

# 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 JUNE 17, 2023

REG. COLLECTION: SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH

### SATURDAY, JUNE 17

4:00PM - All Fathers Living & Deceased

*Lector: M. Leleux*

*Server: A. Byrd*

### SUNDAY, JUNE 18

8:00AM - All Fathers Living & Deceased

*Lector: D. Bess*

*Server: A. Daigrepoint*

10:30AM - All Fathers Living & Deceased

*Lector: J. Foote*

*Server: C. Mathews*

5:00PM - For Our Parish Family

*Lector: J. Montalvo*

*Server: V. Montalvo*

### MONDAY, JUNE 19

**NO MASS**

### TUESDAY, JUNE 20

**NO MASS**

### WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21

**NO MASS**

### THURSDAY, JUNE 22

**NO MASS**

## WEEK OF JUNE 24, 2023

REG. COLLECTION: SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH

### SATURDAY, JUNE 24

4:00PM - Eugene F. and Rita A. LaPalme 77<sup>th</sup>  
wedding anniversary remembrance

*Lector: S. Cranford*

*Server: A. Daigrepoint*

### SUNDAY, JUNE 25

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

*Lector: R. Normand*

*Server: A. Schexnyder*

10:30AM - Kristian Louviere, Shirley Sayes

*Lector: M. Brundrett*

*Server: A. Brundrett*

5:00PM - For Our Parish Family

*Lector: T. Reynolds*

*Server: L. Brouillette*

### MONDAY, JUNE 26

**NO MASS**

### TUESDAY, JUNE 27

**NO MASS**

### WEDNESDAY, JUNE 28

**NO MASS**

### THURSDAY, JUNE 29

**NO MASS**

### SANCTUARY CANDLE BURNS THIS WEEK



### IN HONOR OF ALL FATHERS LIVING & DECEASED

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**

**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, David Harvey, Daniel Jones, Linda Kelly, Jacques Matt, Terry Melançon, Jimmy Neal

**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 - 06/11/2023**

Regular Collection	\$ 4,416.00
EFT Collection	\$ 2,590.00
Weekly Goal	\$ <u>6,530.00</u>
<b>Shortage</b>	<b>\$ 476.00</b>
Goal for June (4 Sundays)	\$ 26,120.00
Received for June	\$ <u>16,372.00</u>
<b>Still Needed for June</b>	<b>\$ 9,748.00</b>
Fathers' Day	\$ 200.00

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

**ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL (ADA)**

Parish Goal 2023	\$ 21,256.00
Pledged	\$ <u>28,550.00</u>
Over Goal	\$ 7,294.00

**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)

**“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)**

**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**



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**

**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

**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**

Thursdays - 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**FORMED**

Our parish has a subscription to FORMED, an online platform subscription service offering access to the best Catholic digital content producers - studies, films, audio, and eBooks. All parishioners of every age can access this great Catholic material. Go to [formed.org](https://formed.org), select Mary, Mother of Jesus Church, and complete the simple registration.



## 11th Sunday of Ordinary Time

### Sunday June 18

Ex 19:2-6a  
Ps 100:1-3,5 (3c)  
Romans 5:6-11  
Matthew 9:36 – 10:8

### Monday June 19

2 Corinthians 6:1-10  
Ps 98:1-2b,3-4  
Matthew 5:38-42

### Tuesday June 20

2 Corinthians 8:1-9  
Ps 146:2,5-9a  
Matthew 5:43-48

### Wednesday June 21 St. Aloysius Gonzaga

2 Corinthians 9:6-11  
Ps 112:1b-4,9  
Matthew 6:1-6,16-18

### Thursday June 22

2 Corinthians 11:1-11  
Ps 111:1b-4,7-8  
Matthew 6:7-15

### Friday June 23

2 Corinthians 11:18,21-30  
Ps 34:2-7  
Matthew 6:19-23

### Saturday June 24

#### Nativity of St. John the Baptist

Isaiah 49:1-6  
Ps 139:1b-3,13-15  
Acts 13:22-26  
Luke 1:57-66,80

In this Sunday's Gospel reading, notice how strongly Jesus was moved by the needs of the people. His heart ached for them, because he knew they felt troubled and abandoned. What's surprising, however, is how he responded. Although he likened them to sheep without a shepherd, and elsewhere he describes himself as the Good Shepherd, instead of taking action as that shepherd, he immediately turned to his disciples and called them to do the work!

Today, there are many who suffer troubles and feel abandoned because not enough is being done to help them. So, when we see a parish lacking a pastor, or a ministry lacking a shepherd, or a need lacking a ministry, we do as Jesus tells us to do: We beg the master of the harvest to send forth more laborers. And Jesus taps us on the shoulder and says, "You do it."

We ask God to increase the number of priest vocations, because there are too few men entering the seminary. And Jesus says, "Don't just pray, get up and do some of the work! You have a vocation, too!"

The reason why many people feel that God hasn't answered their prayers (and has therefore abandoned them) is because Jesus responds to their needs through us — and too few of us are giving him a free hand to use. We don't have enough lay people assisting the priests we do have. We don't have enough Christians standing up against injustices and other



evils, and so of course, to many who suffer, God seems distant and uncaring.

Jesus was one man serving a whole nation, and he accomplished much in only three years because of the apostles who assisted him. The harvest needs collaborators. There are a few things that only a priest-shepherd can do; everything else can be done by his assistants, under his guidance, so that all needs are met. This is how the Church is made whole and holy and effective in evangelization.

### Reflect & Discuss:

- † What has Jesus asked you to do as an extension of himself?
- † Which of his gifts are you using to help in the work of his kingdom?
- † Which gifts has he given you that you're not using? Why not?
- † What would our Church be like if everyone became an extension of Jesus using the gifts and talents that God has given them? How would this change the face of your parish?