

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 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. Daigrepoint

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 80th birthday remembrance

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.

SANCTUARY CANDLE BURNS THIS WEEK

IN LOVING MEMORY OF JACK ELLINGTON

BY HIS DAUGHTER, BRINDA EDWARDS

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 27, 2022

REG. COLLECTION: SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH

SATURDAY, AUGUST 27

4:00PM - Albert J. "Chris" Navarro

Lector: J. Louviere

Server: L. Brocato

SUNDAY, AUGUST 28

8:00AM - Audrey & Jack Ellington in remembrance of their 69th anniv.

Lector: B. Edwards

Servers: J. Schexnyder

10:30AM - Austin Olivier, Jr.

Lector: J. Leglue

Server: A. Brundrett

5:00PM - Our Parish Family

Lector: J. Montalvo

Server: V. Montalvo

MONDAY, AUGUST 29

7:00AM - Menard Wise

TUESDAY, AUGUST 30

7:00AM - Adrienne Angele Matt

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 31

7:00AM - Terry Kohler

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

7:00AM - Lily and Adtlus Beard

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

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, 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, Baby Scarlett Wood, Carmen Wyrick

OUR RECOVERING/CONVALESCING

Deborah Bess, Michael Brewton, Dan Broussard, Matt Brundrett, Eric Duck, Rhonda Earhart, Mary Cezar, Michael Flynn, Marshall Long

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.

STEWARDSHIP

OFFERTORY GIFTS - 8/14/2022

Regular Collection	\$ 4,034.00
EFT Collection	\$ 2,305.00
Weekly Goal	\$ <u>6,530.00</u>
Shortage	\$ 191.00
Goal for August (4 Sundays)	\$ 26,120.00
Received for August	\$ <u>14,029.00</u>
Still Needed for August	\$ 12,091.00
Maintenance & Repair	\$ 55.00
Feast of the Assumption	\$ 75.00
CLHC	\$ 100.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

AMAZON SMILE

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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. 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

“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)

FAITH FORMATION**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION/CCD REGISTRATION**

Please register now for the 2022/2023 school year. Go online to 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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION/CCD**Grades PreK - 5**

September 7 - 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Grades 6 - 12

September 7 - 6:30 p.m. 8:00 p.m.

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 11th 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 book fee may be paid online at mmjchurch.org

RCIA MEET AND GREET

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

CHURCH NEWS**MEMORIAL MASS**

Beverly Schumacher
August 27 - 10:00 a.m.
St. Martin Church, LeCompte
Reception to follow.

SECOND SUNDAY BREAKFAST

September 11, 2022
Immediately following the 8:00 a.m. Mass.

FIRST MONDAY SUPPER

September 12 - 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.
\$9.00 per meal. Eat in or take out

Menu: Chicken spaghetti, vegetable, and a roll. Desserts may be purchased at an additional cost. All funds support our church's maintenance and repair fund.

ROMEOs

(Retired Old Men Enjoying Ourselves)

Wednesdays - 7:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.
Coffee, biscuits, conversation - Church Hall

CHURCH DIRECTORY

Please remember to visit 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.

QUILTING MINISTRY

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

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

If you are celebrating a 25, 40, 50, 60, 70th 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.

FORMED

Our parish has a subscription to FORMED, an online platform subscription service offering access to the best Catholic digital content producers - studios, 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.

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Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements

Church Operating Fund

For the 3 Months Ended June 30, 2022

(Fiscal Year: July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022)

	Fiscal Year 2021-2022	Fiscal Year 2020-2021	VARIANCE
CHURCH RECEIPTS			
Regular Collections and Contributions	\$ 82,432.81	\$ 82,130.00	\$ 302.81
Repairs & Maintenance Collections	\$ 6,847.19	\$ 1,712.00	\$ 5,135.19
Building Fund Collections	\$ 2,630.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,130.00
Special Parish Purpose Collections	\$ 1,638.00	\$ 2,980.59	\$ (1,342.59)
Fundraising Adult, Youth, Other Income	\$ 295.00	\$ 3,692.31	\$ (3,397.31)
Parish Suppers		\$ 847.00	\$ (847.00)
Church Hall Rental Income	\$ 200.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
Insurance Proceeds		\$ 7,070.00	\$ (7,070.00)
Regular Non-Collection Receipts	\$ 3,722.44	\$ 25,389.96	\$ (21,667.52)
Total Receipts	\$ 97,765.44	\$ 125,421.86	\$ (27,656.42)
CHURCH EXPENSES			
Clergy Earnings	\$ 8,272.90	\$ 8,239.09	\$ 33.81
Lay Employee Salary & Benefits	\$ 19,754.73	\$ 17,671.61	\$ 2,083.12
Diocesan Support Assessment	\$ 12,750.00	\$ 12,810.00	\$ (60.00)
Charitable Donations	\$ 1,525.00	\$ 970.70	\$ 554.30
Mass & Liturgical Supplies	\$ 12,136.72	\$ 7,165.39	\$ 4,971.33
Insurance	\$ 4,328.98	\$ 4,199.13	\$ 129.85
Interest & Bank Charges	\$ 747.76	\$ 731.54	\$ 16.22
Parish Offices & Rectory	\$ 7,127.00	\$ 6,202.70	\$ 924.30
Religious Education, Programs & Services	\$ 1,582.72	\$ 1,655.75	\$ (73.03)
Parish Supper Expenses	\$ 5,542.34	\$ 658.02	\$ 4,884.32
Maintenance & Improvements	\$ 2,679.17	\$ 20,985.61	\$ (18,306.44)
Buildings, Furnishings, & Remodeling	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 8,450.22	\$ (4,950.22)
Utilities & Telephone	\$ 6,291.38	\$ 5,507.69	\$ 783.69
All Other Expenses	\$ 1,066.04	\$ 21,974.61	\$ (20,908.57)
Total Expenses	\$ 87,304.74	\$ 117,222.06	\$ (29,917.32)
EXCESS OF RECEIPTS OVER EXPENSES	\$ 10,460.70	\$ 8,199.80	\$ 2,260.90

21st Sunday of Ordinary Time

Isaiah 66:18-21
(Mark 16:15) Ps 117:1,2
Hebrews 12:5-7,11-13
Luke 13:22-30

Monday August 22
Queenship of Virgin Mary
2 Thessalonians 1:1-5,11-12
Ps 96:1-2a,2b-3,4-5
Matthew 23:13-22

Tuesday August 23
2 Thes 2:1-3a,14-17
Ps 96:10-13
Matthew 23:23-26

Wednesday August 24
St. Bartholomew
Revelation 21:9b-14
Ps 145:10-13,17-18
John 1:45-51

Thursday August 25
1 Corinthians 1:1-9
Ps 145:2-7
Matthew 24:42-51

Friday August 26
1 Corinthians 1:17-25
Ps 33:1-2,4-5,10-11
Matthew 25:1-13

Saturday August 27
St. Monica
1 Corinthians 1:26-31
Ps 33:12-13,18-21
Matthew 25:14-30

This Sunday's scripture readings are signposts on the road to the narrow gate into heaven. Isaiah says that God knows our works and our thoughts. To help us sanctify our works and purify our thoughts, so that we can see the fullness of the glory of God when we die, he sets a sign among us. It is Jesus. His life – how he lived and how he died – are a sign of how to enter heaven.

He says in the Gospel reading that many will attempt to enter salvation who are not strong enough. Strong enough for what?

Throughout the Gospel, Jesus gives us the answer to that: We must be perfect in love. That does not mean that mistakes and other imperfections will lock us out of heaven. The key that opens the gate to heaven is love, and if we throw love away, we throw that key away.

It's very unlikely, however, that we will ever completely throw love away, even though we sin. But how can we be perfect in love? Perfect love means we love fully. Always. Unconditionally. Sacrificially. Radically.

To be perfect in love, we need to have the Lord's own love. We need Jesus to dwell in us and reach others through us. On our own, we cannot love fully, but when we rely on God to give us his love for others, we have perfect love. To rely on God's love and feel confident in



it, we have to get rid of anything that blocks his love: unforgiveness, vengeful attitudes, lingering resentments and cynicism, and the apathetic ignoring of the needs of others.

The reading from Hebrews tells us not to disdain the discipline of the Lord. No matter what causes our hardships and trials or who's to blame, God uses them to perfect us in love. If we recognize these as opportunities to grow in love – if we seek God in them and let him stretch our ability to love – we become more like Jesus. We make the path toward heaven straight, and what is lame and disjointed in our spirituality is healed.

Reflect & Discuss:

1. Who in your life is difficult to love? (Don't forget to consider the unloving behaviors you have toward yourself.)
2. How might God be using these hard-to-love people to strengthen your ability to love more perfectly?
3. People who are difficult to love are saint-makers, because they give us opportunities to identify and overcome (with God's help of course) the imperfections in our ability to love. What happens if we give God permission to change us when we wish someone else would change? How is this a key to heaven?