

# 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 20, 2023

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

### SATURDAY, MAY 20

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

Lector: M. Leleux  
Server: A. Schexnyder

### SUNDAY, MAY 21

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

Lector: R. Normand  
Server: A. Daigrepoint

10:30AM - Kristian Louviere, Ashley Brinson, Helen Mathews Smart

Lector: M. Brundrett  
Server: C. Mathews

5:00PM - For Our Parish Family

Lector: J. Montalvo  
Server: V. Montalvo

### MONDAY, MAY 22

7:00AM - Betty Jones

### TUESDAY, MAY 23

7:00AM - Mary Mrozinski 9<sup>th</sup> anniv.

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 24

7:00AM - Ernest Moore

### THURSDAY, MAY 25

7:00AM - Eric Duck

## WEEK OF MAY 27, 2023

REG. COLLECTION: SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH

### SATURDAY, MAY 27

4:00PM - Angelle Matt

Lector: S. Cranford  
Server: A. Daigrepoint

### SUNDAY, MAY 28

8:00AM - Mary Ann Jones

Lector: E. Lohman  
Server: A. Schexnyder

10:30AM - August "Buck" Mathews

Lector: J. Leglue  
Server: A. Brundrett

5:00PM - For Our Parish Family

Lector: J. Reynolds  
Server: L. Brouillette

### MONDAY, MAY 29

7:00AM - Shirley Sayes

### TUESDAY, MAY 30

7:00AM - Polly Walton

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 31

7:00AM - Fr. Paul 26<sup>th</sup> ordination anniv.

### THURSDAY, JUNE 1

7:00AM - Betty Jones months' mind

### SANCTUARY CANDLE BURNS THIS WEEK



IN LOVING MEMORY OF BETTY JONES  
BY HER FAMILY

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**

**RECENTLY DECEASED**

Ann Downs

**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, 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 - 05/14/2023**

Regular Collection	\$ 3,623.00
EFT Collection	\$ 1,760.00
Weekly Goal	\$ 6,530.00
<b>Shortage</b>	<b>\$ 1,147.00</b>
Goal for May (4 Sundays)	\$ 26,120.00
Received for May	\$ 12,566.00
<b>Still needed for May</b>	<b>\$ 13,554.00</b>
Maintenance and Repair	\$ 20.00
Catholic Communications	\$ 30.00
Mothers' Day	\$ 80.00
Fathers' Day	\$ 50.00

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

**ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL (ADA)**

Parish Goal 2023	\$ 21,256.00
Pledged	\$ 27,429.00
Over Goal	\$ 6,173.00

**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)

**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](http://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. To guarantee a VBS T-Shirt, you must be registered by May 18.

Volunteers are always welcome and needed, especially to set up the hall on June 3 at 9:00 a.m. The next volunteer meeting will be Tuesday, May 30, at 6:00 p.m. in the church hall.

**THANK YOU**

Your sacrifice of time and talent in ministry to the youth of our parish through CCD and Youth Ministry is greatly appreciated: Nicole Brown, Matt Brundrett, Shana Brundrett, Gary Delaney, Brinda Edwards, Colleen Lohman, Emily Lohman, Jennifer Montalvo, Leslie Schexnyder, Mary Kay Sunderhaus, Stacy Wheat

**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** 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****MEMORIAL DAY MASS**

May 29 - 8:00 a.m.

**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

**WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS**

If you are celebrating a 25, 40, 50, 60 or 70<sup>th</sup> 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.

**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. Please include on your envelope the name(s) of your loved one(s) to be remembered/honored.

**SANCTUARY CANDLE**

Please remember that the sanctuary candle is available to burn weekly for any intentions you may have for the living, the deceased, in thanksgiving, in need, etc. Please call Cindy at the church office.

**"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)**

## Ascension Sunday

### Sunday May 21

Acts 1:1-11  
Ps 47:2-3,6-9  
Ephesians 1:17-23  
Matthew 28:16-20

### Monday May 22

Acts 19:1-8  
Ps 68:2-3b,4-5acd,6-7b  
John 16:29-33

### Tuesday May 23

Acts 20:17-27  
Ps 68:10-11,20-21  
John 17:1-11a

### Wednesday May 24

Acts 20:28-38  
Ps 68:29-30,33-36b  
John 17:11b-19

### Thursday May 25

Acts 22:30; 23:6-11  
Ps 16:1-2a,5,7-11  
John 17:20-26

### Friday May 26

#### St. Philip Neri

Acts 25:13b-21  
Ps 103:1-2,11-12,19-20b  
John 21:15-19

### Saturday May 27

Acts 28:16-20,30-31  
Ps 11:4-5,7  
John 21:20-25

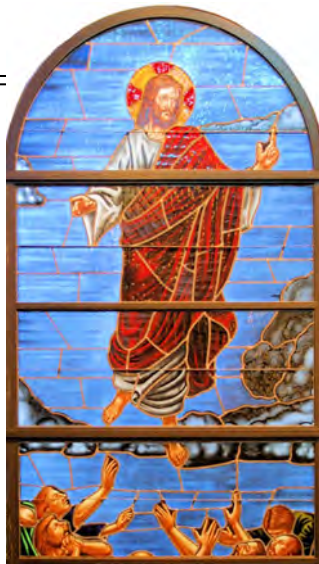
In the Gospel reading, Jesus states the Great Commission. He still repeats it today and at the end of every Mass when, through the priest, he sends us on our way. "Go," he says. "Go and make disciples wherever I send you."

A disciple is a student. Think of people you know who are mere followers of Christ, people who claim to believe in Jesus but who are not learning how to imitate Christ, adult Catholics who stopped their religious education a long time ago. Their faith is not enough to change the world, because they live more like the world than like holy representatives of Christ. Or they live more miserably, less joyfully than those who know how much Jesus cares about them. Or they are unpleasant to be around, because they have not developed enough humility to exude Christ.

You are called to disciple them! Jesus has commissioned you to do it. And it's not impossible to do. Take apart the word "commission" to see

that you are "with" ("co") Jesus on his "mission". He says, "All power in heaven and on earth has been given to Me" in the context of the Great Commission. This means that, when we share in Christ's mission, we share in his power.

If we are more than mere followers and have been disciples learning how to be fully alive in the Holy Spirit of Christ, he will give us the words and the opportunities to teach others to observe and understand what he has commanded.



With Christ, we can change hearts by teaching the people around us what it means to be a follower of Christ who also learns from Christ. We teach first by our example, but unless this is backed up with explanations of why we follow Christ, those whom we hope to influence will make no new discoveries

about God's love, the benefits of God's commandments, or the need for God's merciful forgiveness.

"Behold!" he adds as an exclamation point on the Great Commission, "I am with you always. Together we will change the world, one disciple at a time."

### Reflect & Discuss:

- † Are you just a follower of Christ or are you also a student of his ways, his truths, and his commandments?
- † What can you do to learn more?
- † How does it feel to be a partner of Jesus in his mission of evangelization?
- † How have others evangelized you? What did they do that inspired you to become more active in your Christian faith?