

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 FEBRUARY 18, 2023

REG. COLLECTION: SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18

4:00PM - Adrien, Larry, Marty, Lena, and Jim Doiron

Lector: M. Leleux

Server: A. Daigrepoint

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19

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

Lector: B. Edwards

Server: A. Schexnyder

10:30AM - Stephen Rodeback

Lector: J. Leglue

Server: A. Brundrett

5:00PM - For Our Parish Family

Lector: J. Reynolds

Server: H. Reynolds

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20

7:00AM - Alvin Loyacano

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21

7:00AM - Elizabeth Parker

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22

7:00AM - Simon Moore

Lector: M. Brundrett

Server: A. Brundrett

4:00PM - Liturgy of the Word

Lector: M. Leleux

5:30PM - Charlie & Alma Gaiennie

Lector: E. Lohman

Server: A. Byrd

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23

7:00AM - Gena Tucker

SANCTUARY CANDLE BURNS THIS WEEK

IN LOVING MEMORY OF STEPHEN RODEBACK
BY HIS WIFE, JUNE

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.

WEEK OF FEBRUARY 25, 2023

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

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25

4:00PM - Raymond "Sonny" Tucker

Lector: P. Gadel

Server: A. Byrd

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26

8:00AM - Garland "Buddy" Williamson

Lector: G. Delaney

Server: L. Delaney

10:30AM - Jean Lively

Lector: B. Lowe

Server: C. Mathews

5:00PM - For Our Parish Family

Lector: J. Montalvo

Server: V. Montalvo

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27

7:00AM - Andy Brown, Jr.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28

7:00AM - Mavis Tucker

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1

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

THURSDAY, MARCH 2

7:00AM - David Foshee, Sr.

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

Richard “Rickey” Sayes

THOSE PREPARING FOR FIRST EUCHARIST

Saturday, May 6 - 10:00a.m.

Corbin Bennett, James Ducote, Thomas Long, Harper Rajewski, Bentley Ryland, Ben Upton, Lawson Wheat, Charlie White

THOSE PREPARING FOR CONFIRMATION

Saturday, March 18 - 4:00p.m.

Madeline Buller, Kennedy Daigrepoint, Julia Loken, Casey Mallach

OCIA CANDIDATES

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, Brian Do-bard, 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, Joe & Irene Thompson

OUR NURSING HOME RESIDENTS

Adrienne Stevens

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

STEWARDSHIP

OFFERTORY GIFTS - 02/12/2023

Regular Collection	\$ 3,078.00
EFT Collection	\$ 2,770.00
Weekly Goal	\$ <u>6,530.00</u>
Shortage	\$ 682.00

Goal for February (4 Sundays)	\$ 26,120.00
Received for February	\$ <u>15,021.00</u>
Still Needed for February	\$ 11,099.00

Maintenance and Repair	\$ 25.00
Central & Eastern Europe Church	\$ 20.00
Black & Indian Missions	\$ 20.00
Ash Wednesday	\$ 25.00
Church Today	\$ 20.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

MERCI BEAUCOUP!!

ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL (ADA)

Parish Goal 2022 \$ 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?

COMMUNITY REWARDS

Visit 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.

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**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION/CCD****GRADES PREK - 5**

February 22 - 5:30 p.m. Ash Wednesday Mass

GRADES 6 - 12

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CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

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

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Live Streamed and In Person
February 28, March 7, 14, 21, 28

The History of the Mass
Presenter: Dr. Mary DeVille
10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Week 1

The Passover Seder - Early Christian Worship

Week 2

Franco-Carolingian Liturgy - The Council of Trent

Week 3

Unification of Liturgy and Rubricism

Week 4

Vatican 2 and Its Aftermath

Week 5

The Contemporary Mass

OCIA (FORMERLY RCIA)

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

CHURCH NEWS**LADIES' ROSARY MINISTRY**

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

EUCCHARISTIC 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.

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LENT 2023

As is our Lenten tradition, there will be no music, bells, or the St. Michael the Archangel prayer at the end of weekend Masses. Also, the weekend homilies will be brief enough to allow time for meditation and reflection.

ASH WEDNESDAY - FEBRUARY 22

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.

Ash Wednesday is a day of fast and abstinence. This means that we do not eat meat and we have only one full meal. The Fridays of the season of Lent are days of abstinence from meat. The obligation to abstain from meat binds Catholics 14 years of age and older. The obligation to fast, limiting oneself to one full meal and two lighter meals in the course of the day, binds Catholics from the age of 18 to 59. Those who are younger or older may freely embrace these disciplines. But Lenten disciplines should never endanger your health. It is obvious that abstaining from meat is meaningless for vegetarians, who must choose some other form of abstinence. It is equally obvious that replacing meat with a gourmet seafood meal is not in keeping with the spirit of Lent.

WAY OF THE CROSS

Fridays - 6:00PM

MEN OF MMJ - FRIDAY FISH FRY

February 24, March 3, 10, 17, 24
5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
\$9.00 - Eat in or take out.

LENTEN NEWS

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COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICE

Wednesday, April 5, 2023 - 6:00 p.m.

There will be 4 priests to celebrate individual Sacrament of Reconciliation/Confession.

MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Thursday, April 6, 2023 - 6:00 p.m.

GOOD FRIDAY - APRIL 7, 2023

The Lord's Passion - 3:00 p.m.
 The Way of the Cross - 6:00 p.m.

EASTER VIGIL - APRIL 8, 2023

8:00 p.m.

EASTER SUNDAY - APRIL 9, 2023

8:00 a.m. - Mass
 9:00 a.m. - Breakfast with the Easter Bunny
 9:45 a.m. - Easter Egg Hunt
 10:30 a.m. - Mass

No 5:00 p.m. Mass Easter Sunday

7th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Sunday February 19

Leviticus 19:1-2,17-18
 Ps 103:1-4,8,10,
 12-13 (8a)
 1 Corinthians 3:16-23
 Matthew 5:38-48

Monday February 20

Sirach 1:1-10
 Ps 93:1ab,1cd-2,5
 Mark 9:14-29

Tuesday February 21

Sirach 2:1-11
 Ps 37:3-4,18-19,27-28,
 39-40
 Mark 9:30-37

Wednesday February 22

Ash Wednesday

Joel 2:12-18
 Ps 51:3-6ab,12-14,17
 2 Corinthians 5:20 — 6:2
 Matthew 6:1-6,16-18

Thursday February 23

Deuteronomy 30:15-20
 Ps 1:1-4,6
 Luke 9:22-25

Friday February 24

Isaiah 58:1-9a
 Ps 51:3-6ab,18-19
 Matthew 9:14-15

Saturday February 25

Isaiah 58:9b-14
 Ps 86:1-6
 Luke 5:27-32

Mercy is the key to understanding this Sunday's Gospel reading. Think of love as the front door to people's hearts. When they close it, mercy is the love that sneaks in through the back door.

In ancient times, if someone gouged another person in the eye, the victim could gather his clan and punish him by wiping out his aggressor's clan. So God gave his people a law that brought them closer to love: If someone hurts your eye, you may do nothing more than the same to him. It was still unloving, but at least it was fair.

When Jesus came onto the scene, he raised the standards: If someone hurts you, don't play fair; give that person love.

When people sin against us, they don't understand that they're closing their hearts to God and his love. But if we give them love, we give them God through a back door.

This does not mean we are to remain in harm's way. But if we continue to give them love – even if only from afar – we bring God and his healing into the situation.

If someone steals from you or demands something from you unjustly, you can't stop his greed but you can stop him from sinning against you: Let it go, give it to him. And as an act of generous love, give him more! I know it doesn't feel right, but this is what Jesus says is right. Divinely right.

If someone asks you to do a chore for her because she's lazy, prevent it from becoming a sin of cruelty; gladly do what she asks and volunteer to do more.



This plan of Jesus demonstrates, through us, that God's love is superior to everything else. It proves that love conquers evil.

This is what it means to be perfect. Perfection in the Bible means the fullness of love – complete, unlimited, merciful love.

Reflect & Discuss:

- † Think of a time when God showed you mercy even though you didn't deserve his love. What did it feel like when he gave you his love anyway? How did it change you?
- † Who is currently sinning against you? What good deeds can you do simply and easily even before he or she asks for forgiveness?
- † Describe a time when you did a good deed to someone who caused you difficulties. What kind of impact did your efforts make? If you're not aware of good results yet, how did it help *you* experience God's love?
- † How can stopping an abuse be done as an act of love?