

# *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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Phone - (318) 487-9894 - Website: [mmjchurch.org](http://mmjchurch.org)

### OFFICE HOURS

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#### **MMJ Prayer Line**

(318) 625-9195

### 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 JULY 9, 2022

REG. COLLECTION: SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH

#### SATURDAY, JULY 9

4:00PM - Warren Gadel

*Lector: S. Cranford*  
*Server: TBD*

#### SUNDAY, JULY 10

8:00AM - Ham Prestidge

*Lector: R. Normand*  
*Server: A. Daigrepont*

10:30AM - Eric Steltenpohl, Austin Olivier, Jr.

*Lector: B. Lowe*  
*Server: L. Brocato*

5:00PM - Our Parish Family

*Lector: J. Reynolds*  
*Servers: H. Reynolds*

#### MONDAY, JULY 11

7:00AM - Terry Kohler

#### TUESDAY, JULY 12

7:00AM - Ashley Brinson

#### WEDNESDAY, JULY 13

7:00AM - Jane Hollier Month's Mind Mass

#### THURSDAY, JULY 14

7:00AM - Marie A. LaPalme 35<sup>th</sup> anniv.

### WEEK OF JULY 16, 2022

REG. COLLECTION: SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH

#### SATURDAY, JULY 16

4:00PM - Owen Gerrity

*Lector: P. Gadel*  
*Server: A. Daigrepont*

#### SUNDAY, JULY 17

8:00AM - Mary Virginia Young

*Lector: E. Lohman*  
*Servers: J. Schexnyder*

10:30AM - Ashley Brinson

*Lector: J. Antee*  
*Server: A. Brundrett*

5:00PM - Our Parish Family

*Lector: J. Montalvo*  
*Server: L. Brouillette*

#### MONDAY, JULY 18

7:00AM - Menard Wise

#### TUESDAY, JULY 19

7:00AM - Sherman Williamson

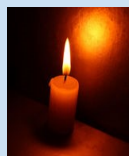
#### WEDNESDAY, JULY 20

7:00AM - Bessie Dee Williamson

#### THURSDAY, JULY 21

7:00AM - Ashley Brinson

#### 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****THOSE PREPARING FOR MATRIMONY**

Mallory Robichaux and Alexander Klein

**OUR SICK**

Lynn Bawner, Mary Louise Bawner, Matt Brundrett, George Juan Burns, Rachal Burns, Richard Charon, Brian Dobard, Eric Duck, Randy Francis, Keith Johnson, Marlene Margnano, Helen Mathews, Jacques Matt, Terry Melancon, Debbie Norment, Jana Robinson, Lori Spratling, Kyle Stokes, Chuck Vernon, Michelle Vincent, Baby Scarlett Wood, Carmen Wyrick

**OUR RECOVERING/CONVALESCING**

Chris Andries, Isabella Antee, Michael Brewton, Dan Broussard, Gerry Craft, Rhonda Earhart

**OUR HOMEBOUND**

Faye Connella, Butch Doiron, Betty Jones, Janet Lamkin, 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 - 7/3/2022**

Regular Collection	\$ 6,836.00
EFT Collection	\$ 1,825.00
Weekly Goal	\$ <u>6,530.00</u>
<b>Overage</b>	<b>\$ 2,131.00</b>
Goal for July (5 Sundays)	\$ 32,650.00
Received for July	\$ <u>8,661.00</u>
<b>Still Needed for July</b>	<b>\$ 23,989.00</b>
Maintenance & Repair	\$ 102.00
Fathers' Day	\$ 25.00
Church in Africa	\$ 20.00

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

Parish Goal 2022	\$ 20,744.00
Pledged (47 families)	\$ <u>26,292.00</u>
Overage	\$ 5,548.00

**"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

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION/CCD REGISTRATION

We are now accepting registrations for the 2022/2023 school year. Please go online to [mmjchurch.org](http://mmjchurch.org) and go to Religious Education Registration under the Faith Formation tab. Contact Mrs. Katie Upton with any questions.

### VBS 2022



### 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.

## FROM THE PASTOR

Periodically, home budgets need to be recalculated to accommodate for increased costs and spending. Church parishes are no different. Based upon the enclosed budget for FY2022-2023, our weekly goal needs to be adjusted to \$6,530. Gratefully, this is the first increase in 5 years. In these financial times, I understand that any increase in tithing can be challenging. I also understand that the parishioners of Mary, Mother of Jesus Church are traditionally exceptional in their sacrificial giving. It is your generosity, and the grace of God, that ensures we have no indebtedness and our savings continue to increase.

## CHURCH NEWS

### PRAYER SHAWL & QUILTING MINISTRY

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



Central Louisiana Homeless Coalition (CLHC) needs the following: Bottled water; travel size deodorant, shampoo, conditioner, and soap; underwear (all sizes, men and women); individual hand sanitizers; bug spray; packs of white socks; blankets and tarps. Place monetary donations in the collection basket in an envelope marked CLHC.

### WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

If you are celebrating a 25, 40, 50, 60, 70<sup>th</sup> or other significant anniversary in 2022, we would like to honor you on Saturday, February 11, 2023 at the 4:00 p.m. Mass and present you with a Papal Blessing in honor of your marriage. If you would like to participate, please call or email the church office. Deadline is Tuesday, August 31, 2022.

### MMJ PRAYER LINE

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

# Good News

## INSPIRATION FOR DAILY LIFE

### 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time

Deuteronomy 30:10-14  
Psalm 19:8-11  
Colossians 1:15-20  
Luke 10:25-37

**Monday July 11**  
**St. Benedict**

Isaiah 1:10-17  
Ps 50:8-9,16-17,21,23  
Matthew 10:34 -- 11:1

**Tuesday July 12**

Isaiah 7:1-9  
Ps 48:2-8  
Matthew 11:20-24

**Wednesday July 13**

Isaiah 10:5-7,13b-16  
Ps 94:5-10,14-15  
Matthew 11:25-27

**Thursday July 14**  
**St. Kateri Tekakwitha**

Isaiah 26:7-9,11,16-19  
Ps 102:13-21  
Matthew 11:28-30

**Friday July 15**  
**St. Bonaventure**

Isaiah 38:1-8,21-22  
Is 38:10-12,16  
Matthew 12:1-8

**Saturday July 16**

Micah 2:1-5  
Ps 10:1-4,7-8,14  
Matthew 12:14-21

The opposite of love is not hate. It's apathy: ignoring a need, not caring, and doing nothing when there is something we can do to relieve the suffering. In Luke 10:25-37, Jesus uses the Parable of the Good Samaritan to explain that if we love God with our whole heart, our whole being, our whole strength, and our whole mind, we naturally care about other people, even those who are strangers, even those whom we're "not supposed to" like, and even when it costs us something personally.

Many of the problems that exist in our world today are allowed to continue because too many of us Christians – we who through Christ have the power to change the world – do not care enough to sacrifice our time and personal agendas to get involved. Much of the suffering that's endured in our families and workplaces and parishes would be stopped or relieved

if enough Christians loved God enough to care about others enough to risk the cost of intervening.

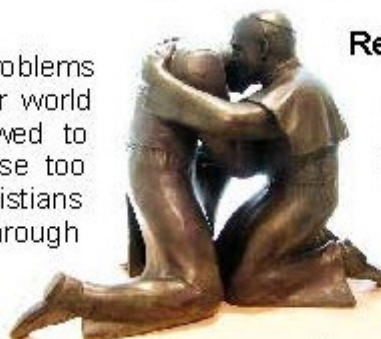
How much do you love God? The answer lies in how much you're willing to sacrifice for the sake of loving others, which is the definition of love that Jesus taught us with this parable and with his life.

None of us love God perfectly yet. Purgatory will be a time of painfully regretting our lack of love, while eagerly

improving our love for others so we can enter into the fullness of God's love in heaven. Until then, we have daily opportunities, here and now, to purify our lives less painfully. Daily we're given tests to improve how well we love others.

So daily ask the Holy Spirit, your source of holiness, to help you become more like Christ. Ask the Holy Spirit to help you love all others as Christ loves them.

By doing this spiritual exercise consistently, you will receive a new joy and an enlivened passion in dealing with others. You will feel greater love for God and you will experience his love for you much more intimately.



#### Reflect & Discuss:

1. Whom do you pass by and ignore when you see suffering? Is there anyone you've recently walked away from because you didn't want to give up something (perhaps your time, pride, prejudice, feeling of inadequacy, resentment or unforgiveness)? Take it to the Sacrament of Confession to receive God's help in loving others more fully.
2. Name a "Good Samaritan" you know or have read about. What did this person give up to serve others? How do such people find the ability to love so well?
3. Describe a situation you've witnessed where apathy has contributed to someone's suffering. How could love make a difference?



## 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 4:00 p.m. Saturday 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.

### 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.

## AMAZON SMILE

When you shop at Amazon, and select Mary, Mother of Jesus as your charitable organization, Amazon will donate 0.5% back to our parish. Smile is the same Amazon you know, same products, same prices, same service. Please support us by shopping at [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com).

## OF COUNSEL TO THE PASTOR

### Pastoral Council

Chair: Deborah Bess  
Deacon Paul Sunderhaus, Brinda Edwards, Brad Gadel, Priscilla Gadel, Runnie Hunter, Bobbie Long, Marshall Long, Cindy Sayes, Katie Upton

### Finance Council

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

### Building Committee

Deacon Paul Sunderhaus, Gary Delaney, Maureen Downs, Bernard Patty, Jessica Reynolds, Matthew Reynolds, Jeff Robichaux, Chris Wheat