

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 MAY 27, 2023

REG. COLLECTION: SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH

SATURDAY, MAY 27

4:00PM - Angelle Matt

Lector: S. Cranford
Server: V. Montalvo

SUNDAY, MAY 28

8:00AM - Mary Ann Jones

Lector: E. Lohman
Server: A. Schexnyder

10:30AM - August "Buck" Mathews

Lector: M. Brundrett
Server: A. Brundrett

5:00PM - For Our Parish Family

Lector: J. Reynolds
Server: L. Brouillette

MONDAY, MAY 29

8:00AM - Shirley Sayes

TUESDAY, MAY 30

7:00AM - Polly Walton

WEDNESDAY, MAY 31

7:00AM - Fr. Paul 26th ordination anniv.

THURSDAY, JUNE 1

7:00AM - Betty Jones month's mind

WEEK OF JUNE 3, 2023

REG. COLLECTION: SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH

SATURDAY, JUNE 3

4:00PM - Kristian Louviere, Eric Duck month's mind

Lector: P. Gadel
Server:

SUNDAY, JUNE 4

8:00AM - Felicity Moore

Lector: G. Delaney
Server: L. Delaney

10:30AM - Stephen Rodeback

Lector: B. Lowe
Server: C. Mathews

5:00PM - For Our Parish Family

Lector: J. Montalvo
Server: A. Byrd

MONDAY, JUNE 5

7:00AM - Russel Edwards, Sr.

TUESDAY, JUNE 6

7:00AM - Mary Mrozinski

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7

7:00AM - Rita LaPalme 100th birthday remembrance

THURSDAY, JUNE 8

7:00AM - Russel Edwards, Sr.

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

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER**THOSE PREPARING FOR MATRIMONY**

Christina Rubio and Chad Doyle - October 21, 2023

OUR SICK, RECOVERING, CONVALESCING

After two weeks names are removed unless notification to retain someone is received in the collection, at secretary@mmjchurch.org, calling 487-9894x1200 or by mail. Exceptions can be made, of course.

Brian Dobard, Rhonda Earhart, David Harvey, Daniel Jones, Linda Kelly, Debbie Duck Lyles, Jacques Matt, Terry Melançon, Jimmy Neal, Donna Wise White

OUR HOMEBOUND

Evelyn Bartow, Phyllis Broussard, Faye Connella, Butch Doiron, Janet Lamkin, Janet Normand, Jane Richey, Joe & Irene Thompson

OUR NURSING HOME RESIDENTS

Adrienne Stevens

OUR ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY

Kory Butler, Brandon Coreil, 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 - 05/21/2023**

Regular Collection	\$ 3,242.00
EFT Collection	\$ 2,395.00
Weekly Goal	\$ 6,530.00
Shortage	\$ 893.00
Goal for May (4 Sundays)	\$ 26,120.00
Received for May	\$ 18,203.00
Still needed for May	\$ 7,917.00
Catholic Communications	\$ 10.00
Mothers' Day	\$ 60.00
Fathers' Day	\$ 10.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!
MERCI BEAUCOUP!!

ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL (ADA)

Parish Goal 2023	\$ 21,256.00
Pledged	\$ 27,429.00
Over Goal	\$ 6,173.00

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.

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.

FAITH FORMATION

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

VBS - JUNE 5-9



8:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
Early drop off begins at 7:30 a.m.

Register online under the Faith Formation Tab. To guarantee a VBS T-Shirt, you must have been registered by May 18.

Volunteers are always welcome and needed, especially to set up the hall on June 3 at 9:00 a.m. The next volunteer meeting will be Tuesday, May 30, at 6:00 p.m. in the church hall.



Every Sunday - 10:30 a.m. Mass
During the Liturgy of the Word
Ages 4 - 7 - Youth Center



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?

Please contact either Beth and Keith Chapman or Jody and Jackie Byrd. Their contact information is on the front page of the bulletin.

FROM THE PASTOR

Deacon Paul Sunderhaus has requested that Bishop Marshall release him from full-time parish ministry. While Deacon's heart condition has stabilized, his medical practice is requiring increased time and energy at the present. Deacon Paul has asked to continue his ministry as a Permanent Deacon, but serving only at special events, such as the Steubenville Youth Conference and the Junior High Conference, where he will be involved in liturgy.

Please join me in thanking Deacon Paul for his ministry in our parish. Please keep him in your prayers.

CHURCH NEWS

MEMORIAL DAY MASS

May 29 - 8:00 a.m.

PRE-FATHER'S DAY BREAKFAST

Sunday, June 11
Immediately following the 8:00 a.m. Mass
Sponsored By Pro Life Ministries

LADIES' ROSARY MINISTRY

Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m. in the Church.

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

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

If you are celebrating a 25, 40, 50, 60 or 70th or other significant anniversary in 2023, we would like to honor you on Saturday, February 10, 2024 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 Thursday, August 31, 2023.

LIVE STREAMING

For the benefit of our homebound parishioners, we livestream the 4:00 p.m. Saturday Mass weekly. To watch it on You Tube, search for MMJ Woodworth.

Easter Flowers 2023

In Loving Memory Of

M/M Larry Amberg

Marie & Voorhies Gauthier, Frank & Maudie Amberg, Inez Roy, Pinkie Guin, Bootsy Gauthier, Joe Gauthier

Kimberly Aponas

Elizabeth Aponas, John & Agnes Verzwylt, Hank Verzwylt, John & Edna Aponas

Maggie Avant

Luisa Tamez, Richard Falcon

Edward & Stephanie Bartow

Lorraine Leonards Fontenot

Jayne Blackman

Gerald Leglue, Sr.

M/M Jody Byrd

Deceased members of the Byrd Family, Deceased members of the Hennings Family

M/M Keith Chapman

Moore Family, Chapman Family

M/M William Cranford

Bill & Eleanor Cranford, Vance & Meredith Normand

M/M Gary Delaney

Souls in Purgatory

Butch Doiron

Adrien, Lena, Marty, Larry, and Jim Doiron

Kim Duck

Ivey & Dorothy Guidry, Rodney & Barbara Duck, Eric Duck, In honor of M/M R. J. Guidry

M/M Russ Edwards

Deceased members of the Ellington & Edwards Families

M/M Frank Emerson

M/M Gerald Robichaux, Sr., M/M J. W. Emerson

M/M John Humphries

Deceased family members

M/M John Hunter

M/M John R. Hunter, Jr., M/M Aubrey Soileau, D. Ray Soileau

Melou James

Annette Stepp

M/M Lloyd Killen

The Gaiennie, Killen, Moody, Ashley, and Matt Families

Glynn Kohler

West Family, Kohler Family

M/M Lewis Lauve

M/M Peter McGovern, M/M Lewis G. Lauve, Msgr Russell Ritchie

M/M Michael Leleux

Deceased members of the Womack & Leleux Families

M/M Kevin Lohman

Mat & Janice Lohman

M/M Marshall Long

Deceased members of the Marshall O. Long Family & J. W. Roshto Family, Blake Smith, Taylor Romines, Jim Montrose

M/M John Louviere

Kristian Louviere

John P. Louviere

Kristian Louviere

Lori Marto

Deceased family members



M/M Tommy McBeth	Mat & Janice Lohman, Thomas & Pauline McBeth, Deceased members of the Lohman, McBeth, Lemoine, & Allen Families
M/M Jerome Milano, Dolly Delanoix	Ernest Delanoix, Nicky Delanoix, Clara Milano, Richard Milano, Jr.
Regina Normand	Harvey "Buddy" Normand, Dr. Tom Reedy
Frances Ogaard	Ogaard Family, Clayton Family
Dr. & Mrs Bernard Patty	Mr & Mrs Stanley Hromadka, Mr & Mrs B. E. Patty, Jr., Owen Gerrity
M/M Lyman Phillips	Roy & Shirley Ridgeway, Lyman & Elizabeth Phillips, Eli Bryant Shows
Mary Pringle	Earl & Mary Deselle, Doug & Frankie Pringle
Beverly Richey	Deceased members of Connella, DeWitt, Lamkin, and Richey Families
M/M Jerry Robichaux	Deceased members of Robichaux and Johnson Families
June Rodeback	Stephan R. Rodeback, Neil Dauzat, George Dauzat, Elaine Dauzat, Dausat Family, Anna & Jessie Walker, All Souls in Purgatory
Renie Saucier	Howard & Helen Snyder, Carmelite & Eberle Saucier, William Lowe, Steven Bruner, Chuck Saucier
Patricia Starling	Wade Aymond, Daisy Aymond
M/M Mike Stephenson	Charles Medica, Jerry (Steve) Stephenson, Shirley Stephenson, Mark Stephenson
M/M Charles Waller	Deceased family members
John Williams & Paula Trudeau	Jim Davis, Pauline Ochs Evert, Obdulia Delany Trudeau, Kathleen Williams, Joe Trudeau
M/M John Van Mol	Ben Van Mol, Johnny Van Mol, Ceceilia & Ferdinand Van Mol, Frankie Crooks, William & Myrtle Crooks, Bob & Jean Lively, Gayle D. Blankenbaker, Gill & Candy Pias, Liz Thiels
M/M Claude Weatherford	Our Parents
Laurie Williamson	Selma Sayer, Timothy Sayer, Darrell Williamson, Jacob Williamson, Neil Kavanagh
Woodrow Young	Mary Virginia Young
Anonymous	John Godso, Sr., John Godso, Jr., Mamie Lefleur Godso, Jennifer Deville Speights, In honor of the Godso & Paille Families

Good News

INSPIRATION FOR DAILY LIFE

Pentecost Sunday

Sunday May 28

Acts 2:1-11
Ps 104:1,24,29-31,34
1 Cor 12:3b-7,12-13
John 20:19-23

Monday May 29 Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church

Gn 3:9-15,20 or
Acts 1:12-14
Ps 87:1-3,5-7
Jn 19:25-34

Tuesday May 30

Sirach 35:1-12
Ps 50:5-8,14,23
Mark 10:28-31

Wednesday May 31

Visitation of the
Blessed Virgin Mary
Zep 3:14-18a or
Romans 12:9-16
Isaiah 12:2-3,4bcd-6
Luke 1:39-56

Thursday Jun 1

St. Justin, Martyr
Sirach 42:15-25
Ps 33:2-9
Mark 10:46-52

Friday Jun 2

Sirach 44:1,9-13
Ps 149:1b-6a,9b
Mark 11:11-26

Saturday Jun 3 St. Charles Lwanga and Companions, Marytrs

Sirach 51:12c-20
Ps 19:8-11
Mark 11:27-33

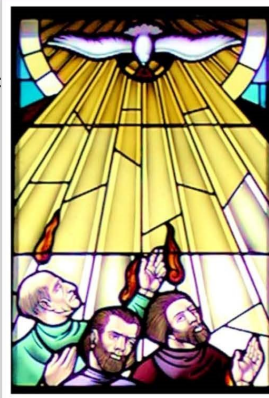
"Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth." This is our prayer on Pentecost. It's the reason the Church can exist and continues to exist. We live in the age of the Holy Spirit.

Without the power and presence of the Spirit of Christ, Christianity would have been unable to sustain itself during two millennia of persecutions, scandals, and obstacles.

Without the Spirit of Christ, we Christians would be unable to be Christ in today's world. We'd be unable to do what the Father asks of us.

Pentecost Sunday re-lives the birthday of the Church, and as it does, it also re-lives our spiritual birthdays, i.e., our initiations as members of the Church. It's a community-wide celebration of the impact that our baptisms have had on our lives and it's a reaffirmation of the Sacrament of Confirmation when the bishop confirmed that we truly received the Holy Spirit during baptism. Pentecost reminds us that through these sacraments we received God's power and presence so that we can overcome sin, live in holiness, and change the world around us.

How does God "renew the face of the earth"? Through us! First, God the Father gave his Holy Spirit



to Jesus the Son so that he could successfully fulfill his mission on earth. Jesus then gave his Holy Spirit to us, so that we can grow in holiness and to continue the work of renewal that he began.

If you feel inadequate for any holy task, you're correct: You are inadequate. But the Spirit of God who dwells in you is more than adequate. Proceed forward trusting in this partnership!

Reflect & Discuss:

- † Are you making a difference on the earth because of the Holy Spirit living in you and working through you?
- † What is the Holy Spirit doing – or wanting to do – through you? Answer this first regarding your home life, then your job, then your parish, then your recreational activities, in that order of priority.
- † How did you first discover that the Holy Spirit was making a difference in the lives of others through you?
- † Describe a recent time when God partnered with you.
- † How do you feel about the Spirit of God renewing the world through you? What are your hopes and dreams for this?

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