

# Our Mother of Mercy Catholic Church

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 20, 2025



## *Pastor*

Rev. Joseph Ibiwoye, MSP  
jibiwoye@dobcentral.org

## *Our Mother of Mercy Church*

3390 Sarah St. Beaumont, Texas  
77705-3098

Office: 409-842-5533  
Website: omomchurchbmt.com

## *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*

Monday –Friday  
from 8am-3pm

**Lunch from 12:00-1:00pm**  
Closed Saturday and Sunday

**Secretary:** Kayla Cruse  
kcruse@dobcentral.org

**Parish Maintenance:**  
Lawrence Andrepont.

## *Lay Pastoral Advisory Council*

Ms. Regina Carr

Mr. Charles Woods

Mr. Donald Stagg

Ms. Edith Uzoh

Mr. Clifton Guillory

Mr. Al Vincent Bernard

Ms. Le'Toyia Mays

Sean Stevenson

## *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*

Every first Friday 12Noon  
till Sat. 12 Noon

Every Wednesday  
7:30 AM- 3:30PM

## *Divine Mercy Devotion*

First Sunday of every month 3:00pm

## *Sacrament of Reconciliation*

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

Parish Bible Study

Fridays at 4:00pm

## *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.

## *Baptisms*

Please call/come to the Rectory to schedule.

Juanita Moorehead  
@409-833-4009

## *Weddings*

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

## *Ministries*

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

**Baptism:** Juanita Moorehead

**Bereavement:** Tommy Briggs

**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:**  
Shawn Denson 409-291-2443

### **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

### **Women Of Grace:**

Shirley Jones  
409-720-9898



**The Mary and Martha's Experience of Jesus**

The story of Mary and Martha in Luke's Gospel reminds us of the balance between service and presence. Martha, busy with the hospitality tasks, represents the active ministry that sustains a community. Mary, sitting at Jesus' feet, represents the contemplative heart-one that listens and receives. Jesus gently redirects Martha, reminding her that while service is good, choosing time with Him is essential and foundational.

At Our Mother of Mercy Parish in Beaumont, this message invites us to reflect on how we balance our actions and prayers. Our parish thrives because of many "Marthas"-those who give tirelessly through ministries, outreach, and parish life. But we must also be like "Mary"-rooted in prayer, worship, and attentiveness to God's Word. Our strength as a worshipping community comes not only from what we do for Christ, but from how well we stay close to Him.

In a busy world, like Mary, Jesus still calls us to choose "the better part"-to make space for Him, and like Martha, be at the service of one another. As a parish family, let us encourage one another to both serve and sit at the Lord's feet, allowing our work to flow from worship and our action from love.



The story of Jesus in the home of Martha and Mary complements the story of the Good Samaritan, which immediately precedes it in Luke's Gospel. Both stories are unique to Luke. The story of the Samaritan opens with the words "a certain man." Today's reading opens with the words "a certain woman." The Samaritan is an example of how a disciple should see and act. Mary is an example of how a disciple should listen. Mary, a woman, is a marginalized person in society, like the Samaritan. Both do what is not expected of them. As a woman, Mary would be expected, like Martha, to prepare hospitality for a guest. Here again Jesus breaks with the social conventions of his time. Just as a Samaritan would not be a model for neighborliness, so a woman would not sit with the men around the feet of a teacher. Both stories exemplify how a disciple is to fulfill the dual command which begins chapter 10—love of God (Mary) and love of neighbor (the Samaritan). These are the two essentials of life in the kingdom. By using the examples of a Samaritan and a woman, however, Jesus is saying something more. Social codes and boundaries were strict in Jesus' time. Yet to love God with all one's heart and one's neighbor requires breaking those rules. The Kingdom of God is a society without distinctions and boundaries between its members. It is a society that requires times for seeing and doing and also times for listening and learning at the feet of a teacher.



**ENROLL NOW**

**New student special:**

For a limited time, members of any parish within the Diocese of Beaumont may enroll new students and receive a one-time offer for the 2025-2026 school year:

**\$1000 off tuition &**

**\$200 off enrollment fee**

*only 20 scholarships available!*



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409-832-3486



**Readings for the July 6, 2025**

**Sunday-** Deuteronomy 30:10-14, Psalm 69:14, 17, 30-31, 33-34, 36-37 (or Psalm 19), Colossians 1:15-20, Luke 10:25-37

**Monday-** Exodus 1:8-14, 22, Psalm 124:1-8, Matthew 10:34-11:1

**Tuesday-** Exodus 2:1-15a, Psalm 69:3, 14, 30-31, 33-34, Matthew 11:20-24

**Wednesday-** Exodus 3:1-6, 9-12, Psalm 103:1-4, 6-7, Matthew 11:25-27

**Thursday-** Exodus 3:13-20, Psalm 105:1, 5, 8-9, 24-27, Matthew 11:28-30

**Friday-** Exodus 11:10-12:14, Psalm 116:12-13, 15-18, Matthew 12:1-8

**Saturday-** Exodus 12:37-42, Psalm 136:1, 10-15, 23-24, Matthew 12:14-21



## Prayer List

Please pray for all those who are ill at home, in the nursing homes, or in the hospital.

Pauline Davis	Burnitta Eaglin
James Segura	Mary Lewis
Sylvia Shelby	Mary Ann Howard
Silton Frank	Betty Lou Living
Aletra Bowman	Morgan Moorehead Tuck
Tammy Tevis	Herbert Hill
Corliss Walker	Martha Pitre
Theresa Andrepont	Mary Hasley
Mary Ann Thibodeaux	Mary Smith
Shelia Thibodeaux Goldman	Martin Chavis Sr.
Sonia Abraham	Beatrice Sells
Irby Thibodeaux	Joseph Wheeler Jr.
Shariaka R. Carter	Richard Barnes
Hebert Hill	Ella Bailey

Beverly Sennet

To add or remove names on the list

have a family member  
call the parish secretary.  
If you know 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.



## Mass Intentions

**Saturday 4:30 pm**

Joseph Boutte+

Margie Darwin

**Sunday 7:00 am**

**10:00am**

Alex Johnson Sr.+

Family

Theresa & J.C Giglio+

Jo Beth Jenkins

Levi Adams Jr. +

Langton Adams

Edward Mouton Sr.+

Family

Gloria Arvie+

Husband Roger

and for the Parish.

**Tuesday 6:00 pm**

**Wednesday 7:00 am**

**Thursday 7:00 am**

In Thanksgiving for

Yvonne Cormier

Regina Rogers

**Friday 7:00 am**

## Divine Mercy Devotion

Every 1st Sunday of the month,  
July 6<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at 3pm. Come and  
join us in prayer.



## Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

GIVE TIME BACK TO JESUS!  
FIRST FRIDAY, JULY 4<sup>TH</sup>, 2025, 12 NOON THRU  
SATURDAY, JULY 5<sup>TH</sup>. UNTIL 12 NOON.  
COME AND SPEND SOME QUIET TIME WITH THE  
LORD. WHEN LIFE GIVES YOU MORE THAN YOU  
CAN STAND... KNEEL!

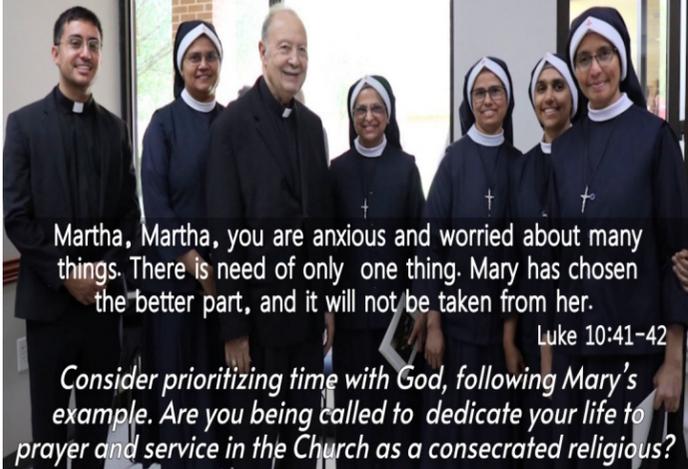


### Stewardship of Treasure July 13, 2025

4:30pm Mass Attendance	107	\$2,940.00	Stipend	\$
7:00am Mass Attendance	66	\$2,107.00	Social Outreach	\$106.00
10:00am Mass Attendance	142	\$1,886.00	Votive Stand	\$52.00
Mail in		\$3,942.92	Religious Articles	\$
Second Collection		\$		
Total	315	\$10,875.92	June Online Contribution	\$ 2,221.49

Thank you for your generosity

# Pray Daily for Vocations



Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things. There is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, and it will not be taken from her.

Luke 10:41-42

*Consider prioritizing time with God, following Mary's example. Are you being called to dedicate your life to prayer and service in the Church as a consecrated religious?*

Talk to a priest or contact Fr. Rodol Faller at the Vocations Office by calling 409-924-4361 or by emailing: vocations@dioceseofbmt.org.

## 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*

### Your gift supports more than 19 programs & ministries in the Diocese of Beaumont

- Campus Ministry
- Catholic Charities
- Continuing Education for Clergy
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- Family, Marriage & Youth Ministry
- Holy Family Retreat Center
- Infirm Priests
- Multicultural Ministry
- Office of Catholic Schools
- Office of Communications
- Permanent Diaconate Ministry
- Stella Maris
- Stewardship & Development
- Tribunal
- Vocations Ministry
- Worship Ministry

**APPEAL for CATHOLIC MINISTRIES**  
 Building the Kingdom Together

"I plead with you never, ever give up on hope, never doubt, never tire, and never become discouraged. Be not afraid."  
 St. John Paul II

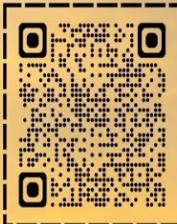
**2025**

## Ways to Give:

Online: [www.dobgifts.org](http://www.dobgifts.org)

Mail: Diocese of Beaumont  
 PO Box 3948  
 Beaumont TX 77704

Scan:



# BLESSED SACRAMENT MASS CLASS REUNION

ATTENTION BLESSED SACRAMENT SCHOOL GRADUATES AND THOSE WHO ATTENDED. THERE WILL BE SCHOOL MASS REUNION SEPTEMBER 19TH THROUGH 21ST IN BEAUMONT, TEXAS. FOR REGISTRATION, HOTEL, AND ACTIVITIES, AND INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL JAMES CARTER AT 409-548-9557, OR MAKE CONTACT BY E-MAIL AT WILLIE24JOHN@YAHOO.COM. REGULAR REUNION REGISTRATION ENDS ON 09/01/2025. LATE REGISTRATION ENDS ON 09/10/2025 WITH A SLIGHTLY HIGHER FEE. REGISTRATION FEES WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE ON SITE AT ANY OF THE FUNCTIONS. COME JOIN US FOR A MEMORABLE OCCASION. NEXT MEETING WILL BE JULY 27TH @1PM

## 2025 **OMOM CCD & YOUTH ACTIVITIES** **UPCOMING EVENTS**

\* Indicates Youth Sunday

**JULY** 12- Youth Lock-In (6th Grade - 12th Grade)  
Starts @ 4:00 Mass - Midnight  
\*20- Youth Sunday

**AUGUST** \*17 - Sundaes on Sunday (Ice Cream Event)  
CCD Registration Event

**SEPTEMBER** \*21- CCD Welcome Back Block Party  
First Day of CCD

**OCTOBER** 5 - CCD Class  
\*19 - CCD Class  
25 - Treat Street (Halloween Event)

**NOVEMBER** 2 - CCD Class  
\*16 - Youth Appreciation Mass &  
Reception (NO CCD Class)  
20-22 - National Catholic Youth Convention

**DECEMBER** 7 - CCD Class  
\*21 - Youth Christmas Pageant  
(NO CCD Class)



**GIVE NOW**

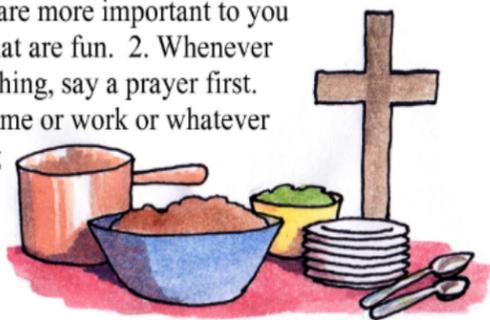
Your generosity is helping us impact our community  
with the Good News of the Gospel!

## Putting Jesus First

Jesus went to Martha and Mary's house for dinner one day and while Martha got the food ready her sister Mary just sat near Jesus to listen to Him. Martha was upset because she had so much work to do and Mary wasn't helping at all. It doesn't sound quite fair, does it?

But Jesus told Martha that there was only one thing that was important, and that Mary had chosen it. Mary had chosen to be with Him and listen to Him. Martha was concerned about all the details- making good food and setting things out nicely, but she wasn't thinking about Jesus.

Jesus was not saying that cooking or working in the house is bad. He was only showing Martha and Mary that we need to put God first in everything. Here are a couple of ways you can keep God first: 1. Always make sure that things like going to Mass and saying your prayers are more important to you than things that are fun. 2. Whenever you do something, say a prayer first. Offer your game or work or whatever you are doing for the glory of God.



# PROMISE TO PROTECT



# PLEDGE TO HEAL

**BELIEVE IN THE POSSIBILITY OF HELP AND HEALING. THERE IS HOPE.**

Your local Victim Assistance Coordinator is available to help you or anyone who has been abused or victimized by someone representing the Catholic Church. We will listen to your needs and support you. We will help you make a formal complaint and arrange a personal meeting with the bishop, or his delegate, if desired. We encourage you to come forward and speak out.

The Victim Assistance Coordinator in your (arch)diocese/eparchy is:

Lori J. Chassee  
Ph. 409-719-3318  
victimsassistant@dioceseofbmt.org



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We are currently seeking a Credit Union Manager. Our Credit Union has been here for 60 years, servicing our Church members. If you are interested, please contact Miranda Thomas or David James @ 409-842-4343, Monday-Friday between the hours of 1-5p.m. for more details. Applicants will be subject to a criminal background check.

## OUR MOTHER OF MERCY GARAGE SALE

AUGUST 8TH & 9TH  
7AM-2PM

3390 SARAH ST.  
BEAUMONT TEXAS, 77705  
IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO VOLUNTEER  
PLEASE CONTACT  
TOMMY BRIGGS  
409-658-6092  
VIOLA THIBODEAUX  
409-351-1979



Divine Miracles International Ministries, Inc.  
in partnership with  
Our Mother of Mercy Catholic Church

## Gospel Explosion



### SAVE THE DATE

OUR MOTHER OF MERCY  
CATHOLIC CHURCH

FREE  
ADMISSION

3390 SARAH STREET  
SUNDAY, JULY 27, 2025  
3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Our Mother of Mercy Catholic Church  
Rev. Joseph Ibiwoye, Pastor

Divine Miracles International Ministries, Inc.  
Marcus & Susan Barefield, Founders

CHRIST IN YOU  
+ CMC +  
GALATIANS 2:20

## 8TH ANNUAL CATHOLIC MEN'S

# Conference

+JMJ+  
LEAD THE WAY

Bishop  
David L.  
Toups



Fr. Donald  
Calloway



Bishop  
Joseph  
Coffey



Keith  
Nester



CHRIST  
CENTRAL

AUGUST 23, 2025  
7AM - 5PM  
DOGGETT ARENA  
BEAUMONT, TEXAS

TICKETS:  
CHRISTYOU-CMC.COM



HOTELS AND LOCAL INFORMATION

BEAUMONT

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www.visitportarthurtx.com

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**St. Anne Church**  
**Donation Drive for Texas Hill**  
**Country Flood Victims**  
 In cooperation with Holy Trinity Catholic Church

Collecting: Individually packaged snacks and protein bars, diapers (baby & senior), baby wipes, sanitary wipes, hand sanitizer, toiletries, cleaning supplies (5 g buckets, new mops and brooms, bleach), paper plates and utensils.  
*No water or sports drinks, please.*

Items can be dropped off at the  
**Manger Youth Center**  
**Monday - Wednesday 9 a.m.-8 p.m.**  
**Thursday 9 a.m.-5 p.m.**  
 Contact Chris Ward for information, 409-782-4308

“Be still, and know that I am God.” Psalm 46:10

DISASTER RELIEF DONATION DRIVE  
 BENEFITTING CENTRAL TEXAS





AS YOU ARE AWARE, THE CENTRAL TEXAS AREA SUFFERED CATASTROPHIC FLOODING THAT STARTED ON JULY 4TH, RESULTING IN HEARTBREAKING LOSS AND WIDESPREAD DEVASTATION. MANY IN OUR DIOCESAN FAMILY HAVE EXPRESSED A DEEP DESIRE TO HELP, AND CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF SOUTHEAST TEXAS IS WORKING TO COORDINATE A UNIFIED RESPONSE FROM THE FAITHFUL OF THE DIOCESE OF BEAUMONT.

WHAT YOU CAN DONATE

DISASTER RELIEF DONATION DRIVE BENEFITTING CENTRAL TEXAS URGENTLY NEEDED ITEMS: • HYGIENE PRODUCTS (E.G. TOOTHPASTE, TOOTHBRUSHES, SOAP, SHAMPOO, DEODORANT) • DIAPERS AND BABY WIPES • NEW CHILDREN'S CLOTHES (ALL SIZES) • NEW SOCKS AND UNDERWEAR (ALL SIZES) • CLEANING SUPPLIES (E.G. LARGE BLACK TRASH BAGS, BLEACH, GLOVES, BROOMS, MOPS, BUCKETS) • PAPER PRODUCTS (PAPER TOWELS, TOILET PAPER)

**DROP OFF INFORMATION**  
 8:00 - 2:00 CHURCH OFFICE, SATURDAY AND SUNDAY, IN THE VESTIBULE OF THE CHURCH  
 3390 SARAH ST. BEAUMONT, TEXAS, 77705  
 IF YOU NEED MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT  
 409-842-5533

# July 2025

13 Divine Miracles Gospel Explosion 3-5PM	14	15	16 Hospitality Ministry Monthly Meeting 6-7PM Choir Metting 7-9PM Eucharistic Ministers Joint Meeting 5:30-6:45PM	17	18	19
20 Lady Sodality Metting 3-5PM KPC Jr. Knights Metting Senior Citizens summer trip 20th-23rd	21	22	23	24	25	26 Velina Johnson Anniversary Celebration Hall Metting rooms 1&2 are reserved.
27	28	29	30	31	1	2

Social Outreach 2,7,9,14,16,21,23,28,30 Choir Practice 2,9,23,30  
 Youth Choir Practice 2,9,16,23,30  
 Bible Study 4pm 4,11,18,25

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*In loving memory of  
all the lives lost in the  
Texas Hill Country Floods*



*Mary Grace Baker*



*Joyce Catherine Badon*



*Aidan Thaddeus Heartfield*



*Ella Rose Cahill*



*"When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;  
and through the rivers, they shall not overflow you: when  
you walk through the fire, you shall not be burned; neither  
shall the flame kindle on you".*

*Isaiah 43:2:*