

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 JUNE 10, 2023

REG. COLLECTION: SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH

SATURDAY, JUNE 10

4:00PM - Adrien, Lena, Marty, Larry, and Jim
Doiron, Bertha Tison Brown

Lector: J. Louviere

Server: L. Brocato

SUNDAY, JUNE 11

8:00AM - Laurie Ogaard

Lector: B. Edwards

Server: B. Emerson

10:30AM - Ashley Brinson, Rickey Sayes

Lector: T. Reynolds

Server: A. Brundrett

5:00PM - For Our Parish Family

Lector: J. Reynolds

Server: H. Reynolds

MONDAY, JUNE 12

NO MASS

TUESDAY, JUNE 13

NO MASS

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14

NO MASS

THURSDAY, JUNE 15

NO MASS

WEEK OF JUNE 17, 2023

REG. COLLECTION: SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH

SATURDAY, JUNE 17

4:00PM - All Fathers Living & Deceased

Lector: M. Leleux

Server: A. Byrd

SUNDAY, JUNE 18

8:00AM - All Fathers Living & Deceased

Lector: D. Bess

Server: TBD

10:30AM - All Fathers Living & Deceased

Lector: J. Foote

Server: C. Mathews

5:00PM - For Our Parish Family

Lector: J. Montalvo

Server: V. Montalvo

MONDAY, JUNE 19

NO MASS

TUESDAY, JUNE 20

NO MASS

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21

NO MASS

THURSDAY, JUNE 22

NO MASS

SANCTUARY CANDLE BURNS THIS WEEK



IN LOVING MEMORY OF DIANNE MAYEAUX
BY HER SISTER, LINDA KELLY

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 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.

Brian Dobard, Rhonda Earhart, David Harvey, Daniel Jones, Linda Kelly, Jacques Matt, Terry Melançon, Jimmy Neal

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 - 06/04/2023

Regular Collection	\$ 8,016.00
EFT Collection	\$ 1,350.00
Weekly Goal	\$ <u>6,530.00</u>
Overage	\$ 2,836.00
Goal for June (4 Sundays)	\$ 26,120.00
Received for June	\$ <u>9,366.00</u>
Still Needed for June	\$ 16,754.00
Fathers' Day	\$ 65.00
Maintenance and Repair	\$ 40.00

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

ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL (ADA)

Parish Goal 2023	\$ 21,256.00
Pledged	\$ <u>28,530.00</u>
Over Goal	\$ 7,274.00

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

“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)

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



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?

Please contact either Beth and Keith Chapman or Jody and Jackie Byrd. Their contact information is on the front page of the bulletin.



CHURCH NEWS

PRE-FATHER'S DAY BREAKFAST



Sunday, June 11
 Immediately following the 8:00 a.m. Mass
 Sponsored By Pro Life Ministries

MUG AND MUFFIN

Thursday, June 15
 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

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Thursdays - 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

If you are celebrating a 25, 40, 50, 60 or 70th 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.

SANCTUARY CANDLE

Please remember that the sanctuary candle is available to burn weekly for any intentions you may have for the living, the deceased, in thanksgiving, in need, etc. Please call Cindy at the church office.

Solemnity of Corpus Christi

Sunday June 11

Dt 8:2-3,14b-16a
Ps 147:12-15,19-20 (12)
1 Corinthians 10:16-17
John 6:51-58

Monday June 12

2 Corinthians 1:1-7
Ps 34:2-9
Matthew 5:1-12

Tuesday June 13

St. Anthony of Padua

2 Corinthians 1:18-22
Ps 119:129-133,135
Matthew 5:13-16

Wednesday June 14

2 Corinthians 3: 4-11
Ps 99:5- 9
Matthew 5:17-19

Thursday June 15

2 Cor 3:15 – 4:1,3-6
Ps 85:9ab,10-14
Matthew 5:20-26

Friday June 16

Sacred Heart of Jesus

Deuteronomy 7:6-11
Ps 103:1-4,6-8,10 (17)
1 John 4:7-16
Matthew 11:25-30

Saturday June 17

Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary

2 Corinthians 5:14-21
Ps 103:1-4,9-12
Luke 2:41-51

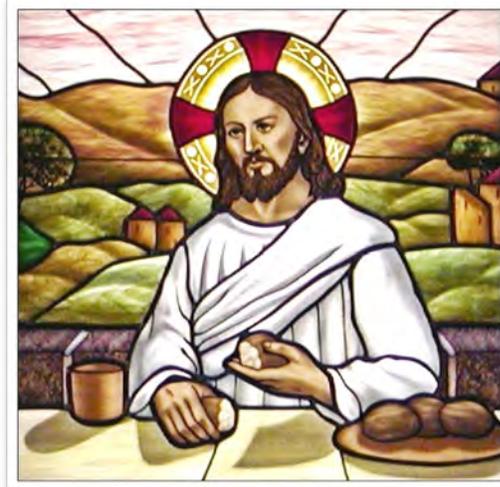
This Sunday we celebrate the Sacrament of the Eucharist and the reason why we believe it is truly and physically the presence of Jesus.

In the first reading, we're reminded that God always provides the food and drink we need for survival in the desert days of life's hardships.

What he did for the Israelites, he does for us whenever we experience hot trials and dry faith. He provides what we need by giving us the True Presence of Christ, who comes to us in the bread of Mass (the Eucharist), and in the presence of his Holy Spirit dwelling within us (Baptism and Confirmation), and in the priest whose ordination makes Jesus present to us in Confession.

The Gospel passage tells us that the Eucharistic food and drink are truly Jesus himself, not a mere symbol of his love. Oh-me oh-my, how we need this food and drink to survive the serpents and scorpions and the parched and waterless ground of our desert experiences! Jesus literally fills us and quenches our thirsts. As we consume him, he consumes us. As we draw him into us, he draws us into himself. In this unity, we walk through our trials with all that we need for success.

The second reading tells us that the Eucharist increases our unity with Christ's body on earth, the church community through which he provides the various resources that we need. In this unity (when it's activated as it should be) no one lacks anything good because all necessary goods are shared. And



ultimately in this unity, as Jesus said in the Gospel, we're assured of eternal life in heaven, where all needs are met perfectly and completely.

Reflect & Discuss:

- † What are the "serpents and scorpions" in your life right now?
- † In what ways do you feel parched, thirsty to the point of desperation?
- † During Mass, imagine that you're walking through a desert to receive from Jesus what you need. How does it feel to approach Jesus this way?
- † How has the Eucharist helped you through a difficult time? Why did it make a difference?
- † Some people kiss the Host before placing it in their mouths; what do you do that helps you become more aware of the presence of Christ in the Eucharist for all your needs?