

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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OFFICE HOURS

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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 FEBRUARY 19, 2022

REG. COLLECTION: SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 19

4:00PM - Marty Doiron, Larry Doiron

Lector: J. Louviere

Server: L. Brocato

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 20

8:00AM - George Waits

Lector: B. Edwards

Server: L. Delaney

10:30AM - Jacob Williamson 4th anniv.
Omega Dobard, Gerry Craft for
healing and peace

Lector: T. Reynolds

Server: C. Mathews

5:00PM - Our Parish Family

Lector: J. Montalvo

Server: L. Brouillette

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 21

7:00AM - Terry Kohler

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 22

7:00AM - Shirley Marie Smith

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 23

7:00AM - Terry Kohler

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 24

7:00AM - Ashley Brinson

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 FEBRUARY 26, 2022

REG. COLLECTION: SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 26

4:00PM - Simon and Felicia Moore

Lector: S. Cranford

Server: K. Sayes

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 27

8:00AM - Mary Virginia Young

Lector: R. Normand

Server: L. Delaney

10:30AM - Adrien, Marty, Larry, Jim, and
Lena Doiron, Austin Olivier, Sr.

Lector: M. Brundrett

Server: A. Brundrett

5:00PM - Our Parish Family

Lector: J. Reynolds

Server: V. Montalvo

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 28

7:00AM - Terry Kohler

TUESDAY, MARCH 1

7:00AM - Laura Gadel Jacob

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2

7:00AM - Ashley Brinson

Lector: R. Normand

Server: K. Sayes

4:00PM - Liturgy of the Word

Lector: M. Leleux

6:00PM - Jacqueline Brown

Lector: J. Montalvo

Server: V. Montalvo

THURSDAY, MARCH 3

7:00AM - Rose Gerchow

SANCTUARY CANDLE BURNS THIS WEEK

IN LOVING MEMORY OF OMEGA DOBARD
BY MIKE AND MARCIA 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**THOSE PREPARING FOR MATRIMONY**

Alisha Vikers and Logan Robichaux
Mallory Robichaux and Alexander Klein

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

Baby Asher, Lynn Bawner, Mary Louise Bawner,
George Juan Burns, Rachal Burns, Richard
Charon, Brian Dobard, Randy Francis, Keith
Johnson, Marlene Margnano, 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, Gerry Craft,
Eric Duck, Amy Ladner Davis, Rhonda Earhart

OUR HOMEBOUND

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

OUR NURSING HOME RESIDENTS

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 - 2/13/2022**

Regular Collection	\$ 4,860.00
EFT Collection	\$ 2,515.00
Weekly Goal	\$ 5,330.00
Overage	\$ 2,045.00
Goal for February (4 Sundays)	\$ 21,320.00
Received for February	\$ 15,163.00
Still needed for February	\$ 6,157.00
Repairs & Maintenance	\$ 30.00

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, February 23, 2022
6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

GRADES 6 - 11

Sunday, February 20, 2022
3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.



Live Streamed and In Person
3/8, 3/15, 3/22, 3/29, 4/5, 4/12

The Book of Revelation

Presenter: Dr. Mary DeVille
10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

The Creed - Bishop Robert Barron

Presenter: Deacon Paul Sunderhaus
6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.



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, February 21, 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**PRO LIFE COMMITTEE**

Monday, February 21
6:00 p.m. - Church Hall

CHURCH OFFICES

The offices will be closed on Monday, February 21, in observance of Presidents' Day.

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.

CHILDRENS' LITURGY OF THE WORD

We will be reinstituting this ministry at the 10:30 a.m. Mass beginning March 6 for all children ages 4-7.

ASH WEDNESDAY - FEBRUARY 17

7:00 a.m. - Mass with imposition of ashes
4:00 p.m. - Prayer Service & imposition of ashes
6:00 p.m. - Mass with imposition of ashes

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

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence. This means that we do not eat meat and have one full meal. The other Fridays of the season of Lent are days of abstinence from meat. The obligation to abstain from meat binds Catholics 14 years of age and older. The obligation to fast, limiting oneself to one full meal and two lighter meals in the course of the day, binds Catholics from the age of 18 to 59.

WAY OF THE CROSS

Fridays - 6:00PM

MEN OF MMJ - FRIDAY FISH FRY

March 4, 11, 18, 25, April 1
5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
\$8.00 per plate
Eat in or drive thru.

Good News

INSPIRATION FOR DAILY LIFE

7th Sunday of Ordinary Time

1 Samuel 26:2,7-9,
12-13,22-23
Ps 103:1-4,8,10,12-13
1 Corinthians 15:45-49
Luke 6:27-38

Monday February 21

James 3:13-18
Ps 19:8-10,15
Mark 9:14-29

Tuesday February 22

Chair of St. Peter

1 Peter 5:1-4
Ps 23:1-3a,4,5,6
Matthew 16:13-19

Wednesday February 23

St. Polycarp

James 4:1-17
Ps 49:2-3,6-11
Mark 9:38-40

Thursday February 24

James 5:1-6
Ps 49:14-20
Mark 9:41-50

Friday February 25

James 5:9-12
Ps 103:1-4,8-12
Mark 10:1-12

Saturday February 26

James 5:13-20
Ps 141:1-3,8
Mark 10:13-16

We can use this Sunday's Gospel passage as a checklist to survey our holiness. Jesus is outlining, in very clear terms, true Christian living. He describes how to love -- faithfully and unconditionally, which sometimes means sacrificially as well.

It's not an easy love, that's for sure. But it's God's love. This is how he loves us! And to remain in his love, we love others the same way he loves them. When we don't, we separate ourselves from God's love. That's why Confession is called the Sacrament of Reconciliation; it reunites us to God and to all those we've separated ourselves from through sin.

Love even your enemies, Jesus says. An "enemy" is anyone who opposes us in any way -- opposes our will, our desires, our needs, etc.

Holy living separates us from the world and unites us to God. Christianity is counter-cultural and counter-intuitive. It goes against our nature --

our fallen nature, that is. Our sinful nature. In our baptisms, we received God's nature. That means we have the ability to love as God loves. However, we need to rely on God's help (the Holy Spirit) to resist the pull back into sin and be holy instead.

"If you do good to those who do good to you, so what? Even sinners do that much." To remain in God's love, we do good to everyone, whether they deserve it or not.



If by the Spirit's help we genuinely love everyone, we become much more fully aware of the love that Jesus has for us -- in good measure and overflowing. It is, after all, his love that we give when we love others while they oppose us.

Reflect & Discuss:

1. On Jesus' checklist for Christian living, which ones are you already doing fairly well?
2. Which ones are hardest for you?
3. What will you do this week to live in God's love more fully?
4. Choose one of the items on Jesus' checklist. How does it bring you closer to God?

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

During the 10:30 a.m. Sunday Mass, children ages 4-7 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 Dr. Mary Deville 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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