

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 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

WEEK OF JULY 8, 2023

REG. COLLECTION: SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH

SATURDAY, JULY 8

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

Lector: J. Louviere

Server: A. Byrd

SUNDAY, JULY 9

8:00AM - Betty Jones

Lector: B. Edwards

Server: A. Daigrepoint

10:30AM - Stephen Rodeback, Eric Steltenpohl, 2nd Anniv. remembrance

Lector: J. Leglue

Server: A. Brundrett

5:00PM - For Our Parish Family

Lector: J. Reynolds

Server: H. Reynolds

MONDAY, JULY 10

7:00AM - Mary Virginia Young

TUESDAY, JULY 11

7:00AM - Mary Mrozinski

WEDNESDAY, JULY 12

7:00AM - Eric Duck

THURSDAY, JULY 13

7:00AM - Lorraine Leonards Fontenot

SANCTUARY CANDLE BURNS THIS WEEK



IN LOVING MEMORY OF KRISTIAN LOUVIERE
IN REMEMBRANCE OF HIS 46TH BIRTHDAY

BY HIS PARENTS, JOHN AND BARBARA LOUVIERE

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

Alex Rollins and Thomas Roberts
December 15, 2023

Sara Richard and Cody Fitzgerald
November 16, 2024

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



STEWARDSHIP

OFFERTORY GIFTS - 06/25/2023

Regular Collection	\$ 2,284.00
EFT Collection	\$ 1,850.00
Weekly Goal	\$ <u>6,530.00</u>
Shortage	\$ 2,396.00

Goal for June (4 Sundays)	\$ 26,120.00
Received for June	\$ <u>25,367.00</u>
Shortage for June	\$ 753.00

Maintenance and Repairs	\$ 20.00
Peter's Pence	\$ 20.00

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

ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL (ADA)

Parish Goal 2023	\$ 21,256.00
Pledged	\$ <u>28,864.00</u>
Over Goal	\$ 7,608.00

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.

13th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Sunday July 2

2 Kings 4:8-11,14-16a
Ps 89:2-3,16-19(2a)
Romans 6:3-4,8-11
Matthew 10:37-42

Monday July 3

St. Thomas, Apostle

Ephesians 2:19-22
Ps 117:1bc,2
John 20:24-29

Tuesday July 4

Genesis 19:15-29
Ps 26:2-3,9-12
Matthew 8:23-27

Wednesday July 5

Genesis 21:5,8-20a
Ps 34:7-8,10-13
Matthew 8:28-34

Thursday July 6

Genesis 22:1b-19
Ps 115:1-6,8-9
Matthew 9:1-8

Friday July 7

Genesis 23:1-4,19;
24:1-8,62-67
Ps 106:1b-5
Matthew 9:9-13

Saturday July 8

Genesis 27:1-5,15-29
Ps 135:1b-6
Matthew 9:14-17

In this Sunday's Gospel reading, Jesus emphasizes the importance of keeping our eyes on him and always making him our top priority. Nothing else matters as much as our relationship with God. This means following Jesus wherever he leads, doing everything his way, all the way, every day, giving him our 100% (no excuses for being mediocre in our faith), laying down our lives in service to others like he did.

Laying down our lives means making sacrifices, such as giving our cup of cold water to someone who's thirsty. It means receiving someone into our busy schedules and listening for the prophet in him; for example: What is God saying to us through this person?

When we refuse to lay down our lives for others, we reject the Cross of Christ and his sufferings, which he submitted to for our sake. This does not mean, however, that we can never say no to others. Jesus wants

to lead us away from the harm of abuse or demands that are sinful or the enabling of unhealthy behaviors. Saying no in such cases is yet another Way of the Cross.

When we truly follow Christ, we can receive all that he is and all that he has for us. When we let go of our fears and personal goals, letting Jesus lead us into new places and new ways of handling problems, we discover new life in Christ.



His ways are always far better than what we had feared would happen.

This is the difference between a mediocre faith and a life in Christ that is full of adventures, miracles, surprising solutions, healing, victories, and realizing how very precious and important we are to God.

Reflect & Discuss:

- † Who has asked you (either consciously or unaware) to lay down a part of your life for them?
- † When have you said no?
- † When have you said yes – and was it worth the sacrifice?
- † Why is laying down our lives for the needs or requests of others worthwhile? Share a story from your own life that illustrates this.