

Mary, Mother of Jesus Roman Catholic Church



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

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(318) 625-9195

DIVINE WORSHIP

Monday - Thursday

7:00 a.m.

Saturday Anticipated

4:00 p.m.

Sunday

8:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m., & 5:00 p.m.

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 JANUARY 8, 2022

REG. COLLECTION: SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH

SATURDAY, JANUARY 8

4:00PM - Rita A. LaPalme, 9th anniv., Terry Kohler, Ben Van Mol 35th birthday Remembrance, Monica Carroll for healing and peace

Lector: J. Louviere
Server: L. Brocato

SUNDAY, JANUARY 9

8:00AM - Shirley Marie Smith

Lector: B. Edwards
Server: B. Emerson

10:30AM - Wilfred J. Moras, 38th anniv., Omega Dobard, Eugene F. LaPalme, 22nd anniv., Wilda Veillon, Month's Mind, Margaret Kuntz

Lector: M. Brundrett
Server: A. Brundrett

5:00PM - Our Parish Family

Lector: J. Montalvo
Server: L. Brouillette

MONDAY, JANUARY 10

7:00AM - George Waits

TUESDAY, JANUARY 11

7:00AM - Owen Gerrity

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 12

7:00AM - Connie Ellington

THURSDAY, JANUARY 13

7:00AM - Charles "Greg" Gravel

SANCTUARY CANDLE BURNS THIS WEEK

IN LOVING MEMORY OF
GEORGE AND FLETA WAITS
BY THEIR FAMILY

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 JANUARY 15, 2022

REG. COLLECTION: SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH

SATURDAY, JANUARY 15

4:00PM - Terry Kohler

Lector: S. Cranford
Server: L. Brocato

SUNDAY, JANUARY 16

8:00AM - Mary Virginia Young

Lector: R. Normand
Server: L. Delaney

10:30AM - Marty Doiron, Larry Doiron

Lector: C. Van Mol
Server: J. Van Mol

5:00PM - Our Parish Family

Lector: J. Reynolds
Server: V. Montalvo

MONDAY, JANUARY 17

7:00AM - Larry Robin, Jr.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 18

7:00AM - Monica H. Carroll, for recovery

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 19

7:00AM - Msgr. John Timmermans

THURSDAY, JANUARY 20

7:00AM - Terry Kohler

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

Sharon and John Watz

THOSE PREPARING FOR FIRST EUCHARIST

Sophie Baquet, Lydia Brown, Lucas Wheat

THOSE PREPARING FOR CONFIRMATION

Natalie Brouillette, Luke Delaney, Cain Landreneau, Anthony Reynolds

OUR PERMANENT DEACON CANDIDATE

Kenny Sayes

OUR SICK

Diane Babin, George Babin, Lynn Bawner, Mary Louise Bawner, George Juan Burns, Richard Charon, Brian Dobard, Randy Francis, Keith Johnson, Helen Mathews, Jacques Matt, Terry Melancon, Debbie Norment, Lori Spratling, Kyle Stokes, Chuck Vernon, Michelle Vincent, Carmen Wyrick

OUR RECOVERING/CONVALESCING

Chris Andries, Michael Brewton, Eric Duck, Amy Ladner Davis, Rhonda Earhart, Cecile Leotta, Ashlee Maddox, Mark Reitzell

OUR HOMEBOUND

Butch Doiron, Jane Hollier, Betty Jones, Alvin Loyacano, Jane Richey, Adrienne Stevens, Joe & Irene Thompson

OUR NURSING HOME RESIDENTS

Bunny Bosak, Marie Hawthorne, Francis Thiels

OUR ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY

Kory Butler, Brandon Coreil, Travis Edwards, 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 - 1/02/2022

Regular Collection	\$ 3,958.00
EFT Collection	\$ 1,525.00
Weekly Goal	\$ <u>5,330.00</u>
Overage	\$ 153.00
Goal for January (5 Sundays)	\$ 26,650.00
Received for January	\$ <u>5,483.00</u>
Still Needed for January	\$ 21,167.00
Repairs & Maintenance	\$ 51.00
Church in Latin America	\$ 30.00
St. Anthony, Lafitte	\$ 1,031.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

“Remember that when you leave this earth, you take with you nothing that you have received only what you have been given: A full heart enriched by honest service, love, sacrifice and courage.” (St. Francis of Assisi)

Electronic Giving 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. 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



FAITH FORMATION**GRADES PRE K - 5**

Wednesday, January 12, 2022
6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

GRADES 6 - 11

Sunday, January 9, 2022
3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

**EPIPHANY HOUSE BLESSING**

This weekend at all the Masses, youth from our Religious Education/CCD Program will be handing out bags for each family to take home. Inside each bag is chalk and a prayer card. On the Feast of Epiphany, the family gathers to ask God's blessing on their home and on those who live in or visit the home. It is an invitation for Jesus to be a daily guest in our home, our comings and goings, our conversations, our work and play, our joys and sorrows. Traditionally chalk is used to write above the home's entrance and/or above any of the doors in the house.

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The letters CMB have 2 traditional meanings: 1) the initial of the traditional names of the magi: Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar; 2) the abbreviation of the Latin words Christus Mansionem Benedicat, "May Christ bless the house." The + sign represents the cross and 2022 is the year. Each of you is invited to bless your home on this Feast when Jesus Christ was manifested to the world and invites us to continue this manifestation through our work in the world.



Monday, January 10, 2022
5:00 p.m. - Church Hall

For more information please call Beth Chapman (318) 623-8016 or Cindy Sayes (318) 446-2893.

PARISH NEWS**SECOND SUNDAY BREAKFAST**

Is canceled out of an abundance of caution in response to the recent Covid-19 spike.

PROLIFE COMMITTEE

Monday, January 17, 2022
6:00 p.m. - Church Hall

Everyone is welcome to join us.

MMJ PRAYER LINE

Call (318) 625-9195 to pray, in the presence of Christ, with one of our *Prayer Companions*.

SANCTUARY CANDLE

Please remember that the sanctuary candle is available to burn weekly for any intentions you may have for the living, the deceased, in thanksgiving, in need, etc. If you're interested, please call Cindy at the church office.

PRAYER SHAWL & QUILTING MINISTRY

Wednesdays beginning at 8:30 a.m.

Call Brenda Mathews (318) 730-8123 if you're interested.



A labeled container is in the narthex for the Central Louisiana Homeless Coalition (CLHC) who need the following: hand and body warmers, caps and gloves, jackets and coats, blankets, thermal underwear, deodorant and bars of soap, any trial size hygiene products. Monetary donations should be in an envelope marked CLHC and put it in the collection basket.

Our parish has a subscription to FORMED, an online platform subscription service offering access to the best Catholic digital content producers - studies, films, audio, and eBooks. All parishioners of every age can access this great Catholic material. Go to formed.org, select Mary, Mother of Jesus Church, and complete the simple registration.

December 31, 2021

Brothers and sisters in Christ,

As we stand on the threshold of 2022, I pray that you and your loved ones will have a blessed, happy and healthy new year. We have challenges ahead, to be sure, but we are also abundantly blessed by God. A new year is a reminder to give thanks to our loving God for our blessings.

Unfortunately, we begin 2022 with the legacy of 2020 and 2021. As you are aware, the State of Louisiana has seen a dramatic increase in the number of people infected with COVID-19 over the past week. It would appear that the combination of variants and holiday gatherings have exposed more vulnerable people to the virus. While I do not believe that it will be necessary to reinstate a blanket dispensation from participating at Mass, I want to remind you of a portion of my letter of July 29, 2021, regarding those who qualify for a personal dispensation. You are not obliged to participate in Mass if:

You are sick with any communicable disease or from any other condition that would make your travel to, or participation at Mass too difficult.

You wish to receive a COVID vaccine, but have been unable to receive one, or you have received only one of the two required inoculations, or your immunity has not yet kicked in (approximately two weeks after the second dose of the vaccine).

You have other health conditions that would make exposure to the virus too dangerous for you.

You care for someone who cannot obtain a vaccine, or who has health conditions that would make exposure to the virus too dangerous.

You have a true fear of the virus and are isolating or quarantining until the surge is over or until the virus is eradicated.

To these previously stated conditions, I would add that anyone who has been knowingly exposed to the virus is exempt while they are observing the necessary quarantine period. More than just dispensing you from the obligation to participate in Mass, I ask anyone who is sick to stay home whenever you could spread this virus or any other.

Although the governor has not reinstated a general “mask mandate,” I ask you to prayerfully consider wearing a mask indoors in public spaces – including at Mass – to protect yourself and others.

Let us continue to pray for all of those who have died from this disease, for all of those who are presently sick, and for all our health care workers and others on the front lines. We pray especially for an end to this global health crisis.

Sincerely in Christ,

+Robert W. Marshall, Jr.

Most Reverend Robert W. Marshall, Jr.
Bishop of Alexandria

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

POSTPONED DUE TO A RESURGENCE COVID-19

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 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 SHAWL & QUILTING MINISTRY

PRAYER/SOCIAL/OUTREACH

Wednesdays beginning at 8:30 a.m.

All those interested in knitting/crocheting prayer shawls for the sick and homebound. This is also an opportunity to quilt and/or learn how to quilt. Call Brenda Mathews (318) 730-8123 if you're interested.

LIVESTREAMED MASSES

For the benefit of our homebound and/or sick parishioners, we livestream the 10:30 a.m. Sunday Mass. To view it, click on the YouTube tab on our home page: mmjchurch.org.

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 from September to June 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 for our Church and World.

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

BEREAVEMENT COMMITTEE

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

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: Sally Cranford (318) 792-5019 or Deacon Paul deaconpaul@mmjchurch.org.

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

All ministers must be confirmed and in a valid Catholic marriage, recommended by the pastor, and approved by the bishop for a three-year term which is indefinitely renewable.

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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