

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 17, 2024

REG. COLLECTION: SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH
2ND COLLECTION: BLACK AND INDIAN MISSIONS

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17

4:00PM - Irma "Tookie" Cospelich, Adrien,
Larry, Marty, Lena, & Jim Doiron

Lector: J. Louviere
Server: J. Schexnyder

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18

8:00AM - Todd Mizell

Lector: G. Delaney
Server: TBD

10:30AM - Stephen Rodeback, Dee Smart

Lector: M. Brundrett
Server: C. Mathews

5:00PM - For Our Parish Family

Lector: J. Montalvo
Server: H. Reynolds

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19

7:00AM - Zachary Veillon

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20

7:00AM - Shirley & Rickey Sayes

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21

7:00AM - Richard Gadel

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22

7:00AM - Mary Lee & Gerald Robichaux, Sr.

WEEK OF FEBRUARY 24, 2024

REG. COLLECTION: SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24

4:00PM - Mavis Tucker, Adrien, Larry, Marty,
Lena, & Jim Doiron

Lector: S. Cranford
Server: L. Brocato

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25

8:00AM - Joseph Johnson

Lector: D. Bess
Server: J. Schexnyder

10:30AM - Dee Smart, Rickey Sayes

Lector: T. Reynolds
Server: V. Montalvo

5:00PM - For Our Parish Family

Lector: J. Reynolds
Server: A. Byrd

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26

7:00AM - Zachary Veillon

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27

7:00AM - Shirley & Rickey Sayes

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28

7:00AM - Joseph Johnson

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 29

7:00AM - Sharan Bellard

SANCTUARY CANDLE BURNS THIS WEEK



IN LOVING MEMORY OF
GERALD AND MARY LEE ROBICHAUX, SR.
BY THE ROBICHAUX 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.

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 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, Gerri Craft, Brian Dobard, Thomas Hickman, Daniel Jones, Linda Kelly, Debbie Duck Lyles, Jacques Matt, Jo Tassin, John Upton, Heather Warren Stokes, Tonya Wood

OUR HOMEBOUND

Faye Connella, Butch Doiron, Brenda Holloway, Janet Lamkin, 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 - 02/11/2024

Regular Collection	\$ 3,026.00
EFT Collection	\$ 1,935.00
Weekly Goal	\$ <u>6,530.00</u>
Shortage	\$ 1,569.00
Goal for February (4 Sundays)	\$ 26,120.00
Received for February	\$ <u>12,895.00</u>
Still needed for February	\$ 13,225.00
Repairs & Maintenance	\$ 20.00
Ash Wednesday	\$ 25.00

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

ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL (ADA)

Parish Goal 2023 \$ 21,256.00

Jesus didn't do it alone. He called disciples to assist him in his mission. Jesus challenged and supported his disciples - at times gently chiding them, or reaching out a hand to help, and at times demanding a lot from them. Our Lord walks with us but he also challenges us to be good disciples by supporting the universal Church. Do we ask ourselves are we imitators of Christ by giving freely of ourselves - our time, talent, and financial resources? Are our gifts to our parish acceptable? Are our gifts to the local Church through the Annual Diocesan Appeal acceptable?

"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

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

FAITH FORMATION**GRADES PREK - 5**

Wednesday, February 21
5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

GRADES 6 - 12

Wednesday, February 21
6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION CLASS

Wednesday, February 21
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 19 - 5:30 p.m.
Church Hall

CHURCH NEWS**EASTER MEMORIAL FLOWER FUND**

This fund enables us to decorate the Church during the 50 days of the Easter season. The donors and those to be remembered will be listed in the May 25-26 bulletin. The suggested donation is \$10. An envelope for this purpose is in the pews, your monthly packet, or one of your own. Don't forget to include on the envelope the name(s) of your loved one(s) to be remembered/honored.

WAY OF THE CROSS

Fridays - 6:00PM

MEN OF MMJ - FRIDAY FISH FRY

February 16, 23, March 1, 8, 15
Serving begins at 5:00 p.m.
\$9.00 per plate
Eat in or take out.



Sunday, March 10
2:00 a.m. - We Spring Ahead By One Hour

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.

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.

1st Sunday of Lent

Sunday, February 18

Gn 9:8-15
Ps 25:4-9
1 Pt 3:18-22
Mk 1:12-15

Monday, February 19

Lv 19:1-2,11-18
Ps 19:8-10,15
Mt 25:31-46

Tuesday, February 20

Is 55:10-11
Ps 34:4-7,16-19
Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday, February 21

Jon 3:1-10
Ps 51:3-4,12-13,18-19
Lk 11:29-32

Thursday, February 22

Chair of Peter, Apostle

1 Pt 5:1-4
Ps 23:1-3a,4-6
Mt 16:13-19

Friday, February 23

Ez 18:21-28
Ps 130:1-8
Mt 5:20-26

Saturday, February 24

Dt 26:16-19
Ps 119:1-2,4-5,7-8
Mt 5:43-48

Today's Gospel reading shows us the first thing that Jesus did after his baptismal anointing in the Jordan River: He wrestled with temptation.

His baptism had marked the moment of his complete surrender to the Father's will. As he arose from the water, he began a new life of ministry.

The Father responded by telling him that he was very pleased, and the Holy Spirit filled his humanness. Jesus as God already had the Holy Spirit (he and the Spirit were the same God), but Jesus the fully human Son now came fully alive in the Spirit. We can imagine how this experience in the Jordan River gave him the feeling of an elated spiritual high. And the next thing that happens is an attack of the devil.

The same pattern repeats itself in our lives. As soon as we experience new growth in our faith, or a new calling to do the Father's will, we run smack into a situation that tests the strength

and sincerity of our faith. However, if this didn't happen, how would we find out that we've spiritually matured? How would we know that we are ready to make a significant difference for the kingdom of God?

Sometimes without consciously thinking it, we decide that if we're going to be tested and we might lose, wouldn't it be better not to start something new? Well, that's another temptation!

Lent is the perfect time to examine the temptations that we



face every day and turn them into new growth that will strengthen our faith.

Every time we face a sin and seek God's forgiveness, we become stronger. And if we take

it a step farther by walking into the confessional with it, we also receive powerful graces directly from Jesus, through the priest, that will render temptations much more powerless.

And this makes us more useful to God in the mission of conquering evil in the world and helping his kingdom spread into the lives of the people around us.

Think of temptations as blessings in disguise: Use them as opportunities to become more like Jesus and grow powerful in the faith.

Reflect & Discuss:

- † How well do you recognize temptation?
- † How quickly do you rely on the faith that God has given you to say no to the devil's tricks?
- † Describe a time when you experienced a spiritual high and then faced a strong temptation. How did you handle it?
- † What role did (or will) Jesus play in overcoming this temptation?