

# 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 MARCH 18, 2023

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

### SATURDAY, MARCH 18

4:00PM - Charles Medica 6<sup>th</sup> anniv.

Lector: P. Gadel  
Server: A. Daigrepoint

### SUNDAY, MARCH 19

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

Lector: B. Edwards  
Server: J. Schexnyder

10:30AM - Kristian Louviere

Lector: M. Brundrett  
Server: A. Brundrett

5:00PM - For Our Parish Family

Lector: J. Reynolds  
Server: A. Byrd

### MONDAY, MARCH 20

7:00AM - Alfred Mathews, Sr.

### TUESDAY, MARCH 21

7:00AM - Russel Edwards, III

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22

7:00AM - Shirley Sayes

### THURSDAY, MARCH 23

7:00AM - Rickey Sayes

## WEEK OF MARCH 25, 2023

REG. COLLECTION: SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH

### SATURDAY, MARCH 25

4:00PM - Alfred Mathews, Sr. 6<sup>th</sup> anniv.

Lector: M. Leleux  
Server: A. Byrd

### SUNDAY, MARCH 26

8:00AM - Shirley Sayes

Lector: G. Delaney  
Server: L. Delaney

10:30AM - Earline Descant, Ashley Brinson

Lector: J. Antee  
Server: C. Mathews

5:00PM - For Our Parish Family

Lector: J. Montalvo  
Server: V. Montalvo

### MONDAY, MARCH 27

7:00AM - Betty Mathews

### TUESDAY, MARCH 28

7:00AM - Joan Gadel

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29

7:00AM - Thelma Schulz

### THURSDAY, MARCH 30

7:00AM - Max Kroll



### SANCTUARY CANDLE BURNS THIS WEEK

IN LOVING MEMORY OF  
ALFRED AND BETTY MATHEWS,  
BY KENNY AND CINDY SAYES

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](http://www.diocesealex.org)

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER**

**THOSE PREPARING FOR FIRST EUCHARIST**

Saturday, May 6 - 10:00 a.m.

Corbin Bennett, James Ducote, Thomas Long, Harper Rajewski, Bentley Ryland, Ben Upton, Lawson Wheat, Charlie White

**O CIA CANDIDATES**

Chad Doyle, Lory Malone, Benjamin Malone, Jackson Malone, Bridgette Thompson, Garrison Thompson, Claude Weatherford

**THOSE PREPARING FOR MATRIMONY**

Jennifer Smilie and C. J. Fuqua - April 15, 2023

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.*

Lynn Bawner, Mary Louise Bawner, Michael Brewton, Billy Brock, George Juan Burns, Rachal Burns, Mary Cezar, Richard Charon, Brian Dobard, Eric Duck, Rhonda Earhart, Jana Fontenot, Randy Francis, Keith Johnson, Betsy Lanclos, Helen Mathews, Jacques Matt, Terry Melançon, Debbie Norment, Lori Spratling, Kyle Stokes, Earlene Tanner, Chuck Vernon, Michelle Vincent

**OUR HOMEBOUND**

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

**OUR NURSING HOME RESIDENTS**

Betty Jones, Adrienne Stevens

**OUR ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY**

Kory Butler, Brandon Coreil, Travis Edwards, 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 - 03/12/2023**

Regular Collection	\$ 3,846.00
EFT Collection	\$ 2,365.00
Weekly Goal	\$ <u>6,530.00</u>
<b>Shortage</b>	<b>\$ 319.00</b>
Goal for March (4 Sundays)	\$ 26,120.00
Received for March	\$ <u>13,826.00</u>
<b>Still Needed for March</b>	<b>\$ 12,294.00</b>
Maintenance and Repair	\$ 45.00
Catholic Relief Services	\$ 20.00
Easter Flowers	\$ 235.00

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

**ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL (ADA)**

Parish Goal 2023	\$ 21,256.00
Pledged	\$ <u>12,648.00</u>
Balance Remaining	\$ 8,608.00

All that we have and all that we are comes from the Lord. “We are truly his handiwork,” says St. Paul in the second reading, “created in Christ Jesus to lead a life of good deeds which God prepared for us in advance.

Today is our parish’s 2023 Annual Diocesan Appeal in-pew weekend. In the past weeks you might have received a letter from Bishop Marshall asking for your support of the annual appeal. After the homily parishioners who have not yet pledged to the ADA will have an opportunity to join with Catholics throughout the Diocese of Alexandria to support the diocesan church.

**COMMUNITY REWARDS**

Visit [Kroger.com](http://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](http://www.mmjchurch.org)

**FAITH FORMATION****MARK YOUR CALENDARS****VBS - JUNE 5-9****RELIGIOUS EDUCATION/CCD****GRADES PREK - 5**

March 22 - 5:30 p.m.

**GRADES 6 - 12**

March 22 - 6:30 p.m.

**FIRST COMMUNION PREPARATION**Sunday, March 19 - 3:30 p.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**ADULT FAITH FORMATION****Live Streamed and In Person**  
**March 21, 28***The History of the Mass*  
Presenter: Dr. Mary DeVille  
10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.**OCIA (FORMERLY RCIA)**

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?

Tuesday, March 21  
5:30 p.m. - Church Hall**CHURCH NEWS****PRO LIFE COMMITTEE**Monday, March 20  
6:00 p.m. - Church Hall**WAY OF THE CROSS**

Fridays - 6:00 p.m.

**MEN OF MMJ - FRIDAY FISH FRY**March 24  
5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.  
\$9.00 - Eat in or take out.**THANK YOU**

Bayou Rapides Corporation for their generosity in moving our large swing set to the new playground area.

**CONGRATULATIONS**

Madeline Buller, Kennedy Daigrepoint, Julia Loken, and Casey Mallach confirmed by Bishop Marshall, this Saturday, March 18 at the 4:00 p.m. Mass.

**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 June 3-4 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.

**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**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**Wednesdays - 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.  
Whenever CCD/Religious Education classes are held. Please join us for a quiet hour of meditation.

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## Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements

### Church Operating Fund

For the 3 Months Ended December 31, 2022

(Fiscal Year: July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023)

	Fiscal Year 2022-2023	Fiscal Year 2021-2022	VARIANCE
<b>CHURCH RECEIPTS</b>			
Regular Collections and Contributions	\$ 90,789.00	\$ 82,855.01	\$ (7,933.99)
Repairs & Maintenance Collections	\$ 3,635.00	\$ 567.00	\$ (3,068.00)
Building Fund Collections	\$ 1,235.00	\$ 1,495.00	\$ 260.00
Special Parish Purpose Collections	\$ 9,200.00	\$ 850.00	\$ (8,350.00)
Fundraising Adult, Youth, Other Income	\$ 4,998.00	\$ 7,739.00	\$ 2,741.00
Parish Suppers	\$ 100.00	\$ 2,819.00	\$ 2,719.00
Church Hall Rental Income		\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00
Insurance Proceeds	\$ 4,737.52	\$ 841.95	\$ (3,895.57)
Regular Non-Collection Receipts	\$ 4,740.73	\$ 4,074.29	\$ (666.44)
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>\$ 119,435.25</b>	<b>\$ 101,441.25</b>	<b>\$ (17,994.00)</b>
<b>CHURCH EXPENSES</b>			
Clergy Earnings	\$ 8,536.86	\$ 9,601.66	\$ 1,064.80
Lay Employee Salary & Benefits	\$ 25,938.47	\$ 18,319.00	\$ (7,619.47)
Diocesan Support Assessment	\$ 14,280.00	\$ 12,750.00	\$ (1,530.00)
Charitable Donations	\$ 7,294.49	\$ 15,017.74	\$ 7,723.25
Mass & Liturgical Supplies	\$ 9,371.08	\$ 10,169.90	\$ 798.82
Insurance	\$ 4,602.39	\$ 4,078.41	\$ (523.98)
Interest & Bank Charges	\$ 1,294.43	\$ 1,161.04	\$ (133.39)
Parish Offices & Rectory	\$ 7,583.33	\$ 7,520.46	\$ (62.87)
Religious Education, Programs & Services	\$ 539.14	\$ 1,841.49	\$ 1,302.35
Youth, Programs & Services	\$ 670.00		\$ (670.00)
Parish Supper Expenses	\$ 1,206.14	\$ 1,846.99	\$ 640.85
Maintenance & Improvements	\$ 4,336.21	\$ 6,570.83	\$ 2,234.62
Buildings, Furnishings, & Remodeling	\$ 12,946.45	\$ 2,316.61	\$ (10,629.84)
Utilities & Telephone	\$ 10,752.51	\$ 6,903.77	\$ (3,848.74)
All Other Expenses	\$ 2,151.21	\$ 1,961.76	\$ (189.45)
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 111,502.71</b>	<b>\$ 100,059.66</b>	<b>\$ (11,443.05)</b>
<b>EXCESS OF RECEIPTS OVER EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ 7,932.54</b>	<b>\$ 1,381.59</b>	<b>\$ (6,550.95)</b>

## 4th Sunday of Lent

### Sunday March 19

1 Samuel 16:1b,6-7,10-13a  
Ps 23:1-6  
Ephesians 5:8-14  
John 9:1-41

### Monday March 20 JOSEPH, HUSBAND OF MARY

2 Samuel 7:4-5a,12-14a,16  
Ps 89:2-5,27,29  
Romans 4:13,16-18,22  
Matthew 1:16,18-21,24a or  
Luke 2:41-51a

### Tuesday March 21

Ezra 47:1-9,12  
Ps 46:2-3,5-6,8-9  
John 5:1-16

### Wednesday March 22

Isaiah 49:8-15  
Ps 145:8-9,13cd-14,17-18  
John 5:17-30

### Thursday March 23

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

### Friday March 24

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

### Saturday March 25 ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD

Isaiah 7:10-14; 8:10  
Ps 40:7-11  
Hebrews 10:4-10  
Luke 1:26-38

Finally, Jesus sought him out again, this time to minister to him in response to the mistreatment he had suffered from the Pharisees. In this act of caring, the man could see who Jesus really was. Conversion – the purification of our spiritual vision – takes place in the fire of our sufferings as we recognize the concern that God has for us.

Conversion is a process. The blind man in the Gospel reading exemplifies this journey into faith. Notice that at first he did not go to Jesus. Jesus came to him. The man responded by waiting to see what would happen and then by obeying Jesus.

Conversion begins when Jesus seeks us out and we make ourselves available to his touch. He then opens our eyes to the truth, but we don't immediately understand.

When the man's neighbors asked about his cure, he did not yet understand who Jesus was; he thought of him as just a man.

Then, the pressure of listening to the Pharisees argue about who Jesus was caused him to give it more thought. He concluded that Jesus must be a prophet.

As the Pharisees treated him more roughly and raised the possibility of expelling him from the synagogue if he claimed that Jesus was the Christ, he began to wonder whether it might be true. Their reasons for hating Jesus became the eye-openers that cured his spiritual blindness.



### Reflect & Discuss:

- † In the first reading, God makes it clear that he sees what we cannot see when we're focused on external evidence. Think of a time when you looked deeper or beyond the obvious. How did that change you?
- † In Ephesians 5, we read that we have become light in the Lord. Name some of the good fruits that come from the ability to see what Jesus is doing in your life.
- † The Gospel reading illustrates that those who think they can see the truth are very often blind, and those who acknowledge their blindness become able to see clearly. Why does this happen? How has it happened to you?

### Lenten Activity:

Name areas of your life where there is confusion from a lack of understanding. Perhaps you're having a hard time seeing the good in someone. Maybe you're worried about the future. What will you do this week that will help you see it from God's perspective?