

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 11, 2023

REG. COLLECTION: SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH

SATURDAY, MARCH 11

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

Lector: G. Patty

Server: A. Byrd

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

WEEK OF MARCH 18, 2023

REG. COLLECTION: SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH
2ND COLLECTION: CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES

SATURDAY, MARCH 18

4:00PM - Charles Medica 6th anniv.

Lector: P. Gadel

Server: A. Daigrepoint

SUNDAY, MARCH 19

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

Lector: B. Edwards

Server: J. Schexnyder

10:30AM - Kristian Louviere

Lector: M. Brundrett

Server: A. Brundrett

5:00PM - For Our Parish Family

Lector: J. Reynolds

Server: A. Byrd

MONDAY, MARCH 20

7:00AM - Alfred Mathews, Sr.

TUESDAY, MARCH 21

7:00AM - Russel Edwards, III

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22

7:00AM - Shirley Sayes

THURSDAY, MARCH 23

7:00AM - Rickey Sayes



SANCTUARY CANDLE BURNS THIS WEEK

IN LOVING MEMORY OF CHARLES MEDICA,
ON THE 6TH ANNIVERSARY OF HIS DEATH

BY MIKE AND SHERRI STEPHENSON

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 RECENTLY DECEASED

Dale Beach, Clara Ladner

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, 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

STEWARDSHIP

OFFERTORY GIFTS - 03/05/2023

Regular Collection	\$ 6,165.00
EFT Collection	\$ 1,750.00
Weekly Goal	\$ 6,530.00
Overage	\$ 1,385.00
Goal for March (4 Sundays)	\$ 26,120.00
Received for March	\$ 7,915.00
Still Needed for March	\$ 18,205.00
Maintenance and Repair	\$ 100.00
Catholic Relief Services	\$ 50.00
Easter Flowers	\$ 185.00

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

ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL (ADA)

Parish Goal 2023 \$ 21,256.00

Just as we are one in the Body of Christ, we must remember that we are one with other church parishes in our Diocese. Once a year, each of us is asked to make a commitment to support the work of our Diocesan programs and ministries that provide services that no one parish could provide on its own. Next weekend, in every church parish throughout the Diocese of Alexandria, Catholics who have not done so already, will be asked to support the 2023 Annual Diocesan Appeal. Please experience the joy of giving and join us as we work to continue God's work of spirituality, formation, and education by contributing to the ADA.

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

MARK YOUR CALENDARS



VBS - JUNE 5-9

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION/CCD

GRADES PREK - 5

March 15 - 5:30 p.m.

GRADES 6 - 12

March 15 - 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 14, 21, 28

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

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 14
5:30 p.m. - Church Hall

CHURCH NEWS



LifeShare
BLOOD CENTER

This Sunday March 12
8:30 a.m. - 1:00p.m.

SECOND SUNDAY BREAKFAST

March 12
Immediately following the 8:00 a.m. Mass.

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.

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 meditation.

WAY OF THE CROSS

Fridays - 6:00 p.m.

MEN OF MMJ - FRIDAY FISH FRY

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

3rd Sunday of Lent

Sunday March 12

Ex 17:3-7
Ps 95:1-2,6-9
Romans 5:1-2,5-8
John 4:5-42

Monday March 13

2 Kings 5:1-15b
Ps 42:2-3; 43:3-4
Luke 4:24-30

Tuesday March 14

Daniel 3:25,34-43
Ps 25:4-5ab,6,7bc,8-9
Matthew 18:21-35

Wednesday March 15

Deuteronomy 4:1,5-9
Ps 147:12-13,15-16,19-20
Matthew 5:17-19

Thursday March 16

Jeremiah 7:23-28
Ps 95:1-2,6-9
Luke 11:14-23

Friday March 17

Hos 14:2-10
Ps 81:6c-11ab,14,17
Mark 12:28-34

Saturday March 18

Hos 6:1-6
Ps 51:3-4,18-21ab
Luke 18:9-14

What do you thirst for? Thirst happens when we lack something vital. Water is essential for survival, and our bodies signal us when it's time to drink fluids to stay healthy.

Likewise, water is necessary for our spiritual survival, albeit a different sort of water – the living water, which we first received from the baptismal water that purifies us for eternal life.

The Holy Spirit is the Giver of Life. One of the biblical symbols that represents the presence of God's Spirit is life-giving water. Therefore, we can surmise that Jesus wanted to give the gift of the Holy Spirit to the Samaritan woman. Why? It would still be a while before the Holy Spirit descended upon everyone at Pentecost.

She needed the truth; the Holy Spirit is Truth, and Jesus wanted to give her what she needed for salvation and then share this new life with the people around her.

We only get thirsty when we haven't had enough to drink. Spiritual thirst shows itself in many forms: addictions, loneliness, despair, frustration, self-indulgence, or any other feeling or behavior that's triggered when we lack something that we need or want. And why would we lack anything spiritually? Because, like the woman at the well, we sometimes fail to realize that Christ is with us. We need to receive a spiritual healing.

How does God give us this healing? He pours his love into us with all sufficiency, but to drink of it, we have to listen openly, like that woman, ready to be changed by the truth.



Reflect & Discuss:

- † In the first reading, why did a physical thirst turn into a sin? How does this happen today?
- † In Romans 5, grace and hope are mentioned as gifts we receive when we have been “justified by faith” (i.e., when we've repented of our sins and sought forgiveness). How do grace and hope quench our thirsts? How do they help us resist sin?
- † The woman at the well eagerly received what Jesus said. Even though he confronted her about her sins, she drank it all in and then, without shame, excitedly told others about her encounter with the Messiah. What need was filled by the truth? What does this teach about how we can help others hear the truth?

Lenten Activity:

What sin or unhealthy habit do you need to overcome so that Jesus is free to quench your thirsts? What will you do this week to hand it over to Christ?