

# 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 FEBRUARY 3, 2024

REG. COLLECTION: SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3

4:00PM - Tanner Kelly, Kristian Louviere,  
Andy Brown

*Lector: M. Leleux*

*Server: A. Byrd*

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4

8:00AM - Betty Jones

*Lector: B. Edwards*

*Server: A. Schexnyder*

10:30AM - Shirley Sayes 1<sup>st</sup> anniv., Linda Kelly  
family to receive the gifts of healing  
and peace

*Lector: J. Leglue*

*Server: J. Moreau*

5:00PM - For Our Parish Family

*Lector: J. Montalvo*

*Server: H. Reynolds*

### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5

7:00AM - Zachary Veillon

### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6

7:00AM - David Foshee, Sr.

### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7

7:00AM - Jackie Kroll Reine

### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8

7:00AM - Rickey Sayes 1<sup>st</sup> anniv.

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)

## WEEK OF FEBRUARY 10, 2024

REG. COLLECTION: SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10

4:00PM - Garland “Buddy: Williamson, Adrien,  
Larry, Marty, Lena, & Jim Doiron

*Lector: G. Patty*

*Server: J. Schexnyder*

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11

8:00AM - Mary Lee & Gerald Robichaux, Sr.

*Lector: K. Bellard*

*Server: B. Emerson*

10:30AM - Eugene F. LaPalme 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday Re-  
membrance, Dee Smart

*Lector: B. Lowe*

*Server: A. Brundrett*

5:00PM - For Our Parish Family

*Lector: J. Reynolds*

*Server: A. Byrd*

### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12

7:00AM - Zachary Veillon

### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13

7:00AM - Betty Jones

### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14

7:00AM - Shirley & Rickey Sayes

*Lector: M. Brundrett*

*Server: A. Brundrett*

4:00PM - Liturgy of the Word

*Lector: M. Leleux*

5:30PM - Lloyd Killen

*Lector: J. Montalvo*

*Server: V. Montalvo*

### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15

7:00AM - Betty Mathews 11<sup>th</sup> anniv.

## SANCTUARY CANDLE BURNS THIS WEEK

IN THANKSGIVING FOR MANY BLESSINGS

BY MIKE & 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.

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER**

**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, Stevie 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 Daigrepoint, Donald Ducote, Jadyne 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.*

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

**OUR HOMEBOUND**

Faye Connella, Butch Doiron, Janet Lamkin, Cecile Liotta, Janet Normand, Jane Richey, 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 - 01/28/2024**

Regular Collection	\$ 5,108.00
EFT Collection	\$ 1,345.00
Weekly Goal	\$ <u>6,530.00</u>
<b>Shortage</b>	\$ <b>77.00</b>
Goal for January (4 Sundays)	\$ 26,120.00
Received for January	\$ <u>26,209.00</u>
<b>Overage for January</b>	\$ <b>89.00</b>
<b>Repairs &amp; Maintenance</b>	\$ <b>20.00</b>

**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](http://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](http://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, February 7  
5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

**GRADES 6 - 12**

Wednesday, February 7  
6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

**CONFIRMATION PREPARATION CLASS**

Wednesday, February 7  
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, February 5 - 5:30 p.m.**  
**Church Hall**

**CHURCH NEWS****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 this weekend.

**WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS**

Saturday, February 10<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 2023 "milestone" anniversary: Keith & Beth Chapman (50), Angie & Colt James (40), Clif & Diane Fuqua (35), Jennifer & Claude Weatherford (25).

**CHURCH OFFICES**

The offices will be closed on Monday, February 12<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, February 13<sup>th</sup>, in observance of Mardi Gras.

**ASH WEDNESDAY - FEBRUARY 14**

7:00 a.m. - Mass with imposition of ashes  
4:00 p.m. - Prayer Service with imposition of ashes  
5:30 p.m. - Mass with imposition of ashes

Fr. Paul will be visiting our shut-ins with communion and ashes.

**WAY OF THE CROSS**

Fridays of Lent - 6:00PM

**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.

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

### Sunday, February 4

Jb 7:1-4,6-7  
Ps 147:1-6  
1 Cor 9:16-19,22-23  
Mk 1:29-39

### Monday, February 5

#### St. Agatha

1 Kgs 8:1-7,9-13  
Ps 132:6-10  
Mk 6:53-56

### Tuesday, February 6

#### St. Paul Miki & Companions, Martyrs

1 Kgs 8:22-23,27-30  
Ps 84:3-5,10-11  
Mk 7:1-13

### Wednesday, February 7

1 Kgs 10:1-10  
Ps 37:5-6,30-31,39-40  
Mk 7:14-23

### Thursday, February 8

1 Kgs 11:4-13  
Ps 106:3-4,35-37,40  
Mk 7:24-30

### Friday, February 9

1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19  
Ps 81:10-11b,12-15  
Mk 7:31-37

### Saturday, February 10

#### St. Scholastica

1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34  
Ps 106:6-7b,19-22  
Mk 8:1-10

If Job's words resonate with you, it may be because he captures the essence of the universal struggle of human existence. Our lives can sometimes seem like they are marked by toil with only fleeting moments of hope. It's a poignant reminder that, at times, we may find ourselves weighed down by the burdens of life, yearning for relief and happiness.

We are then shown a different view of life's duties. The Apostle Paul talks about his responsibility to share the Gospel. He willingly becomes like a servant to everyone, adapting to connect with different people to share the message of salvation. This calls to mind our own responsibilities — are they forced on us like Job's troubles, or do we take them on willingly, like Paul?

In the Gospel, Jesus emerges as the epitome of compassionate service. His healing touch and selfless acts of curing the sick and driving out demons depict a profound commitment to alleviating the suffering of others. The passage of Simon's mother-in-law being restored to health and immediately attending to the needs of those around her echoes the transformative power of compassion.

There is another important message that we should take to heart. Jesus takes time for solitude and prayer, even when things are busy. This emphasizes how important it is to connect with God for strength and nourishment, especially



when life gets tough. In the midst of life's chaos, it's all too easy to lose sight of the need to turn to God, even when (or possibly especially when) His guidance is most crucial.

Take some time to reflect on the different experiences portrayed in these readings and the lessons God is trying to teach you through them. As you navigate your life's complexities, do you make an effort to fulfill your responsibilities with purpose and to show compassion to those around you?

### Reflect & Discuss:

- † How do you handle tough times and moments of hope?
- † What responsibilities do you have, and do you take them on willingly?
- † How can your life be a source of healing and compassion for others, like how Jesus served others selflessly?