

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 APRIL 6, 2024

REG. COLLECTION: SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH

SATURDAY, APRIL 6

4:00PM - Barbara Rigby, Kristian Louviere

Lector: J. Antee, J. Montalvo

Server: A. Daigrepoint, L. Brocato

SUNDAY, APRIL 7

8:00AM - Betty Jones

Lector: G. Delaney

Server: B. Emerson

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

Lector: B. Lowe

Server: J. Moreau

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

WEEK OF APRIL 13, 2024

REG. COLLECTION: SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH

SATURDAY, APRIL 13

4:00PM - Lena, Marty, Larry, Jim, and Adrian Doiron

Lector: B. Patty

Server: A. Byrd

SUNDAY, APRIL 14

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

Lector: D. Bess

Server: J. Schexnyder

10:30AM - Dee and Helen Smart, Lloyd Killen

Lector: T. Reynolds

Server: J. Malone

5:00PM - For Our Parish Family

Lector: J. Reynolds

Server: H. Reynolds

MONDAY, APRIL 15

7:00AM - Zachary Veillon

TUESDAY, APRIL 16

7:00AM - Ernestine Moras 52nd anniv,

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17

7:00AM - Joseph Johnson

THURSDAY, APRIL 18

7:00AM -

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

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 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 - 03/31/2024

Regular Collection	\$ 4,462.00
EFT Collection	\$ 1,705.00
Weekly Goal	\$ <u>6,530.00</u>
Shortage	\$ 363.00
Goal for March (5 Sundays)	\$ 32,650.00
Received for March	\$ <u>31,685.00</u>
Shortage for March	\$ 965.00
Repairs & Maintenance	\$ 40.00
Easter Flowers	\$ 120.00
Catholic Relief Services	\$ 25.00
Holy Land	\$ 339.00
Infirm Priests	\$ 1,303.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

MERCI 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. 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

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.

THANK YOU

To all those whose hard work and dedication ensured that our Holy Week and Triduum liturgies were beautiful and prayerful.

CONGRATULATIONS

Our young adults confirmed by Bishop Robert Marshall, Jr., at the 4:00p.m. Mass this Saturday: Izzie Antee, Hannah Daigrepoint, Donald Ducote, Jadyne Foote, Cayden Mathews, Vivian Montalvo, Alexander Rubio

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.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY - THIS 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.

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.

Divine Mercy Sunday

Sunday, April 7

Acts 4:32-35
Ps 118:2-4,13-15,22-24
1 Jn 5:1-6
Jn 20:19-31

Monday, April 8

Annunciation of the Lord

Is 7:10-14; 8:10
Ps 40:7-11
Heb 10:4-10
Lk 1:26-38

Tuesday, April 9

Acts 4:32-37
Ps 93:1-2,5
Jn 3:7-15

Wednesday, April 10

Acts 5:17-26
Ps 34:2-9
Jn 3:16-21

Thursday, April 11

St. Stanislaus

Acts 5:27-33
Ps 34:2,9,17-20
Jn 3:31-36

Friday, April 12

Acts 5:34-42
Ps 27:1,4,13-14
Jn 6:1-15

Saturday, April 13

Acts 6:1-7
Ps 33:1-2,4-5,18-19
Jn 6:16-21

Divine Mercy Sunday is one of the Church's most inspiring and comforting feast days. In today's Gospel, Christ's compassion and love shine when he appeared to his disciples in the locked Upper Room on that first Easter evening after he rose from the dead.

Frightened and confused, his friends were shaken following the traumatic events they had just experienced, and they huddled in fear and confusion. They had received a report that Jesus had risen and was alive! What would Jesus say to them now? Would he be angry with their denials, betrayal, and fear?

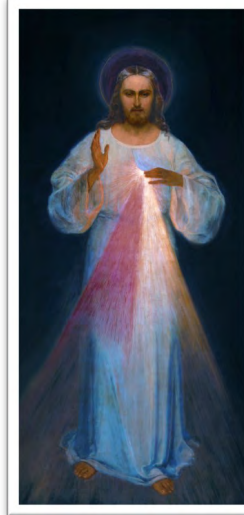
When our Lord appeared to them, he immediately put them at ease with his words of grace, "Peace be with you." He gifted them with the Holy Spirit and gave them the power and mission to forgive sins.

Thomas, who missed the first appearance of Jesus, was filled with questions and doubts. Jesus showed much patience and compassion, just as he did with the other disciples, and

he continues to do for us. Jesus greeted him with peace and offered Thomas another chance, the experience of touching his wounds to help him believe, which won his heart for Christ.

Although Jesus affirms faith without sight, sometimes even the most passionate and faith-filled souls experience fear, doubts, failures, confusion, and setbacks. God's unlimited mercy and

love are unstoppable; he will continue pursuing souls and giving them more opportunities to trust in him and experiences to win their hearts. At the heart of the Divine Mercy Chaplet, a powerful prayer was offered by Jesus to St. Faustina, which has seen many miracles unfold and brought people to conversion:



Eternal Father, I offer You the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your Dearly Beloved Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, in atonement

*for our sins and those of the whole world. For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world. **Jesus, I trust in You.***

Reflect & Discuss:

- † Do you only feel at peace when things are going the way you want them to? How do you feel God's peace in difficult times?
- † Is there someone who needs mercy and forgiveness from you?
- † How does society's tendency towards lack of faith affect *your* faith and inner peace?
- † How do the Sacraments of Penance and Holy Eucharist give you the peace of Christ?
- † How can you offer the peace of Christ to others?