

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 FEBRUARY 24, 2024

REG. COLLECTION: SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24

4:00PM - Mavis Tucker, Adrien, Larry, Marty,
Lena, & Jim Doiron

Lector: *S. Cranford*
Server:

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25

8:00AM - Joseph Johnson

Lector: *D. Bess*
Server: *J. Schexnyder*

10:30AM - Dee Smart, Rickey Sayes, Denise
Bankovic

Lector: *T. Reynolds*
Server: *V. Montalvo*

5:00PM - For Our Parish Family

Lector: *J. Reynolds*
Server: *A. Byrd*

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26

7:00AM - Zachary Veillon

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27

7:00AM - Shirley & Rickey Sayes

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28

7:00AM - Joseph Johnson

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 29

7:00AM - Sharan Bellard

WEEK OF MARCH 2, 2024

REG. COLLECTION: SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH

SATURDAY, MARCH 2

4:00PM - Kristian Louviere, Adrien, Larry,
Marty, Lena, & Jim Doiron

Lector: *P. Gadel*
Server: *B. Gadel*

SUNDAY, MARCH 3

8:00AM - Betty Jones

Lector: *R. Normand*
Server: *A. Schexnyder*

10:30AM - Lloyd Killen, Msgr. Steve Testa

Lector: *J. Foote*
Server: *C. Mathews, J. Malone*

5:00PM - For Our Parish Family

Lector: *J. Montalvo*
Server: *A. Byrd*

MONDAY, MARCH 4

7:00AM - Zachary Veillon

TUESDAY, MARCH 5

7:00AM - Shirley & Rickey Sayes

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6

7:00AM - Richard Gadel

THURSDAY, MARCH 7

7:00AM - Jacquelyn Brown

SANCTUARY CANDLE BURNS THIS WEEK



IN LOVING MEMORY OF SHARAN BELLARD
BY TODD AND KRISTI BELLARD

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

OUR RECENTLY BAPTIZED

Sierra Grace McAdams

OUR RECENTLY MARRIED

Abby and Jonathan McAdams

OUR PERMANENT DEACON CANDIDATE

Brad Gadel

THOSE PREPARING FOR MATRIMONY

Sara Richard and Cody Fitzgerald
November 16, 2024

OUR FIRST EUCHARIST CANDIDATES

Saturday, May 4, 2024 - 10:00 a.m.

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

Saturday, April 6, 2024 - 4:00 p.m.

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.

Brian Dobard, Thomas Hickman, Daniel Jones, Debbie Duck Lyles, Jacques Matt, Jo Tassin, John Upton, Heather Warren Stokes, Tonya Wood

OUR HOMEBOUND

Faye Connella, Butch Doiron, Brenda Holloway, Janet Lamkin, Janet Normand, Jane Richey, 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

STEWARDSHIP

OFFERTORY GIFTS - 02/18/2024

Regular Collection	\$ 3,597.00
EFT Collection	\$ 2,045.00
Weekly Goal	\$ <u>6,530.00</u>
Shortage	\$ 888.00
Goal for February (4 Sundays)	\$ 26,120.00
Received for February	\$ <u>18,537.00</u>
Still needed for February	\$ 7,583.00
Repairs & Maintenance	\$ 20.00
Ash Wednesday	\$ 825.00
Black & Indian Missions	\$ 50.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

MERCI BEAUCOUP!!

ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL (ADA)

Parish Goal 2023 \$ 21,256.00

The waters of baptism make us part of the new covenant in Christ. But the bishops' pastoral letter on stewardship reminds us that "there is a fundamental obligation arising from the Sacrament of Baptism...that people place their gifts, their resources - their selves - at God's service in and through the church." Prayerfully consider supporting your church parish through weekly contribution and the diocesan church by contributing to the Annual Diocesan Appeal.

"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)

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

FAITH FORMATION**GRADES PREK - 5**

Wednesday, February 28
5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

GRADES 6 - 12

Wednesday, February 28
6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION CLASS

Wednesday, February 28
6:00 p.m. - Church

FIRST COMMUNION PREPARATION CLASS

Tuesday, March 19
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, February 26 - 5:30 p.m.
Church Hall

CHURCH NEWS**EASTER MEMORIAL FLOWER FUND**

This fund enables us to decorate the Church during the 50 days of the Easter season. The donors and those to be remembered will be listed in the May 25-26 bulletin. The suggested donation is \$10. An envelope for this purpose is in the pews, your monthly packet, or one of your own. Don't forget to include on the envelope the name(s) of your loved one(s) to be remembered/honored.

WAY OF THE CROSS

Fridays - 6:00PM

MEN OF MMJ - FRIDAY FISH FRY

March 1, 8, 15

Serving begins at 5:00 p.m.
\$9.00 per plate - Eat in or take out.



Sunday, March 10
2:00 a.m. - We Spring Ahead By One Hour

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.

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.

2nd Sunday of Lent

Sunday, February 25
Gn 22:1-2,9a,10-13,15-18
Ps 116:10,15-19
Rom 8:31b-34
Mk 9:2-10

Monday, February 26
Dn 9:4b-10
Ps 79:8,9,11,13
Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday, February 27
Is 1:10,16-20
Ps 50:8-9,16b-17,21,23
Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday, February 28
Jer 18:18-20
Ps 31:5-6,14-16
Mt 20:17-28

Thursday, February 29
Jer 17:5-10
Ps 1:1-4,6
Lk 16:19-31

Friday, March 1
Gn 37:3-4,12-13a,17b-28a
Ps 105:16-21
Mt 21:33-43,45-46

Saturday, March 2
Mi 7:14-15,18-20
Ps 103:1-4,9-12
Lk 15:1-3,11-32

Think of a "mountaintop experience" you've had. What generated it? Did it change your life forever or was it just a momentary high?

In Biblical symbolism, a mountain represents getting close to God. Did your mountaintop experience bring you closer to God?

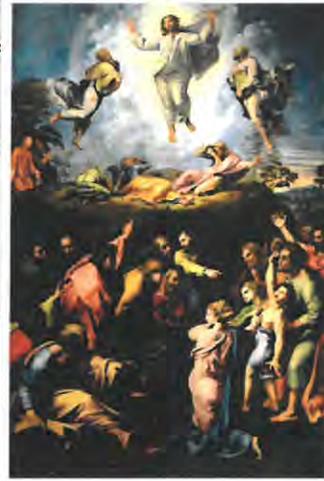
It was at the top of Mount Tabor where Jesus revealed the glory of his Godliness to his closest friends. Called a "high mountain" in scripture, Mount Tabor is, in reality, not huge. What was huge is the event that took place there – and why.

The three disciples who witnessed Christ's transfiguration greatly benefited from seeing his glory revealed, because someday they would be commissioned to take over his earthly ministry.

The Father told them, "This is my beloved Son; listen to him." As we listen to Jesus, it is we who are now transfigured.

Lent is meant to be a mountaintop experience for each of us. If we follow Jesus up the mountain, his light will consume any darkness within us. The more we listen to his teachings and apply them to our daily lives and ministries, the more we become like him. And the more we become like Jesus, the more our lives are transfigured by his light, and the more our lives then transfigure the world around us.

As the first reading tells us, Abraham did not withhold his



son from the Lord; God the Father did not withhold his Son from us.

Likewise, we must not withhold the Son from the people we encounter. Whether it's by an evangelizing word or a helping hand, or a compassionate and

attentive ear, or the generous giving of mercy and forgiveness or money or time, we are Christ's hands and feet and voice in the world today. We are his earthly body. We are the answers to people's prayers.

We have been empowered through our baptisms to shine with the glory of Christ's love. We have all been commissioned to continue his earthly ministry. May the experience of Lent take us to new heights of union with Christ and his mission!

Reflect & Discuss:

- † Identify one area of your life that you would like Jesus to transfigure. What do you need to do to repent of it? How do you need to change (with God's help) so that others see more of Jesus?
- † Share the story of a time when you let Jesus change you. How difficult was it to be transfigured? Why did you want to make the change? How did it impact others?