

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 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 46th 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

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 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 OCTOBER 1, 2022

REG. COLLECTION: SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1

4:00PM - Alfred Mathews, Sr.

Lector: M. Leleux
Server: A. Schexnyder

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2

8:00AM - Patsy Chiasson

Lector: B. Edwards
Server: B. Emerson

10:30AM - Adrien, Lena, Marty, Larry, and Jim
Doiron

Lector: T. Reynolds
Server: M. Hawthorne

5:00PM - Our Parish Family

Lector: J. Reynolds
Servers: H. Reynolds

MONDAY, OCTOBER 3

7:00AM - Charles "Greg" Gravel

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 4

7:00AM - Alvin Loyacano

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 5

7:00AM - Stephen Rodeback

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 6

7:00AM - Robert Reich

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, Frank Rachal, Jana Robinson, Lori Spratling, Kyle Stokes, Earlene Tanner, Chuck Vernon, Michelle Vincent, Baby Scarlett Wood

OUR RECOVERING/CONVALESCING

Michael Brewton, Matt Brundrett, Mary Cezar, Eric Duck, Rhonda Earhart, Michael Flynn, Chuck Reich

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, 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 - 9/18/2022

Regular Collection	\$ 3,227.00
EFT Collection	\$ 1,990.00
Weekly Goal	\$ <u>6,530.00</u>
Shortage	\$ 1,313.00
Goal for September (4 Sundays)	\$ 26,120.00
Received for September	\$ <u>18,576.00</u>
Still Needed for September	\$ 7,544.00
Maintenance and Repairs	\$ 50.00
Retired Priests	\$ 2,159.00

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****GRADES PREK - 5**

September 28 - 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

GRADES 6 - 12

September 28 - 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 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 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 27
5:30 p.m. - Church Hall

FROM THE PASTOR

I will be away during the week for my annual retreat which is mandated by Canon Law for all clerics. Be assured of my prayers for you and those you love.

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 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, 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.



26th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Amos 6:1a, 4-7
Ps 146:(1b) 7-10
1 Timothy 6:11-16
Luke 16:19-31

Monday September 26

Job 1:6-22
Ps 17:1b-3,6-7
Luke 9:46-50

Tuesday September 27

St. Vincent de Paul

Job 3:1-3,11-17,20-23
Ps 88:2-8
Luke 9:51-56

Wednesday September 28

Job 9:1-12,14-16
Ps 88:10b-15
Luke 9:57-62

Thursday September 29

Archangels Michael, Gabriel & Raphael

Daniel 7:9-10,13-14
or Revelation 12:7-12a
Ps 138:1-5
John 1:47-51

Friday September 30

St. Jerome

Job 38:1,12-21; 40:3-5
Ps 139:1-3,7-10,13-14b
Luke 10:13-16

Saturday October 1

St. Therese of Lisieux

Job 42:1-3,5-6,12-17
Ps 119:66,71,75,91,125,130
Luke 10:17-24

What was the rich man's sin in this Sunday's Gospel story? What tormented him after he died? Being wealthy is not sinful; what tortured his soul was his decision to not share his wealth with Lazarus while he had the opportunity.



the rich man in the parable turned away from Lazarus because of the poor man's disease. He was probably a leper and highly contagious.

Do we share less because we feel disgust toward those who need what we have? Or maybe fear holds us back. Or resentment. To be united to God and experience everlasting joy, we cannot live in this state. We have to let love motivate us. Love has no limits; it's always generous.

In the second reading, we hear: "Compete well for the faith." Against whom do we compete? Ourselves! Are you holier today? Are you spiritually stronger because you've worked hard at becoming more loving and generous?

Reflect & Discuss:

1. Bring to mind someone you find disgusting. How generous are you toward him or her? If you've missed an opportunity to share a blessing with this person, the Sacrament of Reconciliation will give you strength, through special grace, to overcome this sin.
2. Give examples of times when people turn away from opportunities to be generous. Explain reasons why this happens.
3. How have you personally been a Lazarus who was denied what you needed because of prejudice? What did you learn from that which changed your own attitudes about generosity?

Death is not a closing of life; it's the opening up of our souls so we become fully alive in God's love. Death awakens us to the full reality of who God is and all the gifts he has given us and how well – or how poorly – we've invested those gifts. Whenever we share the gifts that we've received, we're investing in God's kingdom. In God's economy, our investments always pay off very well. We receive more than we give away so that we can share even more!

In contrast, when we protect and keep something for ourselves, we lose it like a flower that's "protected" in a dark box. The flower wilts. It cannot grow. Everything we try to protect ends up useless or even poisonous: We stagnate spiritually as well as emotionally. The gift rots. Our selfishness destroys our union with God who is the Master of Generosity.

Every day, we're given opportunities to share something – some blessing from God – with others. Perhaps