

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 MAY 6, 2023

REG. COLLECTION: SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH

SATURDAY, MAY 6

10:00AM - Our First Communicants

Lector: J. Montalvo
Server: A. Daigrepoint

4:00PM - Charles Medica 81st birthday
Remembrance, Eugene H. LaPalme
61st anniv., Kristian Louviere

Lector: P. Gadel
Server: A. Schexnyder

SUNDAY, MAY 7

8:00AM - Sherman Williamson

Lector: G. Delaney
Server: A. Daigrepoint

10:30AM - Stephen Rodeback

Lector: J. Foote
Server: C. Mathews

5:00PM - For Our Parish Family

Lector: J. Montalvo
Server: A. Byrd

MONDAY, MAY 8

7:00AM - Susan Rosinski Wagener Month's
Mind

TUESDAY, MAY 9

7:00AM - Ben Van Mol 3rd anniv.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 10

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

THURSDAY, MAY 11

7:00AM - Bessie Dee Williamson

WEEK OF MAY 13, 2023

REG. COLLECTION: SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH

SATURDAY, MAY 13

4:00PM - All Mothers Living & Deceased

Lector: J. Louviere
Server: L. Brocato

SUNDAY, MAY 14

8:00AM - All Mothers Living & Deceased

Lector: D. Bess
Server: B. Emerson

10:30AM - All Mothers Living & Deceased

Lector: M. Brundrett
Server: A. Brundrett

5:00PM - For Our Parish Family

Lector: J. Reynolds
Server: H. Reynolds

MONDAY, MAY 15

7:00AM - Eugene Elkins

TUESDAY, MAY 16

7:00AM - Rickey Sayes

WEDNESDAY, MAY 17

7:00AM - Jacob Williamson

THURSDAY, MAY 18

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

RECENTLY DECEASED

Eric Duck, Betty Jones

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, Daniel Jones, 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

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 - 04/30/2023

Regular Collection	\$ 2,975.00
EFT Collection	\$ 1,650.00
Weekly Goal	\$ <u>6,530.00</u>
Shortage	\$ 1,905.00
Goal for April (5 Sundays)	\$ 32,650.00
Received for April	\$ <u>30,854.00</u>
Shortage for April	\$ 1,796.00
Maintenance and Repair	\$ 40.00
Catholic Home Missions	\$ 25.00
Mothers' Day	\$ 95.00

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

ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL (ADA)

Parish Goal 2023	\$ 21,256.00
Pledged	\$ <u>26,101.00</u>
Over Goal	\$ 4,845.00

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

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.

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

MEN OF MMJ

Tuesday, May 9
6:00 p.m. Church Hall

MOTHERS' DAY BREAKFAST

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

JOINT PASTORAL/FINANCE COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, May 16
6:00 p.m. - Church Hall

HOPE HOUSE

This is the final weekend that our donation bins will be 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. 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 livestream the 4:00 p.m. Saturday Mass weekly. To watch it on You Tube, search for MMJ Woodworth.

Good News

INSPIRATION FOR DAILY LIFE

5th Sunday of Easter

Sunday May 7

Acts 6:1-7
Ps 33:1-2,4-5,18-19(22)
1 Peter 2:4-9
John 14:1-12

Today's Gospel reading ends with a very astounding verse: "Whoever believes in me will do the works I do, and greater far than these." What does he mean? How can we do the same – and *greater* – miracles that Jesus himself did?

When Jesus united himself to us as a human, he showed us how to rise above our human limitations. Now, through the Sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation, we are united to Christ's divine nature so that

Monday May 8

Acts 14:5-18
Ps 115:1-4,15-16
John 14:21-26

The answer is found in the context of the entire chapter. Jesus is explaining his close relationship with the Father. Remember, Jesus was (and still is) both human and divine. We need to look at these verses with that in mind. How did he



we can continue the works of the Father. Through the Sacrament of Reconciliation, any disunity is removed. We can love the unlovable after they've pushed us past our human limits. We can be conduits of the supernatural. We can do everything that God asks of us, despite our inadequacies.

Thursday May 11

Acts 15:7-21
Ps 96:1-3,10
John 15:9-11

serve the Father as the Son of *Man*? And how did he serve the Father as the Son of *God*?

Reflect & Discuss:

† Make a list of your gifts and talents. Then reflect on how each of these are the human works of Jesus for the world today. How has the Father also worked through you supernaturally?

Friday May 12

Acts 15:22-31
Ps 57:8-10,12
John 15:12-17

The "works I do" come from his human nature: He loved, he taught, he conversed with a listening heart, he dined with others, he worked hard at his job, he took his ministry very seriously. "Whoever believes in me will do the works I do" – he is our example of what it means to be a

† Name some of the good works being done in your parish or group: How do these reflect the human nature of Jesus?

holy human. We will love others as he loves them, teach the faith to others, listen to those who need someone to understand them, work hard at our jobs, offer a helping hand when we see a need, etc. There's nothing supernatural about it. It's being who we are: human children of a loving Father.

† Name some of the ways that your parish or group shows the Father's supernatural nature to the world.

The "greater" works come from his divine nature: He did the supernatural works of his Father. "Whoever believes in me will do the works of the Father." We are called to be the Father's conduits of miracles in our world today.

† How can we become better able to do the "greater works" of the Father?

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Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements

Church Operating Fund

For the 3 Months Ended March 31, 2023

(Fiscal Year: July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023)

	Fiscal Year 2022-2023	Fiscal Year 2021-2022	VARIANCE
CHURCH RECEIPTS			
Regular Collections and Contributions	\$ 78,780.00	\$ 74,671.00	\$ 4,109.00
Repairs & Maintenance Collections	\$ 495.00	\$ 562.00	\$ (67.00)
Building Fund Collections	\$ 1,205.00	\$ 1,540.00	\$ (335.00)
Special Parish Purpose Collections	\$ 50.00	\$ 100.00	\$ (50.00)
Fundraising Adult, Youth, Other Income	\$ 90.00	\$ 2,596.00	\$ (2,506.00)
Parish Suppers	\$ 475.00	\$ 957.00	\$ (482.00)
Church Hall Rental Income		\$ 100.00	\$ (100.00)
Insurance Proceeds		\$ -	\$ -
Regular Non-Collection Receipts	\$ 3,545.33	\$ 1,953.21	\$ 1,592.12
Total Receipts	\$ 84,640.33	\$ 82,479.21	\$ 2,161.12
CHURCH EXPENSES			
Clergy Earnings	\$ 8,842.31	\$ 8,179.08	\$ 663.23
Lay Employee Salary & Benefits	\$ 25,252.91	\$ 20,922.21	\$ 4,330.70
Diocesan Support Assessment	\$ 9,520.00	\$ 12,750.00	\$ (3,230.00)
Charitable Donations	\$ 1,324.58	\$ 3,291.36	\$ (1,966.78)
Mass & Liturgical Supplies	\$ 8,248.70	\$ 5,674.16	\$ 2,574.54
Insurance	\$ 3,381.36	\$ 4,328.94	\$ (947.58)
Interest & Bank Charges	\$ 1,687.41	\$ 1,183.21	\$ 504.20
Parish Offices & Rectory	\$ 7,028.28	\$ 6,322.66	\$ 705.62
Religious Education, Programs & Services	\$ 1,494.00	\$ 101.36	\$ 1,392.64
Youth, Programs & Services	\$ 168.48		\$ 168.48
Parish Supper Expenses	\$ 890.05	\$ 696.37	\$ 193.68
Maintenance & Improvements	\$ 6,654.72	\$ 2,565.90	\$ 4,088.82
Buildings, Furnishings, & Remodeling	\$ 3,489.32	\$ -	\$ 3,489.32
Utilities & Telephone	\$ 6,803.25	\$ 7,618.89	\$ (815.64)
All Other Expenses	\$ 300.54	\$ 68.76	\$ 231.78
Total Expenses	\$ 85,085.91	\$ 73,702.90	\$ 11,383.01
EXCESS OF RECEIPTS OVER EXPENSES	\$ (445.58)	\$ 8,776.31	

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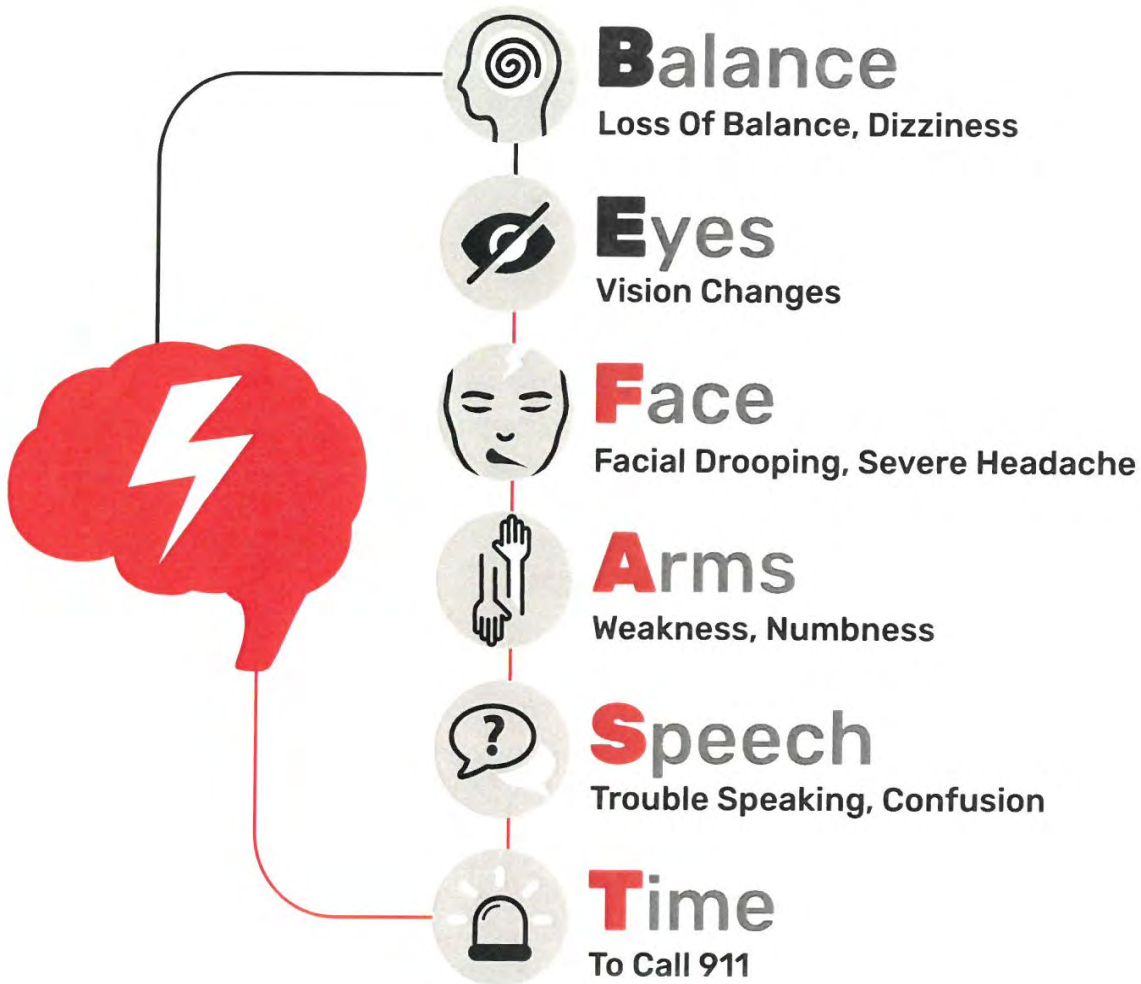


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