

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 26, 2023

REG. COLLECTION: SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH

SATURDAY, AUGUST 26

4:00PM - Roy DeVille 80th birthday remembrance, Jack Ellington

Lector: P. Gadel
Server: B. Gadel

SUNDAY, AUGUST 27

8:00AM - Eric Duck

Lector: D. Bess
Server: A. Schexnyder

10:30AM - Jack and Laura Little, Betty Jones, Lily Beard

Lector: B. Lowe
Server: C. Mathews

5:00PM - For Our Parish Family

Lector: R. Mallach
Server: V. Montalvo

MONDAY, AUGUST 28

7:00AM - Shirley Sayes

TUESDAY, AUGUST 29

7:00AM - Communion Service

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 30

7:00AM - Communion Service

THURSDAY, AUGUST 31

NO MASS

WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 2, 2023

REG. COLLECTION: SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH
2ND COLLECTION: CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

4:00PM - Kristian Louviere, Robert Ruemker

Lector: J. Louviere
Server: A. Byrd

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

8:00AM - Alfred and Betty Mathews 68th wedding anniversary remembrance

Lector: R. Normand
Server: A. Daigrepoint

10:30AM - Omega Dobard, Rickey Sayes, Helen Mathews Smart

Lector: T. Reynolds
Server: A. Brundrett

5:00PM - For Our Parish Family

Lector: R. Mallach
Server: H. Reynolds

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

NO MASS

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

NO MASS

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

NO MASS

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

NO MASS

SANCTUARY CANDLE BURNS THIS WEEK



IN LOVING MEMORY OF JACK ELLINGTON
IN REMEMBRANCE OF HIS 93RD BIRTHDAY
BY HIS DAUGHTER AND SON-IN LAW
BRINDA AND RUSS 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.

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

RECENTLY DECEASED

Cayman Jardell

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, Carol Hatchett, Daniel Jones, Linda Kelly, Debbie Duck Lyles, Jacques Matt, Terry Melançon, Philip Monk, Renie Saucier, Dawin “Dee” Smart, 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 - 08/20/2023

Regular Collection	\$ 4,285.00
EFT Collection	\$ 2,140.00
Weekly Goal	\$ <u>6,530.00</u>
Shortage	\$ 105.00

Goal for August (4 Sundays)	\$ 26,120.00
Received for August	\$ <u>20,448.00</u>
Still needed for August	\$ 5,672.00

Maintenance and Repairs	\$ 30.00
Assumption	\$ 430.00

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

ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL (ADA)

Parish Goal 2023	\$ 21,256.00
Pledged	\$ <u>31,024.00</u>
Over Goal	\$ 9,768.00

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 K - 5**

Wednesday, August 30
5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.
Virtus Lesson

GRADES 6 - 12

Wednesday, August 30
6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
Virtus Lesson

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 you 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**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.

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

MMJ GARAGE SALE

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

OUTDOOR PRAISE & WORSHIP CONCERT

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

PRE-ADVENT MISSION

Monday, November 27 - Wednesday, November 29
Morning and Evening Sessions - Live Streamed
Presenter: Fr. Keith Pellerin (Lake Charles Diocese)

PRE-LENTEN MISSION

Monday, February 5 - Wednesday, February 7
Morning and Evening Sessions - Live Streamed
Presenter: Echo Community (Formerly Dumb Ox)

21st Sunday of Ordinary Time

Sunday August 27

Isaiah 22:19-23
Ps 138:1-3,6,8
Romans 11:33-36
Matthew 16:13-20

Monday August 28

St. Augustine, Bp, Dr

1 Thes 1:1-5,8b-10
Ps 149:1b-6a,9b
Matthew 23:13-22

Tuesday August 29

Passion of St. John the Baptist

1 Thessalonians 2:1-8
Ps 139:1-6
Mark 6:17-29

Wednesday August 30

1 Thessalonians 2:9-13
Ps 139:7-12b
Matthew 23:27-32

Thursday August 31

1 Thessalonians 3:7-13
Ps 90:3-5a,12-14,17
Matthew 24:42-51

Friday September 1

1 Thessalonians 4:1-8
Ps 97:1,2b,5-6,10-12
Matthew 25:1-13

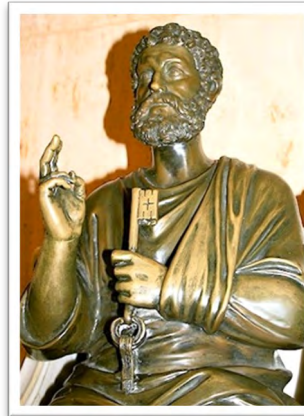
Saturday September 2

1 Thessalonians 4:9-11
Ps 98:1,7-9
Matthew 25:14-30

When Jesus ordained Peter to become the rock upon which he would build his Church, he made a promise. The gates of hell, he said, speaking of the netherworld that belongs to the principalities and powers of darkness (see Ephesians 6), "shall never prevail against it."

Jesus did not say that hell would never win battles against the Church. He said that the *gates* of hell would not win. Of course they won't; gates don't attack! Gates protect. Gates hold inside their boundaries whatever has been enclosed by a fence or wall. Do you know anyone who's been imprisoned by their sins? Or by hellish circumstances?

Christians are not called to take a defensive posture against attacks and encroachments from evil-doers. Christians are called to take the offensive – we are called to attack the very gates of hell, knock them down, and conquer the devils that are trying to drag people into their kingdom of misery and eternal death.



What are the keys? The gates of hell are unlocked by Sacraments; they open the way to eternal life. When a priest "looses" (releases) the grace and forgiveness of God upon a repentant sinner during the Sacrament of Reconciliation, or when a priest "binds" a man and woman together in the Sacrament of Marriage, it's Jesus who's doing it through him.

The supernatural power of the Sacraments conquers evil every time we take them seriously and rely on the graces they provide.

Reflect & Discuss:

- † Where is there a locked gate in your life, which needs to get blown open so that Jesus can rescue you from some sort of darkness?
- † What will you do this week to utilize the Sacraments more deeply, more profoundly?
- † Who do you say Jesus really is, and how do you encounter this Jesus in the Sacraments?
- † Which Sacrament (Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist, Reconciliation, Marriage, Ordination, or the Anointing of the Sick) is most powerful for you personally? Why?

What Jesus did 2000 years ago to free people from evil he still does today through you and me.

For the sinners who want to escape from evil before it's too late, Jesus gave gate keys to Peter when he ordained him as the first shepherd (priest and pope) of Christianity. These keys have been passed from generation to generation through the unbroken line of Catholic priests.