

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 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

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
ALFRED & BETTY MATHEWS IN REMEMBRANCE
OF THEIR 67TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

BY KENNY & CINDY SAYES

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 SEPTEMBER 3, 2022

REG. COLLECTION: SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

4:00PM - Alfred & Betty Mathews 67th wedding anniversary remembrance

Lector: B. Patty

Server: A. Daigrepoint

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

8:00AM - Guy Navarro

Lector: G. Delaney

Server: L. Delaney

10:30AM - Omega Dobard

Lector: J. Foote

Server: M. Hawthorne

5:00PM - Our Parish Family

Lector: J. Reynolds

Servers: H. Reynolds

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

8:00AM - Adrienne Angele Matt

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

7:00AM - PFC Justin Troy Gadel Sanders

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

7:00AM - Charles "Greg" Gravel

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

7:00AM - Bernice Moore

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 RECENTLY DECEASED

Daniel Broussard
Charles (Charlie) Joseph Farace, Sr.

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, Matt Brundrett, Eric Duck, Rhonda Earhart, Mary Cezar, Michael Flynn, Marshall Long

OUR HOMEBOUND

Faye Connella, Butch Doiron, Betty Jones, Janet Lamkin, Janet Normand, 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 - 8/21/2022

Regular Collection	\$ 3,409.00
EFT Collection	\$ 1,420.00
Weekly Goal	\$ <u>6,530.00</u>
Shortage	\$ 1,701.00
Goal for August (4 Sundays)	\$ 26,120.00
Received for August	\$ <u>18,858.00</u>
Still Needed for August	\$ 7,262.00
Maintenance & Repair	\$ 20.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

COMMUNITY REWARDS

Visit Kroger.com and sign up under Community at the bottom of their home page. Mary, Mother of Jesus will receive a percentage of your purchases. There is no charge to the shopper.

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. 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. And even when you can’t attend Mass, your electronic contributions will arrive without delay. Visit our website: www.mmjchurch.org

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

OCIA (Formerly RCIA)

Tuesday, September 13 - 5:30 p.m.
Church Hall

CHURCH NEWS**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.

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, select Mary, Mother of Jesus Church, and complete the simple registration.

SANCTUARY CANDLE

Please remember that the sanctuary candle is available to burn weekly for any intentions you may have for the living, the deceased, in thanksgiving, in need, etc. Please call Cindy at the church office.

SPEND TIME IN PRAYER

Our church is open Monday through Thursday from 6:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. This is a wonderful opportunity to take some quiet time out of your day to spend a moment in prayer with Jesus.

22nd Sunday of Ordinary Time

Sirach 3:17-18,20,28-29
Ps 68:4-7, 10-11
Heb 12:18-19,22-24a
Luke 14:1,7-14

Monday August 29
Passion of John the Baptist
1 Corinthians 2:1-5
Ps 119:97-102
Mark 6:17-29

Tuesday August 30
1 Corinthians 2:10b-16
Ps 145:8-14
Luke 4:31-37

Wednesday August 31
1 Corinthians 3:1-9
Ps 33:12-15,20-21
Luke 4:38-44

Thursday September 1
1 Corinthians 3:18-23
Ps 24:1b-6
Luke 5:1-11

Friday September 2
1 Corinthians 4:1-5
Ps 37:3-6,27-28,39-40
Luke 5:33-39

Saturday September 3
St. Gregory the Great
1 Corinthians 4:6b-15
Ps 145:17-21
Luke 6:1-5

This Sunday's Gospel reading raises the question: What are my expectations (my motivations) when I do good? How other-centered are they? How *self-centered*?

If benefiting others is done for the sake of receiving something in return, our motive is not Christ-like.

Jesus explains this with the example of inviting to a banquet those who cannot return the favor. He's not saying that we have to do this to be holy. That interpretation would be too literal; it misses the point.

The real message is that whatever we do, we should do it for the sake of love, rather than for repayment, i.e., for our own gain. We should do good to others for the sake of the benefit it will give to them. This seems like a no-brainer, but stop for a minute to think about how much you'd like to be thanked and appreciated. What else do

you hope to get from the good you do?

Even when someone sins against us and we pray for them to repent, our prayer should be offered out of concern for their souls. Sure, we also wish they would change so that our own lives will be easier, but that should not be our primary concern.

As followers of Christ, if we receive any blessings in return for the good we do, that's our bonus, not our motive. We can rightly look forward to such bonuses, but our joy does not depend on them.



By becoming aware of our motives and expectations, we gain the freedom to

choose to be more like Jesus. As he promised, "You will receive your reward at the resurrection of the righteous." The fulfillment of this promise begins now, in the moment that we decide to be like the Resurrected One, our Lord Jesus.

The reward he gives us here and now is the grace that enables us to do whatever he asks and to do it generously and cheerfully. We'll receive other blessings besides, but that's not our main motive.

Reflect & Discuss:

1. How upset do you get when others treat you unkindly after you've been nice to them?
2. When the give-and-take in a relationship is unequal, do you withhold goodness from that person?
3. Ask the Holy Spirit to help you notice your selfish motives this week. Take your anger to the Sacrament of Reconciliation and ask Jesus to empower you to care more about those people who have been upsetting you.
4. Describe a situation when you gave more than you received. How did God bless you in that? How was your sacrifice an example of Christ?