

# *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.

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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 MARCH 5, 2022

REG. COLLECTION: SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH

#### SATURDAY, MARCH 5

4:00PM - Owen Gerrity

*Lector: M. Leleux*

*Server: L. Brocato*

#### SUNDAY, MARCH 6

8:00AM - Shirley Marie Smith

*Lector: G. Delaney*

*Server: B. Emerson*

10:30AM - Omega Dobard, Ashley Brinson

*Lector: M. Brundrett*

*Server: A. Brundrett*

5:00PM - Our Parish Family

*Lector: J. Montalvo*

*Server: A. Byrd*

#### MONDAY, MARCH 7

7:00AM - Terry Kohler

#### TUESDAY, MARCH 8

7:00AM - Billy Jean Prestidge

#### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9

7:00AM - Charles "Greg" Gravel

#### THURSDAY, MARCH 10

7:00AM - Ashley Brinson

### WEEK OF MARCH 12, 2022

REG. COLLECTION: SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH

#### SATURDAY, MARCH 12

4:00PM - Raymond Paul, Sr.

*Lector: B. Patty*

*Server: K. Sayes*

#### SUNDAY, MARCH 13

8:00AM - Wayne Cox, Sr.

*Lector: E. Lohman*

*Server: L. Delaney*

10:30AM - Marty Doiron, Larry Doiron,  
Austin Olivier, Sr.

*Lector: B. Lowe*

*Server: M. Hawthorne*

5:00PM - Our Parish Family

*Lector: J. Reynolds*

*Server: L. Brouillette*

#### MONDAY, MARCH 14

7:00AM - George Waits

#### TUESDAY, MARCH 15

7:00AM - Terry Kohler

#### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16

7:00AM - Raymond "Sonny" Tucker

#### THURSDAY, MARCH 17

7:00AM - Albert J. "Chris" Navarro

### SANCTUARY CANDLE BURNS THIS WEEK



**IN LOVING MEMORY OF ROBERT RUEMKER  
BY HIS WIFE, VIOLA**

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****OUR CANDIDATES AND CATECUMENS**

Patti Andries, Alisha Vickers

**THOSE PREPARING FOR MATRIMONY**Alisha Vickers 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, Brenda  
Holloway, 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, 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 - 2/27/2022**

Regular Collection	\$ 3,137.00
EFT Collection	\$ 1,410.00
Weekly Goal	\$ <u>5,330.00</u>
<b>Shortage</b>	<b>\$ 783.00</b>

Goal for February (4 Sundays)	\$ 21,320.00
Received for February	\$ <u>24,771.00</u>
<b>Overage for February</b>	<b>\$ 3,451.00</b>

Repairs & Maintenance	\$ 20.00
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**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!****ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL (ADA)**

Parish Goal 2022	\$ 20,744.00
Pledged (15 families)	\$ <u>4,770.00</u>
Balance Remaining	\$ 15,974.00

**"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](http://www.mmjchurch.org)

**FAITH FORMATION****GRADES PRE K - 5**

Wednesday, March 9, 2022  
6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

**GRADES 6 - 11**

Sunday, March 6, 2022  
3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

**FIRST COMMUNION/EUCHARIST PREPARATION**

Thursday, March 17  
5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. - Church Hall

**ADULT FAITH FORMATION**

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, March 6, 2022  
5:00 p.m. - Church Hall

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

**LENTEN NEWS**

**SUNDAY, MARCH 13 - 2:00 A.M.**

**CHILDRENS' LITURGY OF THE WORD**

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

**LENTEN PRACTICES AND DISCIPLINES**

The 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.

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.

**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.  
\$9.00 per plate  
Eat in or drive thru.

**CHURCH "TOWN HALL" MEETING**

Monday, March 14 - 6:00 p.m.  
Topic: New Church Hall

**PRAYER SHAWL & QUILTING MINISTRY**

Wednesdays beginning at 8:30 a.m.  
Call Brenda Mathews (318) 730-8123.



Fr. Paul's 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary Mass  
Sunday May 22 - 10:30



# Good News

INSPIRATION FOR DAILY LIFE

## 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent

Deuteronomy 26:4-10  
Ps 91:1-2,10-15  
Romans 10:8-13  
Luke 4:1-13

### Monday March 7

Leviticus 19:1-2,11-18  
Ps 19:8-10,15  
Matthew 25:31-46

### Tuesday March 8

Isaiah 55:10-11  
Ps 34:4-7,16-19  
Matthew 6:7-15

### Wednesday March 9

Jonah 3:1-10  
Ps 51:3-4,12-13,18-19  
Luke 11:29-32

### Thursday March 10

Esther C:12,14-16,23-25  
Ps 138:1-2,3,7c-8  
Matthew 7:7-12

### Friday March 11

Ezra 18:21-28  
Ps 130:1-8  
Matthew 5:20-26

### Saturday March 12

Deuteronomy 26:16-19  
Ps 119:1-2,4-5,7-8  
Matthew 5:43-48

Jesus' life is our life if we're sincere about our faith. We unite ourselves to him by receiving his body and blood in the Eucharist. We meet him in the scriptures and walk with him on the path to heaven.

During Lent, the readings help us with this journey if we listen with an ear that recognizes our personal connections to Christ.

This Sunday, we journey with Jesus into the desert. Consider your own struggles with temptation; reflect on how sin makes your life feel barren and dry like a desert.

By walking with Jesus, we unite ourselves to his victory over the devil. In our efforts to remain united to him, we reject Satan and choose holiness. The Church helps us by giving us ways to improve our self-discipline: fasting and abstinence, alms-giving, reconciliation services, faith formation events, reading materials, and more.

Every meal and meat that we give up for Lent, every sin that we confess in the Sacrament of Reconciliation, every sacrifice of time that we make to add more prayer and spiritual reading to our daily life, and every other Lenten activity is a practice of self-denial that unites us to Jesus in the desert.

Jesus fasted from food and other physical comforts during his battle with the devil, and this strategy strengthened him and prepared him for the ministry that came afterward. This is what Lent should be for us, too.



Satan is not someone to fear. Jesus already defeated all demons on our behalf, first in the desert and then on the cross. Our battle is really only against temptation and our personal weaknesses that make us vulnerable to succumbing to sin.

We don't always want to follow Jesus. This is what we must surrender to God during Lent. Then Easter will be far more meaningful, because we will emerge from Lent much stronger in our faith.

### Reflect & Discuss:

1. How have you been succumbing to temptation? Don't be afraid to face it. Guilt is not what Jesus wants from you. What he does want is your desire to receive his help in overcoming temptation. He's waiting for you in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.
2. How do you know that the Sacrament of Reconciliation really works?
3. How is it more than just a confession of your sins?
4. How has it helped you grow stronger in faith?

## 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 11<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto:deaconpaul@mmjchurch.org).

### ALTAR SERVER

Any young person in at least the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](http://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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