

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 10, 2022

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

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10

4:00PM - Guy Navarro

Lector: G. Patty

Server: A. Daigrepont

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11

8:00AM - For 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

WEEK OF DECEMBER 17, 2022

REG. COLLECTION: SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17

4:00PM - Neil Kavanagh

Lector: S. Cranford

Server: L. Brocato

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18

8:00AM - Mary Virginia Young 78th birthday
remembrance

Lector: E. Lohman

Servers: A. Daigrepont

10:30AM - Charles Ferace, Sr., Jack Ellington 8th
anniv.

Lector: J. Antee

Server: A. Brundrett

5:00PM - Our Parish Family

Lector: J. Reynolds

Server: A. Byrd

MONDAY, DECEMBER 19

7:00AM - Andy Brown, Jr.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 20

7:00AM - Betty Mathews 89th birthday
remembrance

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 21

7:00AM - Adrienne Angele Matt

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 22

7:00AM - David Foshee, Sr.

SANCTUARY CANDLE BURNS THIS WEEK

IN GRATITUDE FOR THE RECOVERY OF
PAUL DUCOTE

BY HIS WIFE, DONNA

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 - 12/04/2022**

Regular Collection	\$ 5,795.00
EFT Collection	\$ 1,205.00
Weekly Goal	\$ <u>6,530.00</u>
Overage	\$ 470.00

Goal for December (4 Sundays)	\$ 26,120.00
Received for December	\$ <u>7,000.00</u>
Still Needed for December	\$ 19,120.00

Maintenance and Repairs	\$ 70.00
Christmas Flowers	\$ 641.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

MERCI BEAUCOUP!!

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 13, 20**

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

Facilitator: Dr. Mary DeVille

The Gospel of John

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 13

5:30 p.m. - Church Hall

CHURCH NEWS**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

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

ADVENT GIVING TREE

Please return the gifts to the church next weekend.

EPIPHANY POT LUCK LUNCHEON

Sunday, January 8 - Serving starts at 12:00 p.m.

The Church is providing the pork loin and drinks.

Please bring your favorite side-dishes to share.

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

QUILTING MINISTRY

Wednesdays beginning at 9:00 a.m.

Call Brenda Mathews (318) 730-8123

Understand Your Catholic Faith with *The Catechism in a Year* Podcast with Fr. Mike Schmitz!

Starting January 1, 2023



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Third Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10
Ps 146:6-10 (Is 35:4)
James 5:7-10
Matthew 11:2-11

Monday December 12
Our Lady of Guadalupe
Zec 2:14-17 or Rev
11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab
Deut 13:18-19
Luke 1:26-38 or 1:39-47

Tuesday December 13
St. Lucy
Zephaniah 3:1-2, 9-13
Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-19, 23
Matthew 21:28-32

Wednesday December 14
St. John of the Cross
Isaiah 45:6c-8, 18, 21c-25
Ps 85:9-14
Luke 7:18b-23

Thursday December 15
Isaiah 54:1-10
Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-12a, 13b
Luke 7:24-30

Friday December 16
Isaiah 56:1-3a, 6-8
Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8
John 5:33-36

Saturday December 17
Genesis 49:2, 8-10
Ps 72:1-4ab, 7-8, 17
Matthew 1:1-17

Joy is the theme of the Third Sunday of Advent. As it says in the first reading, "Be strong, fear not! Here is your God, he comes with vindication to rescue you!" This is the reason for our joy. We have been ransomed from sin and its destruction. This is why Jesus came to earth to be born as one of us: to rescue us from the horrors of an eternal separation from God and his love.

Compared to eternity, our current problems are little, very little indeed.

Joy comes from realizing that, because of Jesus, no sins against us and no destructive forces can do us permanent harm. In fact, God will make good use of everything for our benefit! He defeats evil by making blessings come from it.

Even the worst of times become huge blessings if we let them unite us to Jesus. With

Christ and in imitation of how he suffered for the sake of others, we offer to others what our hardships have taught us, and thus our sufferings become ministries. Our sorrows find valuable meaning, which produces a joy that gets multiplied beyond measure.

In Christ we are crowned with everlasting joy. We feel his joy and gladness because of the good that will come and is already starting. Sorrow and mourning will flee



away as we rise above our pain to rejoice in the goodness of joining in the ministry of Christ. And we are lifted up by a faithful and compassionate God.

As the second reading points out, we must be patient while

we wait for the Lord to convert our trials into triumphs. To maintain an attitude of joy, we must remain firm in our faith, not doubting that the Lord is concerned about us. And we must not complain, because complaints mean that we think we know better than God does about how our problems should be resolved and how long it should take.

Joy comes from rejoicing in the good news that God really does care and is of course working on our behalf to produce many wonderful blessings from our sufferings, just like Jesus says in the Gospel: "Blessed is the one who takes no offense in me."

Reflect & Discuss:

1. What are you unhappy about?
2. Can you find joy in the trial? – because God will make good come out of the suffering if you want to use it for the benefit of others. Talk to Jesus about that today. What is he telling you? What hug is he giving you?
3. Describe a time when you saw blessings come from your sufferings. If you could do it all over again, with the option of avoiding those particular troubles, would you? Why or why not?