

# Our Mother of Mercy Catholic Church

**Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**August 24, 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  
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 Mr. Donald Stagg  
 Ms. Edith Uzoh  
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 Mr. Al Vincent Bernard  
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 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:**

Jones

720-9898

Shirley

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Today's Gospel reading is the third of three parables in chapter 13 that deal with the theme of the unexpected reversals brought by the Kingdom of God. The other two parables are about the tiny mustard seed that grows into a large tree and the small amount of yeast that makes a large batch of dough rise. All three are about the few and the many and the Kingdom of God. As this parable opens, Luke reminds us that Jesus is making his way to Jerusalem. This journey, this exodus as Luke refers to it, makes up the entire middle of the Gospel. He is teaching as he goes. A question from the crowd gives Jesus the chance to make a prophetic statement. Luke uses this question device a number of times in his Gospel. A few weeks ago, the question "What must I do to inherit eternal life?" led to the parable of the Good Samaritan. The question about will only a few be saved uses typical Christian language about salvation but also expresses the Jewish concern about whether everyone who calls himself a Jew is actually faithful to the covenant. This was a concern of the Pharisees. Jesus answers that they must strive in the time remaining to enter through the narrow door because many will be trying to get in but won't be strong enough. He then moves to a parable about another door. (The translation says "gate" then "door," but the same Greek word is used.) Once all those entering the master's house are in and he locks the door, there will be no way for others to get in. Those left outside may knock, but the master will say he doesn't know them. Unlike the Gospel reading from a few weeks ago where Jesus was teaching about prayer, and we were told to knock and the door would be opened, in this parable, the master will not open and say he does not know us. People from the north, south, east, and west will take our place inside. Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and all the prophets will take our place in the Kingdom of God. Those who do not make it through the narrow door will be cast out to where there is wailing and grinding of teeth. The image of the door is replaced in the final verses of the parable with the image of the heavenly banquet. Two passages from the Book of Isaiah influence the conclusion. Isaiah 43:5-6 speaks of God bringing Israel's descendents back from the east and from the west, the north and the south. And Isaiah 25:6 speaks of the Lord providing a feast of rich foods and choice wines for all peoples on his holy mountain. The answer to the question if only a few will be saved is no. In the end, many will be saved, but many who thought they would be saved will not be saved. The parable is a prophetic warning to repentance in order to enter the kingdom.

#### Readings for the August 24, 2025

Sunday- Isaiah 66:18-21, Psalm 117:1-2, Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13, Luke 13:22-30

Monday- 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5, 8b-10, Psalm 149:1-6, 9, Matthew 23:13-22

Tuesday- 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8, Psalm 139:1-6, Matthew 23:23-26

Wednesday- 1 Thessalonians 2:9-13, Psalm 139:7-8, 9-10, 11-12ab, Matthew 23:27-32

Thursday- 1 Thessalonians 3:7-13, Psalm 90:3-5, 12-14, 17, Matthew 24:42-51

Friday- 1 Thessalonians 4:1-8, Psalm 97:1-2, 5-6, 10-12, Mark 6:17-29

Saturday- 1 Thessalonians 4:9-11, Psalm 98:1, 7-9, Matthew 25:14-30



## Prayer List

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

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

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**  
Lula Campbell+ Richard & Sonia Abraham  
Nathan Cobb+ Family  
Milton Mouton+ Family

**Sunday 7:00 am**  
Antoinette & Charles Giglio+ Jo Beth Jenkins

**10:00am**  
Levi Adams Jr.+ Langston Adams  
Irma & Lionel Roberts+ Family  
Candyve Labrie Koba+ Family & Kids  
Albert Williams Jr. Family  
Estrelada & Leon Sonnier+ Family  
and for the Parish.

**Tuesday 6:00 pm**

**Wednesday 7:00 am**  
Yvonne Cormier+ Regina Rogers

**Thursday 7:00 am**

**Friday 7:00 am**

## Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

GIVE TIME BACK TO JESUS!  
FIRST FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2025, 12 NOON THRU  
SATURDAY, AUGUST 2ND. UNTIL 12 NOON.  
COME AND SPEND SOME QUIET TIME WITH THE  
LORD. WHEN LIFE GIVES YOU MORE THAN YOU  
CAN STAND... KNEEL!



## Divine Mercy Devotion

Every 1st Sunday of the month,  
September 7, 2025 at 3pm. Come and  
join us in prayer.



### Stewardship of Treasure August 10 , 2025

4:30pm Mass Attendance	75	\$2,940.00	Stipend	\$5.00
7:00am Mass Attendance	44	\$2,684.00	Social Outreach	\$129.00
10:00am Mass Attendance	157	\$1,259.98	Votive Stand	\$80.00
Mail in		\$1,803.00	Religious Articles	\$70.00
Second Collection		\$		
<b>Total</b>	<b>276</b>	<b>\$10,920.98</b>	<b>July Online Contribution</b>	<b>\$3,117.69</b>

**Thank you for your generosity**

## Pray Daily for Vocations

Strive to enter through the narrow gate. Luke 13:24

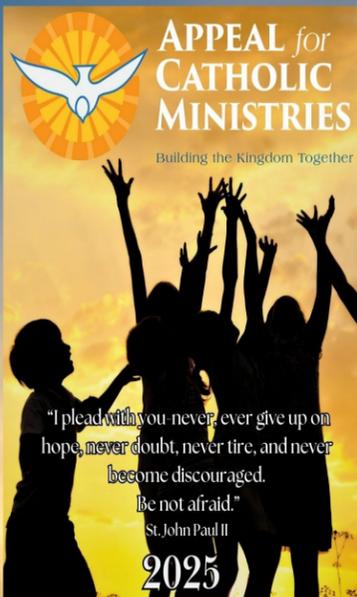
A vocation to the priesthood or religious life is a challenging but rewarding path. If you feel called to follow Christ through this narrow gate, embrace it with courage.



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

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

- Campus Ministry
- Catholic Charities
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- Tribunal
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Ways to Give:

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

Mail: Diocese of Beaumont  
PO Box 3948  
Beaumont TX 77704

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## 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*

## 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

Join our team

## WE'RE HIRING

**Attention Pear Orchard Federal Credit Union Members**  
**Are you interested in joining our Management Team?**  
**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.**

## 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

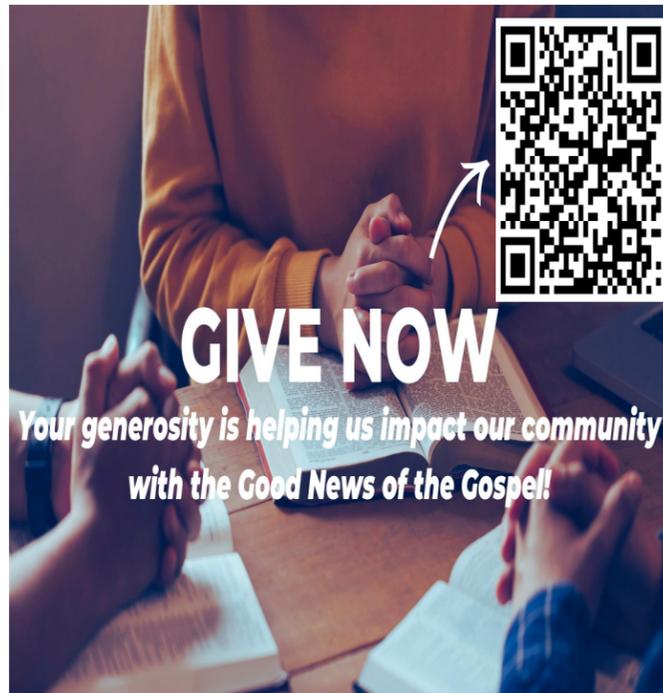
**AUGUST** \*17 - Sundaes on Sunday (Ice Cream Event)  
CCD Registration Event

**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

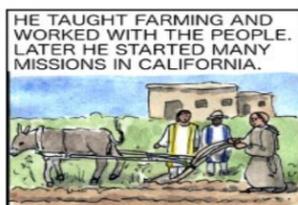
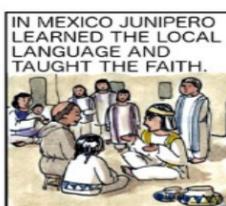
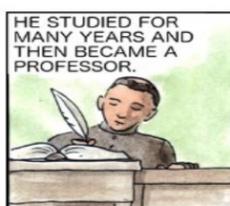
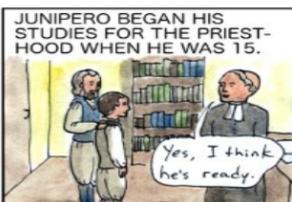
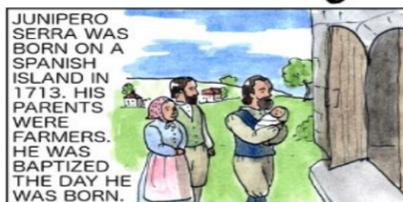
**DECEMBER** 7 - CCD Class  
\*21 - Youth Christmas Pageant  
(NO CCD Class)



**Postponement Notice – Sundaes on Sunday**  
The “Sundaes on Sunday” youth event planned for this Sunday has been postponed. We apologize for any inconvenience. We will instead celebrate the beginning of the school year and CCD with a **Back to School Block Party & Open House on Sunday, September 21, following the 10:00 AM Mass.**

Please mark your calendars! CCD registration forms can be found in the vestibule of the church. For more information, please contact Shawn Denson, DRE.

## Saint Junipero Serra August 28



SAINT JUNIPERO KNEW THAT GOD CARES FOR ALL PEOPLE - FOR THEIR SOULS AND THEIR BODIES. THAT'S WHY HE TAUGHT THE NATIVES NOT ONLY THE FAITH BUT ALSO FARMING AND OTHER SKILLS THAT WOULD HELP THEM HAVE BETTER LIVES. HOW CAN YOU SHARE YOUR SKILLS TO HELP OTHERS?



## Jr. High Spectacular VOCATIONS EDITION

Calling all Jr. High youth for a day of dynamic speakers, music, games, community-building, and prayer.

### Emcee - Cooper Ray

Cooper is a seasoned and respected Catholic speaker, worship leader, and retreat facilitator. Known for his dynamic presence and heartfelt approach, he uses music, storytelling, humor, and audience engagement to invite people into a deeper experience of their faith.



**Saturday, October 11**  
Beginning at 10am & Ending with 5:00 Mass  
**St. Anne Parish Hall**

**Cost - \$35, includes lunch; T-Shirt - extra \$10**

For More Information or To Register,  
Contact the Parish Jr. High Youth Minister or Catholic School Teacher



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
24	25	26	27 Eucharist Ministers sick and shut in only 5:30	28	29 Carolyn Guidry Zydeco	30 Altar Servers Practice 11AM- 1PM
31						



Social Outreach 4,6,11,13,18,20,25,27 Choir Practice 6,13,27  
Youth Choir Practice 6,13,20,27 Bible Study 4pm 1,8,15,22,29

Golden Triangle RSVP & Rockin' A Café Present  
**Unite in Service. Never Forget.**  
7th Annual 9/11 Day of Service & Remembrance




**Golden Triangle RSVP invites**  
**all Veterans, Military Members & First Responders**  
**(retired or active) to attend a free lunch.**  
**Attendees are encouraged to wear their uniforms.**

**Thursday, September 11, 2025**  
**11:30 AM to 1:30 PM**  
**Rockin' A Café**  
**3520 West Cardinal Dr., Beaumont, TX 77705**

Master of Ceremony - Seth Wells,  
Executive Director of RISE Center  
Invocation - Pastor W. T. Johnson,  
Love & Compassion Ministries  
Keynote Speaker - Cheryl Williams,  
Veteran, The American Legion & Disabled  
American Veterans



**Lunch Provided by Rockin' A Café**  
For questions call Golden Triangle RSVP at (409) 924-3382  
or email us at [hklauss@setrpc.org](mailto:hklauss@setrpc.org)  
Like us on Facebook @Golden Triangle RSVP



**Jr. Daughters Court #64**

# Soul Food Dinner

## Fundraiser

**Sunday, September 14, 2025**  
After 10:00am MASS Church Hall

**Proceeds Benefit**  
**Jr. Daughter's Court #64**

**Thank you for supporting our youth!**

**Menu**

- Fried Chicken
- Candied Yams
- Mac & Cheese
- Smoothered
- Cabbage
- Cornbread

**\$15.00**

**DONATION**

**LT** **Lutcher Theater**  
2025-2026

**Lutcher Incredible Kids Events**

Reservations at [Lutcher.org/kids-events](http://Lutcher.org/kids-events)

Groups of 10 or more - \$5 each (students, teachers & chaperones)  
Individual Adults - \$10 | Children - \$5 | 1-Hour Shows - Study Guides Available  
BOX OFFICE 409.886.5535 - ORANGE, TEXAS

SUPPORTING THE ARTS: LUTCHER THEATER SERVICE GUILD

**MADDI'S FRIDGE**  
Monday, October 20, 2025 / 9:30AM & 11:30AM - Grades: 1st-4th  
Maddi and Sofia are best friends. They live in the same neighborhood, go to the same school and play in the park together. One day Sofia discovers that Maddi has no food in her fridge at home, but Maddi makes her promise not to tell anyone and to keep it a secret. Based on the book by Lisa Brink, this play is a thoughtful and funny exploration of friendship, empathy and doing the right thing.  
Curriculum Connections: Fine Arts, Language Arts, Social Studies, Science, Emotional/Social Development

**A VERY ELECTRIC CHRISTMAS**  
Tuesday, December 2 & Wednesday, December 3, 2025  
9:30AM & 11:30AM - Grades: All Ages  
When Max gets blown off course and ends up at the North Pole, his adventure begins! Dancing toy soldiers, caroling worms and performing polarwolves light up the stage in Lightwire Theater's *A Very Electric Christmas*. Audiences of all ages will treasure this magical and captivating tale of family, friendship and hope set to a timeless holiday hit.  
Curriculum Connections: Visual Arts, Technology, Puppetry, Dance, Music

**SECRETS OF SPACE**  
Wednesday, January 26, 2026 / 9:30AM & 11:30AM - Grades: 2nd-6th  
Just as you are dreaming, two young girls, they dream about journeying far beyond our solar system, using magical devices and a state-of-the-art digital LED wall, the sisters and the audience embark on an interactive journey across the galaxy. The wonders of outer space are explored with dazzling imagery and key ideas and inventions in science, technology and engineering. *Secrets of Space* has been developed with leading space industry experts.  
Curriculum Connections: Fine Arts, Science, History, Emotional/Social Development, STEAM

**DON'T LET THE PIGEON DRIVE THE BUS! THE MUSICAL!**  
Tuesday, February 10, 2026 / 9:30AM & 11:30AM - PreK-2nd  
It's not easy being the Pigeon - you never get to do ANYTHING! But when the Bus Driver has a crisis that threatens to make her passengers (and) lots, maybe that wily bird CAN do something. Featuring an innovative mix of songs and feathers, *Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus! The Musical!* is sure to get everyone's wings flapping.  
Curriculum Connections: Communication and Language Arts, Music, Literature Based

**STEP AFRIKA!**  
Monday, March 2, 2026 / 10:00AM - Grades: 3rd-8th  
*Step Afrika!* promotes stepping as an educational tool for young people, focusing on teamwork, academic achievement and cross-cultural understanding. The Company reaches tens of thousands of Americans each year through a 50-city tour of colleges and theaters and performs globally as Washington, DC's one and only Cultural Ambassador.  
Curriculum Connections: Teamwork, Academic Achievement, Cross-Cultural Understanding

**WIND IN THE WILLOWS**  
Tuesday, March 24, 2026 / 9:30AM & 11:30AM - Grades: 3rd-8th  
Journey into the Wild Wood on this multi-media adventure based on Kenneth Grahame's beloved children's novel. *Wind in the Willows* mixes classic storytelling with projected illustrations to tell the trials of Mole and Rat on an all-night race against time as they venture through the hidden wonders of the forest to find the young Otter before it's too late.  
Curriculum Connections: Fine Arts, Language Arts, Science, Emotional/Social Development

**CURIOUS GEORGE: THE GOLDEN MEATBALL**  
Wednesday, April 1, 2026 / 9:30AM & 11:30AM - PreK-3rd  
Join Curious George, the inquisitive, engaging monkey star of books, movies and the award-winning PBS television show in a brand new musical. With every swing and flip, George takes the audience through a fun-filled adventure, in which he learns more about himself and his world, and the secret ingredient to cooking.  
Curriculum Connections: Communication and Language Arts, Music, Relationships and Family

Commissioner  
**Everette "Bo" Alfred**  
Jefferson County Precinct 4

Annual Health Fair  
**Take Yourself & a Loved One To the Doctor Day**

9:00 am to 1:00 pm  
Saturday, September 20, 2025  
Cathedral of Faith Baptist Church  
3755 Fannett Road, Beaumont, TX 77705

Free To The Public

- Blood Pressure & Blood Sugar Checks
- Blood Drive
- Cholesterol Screenings
- Hearing Screenings
- Eye Screenings and Reading Glasses and SPOT Vision Screenings for Children
- Teaching Resources on Stroke Diagnosis and Prevention, Dementia and Wellness
- Information on Autism Spectrum Disorder
- Voter Registration

For more info: (409) 835-8443

Community Partners

John and Suzanne Stafford  
Jefferson County Public Health Department  
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100 Plus Black Women Coalition of Beaumont, Inc.  
District #55 Lions Vision Screening  
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Golden Triangle Vision Impaired Group

Our Mother of Mercy Health Ministry  
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**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  
[victimassistant@dioceseofbmt.org](mailto:victimassistant@dioceseofbmt.org)

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**3390 SARAH ST.**  
**BEAUMONT, TEXAS, 77705**  
**CHURCH HALL**

**FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 5, 2025**

**DOORS OPEN AT 8PM**

**CONTACT FOR MORE INFORMATION**

**409-782-7986, 409-835-9876, 409-842-1577**

**NO COOLERS!**

**TICKETS \$30**  
**AT THE DOOR \$35**

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