

# 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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## **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.

## **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 MARCH 9, 2024

REG. COLLECTION: SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH  
2<sup>ND</sup> COLLECTION: CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES

### SATURDAY, MARCH 9

4:00PM - Russell Edwards III, Grady Sayes 86<sup>th</sup>  
birthday remembrance, Mavis Tucker

*Lector: S. Cranford*

*Server: L. Brocato*

### SUNDAY, MARCH 10

8:00AM - Mary Lee and Gerald Robichaux, Sr.

*Lector: E. Lohman*

*Server: B. Emerson*

10:30AM - Dee and Helen Smart, Stephen  
Rodeback

*Lector: J. Antee*

*Server: J. Moreau*

5:00PM - For Our Parish Family

*Lector: J. Reynolds*

*Server: H. Reynolds*

### MONDAY, MARCH 11

7:00AM - Zachary Veillon

### TUESDAY, MARCH 12

7:00AM - Shirley & Rickey Sayes

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13

7:00AM - Lloyd Killen

### THURSDAY, MARCH 14

7:00AM - Sharan Bellard

## WEEK OF MARCH 16, 2024

REG. COLLECTION: SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH

### SATURDAY, MARCH 16

4:00PM - Charles Medica 7<sup>th</sup> anniv. Kristian  
Louviere, Adrien, Larry, Marty,  
Lena, & Jim Doiron

*Lector: S. Cranford*

*Server: A. Byrd*

### SUNDAY, MARCH 17

8:00AM - Todd Mizell

*Lector: E. Lohman*

*Server: A. Schexnyder*

10:30AM - Lloyd Killen, Will Polk

*Lector: J. Leglue*

*Server: A. Brundrett*

5:00PM - For Our Parish Family

*Lector: J. Montalvo*

*Server: V. Montalvo*

### MONDAY, MARCH 18

7:00AM - Zachary Veillon

### TUESDAY, MARCH 19

7:00AM - Shirley & Rickey Sayes

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20

7:00AM - Russell Edwards III

### THURSDAY, MARCH 21

7:00AM - Mary Lee and Gerald Robichaux, Sr.

### SANCTUARY CANDLE BURNS THIS WEEK



IN LOVING MEMORY OF CHARLES MEDICA  
ON THE 7<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF HIS DEATH

BY MIKE AND SHERRI STEPHENSON

If you would like to have a loved one or special  
intention remembered by providing for the sanctu-  
ary 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 for-  
mal complaint of abuse to the diocese, arrange a  
personal meeting with the bishop or his representa-  
tive, 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 availa-  
ble in the narthex bookcase. Both the Diocesan Pol-  
icy for the Protection of Minors, and the Diocesan  
Code of Pastoral Conduct are in the safe environ-  
ment section at [www.diocesealex.org](http://www.diocesealex.org)

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER**

**OUR PERMANENT DEACON CANDIDATE**

Brad Gadel

**THOSE PREPARING FOR MATRIMONY**

Sara Richard and Cody Fitzgerald  
November 16, 2024

**OUR FIRST EUCHARIST CANDIDATES**

*Saturday, May 4, 2024 - 10:00 a.m.*

Emma Brundrett, Jude Flook, Eric Lohman, Landry Mitten, Stevie Patin, Reed Ponthier, Miles Schexndyer, Collin Stewart, Lillie Stewart, Abigail Upton, Isabella Winegeart, Wyatt Winegeart

**OUR CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES**

*Saturday, April 6, 2024 - 4:00 p.m.*

Izzie Antee, Hannah Daigrepoint, Donald Ducote, Jadyne Foote, Cayden Mathews, Vivian Montalvo, Alexander Rubio

**OUR OCIA CANDIDATES**

Garrett Francis, Madeline Francis, Sarah Francis

**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, Russ Edwards, Thomas Hickman, Kenneth Hawthorne, Daniel Jones, Debbie Duck Lyles, Jacques Matt, Jo Tassin, John Upton, Heather Warren Stokes, Tonya Wood

**OUR HOMEBOUND**

Faye Connella, Butch Doiron, Brenda Holloway, Janet Lamkin, Janet Normand, Jane Richey, Joe & Irene Thompson

**OUR NURSING HOME RESIDENTS**

Michael Flynn, Georgine Lauve, Lewis "Buddy" Lauve, Patricia "Patty" Mahone, Adrienne Stevens, Donna White

**OUR ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY**

Kory Butler, Brandon Coreil, David J. Francis, Dustin Guillory, Michael Hawthorne, Daniel Keely, Kelley Perry, Robin Perry, Michael Smilie, Chuck Williams

*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 - 03/03/2024**

Regular Collection	\$ 5,884.00
EFT Collection	\$ 1,845.00
Weekly Goal	\$ <u>6,530.00</u>
<b>Overage</b>	<b>\$ 1,199.00</b>

Goal for March (5 Sundays)	\$ 32,650.00
Received for March	\$ <u>7,729.00</u>
<b>Still Needed for March</b>	<b>\$ 24,921.00</b>

Repairs & Maintenance	\$ 20.00
Easter Flowers	\$ 315.00

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!  
MERCİ BEAUCOUP!!**

**ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL (ADA)**

Parish Goal 2023 \$ 21,256.00

Just as we are one in the Body of Christ, we must remember that we are one with other parishes in our Diocesan programs and ministries that provide services that no one parish could provide on its own.

Next weekend, in every church parish throughout the Diocese of Alexandria, Catholics who have not done so already, will be asked to support the 2024 Annual Diocesan Appeal. Please experience the joy of giving and join us as we work to continue God's work of spirituality, formation, and education by contributing to the ADA.

**“Remember that when you leave this earth, you take with you nothing that you have received only what you have been given: A full heart enriched by honest service, love, sacrifice and courage.” (St. Francis of Assisi)**

**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](http://www.mmjchurch.org)

**FAITH FORMATION****GRADES PREK - 5**

Wednesday, March 13  
5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

**GRADES 6 - 12**

Wednesday, March 13  
6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

**CONFIRMATION PREPARATION CLASS**

Wednesday, March 13  
6:00 p.m. - Church

**FIRST COMMUNION PREPARATION CLASS**

Tuesday, March 19  
5:30p.m. - Church Hall

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD**

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

**OCIA**

If you are not Catholic and have been thinking about initiation in the Catholic Church, or if you are a Baptized Catholic who has not celebrated all three of the Sacraments of Initiation, consider joining the **Order of Christian Initiation for Adults**. **OCIA** is the process by which people celebrate their Sacraments of Initiation, namely Baptism, Communion and Confirmation, in the Catholic Church.

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.

**Monday, March 11 - 5:30 p.m.**  
**Church Hall**

**CHURCH NEWS****CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES**

This weekend, we take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection. Your support for this collection aids victims of persecution and natural disasters, provides legal services to poor immigrants, and advocates for the powerless. Through your generosity, six Catholic agencies reveal Christ's love to the vulnerable refugee, the immigrant family, and those who are poor and marginalized. Please prayerfully consider contributing to The Catholic Relief Services Collection today.

**EASTER MEMORIAL FLOWER FUND**

This fund enables us to decorate the Church during the 50 days of the Easter season. The donors and those to be remembered will be listed in the May 25-26 bulletin. The suggested donation is \$10. An envelope for this purpose is in the pews, your monthly packet, or one of your own. Don't forget to include on the envelope the name(s) of your loved one(s) to be remembered/honored.

**WAY OF THE CROSS**

Fridays - 6:00PM

**MEN OF MMJ - FRIDAY FISH FRY**

March 15

Serving begins at 5:00 p.m.  
\$9.00 per plate - Eat in or take out.



Sunday, March 10  
2:00 a.m. - We Spring Ahead By One Hour

**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.

**QUILTING MINISTRY**

Wednesdays beginning at 9:00 a.m.  
Call Brenda Mathews (318) 730-8123

**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**

Thursdays - 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

## 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent

### Sunday, March 10

2 Chr 36:14-16,19-23  
Ps 137:1-6  
Eph 2:4-10  
Jn 3:14-21

### Monday, March 11

Is 65:17-21  
Ps 30:2,4-6,11-12a,13b  
Jn 4:43-54

### Tuesday, March 12

Ez 47:1-9,12  
Ps 46:2-3,5-6,8-9  
Jn 5:1-16

### Wednesday, March 13

Is 49:8-15  
Ps 145:8-9,13c-14,17-18  
Jn 5:17-30

### Thursday, March 14

Ex 32:7-14  
Ps 106:19-23  
Jn 5:31-47

### Friday, March 15

Wis 2:1a,12-22  
Ps 34:17-21,23  
Jn 7:1-2,10,25-30

### Saturday, March 16

Jer 11:18-20  
Ps 7:2-3,9b-12  
Jn 7:40-53

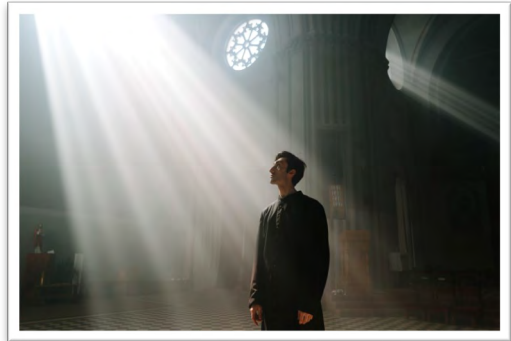
God's love is more than we can ever imagine. Through God's infinite and merciful love, He sent his only beloved Son, Jesus, to Earth to teach us how to love. He sacrificed his Son to suffer and die a cruel death on the cross to save us from eternal death and damnation for our sins and the sins of Adam and Eve. He sent the Holy Spirit to guide us out of darkness and promised that if we believed, we would be rewarded with true happiness in heaven.

What an amazing gift this is! Through our faith and commitment to Jesus, we can be assured that God, who knows everything about us, including our faults and imperfections, loves us and promises us salvation rather than judgment for our failings!

But what is meant by the words "everyone who believes in Him?" The action word "believes" is much more than merely saying, "I accept Jesus as my Lord and Savior." Real belief in Jesus involves turning one's life over to Jesus and His teachings. It means

making Jesus the center of our lives. It's a commitment to surrender one's selfish ways and to love others the way Christ loves.

It is still true today that many people continue to stay in the darkness rather than have their sins exposed in the light. Sometimes it is self-denial and they are afraid to confront their own sins. Other times, they don't want to admit to others that they are struggling. They fear that changing will be too hard. If only they would trust our most gracious and merciful God, who forgives and restores our souls when we offer our lives to Him.



We show belief when we come into the light and see, accept, and live in the truth of Jesus and His teachings. When we are true believers, our works of love will be Christ-like. Those who believe in Christ love Him and want to be like Him. Our good works will be done out of pure love and gratefulness for our God. Our belief – our faith in Christ – will go hand in hand with our actions – our works – to save us, and we will reach out to bring the Good News to others, too.

### Reflect & Discuss:

- † How do you live your life in a way that others can see that you believe God loves you and He loves them, too?
- † In what areas of your life must you continue trusting in the love and light of Christ to transform you out of darkness?
- † How can you clearly and simply communicate the Gospel message of God's saving grace through Jesus to others?
- † How can you sincerely share your testimony to show your personal need for a Savior?