

Mary, Mother of Jesus Roman Catholic Church



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.



OUR MISSION STATEMENT

To live, love, forgive, and serve the needs of others in the example of Jesus Christ.

PARISH OFFICES

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DIVINE WORSHIP

Monday - Thursday

7:00 a.m.

Saturday Anticipated

4:00 p.m.

Sunday

8:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m., & 5:00 p.m.

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 JANUARY 15, 2022

REG. COLLECTION: SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH

SATURDAY, JANUARY 15

4:00PM - Terry Kohler

Lector: M. Leleux

Server: TBD

SUNDAY, JANUARY 16

8:00AM - Mary Virginia Young

Lector: R. Normand

Server: L. Delaney

10:30AM - Marty Doiron, Larry Doiron

Lector: C. Van Mol

Server: J. Van Mol

5:00PM - Our Parish Family

Lector: J. Reynolds

Server: V. Montalvo

MONDAY, JANUARY 17

7:00AM - Larry Robin, Jr.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 18

7:00AM - Monica H. Carroll, for recovery

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 19

7:00AM - Msgr. John Timmermans

THURSDAY, JANUARY 20

7:00AM - Terry Kohler

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

WEEK OF JANUARY 22, 2022

REG. COLLECTION: SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH
2ND COLLECTION: CHURCH IN LATIN AMERICA

SATURDAY, JANUARY 22

4:00PM - Carolyn Bruce

Lector: S. Cranford

Server: L. Brocato

SUNDAY, JANUARY 23

8:00AM - Connie Ellington

Lector: G. Delaney

Server: B. Emerson

10:30AM - Omega Dobard

Lector: B. Lowe

Server: M. Hawthorne

5:00PM - Our Parish Family

Lector: J. Montalvo

Server: A. Byrd

MONDAY, JANUARY 24

7:00AM - Shirley Marie Smith

TUESDAY, JANUARY 25

7:00AM - Omega Dobard 73rd birthday remembrance

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 26

7:00AM - Terry Kohler

THURSDAY, JANUARY 27

7:00AM - Msgr. John Timmermans

SANCTUARY CANDLE BURNS THIS WEEK



IN LOVING MEMORY OF OMEGA DOBARD

BY MARCIA AND MIKE 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.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER**OUR RECENTLY DECEASED**

Ashley Marie Brinson

THOSE PREPARING FOR FIRST EUCHARIST

Sophie Baquet, Lydia Brown, Lucas Wheat

THOSE PREPARING FOR CONFIRMATION

Natalie Brouillette, Luke Delaney, Cain Landreneau, Anthony Reynolds

OUR PERMANENT DEACON CANDIDATE

Kenny Sayes

OUR SICK

Diane Babin, George Babin, Lynn Bawner, Mary Louise Bawner, George Juan Burns, Richard Charon, Brian Dobard, Randy Francis, Keith Johnson, Helen Mathews, Jacques Matt, Terry Melancon, Debbie Norment, Lori Spratling, Kyle Stokes, Chuck Vernon, Michelle Vincent, Carmen Wyrick

OUR RECOVERING/CONVALESCING

Chris Andries, Michael Brewton, Eric Duck, Amy Ladner Davis, Rhonda Earhart, Cecile Leotta, Ashlee Maddox

OUR HOMEBOUND

Butch Doiron, Jane Hollier, Betty Jones, Alvin Loyacano, Jane Richey, Adrienne Stevens, Joe & Irene Thompson

OUR NURSING HOME RESIDENTS

Bunny Bosak, Marie Hawthorne, Francis Thiels

OUR ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY

Kory Butler, Brandon Coreil, Travis Edwards, 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 - 1/09/2022**

Regular Collection	\$ 4,395.00
EFT Collection	\$ 2,495.00
Weekly Goal	\$ 5,330.00
Overage	\$ 1,560.00

Goal for January (5 Sundays)	\$ 26,650.00
Received for January	\$ 12,373.00
Still Needed for January	\$ 14,277.00

Repairs & Maintenance	\$ 21.00
St. Anthony, Lafitte	\$ 300.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

"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 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. Consider scheduling a recurring electronic contribution today. You won't need to write checks and prepare envelopes every week. And even when you can't attend Mass, your electronic contributions will arrive without delay. Visit our website: www.mmjchurch.org



FAITH FORMATION**GRADES PRE K - 5**

Wednesday, January 19, 2022
6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

GRADES 6 - 11

Sunday, January 16, 2022
3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.



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 **Right of Christian Initiation for Adults**. RCIA is the process by which people celebrate their Sacraments of Initiation, namely Baptism, Communion and Confirmation, in the Catholic Church.

Who is **RCIA** 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?

Monday, January 17, 2022
5:00 p.m. - Church Hall

For more information please call Beth Chapman (318) 623-8016 or Cindy Sayes (318) 446-2893.

PARISH NEWS**PROLIFE COMMITTEE**

Monday, January 17, 2022
6:00 p.m. - Church Hall

Everyone is welcome to join us.

MMJ PRAYER LINE

Call (318) 625-9195 to pray, in the presence of Christ, with one of our *Prayer Companions*.

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. If you're interested, please call Cindy at the church office.

PRAYER SHAWL & QUILTING MINISTRY

Wednesdays beginning at 8:30 a.m.

Call Brenda Mathews (318) 730-8123.

ST. BLAISE

In commemoration of the February 3rd memorial of St. Blaise, Bishop and Martyr, and the patron of those who suffer from throat ailments, throats will be blessed as the final blessing at all Masses the weekend of February 5-6.



A labeled container is in the narthex for the Central Louisiana Homeless Coalition (CLHC) who need the following: hand and body warmers, caps and gloves, jackets and coats, blankets, thermal underwear, deodorant and bars of soap, any trial size hygiene products. Monetary donations should be in an envelope marked CLHC and put it in the collection basket.

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](https://www.formed.org), select Mary, Mother of Jesus Church, and complete the simple registration.

Good News

INSPIRATION FOR DAILY LIFE

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 62:1-5
Ps 96:1-3, 7-10
1 Corinthians 12:4-11
John 2:1-11

Monday January 17 St. Anthony, Abbot

1 Samuel 15:16-23
Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23
Mark 2:18-22

Tuesday January 18

1 Samuel 16:1-13
Ps 89:20-22, 27-28
Mark 2:23-28

Wednesday January 19

1 Sam 17:32-33, 37, 40-51
Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10
Mark 3:1-6

Thursday January 20

1 Samuel 18:6-9; 19:1-7
Ps 56:2-3, 9-13
Mark 3:7-12

Friday January 21

St. Agnes
1 Samuel 24:3-21
Ps 57:2, 3-4, 6, 11
Mark 3:13-19

Saturday January 22 Day of Prayer for Legal Protection of the Unborn

2 Samuel 1:1-4,
11-12, 19, 23-27
Ps 80:2-3, 5-7
Mark 3:20-21

Today's Gospel story gives us a good example of how to handle conflicts without sinning.

Mary sees a need and wants Jesus to do something about it. She knows full well that only a miraculous intervention will solve the problem. She wants the divine in him to respond to her request, but the human nature of Jesus responds first: He doesn't want to reveal his divinity with this kind of miracle. He's eager to heal souls, not empty wine jars.

"Woman, how does your concern affect me?" he says. "My hour has not yet come." This is like saying, "I respect your request, holy Daughter of Eve, but think about how a miracle in this situation would affect the ministry I'm about to start! People will come to me for party favors and other earthly pleasures, but I want to give them eternal salvation."

We Catholics like to use this scripture as faith-building evidence of the Blessed Mother's ability to help us. We see her in this story as a mother who can get for us whatever we want from Jesus, because she can make him change his mind. Jesus told her no, but the conflict was resolved her way. Mary won, Jesus lost.

Isn't this how we view conflicts? It's not resolved until someone's a winner and someone else is a loser.

Therefore, when we make requests of God and he doesn't give us what we want, we feel like we're the loser, so we pray harder, trying to make God become the loser. And when that doesn't work, we ask the Blessed Mother to side with us and influence her Son against his will.



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But God wants us to be the winner from the start! He always wants what's best for us. Mary knew this when she told the wine stewards, "Do whatever my Son tells you."

Conflicts are not inherently bad. Conflicts become sacred opportunities for wonderful solutions when we entrust them to God. Mary trusted that Jesus cared about the people at the party. Jesus trusted that the Father cared about both the people and his ministry. It was a win-win situation.

Reflect & Discuss:

1. How do you feel when you lose an argument? How hard do you work at making the other person lose?
2. Will you trust God to take good care of you – even if you feel like a loser?
3. Describe a conflict (a hypothetical one or a real one from your past or present) and suggest an ideal solution. Is anyone a loser in this scenario?
4. If you were to truly trust God, what might he do to resolve the conflict so that everyone benefits?

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

POSTPONED DUE TO A RESURGENCE COVID-19

During the 10:30 a.m. Sunday Mass, children ages 3-7 are dismissed during the Liturgy of the Word. They return to the worshipping community for the Liturgy of the Eucharist.

FIRST PENANCE & FIRST EUCHARIST

If you have a child who is or will be 7 years old in the Fall and is expecting to celebrate their first Penance and receive their first Eucharist in the Spring of the next year, the following conditions must be met: Attend separate class; one year previous religious education, either CCD or Catholic School; complete and submit a religious education/CCD registration form;

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION

If have a child who will be entering 11th grade in the Fall and is expecting to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation in the Spring, the following conditions must be met: A letter handwritten by the candidate submitted to the Pastor by October 1 requesting the Sacrament; submit a completed and signed Sponsor eligibility form; one year previous religious education, either CCD or Catholic School; attend Sacramental Preparation Classes.

PRAYER/SOCIAL/OUTREACH

PRAYER SHAWL & QUILTING MINISTRY

Wednesdays beginning at 8:30 a.m.

All those interested in knitting/crocheting prayer shawls for the sick and homebound. This is also an opportunity to quilt and/or learn how to quilt. Call Brenda Mathews (318) 730-8123 if you're interested.

LIVESTREAMED MASSES

For the benefit of our homebound and/or sick parishioners, we livestream the 10:30 a.m. Sunday Mass. To view it, click on the YouTube tab on our home page: mmjchurch.org.

PRAYER/SOCIAL/OUTREACH

SECOND SUNDAY BREAKFAST

The second Sunday of every month, September through June, a complimentary breakfast is served following the 8:00 a.m. Mass.

PRO LIFE COMMITTEE

Meetings are at 6:00 p.m. on the 3rd Monday of the month from September to June to address various pro life issues. Contact: Cindy Sayes, (318) 446-2893.

LADIES' ROSARY MINISTRY

Women gather in the Church every Tuesday at 9:30 a.m. to pray for our Church and World.

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

BEREAVEMENT COMMITTEE

Provides for the luncheon following the funeral of a member of our parish family. Contact: Bobbie Long, (318) 442-3578

SACRISTAN

A family, couple or individual that arrives at least 30 minutes before mass to open up the church and ensure everything is prepared for Mass. Contact: Sally Cranford (318) 792-5019 or Deacon Paul deaconpaul@mmjchurch.org.

ALTAR SERVER

Any young person in at least the 3rd grade, or adult, is invited to serve at the altar during Mass. Training is provided. Contact Deacon Paul or Jennifer Montalvo, (337) 704-1892.

LECTOR/READER

The ministry of proclaiming the Word of God is a real gift and blessing. We welcome any adult who has a strong voice and is comfortable in front of people to share God's word in scripture. Contact Deacon Paul to share your gifts.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION

All ministers must be confirmed and in a valid Catholic marriage, recommended by the pastor, and approved by the bishop for a three-year term which is indefinitely renewable.

COLD & FLU PRECAUTIONS

Our response to cold and flu should continue to be guided by recommendations from our health officials. During 'flu seasons', they are recommending extra caution which includes:

- ♦ Those who are feeling ill stay at home so as not to spread the disease;
- ♦ Increased vigilance in washing hands and not touching our own eyes, mouth, or nose;
- ♦ Coughing and sneezing into disposable tissues (and washing one's hands afterwards), or if none available, the inside of one's forearm to reduce spreading any virus;
- ♦ Getting the current flu and pneumonia vaccination;

Whenever there is a report of a disease outbreak, it is often asked if we would stop the shaking of hands at the Sign of Peace. However, that 'solution' ignores the fact that colds and flu are also airborne viruses. Those who are infected can spread such viruses simply through breathing, let alone sneezing and coughing. Also, if someone's hands are infected, then those hands also touch door handles, tops of pew, hymnals, etc... and spread the virus to those surfaces. If the touch of hands is to be excluded at the Sign of Peace to avoid 'contact germs,' then one would also have to refrain from touching *anything* in the church that those infected hands have also touched, which is nearly impossible to do. The absolutely best way for colds and flu to be kept from spreading is for those who have them to self-quarantine.

REGISTRATION/CENSUS

Do you consider Mary, Mother of Jesus Parish "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. In this way we can serve you better. It also facilitates sponsorship for baptisms and confirmations, religious education registration, etc.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

This sacrament should no longer be considered exclusively for the dying, as in "last rites". It is to be celebrated by and for those whose health has been seriously impaired by illness or old age. Anyone may be anointed before surgery or an invasive test or medical procedure. Elderly people may be anointed if they have become notably weakened even though no serious illness is present. The sacrament may be repeated if the sick person recovers after being anointed and then again falls ill or if during the same illness the person's condition becomes more serious. This is one more way that God imparts to each of us, and in particular at this time to the seriously ill and elderly his endless love and grace. Please contact Fr. Paul if you would like to be anointed.

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