

# Mary, Mother of Jesus Roman Catholic Church

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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 28, 2023

REG. COLLECTION: SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 28

4:00PM - Rose Gerchow

Lector: P. Gadel  
Server: L. Brocato

### 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 - **NO MASS**

### MONDAY, JANUARY 30

**NO MASS**

### TUESDAY, JANUARY 31

**NO MASS.**

### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1

**NO MASS**

### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2

**NO MASS**

## WEEK OF FEBRUARY 4, 2023

REG. COLLECTION: SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH  
2<sup>ND</sup> COLLECTION: THE CHURCH TODAY

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4

4:00PM - Kristian Louviere

Lector: G. Patty  
Server: A. Byrd

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5

8:00AM - Albert J. "Chris" Navarro

Lector: R. Normand  
Server: B. Emerson

10:30AM - Mary Lee Robichaux, Dane Penny

Lector: M. Brundrett  
Server: A. Brundrett

5:00PM - For Our Parish Family

Lector: J. Reynolds  
Server: H. Reynolds

### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6

7:00AM - Alvin Loyacano

### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7

7:00AM - Raymond Paul, Sr.

### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8

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

### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9

7:00AM - Raymond "Sonny" Tucker

### SANCTUARY CANDLE BURNS THIS WEEK



### FOR THE HEALTH AND HEALING OF LOGAN ROBICHAUX

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](http://www.diocesealex.org)

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER**

**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, Billy Brock, 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, 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 - 01/22/2023**

Regular Collection	\$ 2,585.00
EFT Collection	\$ 2,150.00
Weekly Goal	\$ <u>6,530.00</u>
<b>Shortage</b>	<b>\$ 1,795.00</b>
Goal for January (5 Sundays)	\$ 32,650.00
Received for January	\$ <u>23,570.00</u>
<b>Still needed for January</b>	<b>\$ 9,080.00</b>
Church in Latin America	\$ 40.00

**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](http://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](http://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**

February 1 - 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

**GRADES 6 - 12**

February 1 - 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 31  
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](http://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**

We welcome Fr. Farrell E. "Mac" McLaughlin of Cross Catholic Outreach who is speaking this weekend 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

**WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS**

Saturday, February 11<sup>th</sup> - 4:00 p.m. Mass  
World Marriage Sunday

Papal blessings will be presented and vows reaffirmed for parishioners who previously notified us of their 2022 "milestone" anniversary: Buddy & Brenda Wise (50), Mike & Billie Flynn (40), Pete & Becky Lowe (40), Larry & Brenda Mathews (40), John & Colleen Van Mol (40), Ken & Angela Hawthorne (25), Troy & Rae Lynn Mallach (25), Trey & Jill Reynolds (25).

**SECOND SUNDAY BREAKFAST**

February 12

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

Hosted by MMJ Youth Ministry



## 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time

Zephaniah 2:3;3:12-13  
Ps 146:6-10  
1 Corinthians 1:26-31  
Matthew 5:1-12a

**Monday January 30**  
Hebrews 11:32-40  
Ps 31:20-24  
Mark 5:1-20

**Tuesday January 31**  
**St. John Bosco**  
Hebrews 12:1-4  
Ps 22:26b-28,30-32  
Mark 5:21-43

**Wednesday February 1**  
Hebrews 12:4-7,11-15  
Ps 103:1-2,13-14,17-18a  
Mark 6:1-6

**Thursday February 2**  
**Presentation of the Lord**  
Malachi 3:1-4  
Ps 24:7-10  
Hebrews 2:14-18  
Luke 2:22-40

**Friday February 3**  
**St. Blase**  
Hebrews 13:1-8  
Ps 27:1,3,5,8b-9  
Mark 6:14-29

**Saturday February 4**  
Hebrews 13:15-17,20-21  
Ps 23:1-6  
Mark 6:30-34

In the Gospel reading this Sunday, we get a glimpse of our own sainthood. The eight Beatitudes in Matthew 5:1-12 describe the holiness of those who imitate Jesus. The first four deal with our relationship with God; the last four deal with our relationships with others.

How can we call ourselves saints? Remember that you are a saint, as imperfect as you are at this time on your journey, because God has sanctified you through your baptism, thanks to what Jesus did for you on the cross. This means that he has blessed you. And blessed are you because you love as Jesus loves.

Everything that God blesses is made holy! Therefore, any person who lives the lifestyle of the Beatitudes (which is the lifestyle of Jesus) is blessed by God and can rightfully be called a saint: the poor in spirit who recognize that they need God's love, those who mourn and turn to the Holy Spirit for comfort, those who meekly (i.e., with-

out arrogance) stand up for what is right because they love God, and so on down the list of beatitudes. Meditate on each blessing and notice your sainthood AND the challenge to become more saintly by improving how well you imitate Jesus.

The Church canonizes Saints (which we signify with a capital "S") so that we have role models. Even though we've not reached their level of holiness, we belong to



the same communion of saints. A saint is anyone who is following Christ toward heaven, with or without a lay-over in purgatory. As we strive to improve, we can ask the Saints for help and receive their spiritual guidance.

### Reflect & Discuss:

† Looking over the list of the Beatitudes, which do you implement best?

† Which do you need to improve?

† Which one do you find least desirable? Why? Discuss this with a Christian friend, priest, counselor or spiritual director to figure out how this weakness is really based on a misunderstanding of God's love for you. Then you will be set free to grow in this area of holiness!

† How do you avail yourself of help from the Saints?

† How does this enable you to grow in holiness? Give an example.