

# 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 AUGUST 5, 2023

REG. COLLECTION: SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH  
2<sup>ND</sup> COLLECTION: MARYHILL RENEWAL CENTER

### SATURDAY, AUGUST 5

4:00PM - Kristian Louviere

*Lector: J. Louviere*  
*Server: A. Byrd*

### SUNDAY, AUGUST 6

8:00AM - Mary Virginia Young

*Lector: E. Lohman*  
*Server: A. Schexnyder*

10:30AM - Stephen Rodeback

*Lector: M. Brundrett*  
*Server: A. Brundrett*

5:00PM - For Our Parish Family

*Lector: R. Mallach*  
*Server: H. Reynolds*

### MONDAY, AUGUST 7

7:00AM - Shirley Sayes

### TUESDAY, AUGUST 8

7:00AM - Eric Duck

### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 9

7:00AM - Betty Jones

### THURSDAY, AUGUST 10

7:00AM - Irma Cospelich

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)

## WEEK OF AUGUST 12, 2023

REG. COLLECTION: SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH

### SATURDAY, AUGUST 12

4:00PM - Adrien, Lena, Marty, Larry, Jim Doiron, Betty Jones 87<sup>th</sup> birthday remembrance

*Lector: M. Leleux*  
*Server: A. Daigrepoint*

### SUNDAY, AUGUST 13

8:00AM - Kyle Ogaard

*Lector: B. Edwards*  
*Server: B. Emerson*

10:30AM - Dianna Mayeaux

*Lector: J. Antee*  
*Server: C. Mathews*

5:00PM - For Our Parish Family

*Lector: J. Reynolds*  
*Server: L. Brouillette*

### MONDAY, AUGUST 14

7:00AM - Rickey Sayes

5:30PM - Eric Duck

*Lector: J. Montalvo*  
*Server: V. Montalvo*

### TUESDAY, AUGUST 15

7:00AM - Betty Jones

*Lector: M. Brundrett*  
*Server: A. Brundrett*

### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 16

7:00AM - Noah Chapman

### THURSDAY, AUGUST 17

7:00AM - Sue and Charlie Wagener

### 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.

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER**

**OUR PERMANENT DEACON CANDIDATE**

Brad Gadel

**THOSE PREPARING FOR MATRIMONY**

Christina Rubio and Chad Doyle  
October 21, 2023

Alexandra 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.*

Rochelle Brasseaux, Brian Dobard, Rhonda Earhart, David Harvey, Daniel Jones, Linda Kelly, Debbie Duck Lyles, Jacques Matt, Terry Melançon, Jo Tassin, John Upton, Donna White

**OUR HOMEBOUND**

Evelyn Bartow, Faye Connella, Butch Doiron, Janet Lamkin, Janet Normand, Jane Richey, Joe & Irene Thompson

**OUR NURSING HOME RESIDENTS**

Patricia “Patty” Mahone, 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 - 07/30/2023**

Regular Collection	\$ 3,497.00
EFT Collection	\$ 1,200.00
Weekly Goal	\$ <u>6,530.00</u>
<b>Shortage</b>	\$ <b>1,833.00</b>
Goal for July (5 Sundays)	\$ 32,650.00
Received for July	\$ <u>30,037.00</u>
<b>Shortage for July</b>	\$ <b>2,613.00</b>
Maintenance and Repairs	\$ 20.00

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

**ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL (ADA)**

Parish Goal 2023	\$ 21,256.00
Pledged	\$ <u>30,044.00</u>
Over Goal	\$ 8,788.00

**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****GRADES PREK - 5**

Wednesday, August 23  
5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.  
Parents and Students

**GRADES 6 - 12**

Wednesday, August 23  
6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.  
Parents and Students

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD**

Every Sunday - 10:30 a.m. Mass  
During the Liturgy of the Word  
Ages 4 - 7 - Youth Center

**FIRST PENANCE & FIRST EUCHARIST**

If you have a child who is or will be 7 years old in the Fall and is expecting to celebrate their first Penance and receive their first Eucharist in the Spring of the next year, the following conditions must be met: Attend separate class; one year previous religious education, either CCD or Catholic School; complete and submit a religious education/CCD registration form.

**CONFIRMATION PREPARATION**

If have a child who will be entering 11<sup>th</sup> grade in the Fall and is expecting to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation in the Spring, the following conditions must be met: A letter, handwritten by the candidate, submitted to the Pastor by October 1 requesting the Sacrament; submit a completed and signed Sponsor eligibility form; one year previous religious education, either CCD or Catholic School; attend Sacramental Preparation Classes.

**OCIA**

If you are not Catholic and have been thinking about initiation in the Catholic Church, or if you are a Baptized Catholic who has not celebrated all three of the Sacraments of Initiation, consider joining the Order of Christian Initiation for Adults. OCIA is the process by which people celebrate their Sacraments of Initiation, namely Baptism, Communion and Confirmation, in the Catholic Church.

Please contact either Beth and Keith Chapman or Jody and Jackie Byrd. Their contact information is on the front page of the bulletin.

**Come and See Gathering**  
**Tuesday, August 29 - 5:30 p.m.**  
**Church Hall**

**CHURCH NEWS****THE ASSUMPTION OF THE VIRGIN MARY**

A Holy Day of Obligation

Monday August 14 - 5:30 p.m.  
Tuesday, August 15 - 7:00 a.m.

Fr. Paul will be bringing Communion on Tuesday to our homebound.

**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.

**GARAGE SALE DROP OFF**

Thursday, September 14: 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.  
Friday, September 15: 1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

**MMJ GARAGE SALE**

Saturday, September 16  
7:00 a.m. to Noon

**No clothes or shoes, please. Clean Items Only!!**

**OUTDOOR PRAISE & WORSHIP CONCERT**

Saturday, October 14: 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.  
Artists: Josh Blakesley Band

## Transfiguration of the Lord

### Sunday August 6

Daniel 7:9-10,13-14  
Ps 97:1-2,5-6,9  
2 Peter 1:16-19  
Matthew 17:1-9

### Monday August 7

Numbers 11:4b-15  
Ps 81:12-17  
Matthew 14:13-21

### Tuesday August 8 St. Dominic, Priest

Numbers 12:1-13  
Ps 51:3-7,12-13  
Matthew 14:22-36 or  
Matthew 15:1-2,10-14

### Wednesday August 9

Numbers 13:1-2,25 –  
14:1,26a-29a,34-35  
Ps 106:6-7b,13-14,21-23  
Matthew 15:21-28

### Thursday August 10

**St. Lawrence, Dcn, Martyr**  
2 Corinthians 9:6-10  
Ps 112:1-2,5-9  
John 12:24-26

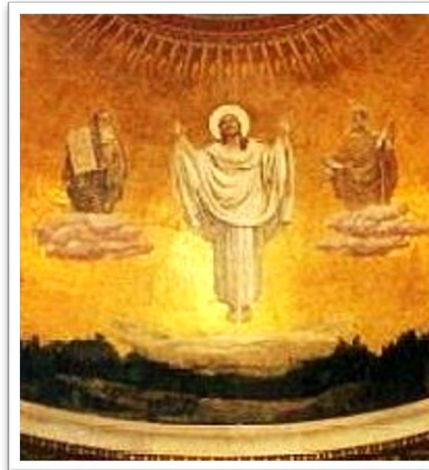
### Friday August 11 St. Clare, Virgin

Deuteronomy 4:32-40  
Ps 77:12-16,21  
Matthew 16:24-28

### Saturday August 12

Deuteronomy 6:4-13  
Ps 18:2-4,47,51  
Matthew 17:14-20

Atop Mount Tabor in Israel is where the pure light of Christ – the uncreated light of his true identity – was first revealed to the world. Not at his birth, not at his baptism, nor as he preached and healed. Although the Light of the World came to us in those momentous events, it was not revealed so clearly, so powerfully, so dramatically as when he let Peter, John, and James witness it on the mountaintop, as seen in today's Gospel passage.



The highest experience of faith was, and still is what happens when the Father says, "This is my beloved Son; *listen to him.*" The transfiguration of Christ occurs again and again every time we listen to him and our faith is enlightened. It happens every time we have a breakthrough from blindness to understanding, from sinfulness to holiness, from doubt to trust. However, now we are transfigured *with Jesus!*

Whenever we let his uncreated light consume the darkness within us, the people around us see Christ's true

identity in us. We shine with him. Therefore, it's vitally important that we give Jesus the areas of darkness that still linger within us and let him expose the truth in his light. By repenting (which means we change), we're transformed into our true identity. What is our true identity? It's our innermost

being that was created in the image of God. It's our sainthood!

Listen. Can you hear God's voice saying about you what he said about Jesus on Mount Tabor? "This is my beloved child; listen to him/her." He is saying this to

others as you do the work to which he's called you. Some folks will hear him, some won't, but our yes to his calling is not based on how many people will heed his voice. We serve God because we have been transfigured. Our holiness impels us to go where we can do the greatest good.

### Reflect & Discuss:

- † What sins do you still try to hide or deny?
- † Why are you afraid to let Jesus shine his light into these areas of darkness? Are you afraid he'll stop loving you?
- † What do you do that reveals your sainthood?
- † Describe a time when you listened to Jesus and the truth you learned from him transformed you. How did it help you become a true child of God more fully? How did it reveal your true identity more accurately?