

# Mary, Mother of Jesus Roman Catholic Church

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## OFFICE HOURS

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

## **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.

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## **OUR MISSION Statement**

To live, love, forgive, and serve the needs of others in the example of Jesus Christ.

## **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 SEPTEMBER 3, 2022

REG. COLLECTION: SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH  
2<sup>ND</sup> COLLECTION: CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY

#### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

4:00PM - Alfred & Betty Mathews 67<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary remembrance

*Lector: S. Cranford*

*Server: A. Daigrepont*

#### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

8:00AM - Guy Navarro

*Lector: G. Delaney*

*Server: L. Delaney*

10:30AM - Omega Dobard

*Lector: J. Foote*

*Server: M. Hawthorne*

5:00PM - Our Parish Family

*Lector: J. Reynolds*

*Servers: H. Reynolds*

#### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

8:00AM - Adrienne Angele Matt

#### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

**NO MASS**

#### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

**NO MASS**

#### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

**NO MASS**

#### 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).

#### SANCTUARY CANDLE BURNS THIS WEEK

IN LOVING MEMORY OF ROBERT RUEMKER

BY HIS WIFE VIOLA RUEMKER

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.

### WEEK OF SEPTMBER 10, 2022

REG. COLLECTION: SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH

#### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

4:00PM - Adrien, Lena, Marty, Larry, and Jim Doiron, PFC Justin Troy Gadel Sanders

*Lector: G. Patty*

*Server: A. Schexnyder*

#### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

8:00AM - Patsy Chiasson

*Lector: B. Edwards*

*Servers: B. Emerson*

10:30AM - Austin Olivier, Jr., Lorraine Fontenot

*Lector: T. Reynolds*

*Server: L. Brocato*

5:00PM - Our Parish Family

*Lector: J. Montalvo*

*Server: A. Byrd*

#### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

7:00AM - Terry Kohler

#### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

7:00AM - Adrienne Angele Matt

#### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

7:00AM - Elizabeth Parker

#### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

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 RECENTLY DECEASED**

Carl Holloway  
Alvin Loyacano  
Robert Dwain Reich

**THOSE PREPARING FOR MATRIMONY**

Jennifer Smilie and C. J. Fuqua  
April 15, 2023

**OUR SICK**

Lynn Bawner, Mary Louise Bawner, George Juan Burns, Rachal Burns, Richard Charon, Brian Do-bard, Randy Francis, Keith Johnson, Betsy Lanclos, Marlene Margnano, Helen Mathews, Jacques Matt, Terry Melancon, Debbie Norment, Frank Rachal, Jana Robinson, Lori Spratling, Kyle Stokes, Chuck Vernon, Michelle Vincent, Baby Scarlett Wood

**OUR RECOVERING/CONVALESCING**

Michael Brewton, Matt Brundrett, Eric Duck, Rhonda Earhart, Mary Cezar, Michael Flynn

**OUR HOMEBOUND**

Faye Connella, Butch Doiron, Betty Jones, Janet Lamkin, Janet Normand, 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.*

**"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)**

**STEWARDSHIP****OFFERTORY GIFTS - 8/28/2022**

Regular Collection	\$ 4,045.00
EFT Collection	\$ 1,100.00
One Time Donation	\$ 5,000.00
Weekly Goal	\$ 6,530.00
<b>Overage</b>	<b>\$ 3,615.00</b>
Goal for August (4 Sundays)	\$ 26,120.00
Received for August	\$ 29,003.00
<b>Overage for August</b>	<b>\$ 2,883.00</b>

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!**

**COMMUNITY REWARDS**

Visit [Kroger.com](https://www.kroger.com) and sign up under Community at the bottom of their home page. Mary, Mother of Jesus will receive a percentage of your purchases. There is no charge to the shopper.

**AMAZON SMILE**

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**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](https://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.

**ELECTRONIC GIVING**

This 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. And even when you can't attend Mass, your electronic contributions will arrive without delay. Visit our website: [www.mmjchurch.org](https://www.mmjchurch.org)

**FAITH FORMATION****RELIGIOUS EDUCATION/CCD**

Grades PreK - 5: Parents and Students  
September 7 - 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Grades 6 - 12: Parents Only  
September 7 - 6:30 p.m. 8:00 p.m.

**GRADES 6 - 12**

Sunday, September 11 - 3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
Church Hall  
Snacks, Games, and Much, Much More!!!

**FIRST PENANCE & FIRST EUCHARIST**

If you have a child who is or will be 7 years old in the Fall and expects 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 you have a child who will be entering 11<sup>th</sup> grade in the Fall and expects to be confirmed 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; a completed and signed Sponsor eligibility form; one year previous religious education, either CCD or Catholic School; attend Sacramental Preparation Classes.

**ADULT FAITH FORMATION**

**Live Streamed and In Person**

Tuesdays: September 6, 13, 20, and 27

***Early Christian Heresies  
and Non-Canonical Scripture***

10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Presenter: Mrs. Mary DeVille, PhD

Please register online for this presentation. The \$15 book fee may be paid online at [mmjchurch.org](http://mmjchurch.org)

**OCIA (Formerly RCIA)**

Tuesday, September 13 - 5:30 p.m.  
Church Hall

**CHURCH NEWS****CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED**

This week, September 5-8  
Our Secretary/Bookkeeper Cindy Campbell will be taking a well-deserved vacation!! As always, in the event that you need the pastor for someone who is seriously ill or dying, please call 318-487-9894 #1 and Fr. Paul will be alerted or #201 to leave a non-emergency message for Fr. Paul.

**LABOR DAY**

Monday, September 5 - 8:00a.m. Mass

**SECOND SUNDAY BREAKFAST**

September 11, 2022  
Immediately following the 8:00 a.m. Mass.

**FIRST MONDAY SUPPER**

September 12 - 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.  
\$9.00 per meal. Eat in or take out

Menu: Chicken spaghetti, vegetable, and a roll. Desserts may be purchased at an additional cost. All funds support our church's maintenance and repair fund.

**ROMEOs**

*(Retired Old Men Enjoying Ourselves)*

Wednesdays - 7:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.  
Coffee, biscuits, conversation - Church Hall

**CHURCH DIRECTORY**

Please remember to visit [instantchurchdirectory.com](http://instantchurchdirectory.com) to help us build our new online church directory. This will eliminate the need for photo shoots, and enables each parishioner/family to maintain and update their own information.

**QUILTING MINISTRY**

Wednesdays beginning at 9:00 a.m.  
Call Brenda Mathews (318) 730-8123.

**FORMED**

Our parish has a subscription to FORMED, an online platform subscription service offering access to the best Catholic digital content producers - studies, films, audio, and eBooks. All parishioners of every age can access this great Catholic material. Go to [formed.org](http://formed.org), select Mary, Mother of Jesus Church, and complete the simple registration.



## 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time

Wisdom 9:13-18b  
Ps 90:(1) 3-6, 12-17  
Philemon 9-10, 12-17  
Luke 14:25-33

### Monday September 5

1 Corinthians 5:1-8  
Ps 5:5-7, 12  
Luke 6:6-11

### Tuesday September 6

1 Corinthians 6:1-11  
Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b  
Luke 6:12-19

### Wednesday September 7

1 Corinthians 7:25-31  
Ps 45:11-12, 14-17  
Luke 6:20-26

### Thursday September 8 Nativity of Bl. Virgin Mary

Micah 5:1-4a  
or Romans 8:28-30  
Ps 13:6ab, 6c  
Matthew 1:1-16, 18-23

### Friday September 9

**St. Peter Claver**  
1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-27  
Ps 84:3-6, 12  
Luke 6:39-42

### Saturday September 10

1 Corinthians 10:14-22  
Ps 116:12-13, 17-18  
Luke 6:43-49

What in your life is a higher priority than your relationship with God? That's what Jesus wants us to look at in this Sunday's Gospel reading. Which people? What work? What trial? What possessions? What friendships? What goals? What activities?

What crosses do you want to get rid of that, if you do escape from them, would require you to abandon Jesus on his cross? (Hint: What sacrifices of love are you unwilling to make?)

Jesus says that unless we are first and foremost committed to discipleship – learning from him and making every effort to become more like him – we are ill prepared for all the other tasks of life.

In other words, we can start building toward good goals, but if our relationship with Christ is not our highest priority, we'll miss his guidance and his surprises and his blessings. We'll get distracted by worldly interferences and sin. We'll become victims instead

of victors in the battles we face. Anything good that we achieve will be less than the best, because there is much more in the kingdom of God than what we can imagine.

A disciple is a student. We learn from Jesus how to love others, even when this becomes a cross to carry. He teaches us how to live a life of joyful love but also of unconditional, forgiving love. And we learn from him how to put up healthy, holy boundaries against those



who interfere with our spiritual growth, and this too can be a cross.

The strength to follow Christ and become more and more like him every day requires a conscious effort to grow stronger in our ability to carry our crosses while uniting ourselves to his cross and to his strength. When we lack this intimate bond with Christ, we stumble and fall, crushed by the weight of our crosses. But if we are willing to make sacrifices out of love for others, like Jesus did, we embrace him more fully and we receive his love more deeply. And this is the most satisfying way to live!

### Reflect & Discuss:

1. Consider your daily activities: What are your top priorities?
2. What do you value more than the time you spend with Jesus in prayer, scripture, and other faith-building activities?
3. What are some common ways that we move God down in priority?
4. By making him our highest priority, what are ways that we can lovingly show concern for others even while putting God ahead of them in our daily activities?