

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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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.

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 NOVEMBER 25, 2023

REG. COLLECTION: SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 25

4:00PM - Zachary Veillon, Andy Brown

Lector: S. Cranford
Server: J. Schexnyder

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26

8:00AM - Eric Duck

Lector: B. Edwards
Server: B. Emerson

10:30AM - Betty Jones

Lector: B. Lowe
Server: C. Mathews

5:00PM - For Our Parish Family

Lector: R. Mallach
Server: L. Brouillette

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 27

7:00AM - Zachary Veillon

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 28

7:00AM - Albert J. "Chris" Navarro

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 29

7:00AM - Guy Navarro

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 30

7:00AM - Alfred Mathews, Sr. 93rd birthday remembrance

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

WEEK OF DECEMBER 2, 2023

REG. COLLECTION: SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2

4:00PM - PFC Justin Troy Gadel Sanders, Kristian Louviere

Lector: B. Patty
Server: A. Schexnyder

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3

8:00AM - Betty Jones

Lector: G. Delaney
Server: A. Daigrepoint

10:30AM - Todd Mizell

Lector: J. Foote
Server: A. Brundrett

5:00PM - For Our Parish Family

Lector: J. Reynolds
Server: H. Reynolds

MONDAY, DECEMBER 4

7:00AM - Mary Virginia Young

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5

7:00AM - Betty Jones

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6

7:00AM - Zachary Veillon

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7

5:30PM - Mavis Tucker

Lector: P. Gadel
Server: J. Schexnyder

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8

7:00AM - Elizabeth Parker

Lector: M. Brundrett
Server: A. Brundrett

SANCTUARY CANDLE BURNS THIS WEEK



IN LOVING MEMORY OF ERIC DUCK
BY HIS WIFE, KIM

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.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

OUR PERMANENT DEACON CANDIDATE

Brad Gadel

THOSE PREPARING FOR MATRIMONY

Alexandra Rollins and Thomas Roberts
December 15, 2023

Sara Richard and Cody Fitzgerald
November 16, 2024

OUR FIRST PENANCE CANDIDATES

Emma Brundrett, Jude Flook, Eric Lohman, Landry Mitten, Stevie Patin, Reed Ponthier, Miles Schexndyer, Collin Stewart, Lillie Stewart, Abigail Upton, Isabella Winegeart, Wyatt Winegeart

OUR CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES

Izzie Antee, Hannah Daigrepoint, Donald Ducote, Jadyne Foote, Cayden Mathews, Vivian Montalvo, Alexander Rubio

OUR OCIA CANDIDATES

Garrett Francis, Madeline Francis, Sarah Francis

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.

Sharan Bellard, Rochelle Brasseaux, Brian Dobard, Daniel Jones, Linda Kelly, Debbie Duck Lyles, Jacques Matt, Jo Tassin, John Upton

OUR HOMEBOUND

Faye Connella, Butch Doiron, Janet Lamkin, Cecile Liotta, Janet Normand, Jane Richey, Mike Stevens, Joe & Irene Thompson

OUR NURSING HOME RESIDENTS

Patricia "Patty" Mahone, Adrienne Stevens, Donna White

OUR ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY

Kory Butler, Brandon Coreil, David J. Francis, Dustin Guillory, Michael Hawthorne, Daniel Keely, Kelley Perry, Robin Perry, Michael Smilie, Chuck Williams

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 - 11/19/2023

Regular Collection	\$ 3,558.00
EFT Collection	\$ 1,785.00
Weekly Goal	\$ <u>6,530.00</u>
Shortage	\$ 1,187.00
Goal for November (4 Sundays)	\$ 26,120.00
Received for November	\$ <u>19,490.00</u>
Still Needed for November	\$ 6,630.00
One Time Donation	\$ 4,000.00
Maintenance and Repairs	\$ 60.00
Manna House	\$ 1,150.00
Christmas Flowers	\$ 57.00
Campaign for Human Dev.	\$ 40.00

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

ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL (ADA)

Parish Goal 2023	\$ 21,256.00
Pledged	\$ <u>32,441.00</u>
Over Goal	\$ 11,185.00

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 PREK - 5**

Wednesday, December 6
5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

GRADES 6 - 12

Wednesday, December 6
6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION CLASS

Wednesday, December 6
6:00 p.m. - Church

FIRST PENANCE PREPARATION CLASS

Tuesday, November 26
5:30p.m. - Church Hall

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

Every Sunday - 10:30 a.m. Mass
During the Liturgy of the Word
Ages 4 - 7 - Youth Center

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.

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?

Please contact either Beth and Keith Chapman or Jody and Jackie Byrd. Their contact information is on the front page of the bulletin.

Monday, December 4 - 5:30 p.m.
Church Hall

CHURCH NEWS**PRE-ADVENT MISSION**

**EUCCHARISTIC PEOPLE:
CHOSEN, BLESSED, BROKEN,
SHARED AS THE BODY OF CHRIST**

Live Streamed and on YouTube for later viewing

November 27, 28, 29
10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

OR

6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Presenter: Rev. Keith Pellerin, Lake Charles Diocese

ADVENT GIVING TREE

Our annual giving tree is available in the narthex this weekend. Please take at least one tag and return the gifts to the church **no earlier** than the weekend of December 16 and 17.

Blue Envelopes

(Please put gift cards in the blue envelopes)

Gift Cards for our Seminarians

Ornaments

(Place unwrapped gifts around the altar.)

Cenla Pregnancy Center, Hope House(green), & Catholic Charities(Red)

CHRISTMAS MEMORIAL FLOWER FUND

This fund enables us to decorate the Church during the Christmas season. The donors and those remembered will be listed in the bulletin the weekend of January 13-14, 2024. The suggested donation is \$10. An envelope for this purpose is in the pews and your monthly packet. You may use one of your own envelopes, as well. Remember to include on the envelope the name(s) of those to be remembered/honored.

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.

Solemnity of Christ the King

Sunday November 26

Ezekiel 34:11-12,15-17

Ps 23:1-3,5-6

1 Corinthians 15:20-26,28

Matthew 25:31-46

Monday November 27

Daniel 1:1-6,8-20

Daniel 3:52-56

Luke 21:1-4

Tuesday November 28

Daniel 2:31-45

Daniel 3:57-61

Luke 21:5-11

Wednesday November 29

Dan 5:1-6,13-14,16-17,23-28

Daniel 3:62-67

Luke 21:12-19

Thursday November 30

St. Andrew, Apostle

Romans 10:9-18

Ps 19:8-11

Matthew 4:18-22

Friday December 1

Daniel 7:2-14

Daniel 3:75-81

Luke 21:29-33

Saturday December 2

Daniel 7:15-27

Daniel 3:82-87

Luke 21:34-36

We don't usually think of shepherds as kings, but the scriptures this Sunday describe the kingly powers of Jesus as our Good Shepherd. A good king cares for his subjects the way a shepherd cares for his sheep.

Kings increase the size of their reign and accomplish their work over the whole territory through their subjects. That's why Jesus says, "Whatever you do for one of the least of mine, you do for me."

For example, our Good Shepherd-King wants to distribute food to the hungry, all the way to the farthest reaches of his kingdom. How does he get it done? He gives an abundance of food to some of us and commands us to take it to those who need it.

What happens if we don't fulfill the King's commands? Do the starving people think the King is benevolent?

No, they can only see his goodness when we do as he tells us to do.

Look at the people who are around you. Each one is an opportunity to give the King a good name.

What about the people whom you like least of all? What about those who've made you feel angry or intimidated or hurt? Well, ask this: What is he/she hungry for? If the answer's not obvious, ask the Holy Spirit. Observe that person long enough to identify the emptiness or pain or fears that are buried under the surface.



Then ask this: What abundance has God given to me that this "least one" is lacking and needs from Christ our King? Can I show him/her the King's benevolence despite my feelings?

When we say no to opportunities to share what we have, we are behaving like one of the goats whom the Good Shepherd-King separates from the sheep. And when we say yes, despite the feelings that could make us goat-like, the King's good reputation spreads, and we are all blessed.

Reflect & Discuss:

- † What good things do you have in abundance? How readily do you share them?
- † Who is of least importance to you? How can you take your focus off of what you don't like about them so that you can give them what God wants to give to them through you?
- † Have you ever done something good to someone who didn't deserve it? How did this affect your relationship with Jesus?
- † What abundance do you see in each member of your family or faith sharing community that, when shared, blesses others?