

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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LIVE STREAMING

For the benefit of our homebound parishioners, we livestream the 4:00 p.m. Saturday Mass weekly. To watch it on You Tube, search for MMJ Woodworth.

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 JANUARY 20, 2024

REG. COLLECTION: SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH

SATURDAY, JANUARY 20

4:00PM - Elizabeth Parker, For family members to return to church

Lector: M. Leleux

Server: A. Schexnyder

SUNDAY, JANUARY 21

8:00AM - Wayne Cox

Lector: B. Edwards

Server: B. Emerson

10:30AM - Lloyd Killen

Lector: J. Foote

Server: V. Montalvo

5:00PM - For Our Parish Family

Lector: J. Reynolds

Server: A. Byrd

MONDAY, JANUARY 22

7:00AM - Communion Service

TUESDAY, JANUARY 23

7:00AM - Communion Service

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24

7:00AM - Communion Service

THURSDAY, JANUARY 25

7:00AM - Communion Service

WEEK OF JANUARY 27, 2024

REG. COLLECTION: SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH
2ND COLLECTION: LATIN AMERICA

SATURDAY, JANUARY 27

4:00PM - Mavis Tucker

Lector: B. Patty

Server: L. Brocato

SUNDAY, JANUARY 28

8:00AM - Betty Jones

Lector: E. Lohman

Server: B. Emerson

10:30AM - Omega Dobard 75th birthday remembrance, Tanner Kelly

Lector: J. Antee

Server: C. Mathews, J. Malone

5:00PM - For Our Parish Family

Lector: J. Montalvo

Server: H. Reynolds

MONDAY, JANUARY 29

7:00AM - Communion Service

TUESDAY, JANUARY 30

NO MASS

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31

7:00AM - Communion Service

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1

7:00AM - Communion Service

SANCTUARY CANDLE BURNS THIS WEEK



IN LOVING MEMORY OF DEE SMART

BY MIKE AND MARCIA LELEUX

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

George Henry Lyles

OUR PERMANENT DEACON CANDIDATE

Brad Gadel

THOSE PREPARING FOR MATRIMONY

Sara Richard and Cody Fitzgerald
November 16, 2024

OUR FIRST EUCHARIST CANDIDATES

Saturday, May 4, 2024 - 10:00 a.m.

Emma Brundrett, Jude Flook, Eric Lohman, Landry Mitten, Steviee Patin, Reed Ponthier, Miles Schexndyer, Collin Stewart, Lillie Stewart, Abigail Upton, Isabella Winegeart, Wyatt Winegeart

OUR CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES

Saturday, April 6, 2024 - 4:00 p.m.

Izzie Antee, Hannah Daigrepont, Donald Ducote, JadyN Foote, Cayden Mathews, Vivian Montalvo, Alexander Rubio

OUR OCIA CANDIDATES

Garrett Francis, Madeline Francis, Sarah Francis

OUR SICK, RECOVERING, CONVALESCING

After two weeks names are removed unless notification to retain someone is received in the collection, at secretary@mmjchurch.org, calling 487-9894x1200 or by mail. Exceptions can be made, of course.

Maggie Avant, Brian Dobard, Daniel Jones, Linda Kelly, Debbie Duck Lyles, Jacques Matt, Jo Tassin, John Upton, Jennifer Weatherford, Tonya Wood

OUR HOMEBOUND

Faye Connella, Butch Doiron, Janet Lamkin, Cecile Liotta, Janet Normand, Jane Richey, Mike Stevens, Joe & Irene Thompson

OUR NURSING HOME RESIDENTS

Patricia "Patty" Mahone, Adrienne Stevens, Donna White

OUR ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY

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

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 - 01/14/2024

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| Regular Collection | \$ 3,750.00 |
| EFT Collection | \$ 1,365.00 |
| Weekly Goal | \$ <u>6,530.00</u> |
| Shortage | \$ 1,415.00 |
| Goal for January (4 Sundays) | \$ 26,120.00 |
| Received for January | \$ <u>12,023.00</u> |
| Still Needed for January | \$ 14,097.00 |

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!
MERCİ BEAUCOUP!!**

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

“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)

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**GRADES PREK - 5**

Wednesday, January 24
5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

GRADES 6 - 12

Wednesday, January 24
6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION CLASS

Wednesday, January 24
6:00 p.m. - Church

FIRST COMMUNION PREPARATION CLASS

Tuesday, March 19
5:30p.m. - Church Hall

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

Every Sunday - 10:30 a.m. Mass
During the Liturgy of the Word
Ages 4 - 7 - Youth Center

OCIA

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?

Please contact either Beth and Keith Chapman or Jody and Jackie Byrd. Their contact information is on the front page of the bulletin.

Monday, January 22 - 5:30 p.m.
Church Hall

CHURCH NEWS**UNBOUND MINISTRIES**

Next weekend, please welcome Rev. David E. Noone who will be with us to celebrate Masses and tell us about the work of Unbound, a lay Catholic sponsorship ministry that helps children and elderly in 17 developing countries. To learn more, call (800) 875-6564 or visit Unbound online at www.unbound.org

MEN OF MMJ

Monday, January 29
Rosary 5:30 p.m. Meeting 6:00 p.m.
Church Hall

LADIES' ROSARY MINISTRY

Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m. in the Church.

ROMEOS

(Retired Old Men Enjoying Ourselves)
Wednesdays - 7:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.

QUILTING MINISTRY

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

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Thursdays - 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

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. Please call Cindy at the church office.

FORMED

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.

3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time

Sunday, January 21

Jon 3:1-5,10
Ps 25:4-9
1 Cor 7:29-31
Mk 1:14-20

Today's Gospel reading is a call to surrender ourselves fully to God. "Now is the time of fulfillment" – not just 2,000 years ago, not at the Second Coming of Christ, but right now in your life when and where you need Jesus the most.

Monday, January 22

Pray for the Legal Protection of the Unborn

2 Sm 5:1-7,10
Ps 89:20-22,25-26
Mk 3:22-30

"The kingdom of God is at hand" – what you need from the Lord is right here, at hand, ready for you.

Tuesday, January 23

2 Sm 6:12b-15,17-19
Ps 24:7-10
Mk 3:31-35

"Repent, and believe in the gospel" means "Come follow Me and learn from Me to become like Me." For the first disciples, it meant dropping whatever they were doing to spend so much time with Jesus that their whole lives were forever affected.

Wednesday, January 24

St. Francis de Sales

2 Sm 7:4-17
Ps 89:4-5,27-30
Mk 4:1-20

And this is what it means for you and for me: We have to put aside our own agendas and overly busy schedules to spend more time following Jesus wherever he leads us.

Thursday, January 25

Conversion of St. Paul

Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22
Ps 117:1bc,2
Mk 16:15-18

Friday, January 26

Sts. Timothy and Titus

2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5
Ps 96:1-3,7-8a,10
Mk 4:26-34

In the modern world, we have become more dependent on our technological devices than on Jesus. Many of us cannot even go on vacation without remaining accessible to their employers via the cell phone. Somehow, we need to find a way to take a stand against this.

Saturday, January 27

2 Sm 12:1-7a,10-17
Ps 51:12-17
Mk 4:35-41

It's one of the social justice teachings of the Church: We are actually called by God to rebel against working on Sundays and other days of rest. Why? Because we need to spend that time with Jesus quietly being restored and re-energized.



Unfortunately, Jesus doesn't walk through the door and circle dates on our calendar and write "Rest with Jesus" on it so that we can plan ahead. We have to follow his lead at a moment's notice – every moment. To experience the kingdom of God on the earthly side of heaven, we have to be willing to drop everything to follow Jesus into unfamiliar places at unexpected times. We have to learn to follow his lead even in situations where his way is the surprising way.

Reflect & Discuss:

- † What's on your to-do list? What keeps you busy? What are your goals for the future? What are you dreaming of?
- † If Jesus has a different plan for your day or for your life, how easily could you switch over to new ideas and plans?
- † What are some of the nets you've abandoned in the past in order to follow Jesus? How difficult was that to do?
- † Are you happy about it now? Why? How was this an experience of the kingdom of God on earth?