

# Mary, Mother of Jesus Roman Catholic Church

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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 SEPTEMBER 17, 2022

REG. COLLECTION: SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH  
ADD'L COLLECTION: RETIRED PRIEST

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

4:00PM - Mavis Tucker

Lector: S. Cranford  
Server: A. Byrd

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

8:00AM - Bernice Moore

Lector: R. Normand  
Server: L. Delaney

10:30AM - Ashley Brinson

Lector: M. Brundrett  
Server: A. Brundrett

5:00PM - Our Parish Family

Lector: J. Reynolds  
Servers: L. Brouillette

### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

7:00AM - Neil Kavanagh 3<sup>rd</sup> Anniv.

### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

7:00AM - Adrienne Angele Matt

### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

7:00AM - Patsy Chiasson

### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

7:00AM - Andy Brown, Jr.

### 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 DAN BROUSSARD

BY HIS WIFE, PHYLLIS

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 24, 2022

REG. COLLECTION: SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

4:00PM - Dan Broussard Month's Mind Mass

Lector: P. Gadel  
Server: L. Brocato

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

8:00AM - Charles "Greg" Gravel

Lector: R. Normand  
Servers: A. Schexnyder

10:30AM - Austin Olivier, Jr., Terry Kohler  
Ashley Brinson 46<sup>th</sup> birthday  
remembrance

Lector: B. Lowe  
Server: C. Mathews

5:00PM - Our Parish Family

Lector: J. Montalvo  
Server: V. Montalvo

### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

**NO MASS**

### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

**NO MASS**

### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

**NO MASS**

### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

**NO MASS**

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, Randy Francis, Keith Johnson, Betsy Lanclos, Marlene Margnano, Helen Mathews, Jacques Matt, Terry Melancon, Debbie Norment, Frank Rachal, Jana Robinson, Lori Spratling, Kyle Stokes, Chuck Vernon, Michelle Vincent, Baby Scarlett Wood

**OUR RECOVERING/CONVALESCING**

Michael Brewton, Matt Brundrett, Eric Duck, Rhon-da Earhart, Mary Cezar, Michael Flynn

**OUR HOMEBOUND**

Faye Connella, Butch Doiron, Betty Jones, Janet Lamkin, Janet Normand, Jane Richey, Adrienne Ste-vens, Joe & Irene Thompson

**OUR NURSING HOME RESIDENTS**

Marie Hawthorne, Francis Thiels

**OUR ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY**

Kory Butler, Brandon Coreil, Travis Edwards, 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.*

**“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 - 9/4 & 9/11**

Regular Collection	\$ 9,119.00
EFT Collection	\$ 4,240.00
Weekly Goal (x2)	\$ 13,060.00
<b>Overage</b>	<b>\$ 299.00</b>
Goal for September (4 Sundays)	\$ 26,120.00
Received for September	\$ 13,359.00
<b>Still Needed for September</b>	<b>\$ 12,761.00</b>
Maintenance and Repairs	\$ 95.00
Catholic University	\$ 20.00
Retired Priests	\$ 55.00
CLHC	\$ 100.00

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!**

**COMMUNITY REWARDS**

Visit [Kroger.com](http://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**

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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](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. And even when you can’t attend

## FAITH FORMATION

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION/CCD

#### GRADES PREK - 5

September 21 - 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

#### GRADES 6 - 12

September 21 - 6:30 p.m. to 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 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 20, and 27

#### *Early Christian Heresies and Non-Canonical Scripture*

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

Presenter: Mrs. Mary DeVille, PhD

### WHO IS OCIA FOR?

- ⇒ **Unbaptized...** Persons (7 years and older) who want to follow in Jesus' footsteps and become members of the Catholic Church;
- ⇒ **Baptized in Another Christian Church...** Those members from a different Christian community other than Catholic who are seeking full initiation in the Catholic Church;
- ⇒ **Baptized but no previous Religious Education...** persons who were baptized as babies in the Catholic Church but have not had any Religious Education within the Catholic Tradition. Have you celebrated all of your sacraments of Communion and Confirmation?

Tuesday, September 20  
5:30 p.m. - Church Hall

## FROM THE PASTOR

I received the following note:

We don't even know how to thank you enough for your prayers, support, and donations for our family during these last few months. From the beginning, we felt your prayers and had so much consolation knowing that so many people in our church and community were back home praying to God for Matt's healing. It is humbling to receive the community's immense generosity as we withstood these times of uncertainty for our family. We are forever grateful to each person that has helped in any way. We are so thankful that our children have such an amazing church family to grow up in. We are happy to report that Matt is recovering well, and he looks forward to having things return to normal soon.

With love, The Brundrett Family: Matthew, Shana, Grace, Andrew, Lucy, Emma, Mary Frances, and Cecilia

## CHURCH NEWS

### ROMEOs

*(Retired Old Men Enjoying Ourselves)*

Wednesdays - 7:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.

Coffee, biscuits, conversation - Church Hall

### CHURCH DIRECTORY

Visit [instantchurchdirectory.com](http://instantchurchdirectory.com) to help us build our new online directory. This eliminates 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](http://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.

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

Amos 8:4-7  
Ps 113:1-2, 4-8  
1 Timothy 2:1-8  
Luke 16:1-13

**Monday September 19**  
Revelation 3:27-34  
Ps 15:2-5  
Luke 8:16-18

**Tuesday September 20**  
**Sts. Andrew Kim Taegon,  
Paul Chong Hasang, & co.**  
Revelation 21:1-6,10-13  
Ps 119:1,27,30,34,35,44  
Luke 8:19-21

**Wednesday September 21**  
**St. Matthew**  
Ephesians 4:1-7,11-13  
Ps 19:2-5  
Matthew 9:9-13

**Thursday September 22**  
Ecclesiastes 1:2-11  
Ps 90:3-6,12-14,17bc  
Luke 9:7-9

**Friday September 23**  
**St. Pio of Pietrelcina**  
Ecclesiastes 3:1-11  
Ps 144:1b-4  
Luke 9:18-22

**Saturday September 24**  
Ecclesiastes 11:9 12:8  
Ps 90:3-6,12-14,17  
Luke 9:43b-45

Poverty, as exemplified by many Saints, is not the only path of holiness. This Sunday's Gospel reading tells us how a person can be affluent and holy at the same time -- as exemplified by other Saints.

If we recognize that our possessions are gifts from God that are meant to enhance his kingdom, we are holy. But if we cling to money and material wealth as if they are meant only for our own benefit, we've divided ourselves from God, because God's Word emphasizes the importance of distributing to others a generous portion of everything we receive.

When acquiring wealth is a higher priority than distributing what we already have, God is not our master. This is true not only with material goods, but with everything else that is good, too.

We are all richly blessed one way or another: How readily

to do use your riches for the benefit of others?

The "dishonest wealth" of which Jesus speaks is anything that "belongs to another". When we use other people's money (for example, taking out a loan from the bank) to our own advantage, we are not being trustworthy stewards unless it also glorifies the kingdom of God. Likewise, if we misuse time by catering to selfish desires at the expense of those who need our attention,

we are untrustworthy in the kingdom of God. Jesus wants to bless people

through you. He has called you to be a distributor of his gifts. If we ignore this primary principle of God's economy, Jesus says, "Who will give you what is yours?"



What is ours, if we're trustworthy enough to be good stewards, are riches that will remain with us for all of eternity: the wealth of the spirit, the approval and praise of God, the fullness of love, etc.

To be holy with affluence, we have to first be trustworthy with the love that belongs to others – the love that God feels for them. Our trust-ability is found in the sharing of our temporal (earthly) goods as well as eternal goods (faith, hope, etc.).

### Reflect & Discuss:

1. What are you reluctant to share? What do you fear will happen if you surrender it to God for his use and his purposes?
2. What do you need to do with this fear so that you can become a good steward of God's riches?
3. Name any material possession that seems to be used only for worldly or selfish purposes.
4. Can it be converted into a gift for others and used for the glory of God? If so, how?