

# Our Mother Of Mercy Catholic Church



20th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
August 20, 2023



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## Mission Statement

**To Live by Truth and Love,  
To Know our Faith  
To Serve the Needs of Others,  
To Teach by Example  
and thereby Strengthen and Inspire  
the Parish Family**

## Office Hours

Tuesday-Friday 9:00am -3:00:pm

**Lunch from 12:00-1:00pm**

Closed Saturday and Sunday and  
Monday

**Pastor:** Rev. Joseph Ibiwoye, MSP

jibiwoye@dobcentral.org

**Secretary:** Kayla Cruse

kcruse@dobcentral.org

Rita Thibeaux

rthibeaux@dobcentral.org

**Maintenance:**

Lawrence Andrepont

## PASTORAL CARE

### OF THE SICK AND SHUT-IN

The Eucharist and Anointing of the Sick and Shut-In are brought to homes, hospitals and nursing homes.

**Hospitalization** If you wish to receive the Sacraments of Anointing of the Sick, Reconciliation (Confession) and Holy Communion while you are in the hospital, please register as a Catholic and notify the Spiritual Care Department.

## The RCIA

...team invites all who would like to join the Catholic Church, learn more about your Catholic faith, or complete the sacraments of initiation, to its weekly gathering on Mondays and Wednesdays at 5:00pm in meeting room 1. Contact person: Charles Woods

**Weddings:** There is a 6 month preparation class, which begins with your first appointment with the Priest. Please call the rectory for an appointment.

## Eucharistic Celebration

Saturday 4:30pm

Sunday 7:00am

10:00am

Tuesday 5:30pm Benediction

Mass 6:00pm

Wednesday 7:00am

Thursday 7:00am

Friday 7:00am

## Adoration First Friday

12Noon till Sat. 12 Noon

Holiday Mass Vigil 4:30pm  
and 9:00am

## Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 3:00-4:15pm or  
by appointment

## Baptisms

**Please call/come to the  
Rectory to schedule.**

Contact persons:

Mary Sam @

409-842-0078

and

Juanita Moorehead

@409-833-4009

**In writing your  
Last Will and  
Testament,  
please remember  
Our Mother Of Mercy  
Catholic Church.**

## IF YOU KNOW OF ANYONE

who is sick and unable to attend Mass, please have **them or their family member** call the Rectory so they can be placed on the Sick & Shut-in list.

**Altar Servers:** Tommy Briggs  
409-658-6092

**Baptism:** Mary Sam

409-842-0078

**Bereavement:**

**Eucharistic Ministers/ Sick and  
Shut-In** Ruthie Evans

409-338-6931

**Health Ministry:** Nkem Nwaobi

409-466-1520

**Music Ministry:** Carl Stewart

409-658-2678

**PCL and Youth Ministry:**

Acasha Mills 409-225-2321

**Social Outreach:**

Evelyn Bernard

409-842-1206 Cell:409-782-6677

Hours: 9am-12Noon, Monday &

Wednesday

**Stewardship:** Greg Pumphrey

409-201-3860

**Hospitality:** Alice Nettles

409-466-5509

**Lectors:** Tanya Tanner

409-363-9149

## Lay Pastoral Advisory Council

Chairperson: Dr. Velina Johnson

Co-Chair: Shana Powell

Secretary: Tanya Tanner

2nd Secretary:

Clarissa Campbell

Joseph J. Guidry

Jarod Powell

Houston Rideaux

Ariel Smith



### Saturday 4:30pm

Elda Guidry +	Sandra Guidry
Andrepoint Family +	Theresa Andrepoint
Gloria Cobb +	Family
Bernice Green +	Betty Lewis

### Sunday 7:00am

Gilbert Lee +	Wife Ellae
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### 10:00am

Edward Mouton Sr.+	Elana Mouton
Gaye William Paterson +	Family
Levi Adams Jr. +	Langston Adams
Floyd Jean +	Claudette & Chad
R.W & Billie Jones Sr. +	Ransom, Ketha,&Kendal
For the Parish	Fr. Joseph Ibiwoye

### Tuesday 6:00 pm

Bernice Green +	Ladies Sodality
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### Wednesday 7:30am

Ann & Lawrence Lavergne +	Pierre Family
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### Thursday 7:00am

### Friday 7:00am



### Our Mother of Mercy

#### Prayer and Sick List

Please pray for all those who are ill at home, in nursing homes, or in the hospital, especially: Sylvia Shelby, Silton Frank, Aletra Bowman, Tammy Tevis, Corliss Walker, Theresa Andrepoint, Yolalnda Roberts, Mary Ann Thibodeaux, Shelia Thibodeaux Goldman, Marian Peter, Nelson Thibeaux, Burnitta Eaglin, Polly Smith, Lucille Jones, James Carter, Mary Lewis. To add or remove name/names on the list have a family member call the parish secretary.

### Readings for the Week August, 20 2023

Sunday	Is 56:1,6-7, Ps 67, Ro 11:13-15,29-32 Mt 15:21-28
Monday	Jgs 2:11-19, Ps 106,Mt 19:16-22
Tuesday	Jgs 6:11-24a, Ps 85, Mt. 19:23-30
Wednesday	Jgs 9:6-15, Ps 21, Mt 20:1-16
Thursday	Rv 21:9b-14, Ps 145, Jo 1:45-51
Friday	Ru 1:1,3-6,14b-16,22, Ps 146,

### Please Silence All Cell Phones!

It is an act of charity to keep silent in the Church. Consequently, we are encouraged to maintain silence before every Mass so as to allow those who want quiet time to do so.

### For VOCATIONS to the PRIESTHOOD

God our Father, from eternity You appointed Your only begotten Son to be the High Priest of the human race. Pour forth, we beseech You, Your Holy Spirit upon our families, that vocations to the priesthood may be multiplied.

Lord Jesus, give us holy priest  
To offer up the sacrifice of the Mass  
To lead the little ones to you  
To strengthen the faith of believers  
To preach the Gospel to all people,

To bring forgiveness to sinners;  
To feed souls the Bread of Life;  
To spread Your Kingdom in our midst  
Mary, Mother of our High Priest, pray for us and obtain for us a increase of holy priests. *Amen*



### Background on the Gospel Reading

Today we move ahead in our reading of Matthew's Gospel. Last week we read about Jesus walking on the water and the disciples' confession of faith that Jesus is the Son of God. If we were reading Matthew's entire Gospel, we would have read about Jesus' debate with the Pharisees about Jewish purity laws. Jesus argues that it is not what goes into us that makes us unclean; he is referring to the strict Jewish dietary rules. Instead our words and our actions—what comes out of us—make us unclean because they emerge from a heart that is unclean. Knowing about Jesus' debate with the Pharisees helps us to understand today's Gospel. In fact the story heightens the surprise and shock we feel as we hear Jesus' exchange with the Canaanite woman. The woman, who is not Jewish, approaches Jesus, requesting that he heal her demon-possessed daughter. At first Jesus ignores her; he says nothing. The disciples ask Jesus to send her away, and Jesus agrees, remarking that he was sent to minister to the Jews alone. The woman persists, paying homage to Jesus, and yet Jesus denies her request again. He even insults her, using a Jewish word of derision for Gentiles, "dog." But the woman cleverly turns Jesus' insult into an affirmation of faith. Only then does Jesus grant her request and heal her daughter. Jesus' unresponsiveness to this woman may strike us as uncharacteristic or shocking. Yet in Matthew's Gospel, Jesus' ministry is directed primarily to the people of Israel. At only a very few points, such as the one found in today's Gospel, do we find Jesus anticipating the later Christian ministry to the rest of the world. Behind Matthew's text we can hear this early Christian community's struggle to understand how God's selection of Israel is consistent with two events: Israel's rejection of Jesus and the Gentiles' acceptance of Jesus.



### Know Your Ministry

#### Bazaar Committee

The Bazaar is the annual fund raising and celebrating event of our parish, The Bazaar gathers together individuals and families in a spirit of fellowship to work and have fun for the good of the church.

### Birthright Of Beaumont

Thank you for choosing Birthright for your non profit to donate to, Birthright has gratefully received your generous donation of \$898.00 You are witnessing to Christ and living out the Corporal and Spiritual works of Mercy that Pope Francis has spoken about; reaching out and helping so many people through your kind stewardship. Along with our sincere thanks for you generous support goes our pledge to use your contribution wisely as we continue to meet the needs of those who come to Birthright with concerns about pregnancy.

### **THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK**

Faith is not an emotion, it's a decision to on Gods Word.

### **Stewardship of Treasure August 13, 2023**

4:30pm Mass Attendance.....46.....\$2,208.00

7:00am Mass— Attendance... ..107.....\$1,525.10

10:00am Mass— Attendance.....164.....\$2,546.50

Mail in: .....\$2,332.00

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Total.....\$8,611.60

Stipend .....\$20.00

Social Outreach.....\$245.00

Thank you for your generosity

### Registration



CCD Registration has started. Items needed to complete registration are a copy of the child's baptism record and insurance care. The cost is \$35.00 per student. Please contact Acasha Mills for more infor-

Our Mother of Mercy Church family would like to congratulate our very own and Ozen legend Kendrick Perkins. Former NBA player and current ESPN Analyst, Kendrick Perkins, as he will be inducted into the Texas High School Basketball Hall of Fame.



August Dates	Ministry/Organization	Venue	Time
17	Eucharistic Ministry Committee mtg	Rm 1	7:45-8:45
20	Jr. Daughter's	Rm 1	10-11:30pm
21-24	Diocese of Vicariate mtg		
22	POFCU meeting	Credit Union	6:00-7:30
23	Usher's mtg	Rm 2	6:00-7:00pm
24	Eucharistic Ministry mtg	Rm1	5:30-6:30pm
27	KPC/LA Meeting	meeting Room 1	After Mass
4, 11, 28, 25	Prayer Meeting	Rm 1	4:30-6:00pm
2, 3, 16, 17, 23, 30	Gospel Choir Practice	Church	7:00-8:30pm
5, 12, 19, 26	Youth Bible Study	Room 1	3:30-4:30pm
2, 9, 16, 23, 30	Youth Choir Practice	Church	5:00-7:00pm

## Appeal for Catholic Ministries

Formerly Bishop's Faith Appeal

Building the Kingdom Together  
WAYS TO GIVE

- ◆ WWW.DOBGIFTS.ORG
- ◆ TEXT "FAITH" TO 844-940-0425
- ◆ MAIL: DIOCESE OF BEAUMONT, P.O BOX 669213, DALLAS, TX 75266-9213

Thank You for Supporting our Many Ministries  
DIOCESE OF BEAUMONT

Thanks to all those who have pledged this year. If you have not yet pledged, please consider prayerfully and do so. For those who have not yet completed their payments, please continue to make your payments. Your pledge to the 2023 ACM provides you with the personal opportunity to help carry out critical important ministries through-out our diocese. And the king will say to them in reply, 'Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me.' Matthew 25:31-46.



## Pray for Vocations

Who has known the mind of the Lord?



*Through prayer our minds become better aligned with the mind of Christ and His will for us. Is the Spirit prompting you to know Christ as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life?*

Contact Fr. Rodel Fallar at the Vocations Office by calling 409-924-4361 or by emailing: [vocations@dioceseofbmt.org](mailto:vocations@dioceseofbmt.org).

### Reminder

Starting August 28th Monday thru Friday the business hours will be open from 9AM- 4PM, Closed for lunch from 12PM- 1PM.

**CHRIST IN YOU CMC**  
6TH ANNUAL  
**CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE**

August 26, 2023

English Session: Registration @7am - 4:30pm  
Spanish Session: Registration @2:30pm - 8pm

**BISHOP DAVID TOUPS** SPEAKER  
**DR. EDWARD SRI** SPEAKER  
**JAMES WAHLBERG** SPEAKER  
**JESSE ROMERO** SPEAKER

**MONTAGNE CENTER**  
AT LAMAR UNIVERSITY  
**BEAUMONT, TEXAS**

Lunch and Dinner Catered by: **CARMELAS RESTAURANT**

"Therefore, encourage one another and build one another up, as indeed you do." - 1 Thessalonians 5:11

Tickets and Information: [www.christinyou-cmc.com](http://www.christinyou-cmc.com)

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## Bazaar

**OMOM Bazaar, October 21-22, 2023**

Leaders of all ministries and organizations are asked to attend each monthly meeting. Parishioners if you are interested in having a booth at the Bazaar, contact

**JJ Guidry 409-782-7986 & Ruthie Evans 409-338-6931** all proceeds go to the church.

More information to come about the Bazaar

Thank you.

