

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 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: A. Brundrett

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

WEEK OF MARCH 9, 2024

REG. COLLECTION: SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH
2ND COLLECTION: CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES

SATURDAY, MARCH 9

4:00PM - Russell Edwards III, Grady Sayes 86th
birthday remembrance, Mavis Tucker

Lector: B. Patty
Server: L. Brocato

SUNDAY, MARCH 10

8:00AM - Mary Lee and Gerald Robichaux, Sr.

Lector: E. Lohman
Server: B. Emerson

10:30AM - Dee and Helen Smart, Stephen
Rodeback

Lector: J. Antee
Server: J. Moreau

5:00PM - For Our Parish Family

Lector: J. Reynolds
Server: H. Reynolds

MONDAY, MARCH 11

7:00AM - Zachary Veillon

TUESDAY, MARCH 12

7:00AM - Shirley & Rickey Sayes

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13

7:00AM - Lloyd Killen

THURSDAY, MARCH 14

7:00AM - Sharan Bellard

SANCTUARY CANDLE BURNS THIS WEEK



IN THANKSGIVING FOR GOD'S BLESSINGS
BY MIKE AND MARCIA LELEUX

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 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

Michael Flynn, Georgine Lauve, Lewis "Buddy" Lauve, 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 - 02/25/2024

Regular Collection	\$ 4,303.00
EFT Collection	\$ 1,645.00
Weekly Goal	\$ <u>6,530.00</u>
Shortage	\$ 982.00
Goal for February (4 Sundays)	\$ 26,120.00
Received for February	\$ <u>24,485.00</u>
Short for February	\$ 1,635.00
Repairs & Maintenance	\$ 120.00
Easter Flowers	\$ 200.00
Black & Indian Missions	\$ 20.00

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, March 6
5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

GRADES 6 - 12

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

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION CLASS

Wednesday, March 6
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, March 4 - 5:30 p.m.
Church Hall

CHURCH NEWS**CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES**

Next week, we will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection. Your support for this collection aids victims of persecution and natural disasters, provides legal services to poor immigrants, and advocates for the powerless. Through your generosity, six Catholic agencies reveal Christ's love to the vulnerable refugee, the immigrant family, and those who are poor and marginalized. Please prayerfully consider contributing to The Catholic Relief Services Collection today.

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 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.

3rd Sunday of Lent

Sunday, March 3

Ex 20:1-17
Ps 19:8-11
1 Cor 1:22-25
Jn 2:13-25

Monday, March 4

2 Kgs 5:1-15b
Ps 42:2-3; 43:3-4
Lk 4:24-30

Tuesday, March 5

Dn 3:25,34-43
Ps 25:4-5b,6,7b-9
Mt 18:21-35

Wednesday, March 6

Dt 4:1,5-9
Ps 147:12-13,15-16,19-20
Mt 5:17-19

Thursday, March 7

Jer 7:23-28
Ps 95:1-2,6-9
Lk 11:14-23

Friday, March 8

Hos 14:2-10
Ps 81:6c-11b,14,17
Mk 12:28-34

Saturday, March 9

Hos 6:1-6
Ps 51:3-4,18-21b
Lk 18:9-14

Jesus strongly reacted in Jerusalem when He drove out the money changers in the Temple. Remembering the psalm from Scripture, "Zeal for your house will consume me," imagine the disciples witnessing their beloved leader's assertive rampage of the temple that day. He was chasing away all that wasn't right and holy in the sanctuary of God. Jesus' righteous anger and firm actions were a clear sign from the beginning of His ministry that He would fiercely protect God's house, His truths, and teachings. He was serious about His mission to teach us to know God, to love Him, and to serve Him. Jesus showed us we could trust Him to keep us on the right path to heaven.

Just as Jesus was consumed with zeal for the Father's house in the Jerusalem Temple, He is also serious about His pursuit and protection of our souls, the temple of the Holy Spirit. He wants to keep us on track to our goal of heaven. Jesus suffered

and died for our sins and then resurrected from the dead so that we may have the hope of everlasting life in heaven.

If something or someone is blocking our relationship with God, making us less loving and less willing to sacrifice our selfish desires, Jesus will send the Holy Spirit to help us surrender our hearts to His Holy Will. He will pursue us with zealous passion; all we need to do is be open, listen, and follow Him. Jesus' passionate invitation and promise of heaven are there in front of us, but we must decide to answer His call, make our path straight, follow His Way to heaven, and lead others to join us.



A consistent prayer life, studying Sacred Scripture, participation in the Mass, and frequent reception of the Sacraments, along with love and service to others, are sure ways to cooperate with God's grace and strengthen our virtue and sanctity. This will surely lead to a zealous life for God and will likely draw others to Christ, too.

Reflect & Discuss:

- † What do you need to drive out of your life to help you stay on the sure-footed path of God's Holy Will?
- † In what ways are you ready to commit your life and total trust more fully to the Lord?
- † How has someone else's zeal for Christ drawn you closer in your own walk with Christ?
- † How are you showing zeal for Christ through the living example of your relationships and life?