

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 NOVEMBER 26, 2022

REG. COLLECTION: SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 26

4:00PM - Adrienne Angele Matt

Lector: J. Louviere

Server: A. Byrd

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27

8:00AM - Ed and Valorie Clayton

Lector: G. Delaney

Server: B. Emerson

10:30AM - Austin Olivier, Jr.

Lector: B. Lowe

Server: A. Brundrett

5:00PM - Our Parish Family

Lector: J. Montalvo

Servers: V. Montalvo

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 28

7:00AM - Laura Gadel Jacob

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 29

7:00AM - Jacquelyn Brown

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 30

7:00AM - Raymond "Sonny" Tucker

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1

7:00AM - Alfred Mathews Sr., 92nd birthday remembrance

WEEK OF DECEMBER 3, 2022

REG. COLLECTION: SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3

4:00PM - Wilda Veillon 1st anniv.

Lector: B. Patty

Server: A. Byrd

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4

8:00AM - Charles Farace, Sr.

Lector: B. Edwards

Servers: L. Delaney

10:30AM - Stephen Rodeback

Lector: M. Brundrett

Server: C. Mathews

5:00PM - Our Parish Family

Lector: J. Reynolds

Server: H. Reynolds

MONDAY, DECEMBER 5

7:00AM - Adrienne Angele Matt

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6

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

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7

7:00AM - Charles "Greg" Gravel

5:30PM - Kristian Louviere

Lector: B. Edwards

Server: L. Brocato

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8

7:00AM - Stephen Rodeback

Lector: S. Cranford

Server: A. Brundrett

SANCTUARY CANDLE BURNS THIS WEEK

IN LOVING MEMORY OF KRISTIAN LOUVIERE

BY HIS PARENTS, BARBARA AND JOHN

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

THOSE PREPARING FOR FIRST PENANCE

Corbin Bennett, James Ducote, Thomas Long, Harper Rajewski, Bentley Ryland, Ben Upton, Lawson Wheat, Charlie White

THOSE PREPARING FOR CONFIRMATION

Madeline Buller, Kennedy Daigrepoint, Julia Loken, Casey Mallach

OCIA CANDIDATES

Mary Deweese, Chad Doyle, Lory Malone, Benjamin Malone, Jackson Malone, Bridgette Thompson, Garrison Thompson, Claude Weatherford

THOSE PREPARING FOR MATRIMONY

Jennifer Smilie and C. J. Fuqua - April 15, 2023

Christina Rubio and Chad Doyle - October 21, 2023

OUR SICK

Lynn Bawner, Mary Louise Bawner, Becky Blair, Kenny Blair, George Juan Burns, Rachal Burns, Richard Charon, Brian Dobard, Randy Francis, Keith Johnson, Betsy Lanclos, 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, Mary Cezar, Eric Duck, Rhonda Earhart, Brinda Edwards, Glynn Kohler

OUR HOMEBOUND

Phyllis Broussard, 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.

STEWARDSHIP

OFFERTORY GIFTS - 11/20/2022

Regular Collection	\$ 3,351.00
EFT Collection	\$ 1,390.00
Weekly Goal	\$ 6,530.00
Shortage	\$ 1,789.00
Goal for November (4 Sundays)	\$ 26,120.00
Received for November	\$ 18,592.00
Still needed for November	\$ 7,528.00
Maintenance and Repairs	\$ 75.00
Campaign for Human Dev.	\$ 25.00
Christmas Flowers	\$ 46.00
Manna House	\$ 100.00
Arch. Military Svs.	\$ 25.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!



COMMUNITY REWARDS

Visit [Kroger.com](https://www.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.

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**ADULT FAITH FORMATION - ADVENT 2022****November 29, December 6, 13, 20**

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

Facilitator: Dr. Mary DeVille

The Gospel of John11/29/22 - Background of Logos Christology
John 1: 1-1812/06/22 - The Book of Signs
John 1: 19 - 12: 5012/13/22 - The Discourses
John 13: 1 - 20: 3112/20/22 - The Epilogue
John 21**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION/CCD****GRADES PREK - 5**

November 30 - 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

GRADES 6 - 12

November 30 - 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

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?

Tuesday, November 29
5:30 p.m. - Church Hall

CHURCH NEWS**LIVESTREAMING**

Thanks to a generous donation by a couple who wish to remain anonymous, we have upgraded our livestreaming hardware and capabilities. While the mode of access will remain the same, the quality of transmission will be greatly improved.

FLOWERS FOR HOMEBOUND

Thursday, December 1 - 9:30 a.m.
Church Hall

We will be gathering to assemble Christmas floral arrangements for our shut-ins, homebound, and anyone in need of holiday cheer. Everything will be provided to assemble the arrangements. Please bring garden clippers and/or old scissors. Please call Gerry Craft with any questions (318) 448-3152.

SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION***A Holy Day of Obligation***

Wednesday, December 7 - 5:30 p.m.
Thursday, December 8 - 7:00 a.m.

BREAKFAST & PICTURES WITH ST. NICHOLAS

Sunday, December 11
9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. - Church Hall
Sponsored by the Men of MMJ.

ADVENT GIVING TREE

Our annual giving tree will be 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 17 and 18.

White Envelopes (enclose gift cards)

Gift Cards for our Seminarians

Ornaments***(Place unwrapped gifts around the altar.)***

Cenla Pregnancy Center

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 14-15, 2023. 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.

First Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 2:1-5
Ps 122:1-9
Romans 13:11-14
Matthew 24:37-44

Monday November 28

Isaiah 4:2-6
Ps 122:1-9
Matthew 8:5-11

Tuesday November 29

Isaiah 11:1-10
Ps 72:1-2,7-8,12-13,17
Luke 10:21-24

Wednesday November 30

St. Andrew

Romans 10:9-18
Ps 19:8,9,10,11
Matthew 4:18-22

Thursday December 1

Isaiah 26:1-6
Ps 118:1,8-9,19-21,25-27
Matthew 7:21, 24-27

Friday December 2

Isaiah 29:17-24
Ps 27:1,4,13-14
Matthew 9:27-31

Saturday December 3

St. Francis Xavier

Isaiah 30:19-21,23-26
Ps 147:1-6
Matthew 9:35--10:1,5-8

Hope is the theme of the First Sunday of Advent. Isaiah describes a future in which all is well because (1) God is recognized as the highest authority and (2) obeying him is the people's highest priority.

This vision gave great hope to the oppressed Israelites. Today if we look at this as a description of heaven, it gives great hope to us, too. When we die, "terms" will be "imposed" upon us (i.e., purgatory) because we did not stay entirely on the paths of God, but we will be living in the light of the Lord after death and there will be no more wars to battle.

Knowing that this is our future, we can look at our present trials as preparations for heaven. The weapons that we use now to defeat and overcome the powers of darkness can be used as plowshares for enriching our soil (our earthly life), bringing us into new growth and producing a harvest in ministry. Sufferings that are turned into

ministries to help others make hardships very valuable.

Although Isaiah was speaking of the coming of the world's Messiah through the Jews, these verses remind us that when we respect God's authority and make imitating Christ our highest priority, all is well for us. Our battles against evil aren't over yet, but Jesus has already won the victory for us. Our hope is not based on a wish for peace; our hope comes from the reality of what Jesus has already done and what he will do. So,



"let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord!" (Psalm 122).

The Gospel reading tells us that our hope is realized only if we stay awake and alert to the activities of Christ. What are you despairing about? Despair and worry are merely distractions that make us forget that Christ has already won the battle. If we stay alert to the presence of Christ, recognizing his authority and following his ways, we live in hope – not wishful thinking, but a hope that's based firmly on reality.

Reflect & Discuss:

1. What are you despairing about?
2. What would it take for you to feel hopeful? In what way do you need Jesus to come to you now? What can you do to become more aware of his presence at your side?
3. How do you find hope in difficulties?
4. Describe a time when you nearly lost all hope. How did Jesus rescue you from this?