

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 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: B. Edwards

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 85th birthday remembrance



SANCTUARY CANDLE BURNS THIS WEEK

IN LOVING MEMORY OF
OUR DECEASED PARISHIONERS
AND BENEFACTORS

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 MARCH 11, 2023

REG. COLLECTION: SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH

SATURDAY, MARCH 11

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

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Lector: G. Patty

Server: A. Schexnyder

SUNDAY, MARCH 12

8:00AM - Russel Edwards, III

Lector: E. Lohman

Server: A. Daigrepoint

10:30AM - Stephen Rodeback

Lector: J. Foote

Server: C. Mathews

5:00PM - For Our Parish Family

Lector: J. Montalvo

Server: L. Brouillette

MONDAY, MARCH 13

7:00AM - Patrick Matt

TUESDAY, MARCH 14

7:00AM - Vincent Luccioni

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15

7:00AM - Mervin Gadel

THURSDAY, MARCH 16

7:00AM - Angelle Matt

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

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

O CIA 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, Billy Brock, George Juan Burns, Rachal Burns, Richard Charon, Brian Dobard, Jana Fontenot, 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

OUR HOMEBOUND

Evelyn Bartow, Phyllis Broussard, Faye Connella, Butch Doiron, Janet Lamkin, Janet Normand, Jane Richey, Joe & Irene Thompson

OUR NURSING HOME RESIDENTS

Betty Jones, 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 - 02/26/2023

Regular Collection	\$ 4,629.00
EFT Collection	\$ 1,200.00
Weekly Goal	\$ <u>6,530.00</u>
Shortage	\$ 701.00
Goal for February (4 Sundays)	\$ 26,120.00
Received for February	\$ <u>26,688.00</u>
Overage for February	\$ 568.00
Maintenance and Repair	\$ 20.00
Ash Wednesday	\$ 1,000.00
Black and Indian Missions	\$ 80.00

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

ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL (ADA)

Parish Goal 2023 \$ 21,256.00

Abraham was prepared to sacrifice his only son, Isaac. St. Paul reminds us that God Himself “did not spare his own son.” Jesus’ death was God’s greatest gift to us. He gave his only Son so we may have eternal life! Are my gifts to the Lord - of my resources, of my time, of myself - also sacrificial? Do I gratefully and generously share with my church parish, the community, and the Universal Church? Your support of the 2023 Annual Diocesan Appeal is a grateful response to God’s greatest gift to us.

“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](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.

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**MARK YOUR CALENDARS****VBS - JUNE 5-9****RELIGIOUS EDUCATION/CCD****GRADES PREK - 5**

March 8 - 5:30 p.m.

GRADES 6 - 12

March 8 - 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
March 7, 14, 21, 28

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

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, March 7
 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 June 3-4 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.

LENTEN PRACTICES AND DISCIPLINES

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.

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.

WAY OF THE CROSS

Fridays - 6:00PM

MEN OF MMJ - FRIDAY FISH FRY

March 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 20th and Tuesday, February 21st, in observance of Mardi Gras.

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 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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MEN OF MMJ - FRIDAY FISH FRY

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



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



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

2nd Sunday of Lent

Sunday March 5

Genesis 12:1-4a
Ps 33:4-5,18-20,22
2 Timothy 1:8b-10
Matthew 17:1-9

Monday March 6

Daniel 9:4b-10
Ps 79:8-9,11,13
Luke 6:36-38

Tuesday March 7

Isaiah 1:10,16-20
Ps 50:8-9,16bc-17,21,23
Matthew 23:1-12

Wednesday March 8

Jeremiah 18:18-20
Ps 31:5-6,14-16
Matthew 20:17-28

Thursday March 9

Jeremiah 17:5-10
Ps 1:1-4,6
Luke 16:19-31

Friday March 10

Genesis 37:3-4,12-13a,
17b-28a
Ps 105:16-21
Matthew 21:33-43,45-46

Saturday March 11

Micah 7:14-15,18-20
Ps 103:1-4,9-12
Luke 15:1-3,11-32

Atop Mount Tabor, the pure light of Christ was revealed, as seen in this Gospel reading. The Father said, "This is my beloved Son; *listen to him.*"

The transfiguration is repeated every time we listen to him and allow our faith to be enlightened more today than it was yesterday. Now it is we who are transfigured! We are transformed into our true identity. What is our true identity? It's our innermost being, which was created in the image of God and baptized into the likeness of God.

We enjoy life much more when we live according to our true identity. For example, how do you feel when you're impatient? Not so good, right? That's because God is patient (see 1 Corinthians 13:4-7 for a description of his true identity and yours), and when we are patient, we are much happier.

During Lent, by humbly examining how Christ-like we are and repenting

from our sins, we let his light consume the darkness within us.

Jesus left his mountaintop experience to fulfill his calling. Following Christ, we too leave our mountaintops to do what God has gifted us to do. Although there is, as the reading from Timothy points out, hardship in living a holy life, we can be comforted by the fact that after every Calvary there is always an Easter. We can rely on "the strength that comes from God."

Listen. Can you hear what God is saying about you? It's the



same words he spoke about Jesus on Mount Tabor: "This is my beloved child; listen to him/her." What are you saying as Christ's partner in ministry?

Reflect & Discuss:

† As you read the passage from Genesis, how does it feel to think that others could "find a blessing in you"? How does Jesus bless others through you?

† Timothy reminds us of our holiness. Recall a time when you were enlightened by a new understanding of the faith. How did that change your behavior?

† In the Gospel story, because the Father was so pleased with his Son, he affirmed him publicly. How do you know when the Father is pleased with you?

Lenten Activity:

What's going on in your life that you would like Jesus to transfigure? What will you do this week to expose it to Jesus' healing light?