the Mother of Christ, to her protection and help, asking God to make this a year of many blessings.

In the first reading, God teaches Moses how to pass blessings onto others. The responsorial psalm includes a request for God to bless us. The second reading describes the greatest blessing we've received: our adoption by God the Father.

The people who heard the testimony of the shepherds in the Gospel reading were amazed. How often are you amazed by the Lord? Awe comes from recognizing Jesus in everything. With Jesus, we're blessed even in situations that feel like curses, because he is with us.

To experience this, we have to keep our eyes on Jesus at all times. Look past the problems: There is the victorious Jesus already working on your behalf! He was born for your sake and gave up his life for you; of course he is also doing everything else that will provide God's goodness to you! Look past your emotional reactions to hardships: There is the peace of Christ! It's available

when you decide to trust in the love and the wisdom of Christ. Look past the person who is sinning against you: There is Jesus comforting you! He speaks to you through scripture, through Holy Mass, through perhaps a counselor, and many other ways.

In every situation, keep your eyes on Jesus so that you can see his hand reaching toward you to bless you.

We can learn from Mary to look past the obvious and see God's hidden blessings. When Mary looked at the shepherds, did she see scruffy, stinky strangers? Of course not. She saw numerous blessings. Now look at the scruffy people in your own life – through Mary's eyes. How many blessings do *you* see?

Mary the Mother of God our Savior wants to show you the countless blessings that come from knowing her Son. Ask for her help in keeping your focus on Jesus in the new year.

Reflect & Discuss:

† Count your blessings. Make a list of everything that's good in your life, including past blessings that give you warm, happy memories.

† The Lord has done great things for you. How does this reassure you today?

† What will you do this year to become more aware of God's blessings?

† In what ways has Mary revealed Jesus to you?