

Mary, Mother of Jesus Roman Catholic Church

PARISH OFFICES

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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 DECEMBER 3, 2022

REG. COLLECTION: SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3

4:00PM - Wilda Veillon 1st anniv.

Lector: B. Patty

Server: A. Byrd

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4

8:00AM - Charles Farace, Sr.

Lector: B. Edwards

Servers: L. Delaney

10:30AM - Stephen Rodeback

Lector: M. Brundrett

Server: C. Mathews

5:00PM - Our Parish Family

Lector: J. Reynolds

Server: H. Reynolds

MONDAY, DECEMBER 5

7:00AM - Adrienne Angele Matt

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6

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

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7

7:00AM - Charles "Greg" Gravel

5:30PM - Kristian Louviere

Lector: B. Edwards

Server: L. Brocato

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8

7:00AM - Stephen Rodeback

Lector: S. Cranford

Server: A. Brundrett

WEEK OF DECEMBER 10, 2022

REG. COLLECTION: SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH
2ND COLLECTION: RETIRED RELIGIOUS

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10

4:00PM - Guy Navarro

Lector: G. Patty

Server: A. Daigrepoint

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11

8:00AM - A Struggling Youth

Lector: R. Normand

Server: A. Schexnyder

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

Lector: J. Foote

Server: M. Hawthorne

5:00PM - Our Parish Family

Lector: J. Montalvo

Servers: L. Brouillette

MONDAY, DECEMBER 12

7:00AM - PFC Justin Troy Gadel Sanders

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13

7:00AM - Terry Kohler 73rd birthday
remembrance

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14

7:00AM - Elizabeth Parker

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15

7:00AM - Mavis Tucker

SANCTUARY CANDLE BURNS THIS WEEK

OUR GODCHILDREN

BY KATIE AND STEVE UPTON

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**THOSE PREPARING FOR FIRST PENANCE**

Corbin Bennett, James Ducote, Thomas Long, Harper Rajewski, Bentley Ryland, Ben Upton, Lawson Wheat, Charlie White

THOSE PREPARING FOR CONFIRMATION

Madeline Buller, Kennedy Daigrepont, Julia Loken, Casey Mallach

OCLIA CANDIDATES

Mary Deweese, Chad Doyle, Lory Malone, Benjamin Malone, Jackson Malone, Bridgette Thompson, Garrison Thompson, Claude Weatherford

THOSE PREPARING FOR MATRIMONY

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

Christina Rubio and Chad Doyle - October 21, 2023

OUR SICK

Lynn Bawner, Mary Louise Bawner, Becky Blair, Kenny Blair, George Juan Burns, Rachal Burns, Richard Charon, Brian Dobard, Paul Ducote, Randy Francis, Keith Johnson, Betsy Lanclos, Helen Mathews, Jacques Matt, Terry Melancon, Debbie Norment, Jana Robinson, Lori Spratling, Kyle Stokes, Earlene Tanner, Chuck Vernon, Michelle Vincent, Baby Scarlett Wood

OUR RECOVERING/CONVALESCING

Michael Brewton, Mary Cezar, Eric Duck, Rhonda Earhart, Brinda Edwards, Glynn Kohler

OUR HOMEBOUND

Phyllis Broussard, 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, David J. Francis, 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 - 11/27/2022**

Regular Collection	\$ 3,785.00
EFT Collection	\$ 1,550.00
Weekly Goal	\$ 6,530.00
Shortage	\$ 1,195.00

Goal for November (4 Sundays)	\$ 26,120.00
Received for November	\$ 23,927.00
Shortage for November	\$ 2,193.00

Maintenance and Repairs	\$ 120.00
Christmas Flowers	\$ 190.00
Manna House	\$ 2,063.00

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

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.

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. When you can't attend Mass, your electronic contributions will arrive without delay. Visit our website: www.mmjchurch.org

REGISTRATION/CENSUS

Do you consider Mary, Mother of Jesus Church "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.

FAITH FORMATION

Lafayette, LA

GRADES 6-12

December 17

Leave the Youth Center at 3:15 p.m.

\$25/person includes transportation and admittance

ADULT FAITH FORMATION - ADVENT 2022**December 6, 13, 20**

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

Facilitator: Dr. Mary DeVille

The Gospel of John

12/06/22 - The Book of Signs: John 1:19 - 12:50

12/13/22 - The Discourses: John 13:1 - 20:31

12/20/22 - The Epilogue: John 21

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION/CCD**GRADES PREK - 5**

December 14 - 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

GRADES 6 - 12

December 14 - 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

OCIA

Who Is OCIA 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?

Tuesday, December 6
5:30 p.m. - Church Hall

CHURCH NEWS**SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION***A Holy Day of Obligation*

Wednesday, December 7 - 5:30 p.m.

Thursday, December 8 - 7:00 a.m.

BREAKFAST & PICTURES WITH ST. NICHOLAS

Sunday, December 11

9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. - Church Hall

Sponsored by the Men of MMJ.

THE SOLEMNITY OF CHRISTMAS

Saturday, December 24

4:00 p.m. & 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 25

9:30 a.m.

THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD**NEW YEAR 2023**

Saturday, December 31

4:00 p.m.

Sunday, January 1, 2023

8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

ADVENT GIVING TREE

Our annual giving tree is in the narthex this. Please take at least one tag and return the gifts to the church **no earlier** than the weekend of December 17 and 18.

Ornaments - leave gifts unwrapped

Cenla Pregnancy Center

CHRISTMAS MEMORIAL FLOWER FUND

This fund enables us to decorate the Church during the Christmas season. The donors and those remembered will be listed in the bulletin the weekend of January 14-15, 2023. The suggested donation is \$10. An envelope for this purpose is in the pews and your monthly packet. You may use one of your own envelopes, as well. Remember to include on the envelope the name(s) of those to be remembered/honored.

LADIES' ROSARY MINISTRY

Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m. in the Church to pray for our Church and World.

ROMEOs*(Retired Old Men Enjoying Ourselves)*

Wednesdays - 7:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.

Coffee, biscuits, conversation - Church Hall

Our Church Directory is Online!

View our church directory online or via the
FREE mobile app today.

To view the directory online, go to members.InstantChurchDirectory.com and follow the prompts under "Sign In" to "Create a login now." Please remember, you must confirm your email address before you can sign in.

There is also a free mobile app available for download at the Apple® App store in iTunes®, Google Play™ store and the Amazon Fire App Store. Simply search for "[Instant Church Directory](#)" to get the download.

You will need to use your email address as listed in our directory to create a log-in the first time you use the directory online and via the mobile app.

Need help or have questions?

Please contact: directory@mmjchurch.org



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Second Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 11:1-10
Psalm 72:1-2,
7-8,12-13,17
Romans 15:4-9
Matthew 3:1-12

Monday December 5

Isaiah 35:1-10
Ps 85:9a-14
Luke 5:17-26

Tuesday December 6

Isaiah 40:1-11
Ps 96:1-3,10-13
Matthew 18:12-14

Wednesday December 7

St. Ambrose
Isaiah 40:25-31
Ps 103:1-4,8,10
Matthew 11:28-30

Thursday December 8 Immaculate Conception

Genesis 3:9-15, 20
Ps 98:1-4
Ephesians 1:3-6,11-12
Luke 1:26-38

Friday December 9

Isaiah 48:17-19
Ps 1:1-4,6
Matthew 11:16-19

Saturday December 10

Sirach 48:1-4, 9-11
Ps 80:2ac,3b,15-16,18-19
Matthew 17:9a,10-13

Peace is the theme of the Second Sunday of Advent. The first reading describes Christ the Messiah, who came from the line of Jesse, the father of King David. It also describes how to obtain peace – a peace that sustains us even in the midst of troubles: "The Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him." Can you feel the Holy Spirit "resting" on you?

We experience true peace when we're in a restful relationship with God, i.e., when we're not struggling against him and his ways and his plans for us. Peace does not depend on bringing to an end the struggles we have with people or the problems we have with financial shortages or addictions or health, etc. We can work hard to accomplish peace in any trial, win the war, and still not be at peace.

Peace comes to us in the wisdom and understanding that we get from the Holy Spirit. Peace comes from following the Spirit's counsel. Peace comes from gaining

knowledge of the truth, in total submission, obediently acting upon the truth.

In the Gospel reading, John the Baptist reminds us to "prepare the way of the Lord and make straight his paths." To receive the Spirit of God and his peace, we must prepare ourselves to meet Jesus in the Eucharist and in all the other ways that he comes to us. What kind



of preparation produces peace? It's the work of honestly identifying our sins, happy that God is merciful, and straightening our crooked paths, because we realize that God's ways are really what's best for us.

Whatever separates us from God's peace, we must get rid of it. To do this, we have the Sacrament of Reconciliation and the Penitential Rite at the beginning of every Mass. Christ equips us for the journey into true peace!

Reflect & Discuss:

1. What turmoil is going on in your life? What has stolen your peace?
2. Where is Jesus? What obstacles (e.g., unforgiveness or resentment) do you need to repent of to see him and feel his peace?
3. What methods do you use to settle down and rest in the Spirit of Jesus when turmoil is spinning around you? What kind of prayer helps? Do you go on retreat or confide in a spiritual director? What are some other ideas?