

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

9323 Highway 165 South
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OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

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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 26, 2022

REG. COLLECTION: SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH
2ND COLLECTION: CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES

SATURDAY, MARCH 26

4:00PM - Alfred Mathews, Sr., 5th anniv.,
Owen Gerrity, Harris & Wilda
Veillon

Lector: G. Patty
Server: K. Sayes

SUNDAY, MARCH 27

8:00AM - Elizabeth Parker

Lector: D. Bess
Server: L. Delaney

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

Lector: K. Bellard
Server: C. Mathews

5:00PM - Our Parish Family

Lector: J. Reynolds
Server: A. Byrd

MONDAY, MARCH 28

7:00AM - Gena Tucker

TUESDAY, MARCH 29

7:00AM - Mavis Tucker

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 30

7:00AM - Charles "Greg" Gravel

THURSDAY, MARCH 31

7:00AM - Ashley Brinson

WEEK OF APRIL 2, 2022

REG. COLLECTION: SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH

SATURDAY, APRIL 2

4:00PM - Terry Kohler

Lector: J. Louviere
Server: L. Brocato

SUNDAY, APRIL 3

8:00AM - Andy Brown, Jr.

Lector: B. Edwards
Server: B. Emerson

10:30AM - Betty Pixley, John Gallent for
healing and health

Lector: M. Brundrett
Server: A. Brundrett

5:00PM - Our Parish Family

Lector: J. Montalvo
Server: L. Brouillette

MONDAY, APRIL 4

7:00AM - David Foshee, Sr.

TUESDAY, APRIL 5

7:00AM - Mary Mrozinski

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6

7:00AM - Jackie Kroll Reine

THURSDAY, APRIL 7

7:00AM - Garland "Buddy" Williamson

SANCTUARY CANDLE BURNS THIS WEEK



**AN INCREASE IN RESPECT FOR THE DIGNITY
OF ALL HUMAN LIFE**

BY CINDY & KENNY SAYES

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 CANDIDATES AND CATECUMENS**

Patti Andries, Alisha Vickers

THOSE PREPARING FOR MATRIMONYAlisha Vickers and Logan Robichaux
Mallory Robichaux and Alexander Klein**THOSE PREPARING FOR FIRST EUCHARIST**

Sophie Baquet, Lydia Brown, Lucas Wheat

THOSE PREPARING FOR CONFIRMATIONNatalie Brouillette, Luke Delaney, Cain
Landreneau, Anthony Reynolds**OUR PERMANENT DEACON CANDIDATE**

Kenny Sayes

OUR SICKBaby 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 Normont,
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 MILITARYKory 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 - 3/20/2022**

Regular Collection	\$ 3,410.00
EFT Collection	\$ 1,860.00
Weekly Goal	\$ <u>5,330.00</u>
Shortage	\$ 60.00
Goal for March (4 Sundays)	\$ 21,320.00
Received for March	\$ <u>21,445.00</u>
Overage for March	\$ 125.00
Repairs & Maintenance	\$ 50.00
Ash Wednesday	\$ 30.00
Black and Indian Missions	\$ 30.00
Catholic Relief Services	\$ 30.00
Central and Eastern Europe	\$ 30.00
Easter Flowers	\$ 102.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!**ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL (ADA)**

Parish Goal 2022	\$ 20,744.00
Pledged (19 families)	\$ <u>12,934.00</u>
Balance Remaining	\$ 7,810.00

"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

FAITH FORMATION**GRADES PRE K - 5**

Wednesday, March 30, 2022
6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

GRADES 6 - 11

Sunday, March 27, 2022
3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

FIRST COMMUNION/EUCHARIST PREPARATION

Thursday, March 31
5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. - Church Hall

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Live Streamed and In Person
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 28, 2022
5:00 p.m. - Church Hall

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

LENTEN AND CHURCH NEWS**CHILDRENS' LITURGY OF THE WORD**

Ages 4-7 at the 10:30 a.m. Mass.

EASTER MEMORIAL FLOWER FUND

This fund enables us to decorate the Church during the 50 days of the Easter season. The donors and those to be remembered will be listed in the June 11-12 bulletin. The suggested donation is \$10. An envelope for this purpose is in the pews, your monthly packet, or one of your own. Don't forget to include on the envelope the name(s) of your loved one(s) to be remembered/honored.

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.

WAY OF THE CROSS

Fridays - 6:00PM

MEN OF MMJ - FRIDAY FISH FRY

April 1
5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
\$9.00 per plate
Eat in or drive thru.

COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICE

Wednesday, April 13, 2022 - 6:00 p.m.

MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Thursday, April 14, 2022 - 6:00 p.m.

GOOD FRIDAY - APRIL 15, 2022

The Lord's Passion - 3:00 p.m.

EASTER VIGIL - APRIL 16, 2022

8:00 p.m.

PRAYER SHAWL & QUILTING MINISTRY

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

Fr. Paul's 25th Anniversary Mass

Sunday May 22 - 10:30 a.m.

Good News

INSPIRATION FOR DAILY LIFE

4th Sunday of Lent

Joshua 5:9-12
Ps 34:2-7
2 Corinthians 5:17-21
Luke 15:1-3,11-32

Monday March 28

Isaiah 65:17-21
Ps 30:2,4-6,11-13
John 4:43-54

Tuesday March 29

Ezekiel 47:1-9,12
Ps 46:2-3,5-6,8-9
John 5:1-16

Wednesday March 30

Isaiah 49:8-15
Ps 145:8-9,13-14,17-18
John 5:17-30

Thursday March 31

Exodus 32:7-14
Ps 106:19-23
John 5:31-47

Friday April 1

Wisdom 2:1a,12-22
Ps 34:17-21,23
John 7:1-2,10,25-30

Saturday April 2

Jeremiah 11:18-20
Ps 7:2-3,9-12
John 7:40-53

Who is worthy to receive the love and unconditional forgiveness of God? During every Mass, we pray, "Lord, I am not worthy... but say the Word and my soul shall be healed." Jesus shows us in the Gospel reading that we are all worthy -- not because of what we do, rather because of what Jesus *did* do: He died on the cross to take our sins into death so that we can rise up with him in the perpetual Easter experience of unity with God.

In the parable of the Prodigal Son, it's not what the son did that made his return home acceptable. It's not his repentance that made him worthy of receiving his father's love. It's what the father did. He loved his child. Unconditionally. He loved him even while he was far away, even while he was straying in a sinful lifestyle.

The dad's love was his gift to the son even while the son was rejecting it. The gift that the son gave to his dad upon his return home was an open heart to receive the love that had always been available.

During every Mass, we come to church as prodigal children. It doesn't matter that we think we've been good Christians all week long. In some way or other, we have turned our backs on God's full, unconditional, faithful love. This is why we always start Mass acknowledging that we have sinned. Let's take this opportunity very seriously!



Next, we listen to the Word that heals our broken relationships with God. Jesus is speaking to you through his Holy Spirit; listen in your heart. Jesus, the Word made flesh, is responding to your presence at Mass.

In the Offertory, we offer ourselves to the Father; it's our surrender: "I do not deserve to be called your child, so do with me as you will." What God wills is for us to be restored to a fully loving, give-and-take relationship with him and his family. And thus, in the grandest moment of the Liturgy, we receive the Eucharist as a gift of unity with God and with his whole family, the Church. (Those who cannot receive the Communion of the Host and Cup are graced with a Spiritual Communion.)

Reflect & Discuss:

1. In what ways do you feel like a prodigal child? Do you feel separated from God to any degree? What sins do you need to confess so that you can turn around and head back home? Your Father is waiting with open arms!
2. Describe a Prodigal Son type of experience. Are you waiting for a lost child or friend to return to the Church or to your love?
3. In what way have you been the child running away from God? What made you decide to return home? How did God receive you back? What convinced you that his love is unconditional and always available?

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.

AMAZON SMILE

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Gary Delaney, Maureen Downs, Bernard Patty, Kenny Sayes, Jessica Reynolds, Matthew Reynolds, Jeff Robichaux, Chris Wheat