

# 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 13, 2022

REG. COLLECTION: SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH

### SATURDAY, AUGUST 13

4:00PM - Kyle Ogaard

*Lector: P. Gadel  
Server: L. Brocato*

### SUNDAY, AUGUST 14

8:00AM - Charles "Greg" Gravel

*Lector: R. Normand  
Servers: B. Emerson*

10:30AM - Austin Olivier, Jr., Lorraine Fontenot

*Lector: B. Lowe  
Server: A. Brundrett*

5:00PM - Our Parish Family

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

### MONDAY, AUGUST 15

7:00AM - Laura Gadel Jacob

### TUESDAY, AUGUST 16

7:00AM - Jacqueline Brown

### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 17

7:00AM - Nola Chapman

### THURSDAY, AUGUST 18

7:00AM - Rose Gerchow

### LIVESTREAMED MASSES

For the benefit of our homebound and/or sick parishioners, we livestream the 4:00 p.m. Saturday Mass. To view it, click on the YouTube tab on our home page: [mmjchurch.org](http://mmjchurch.org).

**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.

## WEEK OF AUGUST 20, 2022

REG. COLLECTION: SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH

### SATURDAY, AUGUST 20

4:00PM - Billie Jean Prestidge

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

### SUNDAY, AUGUST 21

8:00AM - Raymond Paul, Sr.

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

10:30AM - Ashley Brinson

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

5:00PM - Our Parish Family

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

### MONDAY, AUGUST 22

7:00AM - Terry Kohler

### TUESDAY, AUGUST 23

7:00AM - Omega Dobard

### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 24

7:00AM - Raymond "Sonny" Tucker

### THURSDAY, AUGUST 25

7:00AM - Roy DeVille 80<sup>th</sup> birthday remembrance

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**

Jennifer Smilie and C. J. Fuqua  
April 15, 2023

**OUR SICK**

Lynn Bawner, Mary Louise Bawner, George Juan Burns, Rachal Burns, Richard Charon, Brian Do-bard, Eric Duck, Michael Flynn, Randy Francis, Keith Johnson, Betsy Lanclos, Marlene Margnano, Helen Mathews, Jacques Matt, Terry Melancon, Debbie Norment, Jana Robinson, Lori Spratling, Kyle Stokes, Chuck Vernon, Michelle Vincent, John Van Mol, Baby Scarlett Wood, Carmen Wyrick

**OUR RECOVERING/CONVALESCING**

Deborah Bess, Michael Brewton, Dan Broussard, Matt Brundrett, Rhonda Earhart, Marshall Long, Chuck Reich

**OUR HOMEBOUND**

Faye Connella, Butch Doiron, Betty Jones, Janet Lamkin, Jane Richey, Adrienne Stevens, Joe & Irene Thompson

**OUR NURSING HOME RESIDENTS**

Marie Hawthorne, Francis Thiels

**OUR ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY**

Kory Butler, Brandon Coreil, Travis Edwards, 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.*

**“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)**

**STEWARDSHIP**

**OFFERTORY GIFTS - 8/7/2022**

Regular Collection	\$ 5,565.00
EFT Collection	\$ 2,125.00
Weekly Goal	\$ <u>6,530.00</u>
<b>Overage</b>	<b>\$ 1,160.00</b>
Goal for August (4 Sundays)	\$ 26,120.00
Received for August	\$ <u>7,690.00</u>
<b>Still Needed for August</b>	<b>\$ 18,430.00</b>
Maintenance & Repair	\$ 260.00
Feast of the Assumption	\$ 30.00

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!**

**AMAZON SMILE**

When you shop at Amazon, and select Mary, Mother of Jesus as your charitable organization, Amazon will donate 0.5% back to our parish. Smile is the same Amazon you know, same products, same prices, same service. Please support us by shopping at smile.amazon.com.

**REGISTRATION/CENSUS**

Do you consider Mary, Mother of Jesus Parish “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. In this way we can serve you better. It also facilitates sponsorship for baptisms and confirmations, religious education registration, etc.

**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. Consider scheduling a recurring electronic contribution today. You won’t need to write checks and prepare envelopes every week. And even when you can’t attend Mass, your electronic contributions will arrive without delay. Visit our website: [www.mmjchurch.org](http://www.mmjchurch.org)

## FAITH FORMATION

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION/CCD REGISTRATION

Please register now for the 2022/2023 school year. Go online to [mmjchurch.org](http://mmjchurch.org), click on the both the Religious Education Registration and the Information for Parents/Guardians under the Faith Formation tab. You may pay the registration fee utilizing the online giving tab on our home page.

#### Registration Fee:

- 1 Child - \$25.00;
- 2 Children - \$40.00
- 3 or more Children - \$50.00

### FIRST PENANCE & FIRST EUCHARIST

If you have a child who is or will be 7 years old in the Fall and expects 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 you have a child who will be entering 11<sup>th</sup> grade in the Fall and expects to be confirmed 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; a completed and signed Sponsor eligibility form; one year previous religious education, either CCD or Catholic School; attend Sacramental Preparation Classes.

### ADULT FAITH FORMATION

**Live Streamed and In Person**

Tuesdays: September 6, 13, 20, and 27

*Early Christian Heresies  
and Non-Canonical Scripture*

10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Presenter: Mrs. Mary DeVille, PhD

Please register online for this presentation. The \$15 supply fee for *"The Gnostic Gospels Collection"* may be paid online at [mmjchurch.org](http://mmjchurch.org)

RCIA

Meet & Greet

Wednesday, August 24 - 5:30 p.m.  
Church Hall

## FROM THE PASTOR

In an effort to reduce some of our administrative costs, the bulletin format has changed. This new format will help reduce printing and supply costs.

Please remember to visit [instantchurchdirectory.com](http://instantchurchdirectory.com) to help us build our new online church directory. This will eliminate the need for photo shoots, and enables each parishioner/family to maintain and update their own information.

## CHURCH NEWS

### QUILTING MINISTRY

Wednesdays beginning at 9:00 a.m.  
Call Brenda Mathews (318) 730-8123.

### PRO LIFE COMMITTEE

Monday, August 15  
5:30 p.m. - Church Hall

### CLHC

Central Louisiana Homeless Coalition (CLHC) needs the following: Bottled water; travel size deodorant, shampoo, conditioner, and soap; underwear (all sizes, men and women); individual hand sanitizers; bug spray; packs of white socks; blankets and tarps. Place monetary donations in the collection basket in an envelope marked CLHC.

### WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

If you are celebrating a 25, 40, 50, 60, 70<sup>th</sup> or other significant anniversary in 2022, we would like to honor you on Saturday, February 11, 2023 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 Tuesday, August 31, 2022.

### PRAYER LINE

Call (318) 625-9195 to pray, in the presence of Christ, with one of our *Prayer Companions*.

### 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](http://formed.org), select Mary, Mother of Jesus Church, and complete the simple registration.

August 12, 2022

To the Parishioners of Mary, Mother of Jesus Church

In last week's gospel Jesus reminded us, "be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come." This is an obvious warning for us to make sure we maintain a healthy spiritual life, for we do not know the day nor the hour the Lord may call us.

We are also called upon to maintain a healthy physical life. Our Lord cares about our bodies because He created them. He fashioned them perfectly for health so that we may live out the purpose He has for us.

Last week my primary care physician discovered that I have a health problem. This does not require surgery or any procedures at this stage. It does, however, require that I make some changes in my current lifestyle so I may continue to live out the purpose He has for me.

After much prayer and contemplation over the past week, my wife and I have decided it is in my best interest to take a temporary medical leave of absence from active ministry. Stepping aside completely, will allow me to properly address my health issues in the most appropriate manner.

Serving at Mary, Mother of Jesus is one of the great joys and blessings in my life and will return to active ministry as soon as I am fully able but the exact timeframe is undetermined for now. I will remain in routine contact with Father Paul and our Bishop to keep them informed of changes in my condition and eventual return to active ministry.

I want to assure you all that my spiritual life remains strong, and I will continue to constantly pray for all of the parishioners of our incredible church family.

I thank you for the unending love and support you have given Mary Kay and me over the last four years and ask that you keep Mary Kay, myself and our daughters in your prayers.

God bless you,

Deacon Paul Sunderhaus



## 20<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time

Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10  
Ps 40:(14b)2-4,18  
Hebrews 12:1-4  
Luke 12:49-53

### Monday August 15 Assumption of Mary

Rev 11:19a; 12:1-6a,10ab  
Ps 45:10-12,16  
1 Corinthians 15:20-27  
Luke 1:39-56

**Tuesday August 16**  
Ezekiel 28:1-10  
Deut 32:26-30,35c-36b  
Matthew 19:23-30

**Wednesday August 17**  
Ezekiel 34:1-11  
Ps 23:1-6  
Matthew 20:1-16

**Thursday August 18**  
Ezekiel 36:23-28  
Ps 51:12-15,18-19  
Matthew 22:1-14

**Friday August 19**  
Ezekiel 37:1-14  
Ps 107:2-9  
Matthew 22:34-40

**Saturday August 20  
St. Bernard**  
Ezekiel 43:1-7 ab  
Ps 85:9a-14  
Matthew 23:1-12

In the Gospel reading, Jesus says that he did not come to bring peace to earth. He came to light a fire. The fire that he longed for with great anguish was the presence of the Holy Spirit alive and active within each of his followers. This is what changes the world. This is what brings lasting peace, first within us and then flowing out from us.

The Holy Spirit is a fire that purifies us from impurities – the unloving behaviors and attitudes – that cause disharmony, disunity, conflicts and war. This purification makes us capable of feeling peaceful even in the midst of trials and attacks from others. This is what makes us channels of God's peace in a world that desperately needs it.

If you do not yet feel the fire of the Holy Spirit impassioning you to spread the peace of Christ, Jesus feels anguish over you.



To stop evil, we have to become like Jesus. Our willingness to make sacrifices for others is a sign of Christian maturity. We should be burning with so much love that we are not happy unless we're pouring our hearts and souls into works and prayers that to make a difference in someone else's ability to receive eternal peace.

Jesus noted that this fire divides households. It divides us from anyone who remains self-centered and unwilling to make sacrifices that will lead to peace. Nevertheless, we must continue to give them love. This heats up the fire within us, which purifies us further. And gradually, the world changes.

### Reflect & Discuss:

1. Who has "burnt" you? What pain has been inflicted on you by others? See this as happening to Jesus, too. Instead of retaliating to try to stop the pain, choose a sacrifice that you're willing to make for them.
2. Jesus appreciates the sacrifices you make for others. How does his appreciation make you feel?
3. How is it possible to experience peace after making a sacrifice for someone who is unloving toward you? Give an example of an everyday sacrifice you've made. How does the Holy Spirit bring God's kingdom to earth through this?

Think of the evil around you that you've been wishing would stop. What does Jesus want you to do about it? What impurities in your own spirit needs to be burn off by the fire of the Holy Spirit so you can overshadow the evil with divine goodness? Look at what Jesus had to do. What baptism was he talking about? Not the water baptism he'd already received. It was the baptism of painful self-sacrifice, which he willingly accepted in order to rescue us from evil.