

# Mary, Mother of Jesus Roman Catholic Church

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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 MAY 13, 2023

REG. COLLECTION: SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH

### SATURDAY, MAY 13

4:00PM - All Mothers Living & Deceased

*Lector: J. Louviere*

*Server: L. Brocato*

### SUNDAY, MAY 14

8:00AM - All Mothers Living & Deceased

*Lector: D. Bess*

*Server: B. Emerson*

10:30AM - All Mothers Living & Deceased

*Lector: M. Brundrett*

*Server: A. Brundrett*

5:00PM - For Our Parish Family

*Lector: J. Reynolds*

*Server: H. Reynolds*

### MONDAY, MAY 15

7:00AM - Eugene Elkins

### TUESDAY, MAY 16

7:00AM - Rickey Sayes

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 17

7:00AM - Jacob Williamson

### THURSDAY, MAY 18

7:00AM - Ham Prestidge

## WEEK OF MAY 20, 2023

REG. COLLECTION: SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH

### SATURDAY, MAY 20

4:00PM - Adrien, Lena, Marty, Larry, and Jim

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*Lector: M. Leleux*

*Server: A. Schexnyder*

### SUNDAY, MAY 21

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

*Lector: R. Normand*

*Server: A. Daigrepoint*

10:30AM - Kristian Louviere, Ashley Brinson,  
Helen Mathews Smart

*Lector: J. Antee*

*Server: C. Mathews*

5:00PM - For Our Parish Family

*Lector: J. Montalvo*

*Server: V. Montalvo*

### MONDAY, MAY 22

7:00AM - Betty Jones

### TUESDAY, MAY 23

7:00AM - Mary Mrozinski 9<sup>th</sup> anniv.

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 24

7:00AM - Ernest Moore

### THURSDAY, MAY 25

7:00AM - Eric Duck

### SANCTUARY CANDLE BURNS THIS WEEK



### IN HONOR OF ALL OUR MOTHERS LIVING AND DECEASED

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](http://www.diocesealex.org)

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER**

**RECENTLY BAPTIZED**

Walker John Hassell

**RECENTLY DECEASED**

Mary Ann Jones

**THOSE PREPARING FOR MATRIMONY**

Christina Rubio and Chad Doyle - October 21, 2023

**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.*

Kyle Coulahan, Brian Dobard, Rhonda Earhart, Jana Fontenot, Daniel Jones, Linda Kelly, Jacques Matt, Terry Melançon

**OUR HOMEBOUND**

Evelyn Bartow, Phyllis Broussard, Faye Connella, Butch Doiron, Janet Lamkin, Janet Normand, Jane Richey, Joe & Irene Thompson

**OUR NURSING HOME RESIDENTS**

Adrienne Stevens

**OUR ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY**

Kory Butler, Brandon Coreil, 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 - 05/07/2023**

Regular Collection	\$ 5,383.00
EFT Collection	\$ 1,900.00
Weekly Goal	\$ 6,530.00
<b>Overage</b>	<b>\$ 753.00</b>

Goal for May (4 Sundays)	\$ 26,120.00
Received for May	\$ 7,283.00
<b>Still needed for May</b>	<b>\$ 18,837.00</b>

Maintenance and Repair	\$ 50.00
Catholic Communications	\$ 20.00
Mothers' Day	\$ 135.00
Fathers' Day	\$ 20.00

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

**ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL (ADA)**

Parish Goal 2023	\$ 21,256.00
Pledged	\$ 26,121.00
Over Goal	\$ 4,865.00

**COMMUNITY REWARDS**

Visit [Kroger.com](http://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.

**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](http://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](http://www.mmjchurch.org). Adult children no longer living at home and recently married couples are especially encouraged to register.

**FAITH FORMATION**



**GRADES 9 - 12**

May 18 - 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.  
Church Hall  
Pizza, Ice Cream, and Games!!!

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

**VBS - JUNE 5-9**



8:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.  
Early drop off begins at 7:30 a.m.

Register online under the Faith Formation Tab. To guarantee a VBS T-Shirt, you must be registered by May 18.

Volunteers are always welcome and needed, especially to set up the hall on June 3 at 9:00 a.m. The next volunteer meeting will be Tuesday, May 30, at 6:00 p.m. in the 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

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?

**CHURCH NEWS**

**MARY, MOTHER OF JESUS CHURCH**  
**15<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY**

Saturday, May 13

We continue giving praise and thanks to God for his innumerable gifts and blessings.

**MOTHERS' DAY BREAKFAST**

Sunday, May 14, 2023

Immediately following the 8:00 a.m. Mass

Sponsored by the Men of MMJ

**JOINT PASTORAL/FINANCE COUNCIL MEETING**

Tuesday, May 16

6:00 p.m. - Church Hall

**MUG AND MUFFIN RETURNS**



Thursday, May 18  
9:30 a.m. - Church Hall

**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**

If you are celebrating a 25, 40, 50, 60 or 70<sup>th</sup> or other significant anniversary in 2023, we would like to honor you on Saturday, February 10, 2024 at the 4:00 p.m. Mass and present you with a Papal Blessing in honor of your marriage. If you would like to participate, please call or email the church office. Deadline is Thursday, August 31, 2023.

**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.

# Good News

INSPIRATION FOR DAILY LIFE

## 6th Sunday of Easter

### Sunday May 14

Acts 8:5-8,14-17  
Ps 66:1-7,16,20  
1 Peter 3:15-18  
John 14:15-21

### Monday May 15

Acts 16:11-15  
Ps 149:1b-6a,9b  
John 15:26-16:4a

### Tuesday May 16

Acts 16:22-34  
Ps 138:1-3,7c-8  
John 16:5-11

### Wednesday May 17

Acts 17:15,22-18:1  
Ps 148:1-2,11-14  
John 16:12-15

### Thursday May 18

Acts 18:1-8  
Ps 98:1-4  
John 16:16-20

### Friday May 19

Acts 18:9-18  
Ps 47:2-7  
John 16:20-23

### Saturday May 20

Acts 18:23-28  
Ps 47:2-3,8-10  
John 16:23b-28

our consciences, seek reconciliation with God for our sins during the Penance Rite at Mass or in the Sacrament of Confession, and strive to improve, then Jesus says to us what he said to other sinners: "I do not condemn you; go and sin no more."

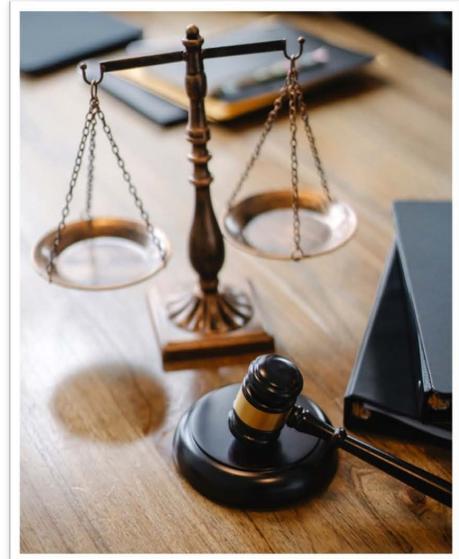
Don't you sometimes wish Jesus would come physically to your rescue when you're misjudged? He said that he will not leave us orphaned – his Holy Spirit will always be with us when

In John 14:15-21, Jesus tells us that the Holy Spirit is our "Advocate". Some scholars translate the word to "Counselor". In the original Greek, it means "called alongside". It's closely related to the verb "parakaleo" ("to call" or "summon") from which we get "Paraclete" as a name for the Holy Spirit. It referred to a legal assistant, a courtroom advocate.

Jesus is telling us that the Holy Spirit is our legal assistant when we're falsely accused, misjudged, or wrongly condemned.

Notice that Jesus refers to our Advocate as the "Spirit of Truth". No matter what other people think about us, no matter what wrong things they say about us, no matter what opinions they have of us, God always knows the truth. And the truth that sets us free from their bad attitudes is this: It's only God's opinion that really matters. And his opinion of us is better than we think it is!

We judge ourselves more harshly than we should, and this is why we worry so much about how others are judging us. If we honestly examine



we need to be defended, telling us the truth about our goodness.

Even when we sin, the Spirit of Truth defends us to our heavenly Judge: "Look, this precious child really does want to be holy." To us, the Spirit says, "Let me teach you how to grow in holiness and avoid this sin." And to others, the Spirit says: "If you love me, love this good friend of mine."

### Reflect & Discuss:

- † How have you been unjustly accused and unfairly judged? Imagine what the Holy Spirit is saying to the Father about that. And to those who condemned you. And what is he saying to you about you?
- † Describe a time when God defended you. How did the Advocate manifest his help?
- † Who learned more from it: you or your accusers?



***Lord, by the words of consecration  
the substance of the bread and wine is converted  
into the substance of your Body and Blood.  
All powerful Lord, say over me the word which  
will change me into You.***



**ST. ANTHONY MARY CLARET**

## ***Daily Consecration Prayer***

**FROM ST. PETER JULIAN EYMARD**

O my God, in a spirit of adoration, thanksgiving, reparation and petition  
I offer you the actions and sufferings of this day  
in union with the Eucharistic Heart of Jesus,  
in order to render to that adorable Heart dwelling among us,  
the debt of justice and love due to his august Presence,  
and moreover to offer to your Divine Majesty through him,  
with him and in him the glory that he himself renders you here on earth.  
Lastly, I make this offering to obtain by means of that Almighty Mediator,  
peace for the Church, salvation for our country and all the other graces  
for which we call on you. Amen!



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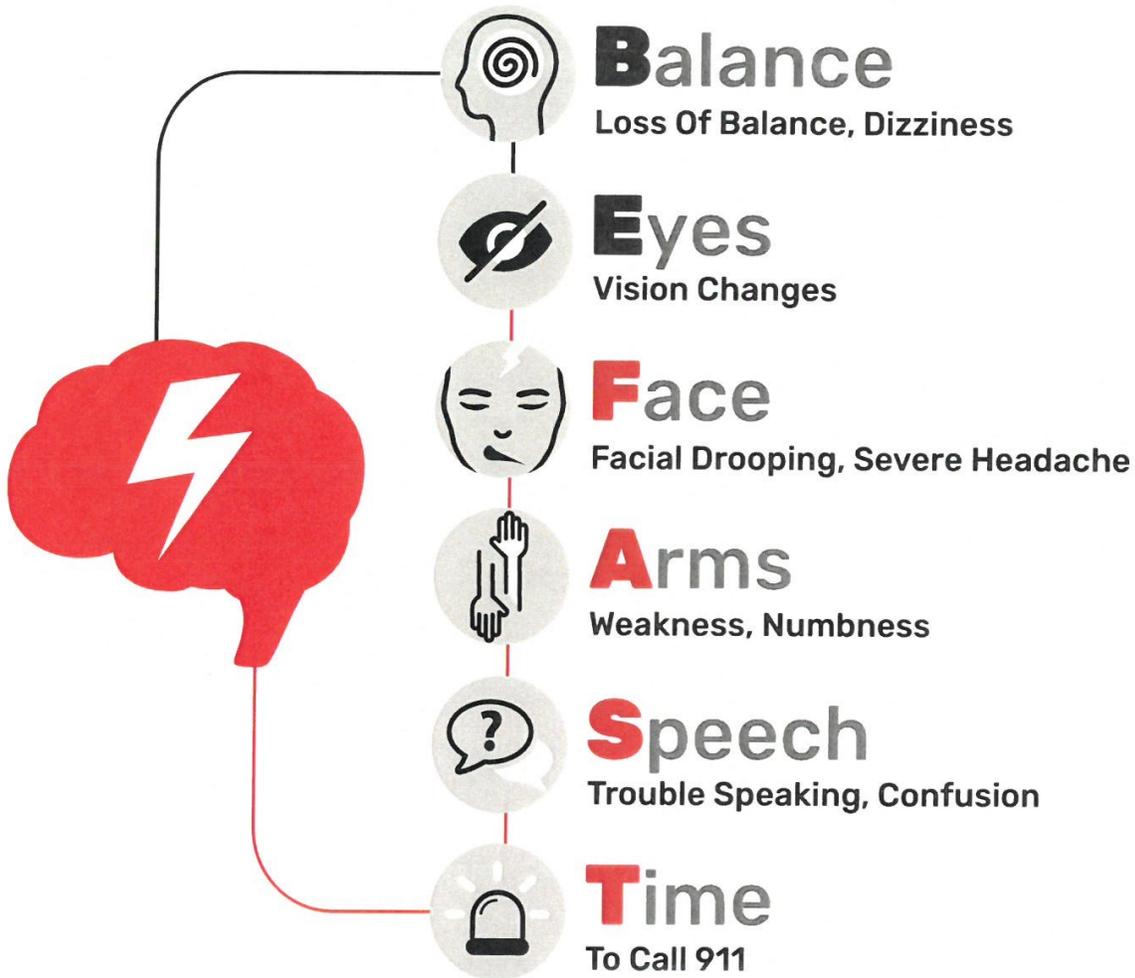


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**BE FAST** CALL 911

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