

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 APRIL 22, 2023

REG. COLLECTION: SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH

SATURDAY, APRIL 22

4:00PM - Louise Destor

Lector: S. Cranford
Server: J. Schexnyder

SUNDAY, APRIL 23

8:00AM - Frank Cospelich

Lector: E. Lohman
Server: A. Daigrepoint

10:30AM - Kristian Louviere

Lector: B. Lowe
Server: C. Mathews

5:00PM - For Our Parish Family

Lector: J. Montalvo
Server: V. Montalvo

MONDAY, APRIL 24

7:00AM - Rickey Sayes

TUESDAY, APRIL 25

7:00AM - Lawrence Cospelich

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26

7:00AM - Lloyd and Eola Killen

THURSDAY, APRIL 27

7:00AM - Louis Sklar, Jr. Month's Mind

WEEK OF APRIL 29, 2023

REG. COLLECTION: SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH
2ND COLLECTION: CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS

SATURDAY, APRIL 29

4:00PM - Patrick Matt

Lector: B. Patty
Server: A. Daigrepoint

SUNDAY, APRIL 30

8:00AM - Zelma Cospelich

Lector: B. Edwards
Server: J. Schexnyder

10:30AM - Warren Gadel

Lector: T. Reynolds
Server: A. Brundrett

5:00PM - For Our Parish Family

Lector: J. Reynolds
Server: L. Brouillette

MONDAY, MAY 1

7:00AM - Shirley Sayes

TUESDAY, MAY 2

7:00AM - Iva Tucker

WEDNESDAY, MAY 3

7:00AM - Gayle Blankenbaker

THURSDAY, MAY 4

7:00AM - Ham Prestidge

SANCTUARY CANDLE BURNS THIS WEEK



IN LOVING MEMORY OF ROBERT RUEMKER
BY HIS WIFE, VIOLA

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

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 MATRIMONY

Christina Rubio and Chad Doyle - October 21, 2023

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.

Brian Dobard, Rhonda Earhart, Jana Fontenot, Linda Kelly, Jacques Matt, Terry Melançon

OUR HOMEBOUND

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

OUR NURSING HOME RESIDENTS

Eric Duck, Betty Jones, Adrienne Stevens

OUR ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY

Kory Butler, Brandon Coreil, 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 - 04/16/2023

Regular Collection	\$ 4,312.00
EFT Collection	\$ 1,715.00
Weekly Goal	\$ <u>6,530.00</u>
Shortage	\$ 503.00
Goal for April (5 Sundays)	\$ 32,650.00
Received for April	\$ <u>20,448.00</u>
Still Needed for April	\$ 12,202.00
Maintenance and Repair	\$ 30.00
Easter Flowers	\$ 100.00
Infirm Priests	\$ 200.00

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

ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL (ADA)

Parish Goal 2023	\$ 21,256.00
Pledged	\$ <u>23,688.00</u>
Over Goal	\$ 2,432.00

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

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.

FAITH FORMATION**MARK YOUR CALENDARS****VBS - JUNE 5-9**

8:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
Early drop off begins at 7:30 a.m.

Register online under the Faith Formation Tab.

Volunteers are always welcome and needed! The next volunteer meeting will be Tuesday, May 30, at 6:00 p.m. in the church hall.

FIRST COMMUNION PREPARATION

Sunday, April 23 - 3:00 p.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



Who Is OCIA (Formerly RCIA) 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.

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

MOTHERS' DAY BREAKFAST

Sunday, May 14, 2023
Immediately following the 8:00 a.m. Mass
Sponsored by the Men of MMJ

HOPE HOUSE

Beginning this weekend until May 7, donation bins are in the narthex to collect paper towels, large trash bags, toilet tissue, bath towels, and cleaning supplies.

Homeless families with or without children may stay for up to two years, as they participate in comprehensive life skills training and are provided with opportunities that empower them toward self-sufficiency. Daily tutoring is available for the children. Hope House relies on the community to help support the needs of the growing homeless population. Together, we are continuing to make a difference by "building futures full of hope".

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

If you are celebrating a 25, 40, 50, 60 or 70th or other significant anniversary in 2023, we would like to honor you on Saturday, February 10, 2024 at the 4:00 p.m. Mass and present you with a Papal Blessing in honor of your marriage. If you would like to participate, please call or email the church office. Deadline is Thursday, August 31, 2023.

LIVE STREAMING

For the benefit of our homebound parishioners, we will livestream the 4:00 p.m. Saturday Mass weekly. To watch it on YouTube, search for MMJ Woodworth.

HOLY WATER BOTTLES

A basket containing bottles of water blessed at the Easter Vigil is located near the baptismal font. Every family is invited to take one with you for use at home.

3rd Sunday of Easter

Sunday April 23

Acts 2:14,22-33

Ps 16:1-2,5,7-11

1 Peter 1:17-21

Luke 24:13-35

Monday April 24

Acts 6:8-15

Ps 119:23-24,26-27,29-30

John 6:22-29

Tuesday April 25

St. Mark

1 Peter 5:5b-14

Ps 89:2-3,6-7,16-17

Mark 16:15-20

Wednesday April 26

Acts 8:1b-8

Ps 66:1-3a,4-7a

John 6:35-40

Thursday April 27

Acts 8:26-40

Ps 66:8-9,16-17,20

John 6:44-51

Friday April 28

Acts 9:1-20

Ps 117:1bc,2

John 6:52-59

Saturday April 29

St. Catherine of Siena

Acts 9:31-42

Ps 116:12-17

John 6:60-69

The two disciples of today's Gospel reading did not recognize Jesus until after they heard him explain the scriptures and then broke bread with him. It was a two-part process. First, while listening to him teach about the scriptures, only their hearts recognized him. ("Were not our hearts burning within us?") Their eyes didn't see his true identity until Jesus shared a meal with them, raised the bread, blessed it, broke it, and gave it to them to eat.

When we celebrate Mass today, we're on a similar journey with Jesus. First, we have the Liturgy of the Word, during which we hear the scriptures and a homily that explains them. This is a time of opening our hearts to him.

A well-trained reader will speak the words of scripture with meaning and emphasis so that our hearts can recognize God in the words. A well-trained priest or deacon will set our hearts on fire as if Jesus himself were teaching us the meaning of the scriptures. But even when the reader

or homilist does a poor job, we can open our hearts to hear Jesus speaking to us directly.

Then we move into the Liturgy of the Eucharist. When the presiding priest consecrates the bread and wine, it is Jesus himself who is actually doing it, using the priest's hands and vocal chords. Jesus is doing for us what he did for those two disciples at Emmaus.



If we have opened our hearts to Jesus during the first part of Mass, and if we are still paying attention, we see more than a piece of bread and a chalice of wine. We see Jesus. We recognize him with our hearts *and* our heads. We know beyond all doubt that the resurrected Jesus is truly present in the Eucharist.

Reflect & Discuss:

- † In what area(s) of your life does Jesus seem to be absent? How can the Mass help you recognize Jesus and feel his closeness?
- † What else can you do to discover the presence of Jesus when you are not able to sense his nearness?
- † When did you first discover that Jesus is truly present in the Eucharist? What helped you with that discovery?
- † How do you know that the bread and wine change into the substance of Jesus while retaining their original form (which is called "transubstantiation")?
- † How easy is it for you to recognize Jesus in the Eucharist? Why?