

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 24, 2023

REG. COLLECTION: SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH

SATURDAY, JUNE 24

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

Lector: S. Cranford
Server: A. Daigrepont

SUNDAY, JUNE 25

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

Lector: R. Normand
Server: A. Schexnyder

10:30AM - Kristian Louviere, Shirley Sayes

Lector: B. Lowe
Server: M. Hawthorne

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

WEEK OF JULY 1, 2023

REG. COLLECTION: SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH
2ND COLLECTION: PETER'S PENCE

SATURDAY, JULY 1

4:00PM - Kristian Louviere, Adtlus Beard

Lector: P. Gadel
Server: B. Gadel

SUNDAY, JULY 2

8:00AM - Kristian Louviere 46th birthday
remembrance

Lector: E. Lohman
Server: B. Emerson

10:30AM - Mary Ann Jones

Lector: J. Antee
Server: C. Mathews

5:00PM - For Our Parish Family

Lector: J. Montalvo
Server: V. Montalvo

MONDAY, JULY 3

7:00AM - Rickey Sayes

TUESDAY, JULY 4

8:00AM - Adrien, Lena, Marty, Larry, Jim Doiron

WEDNESDAY, JULY 5

7:00AM - Lorraine Leonards Fontenot

THURSDAY, JULY 6

7:00AM - Eric Duck

SANCTUARY CANDLE BURNS THIS WEEK



IN LOVING MEMORY OF
MARY LEE & GERALD ROBICHAUX, SR.,
73RD WEDDING ANNIVERSARY REMEMBRANCE

BY FRANK AND YVONNE EMERSON

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 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, John Upton

OUR HOMEBOUND

Evelyn Bartow, 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 - 06/18/2023

Regular Collection	\$ 3,371.00
EFT Collection	\$ 1,490.00
Weekly Goal	\$ <u>6,530.00</u>
Shortage	\$ 1,669.00
Goal for June (4 Sundays)	\$ 26,120.00
Received for June	\$ <u>21,233.00</u>
Still Needed for June	\$ 4,887.00
Maintenance and Repairs	\$ 10.00
Fathers' Day	\$ 65.00

**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

“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. 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

INDEPENDENCE DAY

Tuesday, July 4 Mass - 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

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 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.

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.

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, select Mary, Mother of Jesus Church, and complete the simple registration.

12th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Sunday June 25

Jeremiah 20:10-13
Ps 69:8-10,14,17,
33-35 (14c)
Romans 5:12-15
Matthew 10:26-33

Monday June 26

Genesis 12:1-9
Ps 33:12-13,18-20,22
Matthew 7:1-5

Tuesday June 27

Genesis 13:2,5-18
Ps 15:2-4b,5
Matthew 7:6,12-14

Wednesday June 28

St. Irenaeus
Genesis 15:1-12,17-18
Ps 105:1-4,6-9
Matthew 7:15-20

Thursday June 29

Sts. Peter and Paul
Acts 12:1-11
Ps 34:2-9
2 Timothy 4:6-8,17-18
Matthew 16:13-19

Friday June 30

Genesis 17:1,9-10,15-22
Ps 128:1-5
Matthew 8:1-4

Saturday July 1

Genesis 18:1-15
Luke 1:46-50,53-55
Matthew 8:5-17

Think of a time when you were in darkness: a sin, for example, or when you felt abandoned by God or your prayers seemed dry and your spiritual gifts seemed covered over. What did Jesus say to you at that time (perhaps through scripture or friends or a homily at Mass)? What did his whisperings tell you? His words and his guidance were good news for you!

In today's Gospel reading, Jesus says: "What I say to you in the darkness, speak in the light."

He's calling you and commissioning you and empowering you, through his Holy Spirit, to share your good news with others, so that they can hear him in *their* darkness. Proclaim it boldly and visibly so that those who want to hear it will stop and listen. Do not be afraid to openly share how Jesus has been working in your life and how he's helped you grow or heal or turn away from sin.

Yes, when we're this bold, some people ridicule us and reject us, like how Jeremiah was treated in the first reading. But the Lord is with you, too, as "a mighty champion," and your persecutors will eventually stumble and fail. Jesus tells us to "fear no one." God takes good care of us.

Jesus acknowledges those who acknowledge him. In other words, when we're insulted or persecuted for our faith, God holds us and comforts us. It's *his* opinion of us that matters anyway, and no one else's. Listen to him. In the whispers of



the sanctuary of your heart, he's telling you all the good that he sees in you. He's telling you that he appreciates the good you have done. He's giving you good news worth sharing.

Reflect & Discuss:

- † What is your testimony? What did Jesus teach you when you were in sin or handling a recent difficulty? Write it down; this exercise will help you feel more confident when you try to share your story with others.
- † Practice sharing the testimony you realized during the above personal reflection: Proclaim it first to your community of friends who understand.
- † As you listen to the testimonies of others, encourage them: Tell them how their story helps you.
- † Make a commitment to go forth and spread the good news. What does this commitment look like? What will you do first to fulfill your commitment?