

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 OCTOBER 14, 2023

REG. COLLECTION: SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH
ADD'L COLLECTION: CATHOLIC CHARITIES CENLA

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14

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

Lector: M. Leleux

Server: A. Byrd

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15

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

Lector: E. Lohman

Server: A. Daigrepoint

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

Lector: T. Reynolds

Server: A. Brundrett

5:00PM - For Our Parish Family

Lector: J. Montalvo

Server: H. Reynolds

MONDAY, OCTOBER 16

7:00AM - Shirley Sayes

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17

7:00AM - Zachary Veillon

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18

7:00AM - Rose Gerchow

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19

7:00AM - Billy Jean Prestidge

WEEK OF OCTOBER 21, 2023

REG. COLLECTION: SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21

4:00PM - Raymond "Sonny" Tucker

Lector: B. Patty

Server: A. Daigrepoint

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22

8:00AM - Charna Cox

Lector: B. Edwards

Server: J. Schexnyder

10:30AM - Sue and Charlie Wagener, Helen
Mathews Smart, Dee Smart

Lector: J. Foote

Server: V. Montalvo, J. Malone

5:00PM - For Our Parish Family

Lector: J. Reynolds

Server: A. Byrd

MONDAY, OCTOBER 23

7:00AM - Rickey Sayes

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 24

7:00AM - Betty Jones

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25

7:00AM - Zachary Veillon

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26

7:00AM - Alonzo Brown

SANCTUARY CANDLE BURNS THIS WEEK



**IN LOVING MEMORY OF MAYNETTE DOBARD
AND BARBARA DOBARD RIGBY**

BY LEO DOBARD

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 DECEASED

Dawin “Papa Dee” Smart

OUR PERMANENT DEACON CANDIDATE

Brad Gadel

THOSE PREPARING FOR MATRIMONY

Christina Rubio and Chad Doyle
October 21, 2023

Kelsay (Motley) McCoy and Paxton McCoy III
November 4, 2023

Alexandra Rollins and Thomas Roberts
December 15, 2023

Sara Richard and Cody Fitzgerald
November 16, 2024

OUR FIRST PENANCE CANDIDATES

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

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.

Rochelle Brasseaux, Brian Dobard, Daniel Jones, Linda Kelly, Debbie Duck Lyles, Jacques Matt, Debbie Setliff, Jo Tassin, John Upton, Donna White

OUR HOMEBOUND

Evelyn Bartow, Faye Connella, Butch Doiron, Janet Lamkin, Cecile Liotta, Janet Normand, Jane Richey, Mike Stevens, Joe & Irene Thompson

OUR NURSING HOME RESIDENTS

Patricia “Patty” Mahone, 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

STEWARDSHIP

OFFERTORY GIFTS - 10/08/2023

Regular Collection	\$ 4,154.00
EFT Collection	\$ 2,065.00
Weekly Goal	\$ <u>6,530.00</u>
Shortage	\$ 311.00
Goal for October (5 Sundays)	\$ 32,650.00
Received for October	\$ <u>12,952.00</u>
Still Needed for October	\$ 19,698.00
Maintenance and Repairs	\$ 20.00
All Souls Day	\$ 105.00
Catholic Charities	\$ 50.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

MERCI BEAUCOUP!!

ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL (ADA)

Parish Goal 2023	\$ 21,256.00
Pledged	\$ <u>32,039.00</u>
Over Goal	\$ 10,783.00

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**GRADES PREK - 5**

Wednesday, October 18
5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

GRADES 6 - 12

Wednesday, October 18
6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION CLASS

Wednesday, October 18
6:00 p.m. - Church

FIRST PENANCE PREPARATION CLASS

Tuesday, October 24
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, October 16 - 5:30 p.m.
Church Hall

CHURCH NEWS**SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND****Catholic Charities CENLA**

Celebrating one year of services, CCCL has helped hundreds of people in need by providing Mental Health Services, Disaster Response, and Basic Needs Assistance. Their efforts have impacted over 500 individuals and families across the four deaneries of the diocese. Interns and volunteers give their time and talent; however, this work requires funds to address the physical needs of residents. To learn more visit www.cccenla.org Be assured that all monies raised and donated are used exclusively for the people of CENLA.

PRO LIFE MINISTRIES

Monday, October 16
5:00 p.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.

MUG AND MUFFIN

Thursday, October 19
9:30 a.m. - Church Hall
All Ladies Are Invited To Join Us.

PRE-ADVENT MISSION

Monday, November 27 - Wednesday, November 29
Morning and Evening Sessions - Live Streamed
Presenter: Fr. Keith Pellerin (Lake Charles Diocese)

PRE-LENTEN MISSION

Monday, February 5 - Wednesday, February 7
Morning and Evening Sessions - Live Streamed
Presenter: Echo Community (Formerly Dumb Ox)

28th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Sunday October 15

Isaiah 25:6-10a
Ps 23:1-6
Philippians 4:12-14,19-20
Matthew 22:1-14

Monday October 16

Romans 1:1-7
Ps 98:1-4
Luke 11:29-32

Tuesday October 17

St. Ignatius of Antioch

Romans 1:16-25
Ps 19:2-5
Luke 11:37-41

Wednesday October 18

St. Luke, Evangelist

2 Timothy 4:10-17b
Ps 145:10-13,17-18
Luke 10:1-9

Thursday October 19

Sts. Isaac Jogues & John de Brébeuf, Priests, and Companions, Martyrs

Romans 3:21-30
Ps 130:1b-6b
Luke 11:47-54

Friday October 20

Romans 4:1-8
Ps 32:1b-2,5,11
Luke 12:1-7

Saturday October 21

Romans 4:13,16-18
Ps 105:6-9,42-43
Luke 12:8-12

In today's Gospel, Jesus addresses the problem of fakers: people who try to win his friendship by being religious and showing up for the banquet without entering into a genuine relationship with God.

You know the type: They are friendly as long as it works to their own advantage. They do good deeds but only when it's convenient. They perform Catholic rituals perfectly during Mass but at home they don't even take time to pray. Their faith is so shallow that distractions easily keep them away from Mass. When their relationship with you requires sacrifice or repentance, they abandon you.

Genuine Christians are identified by the presence of God's love within them radiating outward and blessing others, especially when it's not easy to love.

Jesus shows us in today's parable how to handle the fakers. The invitation to join the party is open to everyone, but when people want only the fun of being a friend of God and they ignore the hard work of sharing his love with others, God sets up

boundaries against them.

Think of the people you've invited to your banquet table, i.e., into a healthy, Godly relationship, but they've tried to reshape it according to their unhealthiness and immorality. We should



love them but not within harmful circumstances. We should do our own part to make the relationship healthy, but when others do not do their part, they've already abandoned the relationship.

God asks us to carry the cross of doing everything possible to invite them to repentance, conversion, and healing. However,

healthy boundaries need to remain in place, and when our efforts are fruitless, eventually God says it's time to let go and move on.

And always, we're to go back out into the byroads to find those who genuinely value Godly friendships.

Reflect & Discuss:

- † How many Godly, healthy friendships do you really have?
- † Where can you go to find more people who want to be in a holy, Christ-centered, faith-building relationship with you?
- † What makes a friendship truly good?
- † How do you know when the time has come to say no to an unhealthy, unholy relationship? How have you handled it?
- † Where have you gone to find support and healing and growth?