

# 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 25, 2023

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

## WEEK OF MARCH 4, 2023

REG. COLLECTION: SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH

### SATURDAY, MARCH 4

4:00PM - Kristian Louviere

*Lector: B. Patty*

*Server: L. Brocato*

### SUNDAY, MARCH 5

8:00AM - Lloyd and Eola Killen

*Lector: R. Normand*

*Server: B. Emerson*

10:30AM - Mary Lee Robichaux

*Lector: T. Reynolds*

*Server: A. Brundrett*

5:00PM - For Our Parish Family

*Lector: J. Reynolds*

*Server: H. Reynolds*

### MONDAY, MARCH 6

7:00AM - Patrick Matt

### TUESDAY, MARCH 7

7:00AM - Irma "Tookie" Cospelich

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8

7:00AM - Alvin Loyacano

### THURSDAY, MARCH 9

7:00AM - Grady Sayes 85<sup>th</sup> birthday remembrance

### SANCTUARY CANDLE BURNS THIS WEEK

#### IN HONOR OF OUR OCIA CATECHUMENS AND CANDIDATES

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**

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

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

**THOSE PREPARING FOR CONFIRMATION**

Saturday, March 18 - 4:00 p.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

*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 - 02/19/2023**

Regular Collection	\$ 3,678.00
EFT Collection	\$ 2,160.00
Weekly Goal	\$ <u>6,530.00</u>
<b>Shortage</b>	<b>\$ 692.00</b>

Goal for February (4 Sundays)	\$ 26,120.00
Received for February	\$ <u>20,859.00</u>
<b>Still Needed for February</b>	<b>\$ 5,261.00</b>

Maintenance and Repair	\$ 50.00
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**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!**

**MERCI BEAUCOUP!!**

**ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL (ADA)**

Parish Goal 2022	\$ 21,256.00
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The waters of Baptism make us part of the new covenant in Christ. But the bishops' pastoral letter on stewardship reminds us the "there is a fundamental obligation arising from the Sacrament of Baptism. . . that people place their gifts, their resources, - their selves - at God's service in and through the Church." Prayerfully consider supporting your parish by weekly contribution and the diocesan church by contributing to the Annual Diocesan Appeal.

**"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)**

**COMMUNITY REWARDS**

Visit [Kroger.com](http://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](http://www.mmjchurch.org)

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

March 1 - 5:30 p.m.

**GRADES 6 - 12**

March 1 - 6:30 p.m.

**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 28  
5:30 p.m. - Church Hall

**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

**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.

**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.

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. 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**

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

**LENTEN NEWS**

**CHURCH OFFICES**

The offices will be closed on Monday, February 20<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, February 21<sup>st</sup>, in observance of Mardi Gras.

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**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 and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence. This means that we do not eat meat and we have only one full meal. The other 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.

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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**

## 1st Sunday of Lent

### Sunday February 26

Genesis 2:7-9;3:1-7  
Ps 51:3-6,12-13,17  
Romans 5:12-19 or  
5:12,17-19  
Matthew 4:1-11

### Monday February 27

Leviticus 19:1-2,11-18  
Ps 19:8-10,15  
Matthew 25:31-46

### Tuesday February 28

Isaiah 55:10-11  
Ps 34:4-7,16-19  
Matthew 6:7-15

### Wednesday March 1

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

### Thursday March 2

Esther C:12,14-16,23-25  
Ps 138:1-3,7c-8  
Matthew 7:7-12

### Friday March 3

Ezra 18:21-28  
Ps 130:1-8  
Matthew 5:20-26

### Saturday March 4

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

How do you deal with temptation? That's the personal challenge given to us by the Word of God on the first Sunday of Lent. And so we begin our journey with Jesus, traveling to the holiest place we can reach at this point in our lives.

This Lent is like no other. Last year, you had different needs, different areas of growth, different levels of insight and understanding. Much has happened since then, and all of it is a preparation for what the Lord is going to do in your life right now.

What victory do you need? What needs to be resurrected? To get there, Jesus will lead you through the cross of penance and self-denial, into his tomb, and out into God's light where his love provides healing and new life.

During Lent – and every time we make sacrifices and connect our sufferings to the Passion of Christ – we follow Jesus to the cross and to resurrection. This involves seeing our own crosses in a new light, for the Calvary Road is the only way to reach the victories that we yearn to experience.

If we want Easter to be more than just a holiday of colored eggs, chocolate bunnies and big dinners, we have to make Lent more than just 40 days of enduring an annoying, obligatory sacrifice, eating meatless pizza on Fridays, and going to an occasional extra event at church.

If we want to experience the power of resurrection, we have



to experience the power of mourning and repenting from our sinfulness. In other words, we have to experience the powerlessness of death – the death of our selfishness, the death of our worldliness, the death of our behaviors that are

not like Christ's.

### Reflect & Discuss:

- † In the story from Genesis, what did Adam and Eve need to die to (let go of, put aside, or reject) in order to resist the Original Sin? Why didn't they?
- † In the reading from Romans, we hear about the abundant grace and the gift of justification that Jesus provided to each of us when he died on the cross. How does this grace and justification give us life? In other words, how does God help us to resist sin?
- † Looking at the Gospel passage, what did Jesus have to die to in the desert so that he could say no to temptation?

### Lenten Activity:

What can you do this week to die to self? For example, think of a good deed you can do that's the opposite of what your selfishness wants you to do.