

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 FEBRUARY 4, 2023

REG. COLLECTION: SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH
2ND COLLECTION: THE CHURCH TODAY

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4

4:00PM - Kristian Louviere

Lector: G. Patty
Server: A. Byrd

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5

8:00AM - Albert J. "Chris" Navarro

Lector: R. Normand
Server: B. Emerson

10:30AM - Mary Lee Robichaux, Dane Penny

Lector: R. Lowe
Server: C. Mathews

5:00PM - For Our Parish Family

Lector: J. Reynolds
Server: H. Reynolds

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6

7:00AM - Alvin Loyacano

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7

7:00AM - Raymond Paul, Sr.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8

7:00AM - Adrien, Larry, Lena, Marty, and Jim Doiron

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9

7:00AM - Raymond "Sonny" Tucker

WEEK OF FEBRUARY 11, 2023

REG. COLLECTION: SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11

4:00PM - Eugene F. LaPalme 99th birthday remembrance

Lector: J. Louviere
Server: J. Schexnyder

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12

8:00AM - For all family members to return to church and their faith

Lector: E. Lohman
Server: A. Daigrepoint

10:30AM - Chris Jardoin 2nd anniv.

Lector: J. Antee
Server: C. Mathews

5:00PM - For Our Parish Family

Lector: J. Montalvo
Server: L. Brouillette

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13

7:00AM - PFC Justin Troy Gadel Sanders

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14

7:00AM - Johnny Van Mol

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15

7:00AM - Betty Mathews 10th anniv.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16

7:00AM - Guy Navarro

SANCTUARY CANDLE BURNS THIS WEEK



IN LOVING MEMORY OF OUR DECEASED PARISHIONERS AND BENEFACTORS

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 EUCHARIST

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

O CIA 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, George Juan Burns, Rachal Burns, Richard Charon, Frank Cortello, Brian Dobard, Randy Francis, Keith Johnson, Betsy Lanclos, Helen Mathews, Jacques Matt, Terry Melançon, Debbie Norment, Lori Spratling, Kyle Stokes, Earlene Tanner, Chuck Vernon, Michelle Vincent

OUR RECOVERING/CONVALESCING

Michael Brewton, Mary Cezar, Eric Duck, Rhonda Earhart, Jana Robinson

OUR HOMEBOUND

Phyllis Broussard, Faye Connella, Butch Doiron, Betty Jones, Janet Lamkin, Janet Normand, Jane Richey, Adrienne Stevens, Joe & Irene Thompson

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 - 01/29/2023

Regular Collection	\$ 3,504.00
EFT Collection	\$ 1,200.00
Weekly Goal	\$ <u>6,530.00</u>
Shortage	\$ 1,826.00
Goal for January (5 Sundays)	\$ 32,650.00
Received for January	\$ <u>28,274.00</u>
Short for January	\$ 4,376.00

Maintenance and Repair \$ 40.00

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

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. When you can't attend Mass, your electronic contributions will arrive without delay. Visit our website: www.mmjchurch.org

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

YOUTH MINISTRY



Sunday, February 12
3:30p.m. to 5:00p.m.
Grades 6 - 12

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION/CCD

GRADES PREK - 5

February 8 - 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

GRADES 6 - 12

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

FIRST COMMUNION/EUCHARIST PREPARATION

Sunday, March 12
3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. - Church Hall

OCIA (FORMERLY RCIA)

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, February 7
5:30 p.m. - Church Hall

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.

CHURCH NEWS

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

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

Saturday, February 11th - 4:00 p.m. Mass
World Marriage Sunday

Papal blessings will be presented and vows reaffirmed for parishioners who previously notified us of their 2022 "milestone" anniversary: Buddy & Brenda Wise (50), Mike & Billie Flynn (40), Pete & Becky Lowe (40), Larry & Brenda Mathews (40), John & Colleen Van Mol (40), Ken & Angela Hawthorne (25), Troy & Rae Lynn Mallach (25), Trey & Jill Reynolds (25).

SECOND SUNDAY BREAKFAST

February 12
Immediately following the 8:00 a.m. Mass.
Hosted by MMJ Youth Ministry

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Wednesdays - 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.
Whenever CCD/Religious Education classes are held. Please join us for a quiet hour of prayer and meditation.

LENTEN NEWS

As is our Lenten tradition, there will be no music, bells, or the St. Michael the Archangel prayer at the end of weekend Masses. Also, the weekend homilies will be brief enough to allow time for meditation and reflection.

ASH WEDNESDAY - FEBRUARY 22

7:00 a.m. - Mass with imposition of ashes
4:00 p.m. - Prayer Service & imposition of ashes
5:30 p.m. - Mass with imposition of ashes

Fr. Paul will be visiting our shut-ins with communion and ashes.

5th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Sunday February 5

Isaiah 58:7-10
Ps 112:4-9 (4a)
1 Corinthians 2:1-5
Matthew 5:13-16

Monday February 6

Sts. Paul Miki & Companions, Martyrs
Genesis 1:1-19
Ps 104:1-2a, 5-6, 10, 12, 24, 35c
Mark 6:53-56

Tuesday February 7

Genesis 1:20 – 2:4a
Ps 8:4-9
Mark 7:1-13

Wednesday February 8

Genesis 2:4b-9, 15-17
Ps 104:1-2a, 27-28, 29bc-30
Mark 7:14-23

Thursday February 9

Genesis 2:18-25
Ps 128:1-5
Mark 7:24-30

Friday February 10

St. Scholastica
Genesis 3:1-8
Ps 32:1-2, 5-7
Mark 7:31-37

Saturday February 11

Genesis 3:9-24
Ps 90:2-4abc, 5-6, 12-13
Mark 8:1-10

Jesus tells us: "You are the salt of the earth." What does it mean to be salt? Think about what salt does. It adds flavor to foods that lack sufficient taste.

Jesus also raises the point that if we lose our flavor, how can it be restored? The answer is: Only by letting God renew us.

In your baptism, you were made flavorful – alive with God's love, peace, joy, etc. Fruitful Christians are those who evangelize by adding the seasoning of God's life – God's love, peace, joy, etc. – to the lives of the people around them.

But beware of trying too hard! What happens when food is oversalted? It tastes horrible. No matter how good our intentions might be, if we come on too strong, we do more harm than good.

People are much more likely to turn to Jesus if they first experience his love from us, his peace in how we treat them, and his joy in the way we live our lives. They need to discover that Jesus loves them just the way they are, that he is gentle but sincere when inviting them to grow spiritually, and that he can help them turn hardships and troubles into blessings and joys.

Jesus also tells us to be a light that others cannot help but notice – but not a light that blinds. To flavor the lives of others with the presence of Jesus, we have to let his light shine in us. We have to be so lit up by Christ that others cannot help but notice.

Additionally, Jesus says that we have to be a city. We cannot evangelize alone. A "city" is a group of Christians: a parish, a family, a church organization. Being Christian means being in community. When our light is joined to the light of others, our



collective glow is much more effective in revealing Christ to the world. Why? Because non-believers learn that the love of Christ is real when they see us living in love with each other: unconditionally, generously, with a servant's heart (see Acts 2:42-47).

We are the light of Christ for each other. We are seasoning for each other. Without each other, our light dims, our flavor fades, and we become useless to God's kingdom.

Reflect & Discuss:

- † In what ways have you oversalted someone by trying too hard or too often to evangelize? What were the results? What will you do to rectify this?
- † What obstructs the light of Christ within you? What in you needs to change so that the people around you can see him better?
- † What clues help us identify people whose lives are lacking the full flavor of Jesus' love? How could their lives be seasoned with the love of Jesus that is in you? And in your parish?