

# 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 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

*Lectors: B. & K. Chapman, J. Montalvo  
M. Leleux, S. Cranford, E. Lohman  
Servers: 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.

## WEEK OF APRIL 6, 2024

REG. COLLECTION: SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH

### SATURDAY, APRIL 6

4:00PM - Barbara Rigby, Kristian Louviere

*Lector: J. Antee, J. Foote  
Server: A. Daigrepoint, B. Gadel, L. Brocato*

### SUNDAY, APRIL 7

8:00AM - Betty Jones

*Lector: G. Delaney  
Server: B. Emerson*

10:30AM - Mary Lee Robichaux 92<sup>nd</sup> birthday remembrance, Stephen Rodeback, Jerry Bawner

*Lector M. Brundrett  
Server: A. Brundrett*

5:00PM - For Our Parish Family

*Lector: E. Lohman  
Server: A. Byrd*

### MONDAY, APRIL 8

7:00AM - Zachary Veillon

### TUESDAY, APRIL 9

7:00AM - Sharan Bellard

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10

7:00AM - Lloyd Killen

### THURSDAY, APRIL 11

7:00AM - Mary Virginia Young

### 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.

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**

**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, 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 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, Daniel Jones, Debbie Duck Lyles, Jacques Matt, Jo Tassin, John Upton, 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 - 03/24/2024**

Regular Collection	\$ 3,035.00
EFT Collection	\$ 1,645.00
Weekly Goal	\$ <u>6,530.00</u>
<b>Shortage</b>	<b>\$ 1,850.00</b>
Goal for March (5 Sundays)	\$ 32,650.00
Received for March	\$ <u>25,518.00</u>
<b>Still Needed for March</b>	<b>\$ 7,132.00</b>
Repairs & Maintenance	\$ 20.00
Easter Flowers	\$ 330.00

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

**ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL (ADA)**

Parish Goal 2024	\$ 24,126.00
Received to Date (30 families)	\$ <u>14,020.00</u>
Still Needed	\$ 10,106.00

Thank you to everyone who made a pledge last weekend to the Annual Diocesan Appeal. If you have not had the opportunity to make your pledge to the ADA, please visit [www.diocesealex.org/our-diocese/development-public-affairs-office](http://www.diocesealex.org/our-diocese/development-public-affairs-office). Please take the time to make your commitment to the larger Church, knowing that your gift to the Annual Diocesan Appeal makes a real difference in the lives of the laity of our Diocese.

**“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****MARK YOUR CALENDARS****Vacation Bible School - June 3 - 7**

8:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.  
Early drop off begins at 7:30 a.m.

Register online under the Faith Formation Tab.

Volunteers are always welcome and needed! The next volunteer meeting will be Tuesday, April 10, at 6:00 p.m. in the church hall.

**FIRST COMMUNION PREPARATION CLASS**

Tuesday, April 9  
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.

**WELCOME TO OUR FAITH**

Garrett, Madeline, and Sarah Francis who completed their Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil. May God's Spirit continue to strengthen and guide you.

**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****HOLY WATER BOTTLES**

A basket containing bottles of water blessed at the Easter Vigil is located near the baptismal font. Every family is invited to take one with you for use at home.

**ADDITIONAL COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND**

A portion of our monthly obligations to the diocese of Alexandria includes \$250 (\$3,000 annual) to support the infirmed priests of our diocese. This weekend, there will be a second collection to help our parish defray these costs. All funds collected will be directly applied to this \$3,000 budget item. Thank you for your generosity.

**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY - NEXT WEEKEND**

As the concluding rite to the 10:30AM Mass, we have exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and pray the chaplet of the Divine Mercy followed by Benediction. Everyone is encouraged to join us as we thank God through Jesus Christ for the gifts of his mercy and compassion lavishly poured out upon us, his sons and daughters.



## Easter Sunday

### Sunday, March 31

Acts 10:34a,37-43  
Ps 118:1-2,16-17,22-23  
Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8  
Jn 20:1-9 or Mk 16:1-7

### Monday, April 1

Acts 2:14,22-33  
Ps 16:1-2a,5,7-11  
Mt 28:8-15

### Tuesday, April 2

Acts 2:36-41  
Ps 33:4-5,18-20,22  
Jn 20:11-18

### Wednesday, April 3

Acts 3:1-10  
Ps 105:1-4,6-9  
Lk 24:13-35

### Thursday, April 4

Acts 3:11-26  
Ps 8:2ab,5-9  
Lk 24:35-48

### Friday, April 5

Acts 4:1-12  
Ps 118:1-2,4,22-27a  
Jn 21:1-14

### Saturday, April 6

Acts 4:13-21  
Ps 118:1,14-15b,16-21  
Mk 16:9-15

Mary Magdalene, Peter, and John accompanied Jesus on his final mission and were key witnesses to his inspirational teachings, astonishing miracles, traumatic suffering, and excruciating death on the cross. They were three of Jesus' most intimate friends and, besides his mother, they seemed to know him the best.

We see in Scripture how Jesus tried to prepare those he loved for what was going to happen. Still, on that Easter morning when first confronted with the empty tomb, their human weakness and broken hearts gave way to sadness, suspicion, and fear. It would take them a little while before they would fully understand that Jesus had to rise from the dead through the saving power of God and then Scripture would be fulfilled.

When we love Jesus with all our hearts and are sincerely trying to follow him, we must trust him and the Holy Spirit to help us be patient and guide our understanding of things we

don't quite understand so we can stay in line with God's holy will for our lives.

Is life giving you challenges? Are people in your life disappointing you or has grief, pain, illness, or other misfortune come your way somehow? Everyone has crosses we must bear at different seasons of our lives, and we are called to carry them with faith and trust even when we don't understand everything just yet.



We are also called to love others and share our faith with them as well. Sometimes it is our very crosses that connect us to the people to whom we are being

led to share the Gospel of Christ! By holding intimately close to Jesus and trusting him, just as his closest disciples did in today's Gospel, we show what it means to be "Easter people." We know that God will turn our hurts and sacrifices into something beautiful in time and we, too, will rise.

### Reflect & Discuss:

- † How can you share the love of Christ by helping someone you know carry their cross?
- † What can you do to allow Christ to carry more of the load of your cross? Can you recognize when Christ is working through others to help carry your cross?
- † When something bad in your life turned out good, how did this affect your faith in God? How have you experienced a time when you saw and believed as the disciple John did?
- † Think about a time when you prayed, and things did not go as you wanted. As God always brings something good out of bad for those who believe and have faith, what good things did you discover?