

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 23, 2024

REG. COLLECTION: SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH

SATURDAY, MARCH 23

4:00PM - Adrien, Larry, Marty, Lena, & Jim Doiron

Lectors: P. Gadel, G. Patty

Server: J. Schexnyder, B. Gadel

SUNDAY, MARCH 24

8:00AM - Sharan Bellard

Lectors: E. Lohman, K. Bellard

Server: A. Daigrepoint

10:30AM - Dee and Helen Smart, Taylor Romines

Lectors: T. Reynolds, B. Lowe

Server: A. Brundrett, C. Mathews

5:00PM - For Our Parish Family

Lectors: J. Reynolds, J. Montalvo

Server: A. Byrd

MONDAY, MARCH 25

7:00AM - Zachary Veillon

TUESDAY, MARCH 26

7:00AM - Shirley & Rickey Sayes

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27

7:00AM - Lloyd Killen

THURSDAY, MARCH 28

6:00PM - For Our Parish Family

Lector: J. Reynolds

Server: H. Reynolds, B. Gadel

A. Schexnyder, V. Montalvo

FRIDAY, MARCH 29

3:00PM - Commemoration of the Lord's Passion

Lector: P. Gadel, J. Montalvo

Server: B. Gadel, V. Montalvo, A. Byrd

6:00PM - Stations of the Cross

SANCTUARY CANDLE BURNS THIS WEEK

IN LOVING MEMORY OF OUR DECEASED PARISHIONERS AND BENEFACTORS

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.

WEEK OF MARCH 30, 2024

REG. COLLECTION: SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH

ADD'L COLLECTION: INFIRM PRIEST OF OUR DIOCESE

SATURDAY, MARCH 30

8:00PM - For Our Parish Family

Lector: B. & K. Chapman, J. Montalvo

M. Leleux, S. Cranford, E. Lohman

Server: B. Gadel, V. Montalvo, A. Brundrett

SUNDAY, MARCH 31

8:00AM - For Our Parish Family

Lector: R. Normand

Server: J. Schexnyder

10:30AM - For Our Parish Family

Lector: J. Leglue

Server: A. Byrd

5:00PM - **NO MASS**

MONDAY, APRIL 1

NO MASS

TUESDAY, APRIL 2

7:00AM - Joseph Johnson

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3

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

THURSDAY, APRIL 4

7:00AM - Morris Robin, Jr.

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

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

OUR PERMANENT DEACON CANDIDATE

Brad Gadel

OUR FIRST EUCHARIST CANDIDATES

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

Emma Brundrett, Jude Flook, Eric Lohman, Landry Mitten, Steviee 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.

Alfred Cook III, 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, 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 - 03/17/2024

Regular Collection	\$ 3,491.00
EFT Collection	\$ 2,145.00
Weekly Goal	\$ <u>6,530.00</u>
Shortage	\$ 894.00
Goal for March (5 Sundays)	\$ 32,650.00
Received for March	\$ <u>20,828.00</u>
Still Needed for March	\$ 11,812.00
Repairs & Maintenance	\$ 20.00
Easter Flowers	\$ 245.00

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

ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL (ADA)

Parish Goal 2024 \$ 21,256.00

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

Today is our parish's 2024 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. Parishioners who have not yet pledged to the ADA now have an opportunity to join with Catholics throughout the Diocese of Alexandria to support the Diocesan Church.

"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

FAITH FORMATION**GRADES PREK - 5**

Wednesday, March 27
6:00 p.m. Parish Penance Service

GRADES 6 - 12

Wednesday, March 27
6:00 p.m. Parish Penance Service

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION CLASS

Wednesday, March 27
6:00 p.m. Parish Penance Service

FIRST COMMUNION PREPARATION CLASS

Tuesday, March 26
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.

CHURCH NEWS**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.

COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICE

Wednesday, March 27, 2024 - 6:00 p.m.

There will be 4 priests to celebrate individual Sacrament of Reconciliation/Confession.

MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Thursday, March 28, 2024 - 6:00 p.m.

Fr. Paul will be bringing Communion to our home-bound parishioners.

GOOD FRIDAY - MARCH 29, 2024

This is a day of fast and abstinence. We do not eat meat (14 years of age and older) and we have only one full meal and two lighter meals during the course of the day (18 to 59 years of age).

The Lord's Passion - 3:00 p.m.

The Way of the Cross - 6:00 p.m.

EASTER VIGIL - MARCH 30, 2024

8:00 p.m.

EASTER SUNDAY - MARCH 31, 2024

8:00 a.m. - Mass

9:00 a.m. - Breakfast with the Easter Bunny



9:45 a.m. - Easter Egg Hunt

10:30 a.m. - Mass

No 5:00 p.m. Mass Easter Sunday

LADIES' ROSARY MINISTRY

Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m. in the Church.

Palm Sunday

Sunday, March 24

Procession:

Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16

Mass:

Is 50:4-7

Ps 22:8-9,17-20,23-24

Phil 2:6-11

Mk 14:1 – 15:47

Monday, March 25

Is 42:1-7

Ps 27:1-3,13-14

Jn 12:1-11

Tuesday, March 26

Is 49:1-6

Ps 71:1-4a,5-6b,15,17

Jn 13:21-33,36-38

Wednesday, March 27

Is 50:4-9a

Ps 69:8-10,21-22,31,33-34

Mt 26:14-25

Thursday, March 28

Holy Thursday

Ex 12:1-8,11-14

Ps 116:12-13,15-18

1 Cor 11:23-26

Jn 13:1-15

Friday, March 29

Good Friday

Is 52:13 – 53:12

Ps 31:2,6,12-13,15-17,25

Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9

Jn 18:1 – 19:42

Saturday, March 30

Holy Saturday

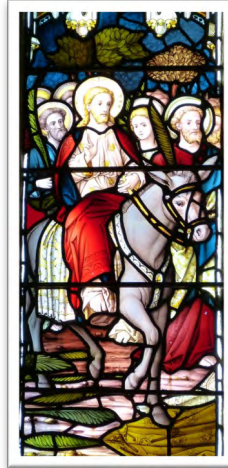
Imagine the mixed emotions and excitement that day when Jesus, the humble King, entered Jerusalem on the back of a donkey amidst shouts of “Hosanna” and palm branches being waved in the air and tossed at his feet. To live in that time in Jerusalem was to live in a pressure cooker of political and religious upheaval. Many were indeed looking for a Savior, but Jesus knew that not everyone who was jumping up and down had the same expectations of him.

In the crowd, along with his disciples, were those who were ecstatic about the miracles they had witnessed or heard about, and they were convinced that he was the Messiah, the King of Israel. Some were traveling and just curious about who this man could be. Then there were the Pharisees who hated Jesus and distrusted him because they thought his teachings were too loose and he threatened their security, prestige, and status in the community.

As exciting as this big entrance procession was, Jesus must have carried much trepidation in his heart with the knowledge that he was fulfilling the messianic prophecy from Zechariah 9:9 by triumphantly riding in on a donkey’s colt. He knew that many of these same people who were welcoming him so eagerly would soon turn against him and this would set his Father’s plan into motion for his suffering, death, and resurrection.

Jesus could have turned back, but he courageously

cooperated with his Father’s holy will and moved forward in trust. It was not until later after Jesus was glorified and the Holy Spirit enlightened them that his disciples understood all that had happened.



This Palm Sunday of the Lord’s Passion, as we hold our blessed palms in our hands and sing joyful hosannas at Mass, let us be reminded that Jesus, our beloved Savior, modeled for

us the rhythm and hope for our own lives. Because of what Jesus did for us by suffering, dying, and rising from the dead, we too will have joy, followed by sorrow, and then joy once again. Good will conquer evil and life will conquer death.

Reflect & Discuss:

- † Have there been times when you did not fully understand why things were happening in your life, but later realized that God seemed to be orchestrating everything for your best interest?
- † In what ways are you being called to trust God right now in your life?
- † How should we respond to modern-day Pharisees who feel threatened by the love we show our neighbors?
- † How has the Holy Spirit enlightened you after the fact in ministry?