

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 APRIL 9, 2022

REG. COLLECTION: SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH

SATURDAY, APRIL 9

4:00PM - Harris Veillon 2nd anniv., Owen
Gerrity, Bernice "Bunny" Bozak

Lector: S. Cranford

Server: K. Sayes, L. Brocato

SUNDAY, APRIL 10

8:00AM - Charles "Greg" Gravel

Lector: R. Normand

Server: L. Delaney

10:30AM - Ronald Andries, Austin Olivier, Jr.

Lector: B. Lowe

Server: M. Hawthorne, C. Mathews

5:00PM - Our Parish Family

Lector: J. Reynolds

Server: A. Byrd

MONDAY, APRIL 11

7:00AM - Terry Kohler

TUESDAY, APRIL 12

7:00AM - For all family members to return to
Church

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13

7:00AM - Vincent Luccioni

THURSDAY, APRIL 14

6:00PM - Our Parish Family

Lector: J. Montalvo

Servers: V. Montalvo, K. Sayes

FRIDAY, APRIL 15

3:00PM - Commemoration of the
Lord's Passion

Lector: E. Lohman

Servers: L. Brouillette, K. Sayes

SANCTUARY CANDLE BURNS THIS WEEK

IN LOVING MEMORY OF OMEGA DOBARD

BY MIKE & MARCIA LELEUX

If you would like to have a loved one or special
intention remembered by providing for the sanc-
tuary candle, please contact the parish office.
The cost is \$7.00 per candle.

WEEK OF APRIL 16, 2022

REG. COLLECTION: SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH
2ND COLLECTION: INFIRM PRIESTS

SATURDAY, APRIL 16

8:00PM - Our Parish Family

*Lector: K. & B. Chapman, J. Reynolds,
M. Leleux, S. Cranford,
B. Edwards*

Server: B. Emerson, K. Sayes

SUNDAY, APRIL 17

8:00AM - Our Parish Family

Lector: E. Lohman

Server: L. Delaney

10:30AM - Our Parish Family

Lector: J. Antee

Server: M. Hawthorne, L. Brocato

5:00PM - Our Parish Family

Lector: J. Montalvo

Server: V. Montalvo

MONDAY, APRIL 18

NO MASS

TUESDAY, APRIL 19

7:00AM - Ernestine Moras 50th anniv.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20

7:00AM - Ashley Brinson

THURSDAY, APRIL 21

7:00AM - Monica Carroll

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 repre-
sentative, 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 - Understand-
ing, Reporting, and Preventing Child Abuse" bro-
chures 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**

Msgr. Ronald Hoppe

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, Mar-
lene 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, 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 - 4/3/2022**

Regular Collection	\$ 5,180.00
EFT Collection	\$ 1,465.00
Weekly Goal	\$ 5,330.00
Overage	\$ 1,315.00

Goal for April (4 Sundays)	\$ 21,320.00
Received for April	\$ 6,645.00
Still needed for April	\$ 14,675.00

Repairs & Maintenance	\$ 120.00
Easter Flowers	\$ 290.00
St. Anthony Church, Lafitte	\$ 25.00

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

Parish Goal 2022	\$ 20,744.00
Pledged (25 families)	\$ 19,240.00
Balance Remaining	\$ 1,504.00

**"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 cour-
age." (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

FIRST COMMUNION/EUCHARIST PREPARATION

Thursday, April 14
5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. - Church Hall

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Live Streamed and In Person
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?

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

PARISH NEWS

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.

HOLY WEEK NEWS

LENTEN FAST AND ABSTINENCE

Good Friday is a day of fast and abstinence. This means that we abstain from meat and eat one full meal and two lighter meals.

CHRISM MASS

Tuesday, April 12 - 11:00 a.m.
St. Francis Xavier Cathedral

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.

The altar of repose will be in Cumella Hall for adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. This year we ask that families spend up to one hour in adoration at the following times: Last name begins with...

A-H: 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

I-P: 8:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

P-Z: 9:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

These are not exclusive assignments, merely recommendations. Anyone may spend time in adoration at any time from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

GOOD FRIDAY - APRIL 15, 2022

The Lord's passion, veneration of the Cross, reception of Holy Communion - 3:00 p.m.

Way of the Cross - 6:00PM

HOLY SATURDAY - APRIL 16, 2022

Easter Vigil - 8:00 p.m.

EASTER SUNDAY - APRIL 17, 2022

Masses - 8:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 5:00 p.m.

Breakfast w/the Easter Bunny - 9:00 a.m.

This replaces our usual 2nd Sunday breakfast.

Easter Egg Hunt - 9:45 a.m.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY - APRIL 24, 2022

Immediately following 10:30AM Mass, we will have exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and pray the chaplet of the Divine Mercy followed by Benediction. Everyone is encouraged to join us.

Good News

INSPIRATION FOR DAILY LIFE

Passion Sunday

Entrance Procession:

Luke 19:28-40

Readings for Mass:

Isaiah 50:4-7

Ps 22:8-9,17-20,23-24

Philippians 2:6-11

Luke 22:14-23:56

Monday April 11

Isaiah 42:1-7

Ps 27:1-3,13-14

John 12:1-11

Tuesday April 12

Isaiah 49:1-6

Ps 71:1-6,15,17

John 13:21-33,36-38

Wednesday April 13

Isaiah 50:4-9

Ps 69:8-10,21-22,31,33-34

Matt 26:14-25

Holy Thursday April 14
The Lord's Supper

Exodus 12:1-8,11-14

Ps 116:12-13,15-18

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

John 13:1-15

Good Friday April 15
The Lord's Passion

Isaiah 52:13 -- 53:12

Ps 31:2,6,12-13,15-17,25

Hebrews 4:14-16;5:7-9

John 18:1-19:42

This Sunday begins the highest holy week of the liturgical year. Will it also begin in your life a high holy experience of uniting yourself to Jesus and to his awesome love?

There's a key phrase in the reading that we hear at the beginning of this Mass, during the Procession with Palms, which sums up this experience of your union with God: "The Master has need of it."

Why did Jesus use a colt for his ride into Jerusalem? We each have a "colt" tied up somewhere in our lives. It's anything that belongs to us and is not yet being shared with Christ. It could be our possessions, talents, skills, creativity, time, or energy. The Master has need of it! But sometimes we selfishly tie these up with our own

agendas. They could be useful to Jesus. Like the colt that Jesus rode, they could become gifts that glorify our Savior.

Palm Sunday teaches us that he deserves to be glorified for his awesome love, which he made visible on the cross. Who else would die for you -- with *that* much suffering? Jesus sacrificed his comfort and his body and blood to take the punishment that we deserve for our sins.



We should rejoice gratefully for this every Sunday with hosannas and admiration, for in the Eucharist we reunite ourselves to that tremendous love. In this communion, why aren't we grinning like lovers who have become joined to their beloved? The answer to that is: Our "colts" are still tied to the post.

Jesus has sent his disciples to you to ask you to share your "colt" with Jesus. They are at the altar consecrating the Eucharist for you. They are writing bulletin "help wanted" blurbs. They are interrupting you at work asking for your prayers or counsel or other assistance. They are the strangers who are in need of your charitable donations.

Who have you heard asking you to become more involved in the plans of God's kingdom?

Reflect & Discuss:

1. Make a list of the "colts" in your life. Which ones would you like Jesus to put to good use?
2. Describe a "colt" in your life that Jesus has need of.
3. How can giving control of it over to Jesus help him complete his Good Friday sacrifice in today's world?

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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OF COUNSEL TO THE PASTOR

Pastoral Council

Chair: Deborah Bess
Brinda Edwards, Brad Gadel, Priscilla Gadel, Runnie Hunter, Bobbie Long, Marshall Long, Cindy Sayes, Kenny Sayes, Jennifer Smilie, Katie Upton

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Chair: Marshall Long
Trustees: Gary Delaney, Bernard Patty, Maureen Downs, Emily Lohman

Building Committee

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