

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 JANUARY 21, 2023

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

SATURDAY, JANUARY 21

4:00PM - Jacqueline Brown

Lector: M. Leleux

Server: A. Byrd

SUNDAY, JANUARY 22

8:00AM - Alvin Loyacano

Lector: R. Normand

Server: J. Schexnyder

10:30AM - Stephen Rodeback, Marshall Newton

Lector: T. Reynolds

Server: A. Brundrett

5:00PM - For Our Parish Family

Lector: J. Reynolds

Server: V. Montalvo

MONDAY, JANUARY 23

NO MASS

TUESDAY, JANUARY 24

NO MASS

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 25

NO MASS

THURSDAY, JANUARY 26

NO MASS

WEEK OF JANUARY 28, 2023

REG. COLLECTION: SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH

SATURDAY, JANUARY 28

4:00PM - Rose Gerchow

Lector: P. Gadel

Server: A. Byrd

SUNDAY, JANUARY 29

8:00AM - Billy Jean Prestidge

Lector: G. Delaney

Server: L. Delaney

10:30AM - Austin Olivier, Jr., George Allen, Jr.

Lector: J. Foote

Server: C. Mathews

5:00PM - For Our Parish Family

Lector: J. Montalvo

Server: V. Montalvo

MONDAY, JANUARY 30

NO MASS

TUESDAY, JANUARY 31

NO MASS.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1

NO MASS

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2

NO MASS

SANCTUARY CANDLE BURNS THIS WEEK



FOR A GROWTH IN RESPECT FOR HUMAN LIFE FROM CONCEPTION TO NATURAL DEATH

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

Vivian Louviere

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

O CIA 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, Brian Dobard, Randy Francis, Keith Johnson, Betsy Lanclos, Helen Mathews, Jacques Matt, Terry Melançon, Debbie Norment, Lori Spratling, Kyle Stokes, Earlene Tanner, Chuck Vernon, Michelle Vincent

OUR RECOVERING/CONVALESCING

Michael Brewton, Mary Cezar, Eric Duck, Rhonda Earhart, Logan Robichaux, Jana Robinson

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 - 01/15/2023

Regular Collection	\$ 3,520.00
EFT Collection	\$ 1,365.00
Weekly Goal	\$ <u>6,530.00</u>
Shortage	\$ 1,645.00
Goal for January (5 Sundays)	\$ 32,650.00
Received for January	\$ <u>18,835.00</u>
Still needed for January	\$ 13,815.00
Maintenance and Repair	\$ 55.00
Church in Latin America	\$ 20.00

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!
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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**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION/CCD****GRADES PREK - 5**

January 25 - 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

GRADES 6 - 12

January 25 - 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

FIRST COMMUNION/EUCHARIST PREPARATION

Sunday, March 12

3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. - Church Hall

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 24
5:30 p.m. - Church Hall

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.

CHURCH NEWS**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.

Coffee, biscuits, conversation - Church Hall

QUILTING MINISTRY

Wednesdays beginning at 9:00 a.m.

Call Brenda Mathews (318) 730-8123

CROSS CATHOLIC OUTREACH

Fr. Farrell E. "Mac" McLaughlin of Cross Catholic Outreach will be visiting our church parish next weekend to speak at all the Masses on behalf of the poor in developing countries. CCO was founded to create a meaningful link between parishes in America and the priests and nuns working in the Church overseas in the Caribbean, Africa, Asia, Central and South America.

MEN OF MMJ

Monday, January 30

5:30 p.m. - Church Hall

All Men Of Our Church Parish Are Invited

ST. BLAISE

In commemoration of the February 3rd memorial of St. Blaise, Bishop and Martyr, and the patron of those who suffer from throat ailments, throats will be blessed as the final blessing at all Masses the weekend of February 4-5.

SECOND SUNDAY BREAKFAST

February 12

Immediately following the 8:00 a.m. Mass.

Hosted by MMJ Youth Ministry

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Wednesdays - 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Whenever CCD/Religious Education classes are held. Please join us for a quiet hour of prayer and meditation.

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.

3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time

Isaiah 8:23 -- 9:3
Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14
1 Corinthians 1:10-13,17
Matthew 4:12-23

Monday January 23
Hebrews 9:15,24-28
Ps 98:1-6
Mark 3:22-30

Tuesday January 24
St. Francis de Sales
Hebrews 10:1-10
Ps 40:2,4ab,7-8a,10,11
Mark 3:31-35

Wednesday January 25
Conversion of St. Paul
Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22
Ps 117:1bc,2
Mark 16:15-18

Thursday January 26
Sts. Timothy and Titus
2 Timothy 1:1-8
or Titus 1:1-5
Ps 96:1-3,7-8a,10
Mark 4:21-25

Friday January 27
Hebrews 10:32-39
Ps 37:3-6,23-24,39-40
Mark 4:26-34

Saturday January 28
St. Thomas Aquinas
Hebrews 11:1-2,8-19
Lk 1:69-75
Mark 4:35-41

Who's troubling you? In this Sunday's Gospel reading, we hear of the fulfillment of the prophecy given by Isaiah in the first reading: Because of Jesus Christ, the people you know who are living in darkness have seen the light that will heal them. Who is making no effort to get out of their sin-induced misery? Who is overshadowed by the demons of spiritual death and destruction? Whose stubbornness is causing you great anguish?

Through your prayers and faithful love, Jesus has been revealed to them. Even as they fight against this truth and hide from him, the great light of Christ cannot be turned off. Soon or eventually this will cause great rejoicing, not only for you, but for those who are being rescued.

Elsewhere (Luke 12:49-50), Jesus expressed his feelings about people who live in darkness: "How great is my anguish until it is accomplished!" Thus, he knows your anguish and *shares* it, but more deeply and fervently. He is doing more than you know, more than you can

imagine, to accomplish the victory for which you've been praying. He is doing everything possible – as well as the impossible – to bring it to fulfillment.

Pray that Divine Providence will use the bad consequences of each person's stubborn rebellion to draw them to himself. Pray that God will use others to bring them into his light. Pray that God will work in his own



way to dissolve their spiritual rebellion. Pray that after their conversion they will spread the light of Christ powerfully. And pray that their conversion will be deep, definite and permanent.

We don't pray to change God's mind; he's already working to bring the light of Christ to people who live in darkness. We pray to place these people into his arms, since they're not doing it for themselves.

Reflect & Discuss:

† Write a list of people who are living in darkness. Will you trust in the power of Christ's great light and the victory he obtained through his death and resurrection?

† Make a commitment to feel Christ's anguish more keenly; use this pain to energize you into daily prayer on behalf of darkened souls.

† Think of those who are living in darkness. Get a large candle and etch their names into it. Light the candle and offer your prayers for these loved ones. If possible, do this with a prayer community for mutual support, and light this candle at all of your community meetings.