

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 12, 2023

REG. COLLECTION: SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH

SATURDAY, AUGUST 12

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

Lector: M. Leleux
Server: A. Daigrepoint

SUNDAY, AUGUST 13

8:00AM - Kyle Ogaard 22nd anniv.

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

WEEK OF AUGUST 19, 2023

REG. COLLECTION: SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH

SATURDAY, AUGUST 19

4:00PM - Alma Reitzell

Lector: S. Cranford
Server: L. Brocato

SUNDAY, AUGUST 20

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

Lector: G. Delaney
Server: A. Daigrepoint

10:30AM - Omega Dobard, Carol Hatchett for
healing

Lector: J. Leglue
Server: A. Brundrett

5:00PM - For Our Parish Family

Lector: J. Montalvo
Server: A. Byrd

MONDAY, AUGUST 21

7:00AM - Roy DeVille

TUESDAY, AUGUST 22

7:00AM - Shirley Sayes 87th birthday
remembrance

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 23

7:00AM - Dan Broussard 1st anniv.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 24

7:00AM - Nola Chapman

SANCTUARY CANDLE BURNS THIS WEEK



IN LOVING MEMORY OF OMEGA DOBARD
BY HER HUSBAND, LEO

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

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, Philip Monk, 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 - 08/06/2023

Regular Collection	\$ 6,404.00
EFT Collection	\$ 2,475.00
Weekly Goal	\$ <u>6,530.00</u>
Overage	\$ 2,349.00
Goal for August (4 Sundays)	\$ 26,120.00
Received for August	\$ <u>30,037.00</u>
Still needed for August	\$ 2,613.00
Maintenance and Repairs	\$ 20.00
Maryhill	\$ 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

“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**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 11th 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 to our homebound on Tuesday.

MUG AND MUFFIN

Thursday, August 17
9:30 a.m. - Church Hall

If you are a woman over 60, you are invited to join our gatherings on the 3rd Thursday of every month.

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.

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!!

19th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Sunday August 13

1 Kings 19:9a,11-13a
Ps 85:9-14
Romans 9:1-5
Matthew 14:22-33

Monday August 14

St. Maximilian Kolbe
Deuteronomy 10:12-22
Ps 147:12-15,19-20
Matthew 17:22-27

Tuesday August 15

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Rev 11:19a; 12:1-6a,10ab
Ps 45:10-12,16
1 Corinthians 15:20-27
Luke 1:39-56

Wednesday August 16

Deuteronomy 34:1-12
Ps 66:1-3a,5,8,16-17
Matthew 18:15-20

Thursday August 17

Jos 3:7-10a,11,13-17
Ps 114:1-6
Matthew 18:21-19:1

Friday August 18

Jos 24:1-13
Ps 136:1-3,16-18,21-22,24
Matthew 19:3-12

Saturday August 19

Jos 24:14-29
Ps 16:1-2a,5,7-8,11
Matthew 19:13-15

We need periods of prayer-filled solitude to restore our energies and renew our vision of what God is inspiring us to do. We all have work to do for God in our families, in our workplaces, in social gatherings, in our parishes and in every problem that arises. Giving of ourselves to others will always drain us; to thrive and grow in our usefulness to God, we must allow him to replenish us often.

In the Gospel reading, Jesus finishes with the miracle of multiplying a few loaves and fish to feed thousands of people, and then he goes off by himself to pray.

When you host a large dinner party or complete a big project or overcome difficult obstacles, do you give yourself time to recuperate and let God minister to you?

After spending time alone with his Father, Jesus was so uplifted by the experience that he walked on water!

Jesus frequently spent time in prayer. He probably went off by himself to pray a lot more often than what is written in scripture. So why did Matthew mention it here? What was significant about this particular prayer time?

Through Matthew, God is showing us how to achieve a well-balanced faith.

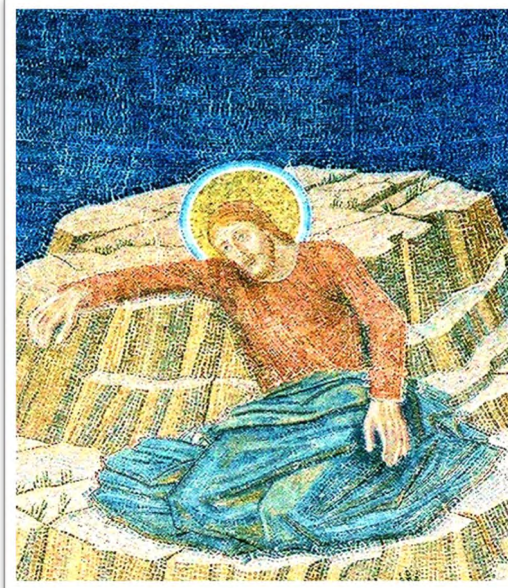
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Prayer helps us to prepare for whatever lies ahead, even when we don't know what we're walking into. What we gain from the Lord in our time alone with him is a gift designed for our benefit *and* for responding to the needs of others. It strengthens our faith, teaches us how to walk on water, and sends us to the next shore where

people who need God's help are waiting. God wants to minister to them through us. Are you prayed up and ready?

Reflect & Discuss:

- † How much time do you spend in quiet aloneness with the Lord?
- † Is it enough to restore the inner peace that comes from staying in touch with God? Or do you feel drained and unprepared to continue?
- † What's your favorite way of praying? What kind of prayer makes you feel most connected to God? Why?
- † How does this help you in the tasks of your daily life?



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SCHOOL ▶

Friday Hangout Fest

August 18, 2023

7:00-9:00pm

Grades 6th-12th

*Join us in the Youth Center (in church hall)
for snacks, pool, cards, and just hanging out!*

Bring a friend!!

RSVP to Katie Upton (318)308-9991