

# 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 20, 2024

REG. COLLECTION: SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH

### SATURDAY, APRIL 20

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

*Lector: S. Cranford*  
*Server: A. Schexnyder*

### SUNDAY, APRIL 21

8:00AM - Deceased Members of the Clayton and  
Ogaard Families

*Lector: R. Normand*  
*Server: A Daigrepoint*

10:30AM - Msgr. Steve Testa, Will Polk

*Lector: J. Foote*  
*Server: A. Byrd*

5:00PM - For Our Parish Family

*Lector: J. Montalvo*  
*Server: V. Montalvo*

### MONDAY, APRIL 22

7:00AM - Zachary Veillon

### TUESDAY, APRIL 23

7:00AM - Sharan Bellard

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24

7:00AM - Lloyd Killen

### THURSDAY, APRIL 25

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

## WEEK OF APRIL 27, 2024

REG. COLLECTION: SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH  
2<sup>ND</sup> COLLECTION: CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS

### SATURDAY, APRIL 27

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

*Lector: G. Patty*  
*Server: A. Byrd*

### SUNDAY, APRIL 28

8:00AM - Todd Mizell

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

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

*Lector: J. Antee*  
*Server: J. Moreau*

5:00PM - For Our Parish Family

*Lector: J. Montalvo*  
*Server: V. Montalvo*

### MONDAY, APRIL 29

7:00AM - Zachary Veillon

### TUESDAY, APRIL 30

7:00AM - Sharan Bellard

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 1

7:00AM -

### THURSDAY, MAY 2

7:00AM -

### SANCTUARY CANDLE BURNS THIS WEEK



IN LOVING MEMORY OF ERNESTINE MORAS  
ON THE 52<sup>ND</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF HER DEATH  
BY HER GRANDSON, FR. PAUL M. LAPALME

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 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 - 04/14/2024**

Regular Collection	\$ 3,467.00
EFT Collection	\$ 1,485.00
Weekly Goal	\$ <u>6,530.00</u>
<b>Shortage</b>	<b>\$ 1,578.00</b>
Goal for April (4 Sundays)	\$ 26,120.00
Received for April	\$ <u>12,193.00</u>
<b>Still Needed for April</b>	<b>\$ 14,007.00</b>
Mothers’ Day	\$ 24.00
Easter Flowers	\$ 20.00
Repairs and Maintenance	\$ 20.00

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!**

**MERCI BEAUCOUP!!**

**ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL (ADA)**

Parish Goal 2024	\$ 24,126.00
Received to Date (30 families)	\$ <u>15,365.00</u>
Still Needed	\$ 8,761.00

Thank you to everyone who has made a pledge 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! Please contact Katie Upton if you would like to volunteer. Various opportunities are available.

**FIRST COMMUNION PREPARATION CLASS**

Tuesday, April 23

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****CATHOLIC EXTENSION SOCIETY**

As was mentioned at all the Masses last weekend, our church parish has received a grant for up to \$15,000 to empower parents and provide us with resources that will help us to help our children grow in their faith. We need everyone's help to voice and hear what needs we have and help us design a program to meet those needs. Dinner and child care will be provided.

**Listening Session****Wednesday, May 1, 6:00p.m.****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.

**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.

**WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS**

If you are celebrating a 25, 40, 50, 60 or 70<sup>th</sup> or other significant anniversary in 2024, we would like to honor you on Saturday, February 9, 2025 at the 4:00 p.m. Mass and present you with a Papal Blessing in honor of your marriage. If you would like to participate, please call or email the church office. Deadline is Sunday, August 31, 2024.

**SANCTUARY CANDLE**

Please remember that the sanctuary candle is available to burn weekly for any intentions you may have for the living, the deceased, in thanksgiving, in need, etc. The suggested donation is \$7.00. Please call Cindy at the church office.



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



### Sunday, April 21

Acts 4:8-12  
Ps 118:1,8-9,21-23,26,28-29  
1 Jn 3:1-2  
Jn 10:11-18

### Monday, April 22

Acts 11:1-18  
Ps 42:2-3; 43:3-4  
Jn 10:1-10

### Tuesday, April 23

Acts 11:19-26  
Ps 87:1b-7  
Jn 10:22-30

### Wednesday, April 24

Acts 12:24 – 13:5a  
Ps 67:2-3,5-6,8  
Jn 12:44-50

### Thursday, April 25

**St. Mark, Evangelist**  
1 Pt 5:5b-14  
Ps 89:2-3,6-7,16-17  
Mk 16:15-20

### Friday, April 26

Acts 13:26-33  
Ps 2:6-11b  
Jn 14:1-6

### Saturday, April 27

Acts 13:44-52  
Ps 98:1-4  
Jn 14:7-14

As a child, I always loved hearing about Jesus the Good Shepherd and seeing pictures of our Lord holding His staff in one hand, surrounded by a herd of fluffy sheep, and with one wayward sheep always curled around His shoulders. I was comforted by this image of Jesus, who loved all His sheep, even those who lost their way and took off in the wrong direction.

This parable offers a much deeper meaning to me now as an adult. Jesus is the Good Shepherd who laid down His life to help me – a sinner who is so prone to going astray. He suffered, died on the cross, and rose from the dead to lead me and all of God's children (His sheep) on the right path to heaven.

He knows me by name and restores my soul with grace from the Sacraments. He safeguards my steps from the snares of the Evil One through the guidance and wisdom of the Holy Spirit alive in the one, holy, Catholic, and apostolic Church. He sometimes allows me to make wrong turns, but because I know and love Him, I can trust that

He is always right there, ready to bring me back into the fold.

Through the living waters of Baptism and the gift of the Holy Spirit, Christians are called and empowered to become like Jesus and be good shepherds, too. In His image, we must forgive those who are lost and do our part to bring them back into God's embrace. We must live our lives in joy and compassion for others – especially the poor, the downcast, and the lost – who most need God's mercy.

Trusting in the wise voice and directions of the Good Shepherd, we

must never be afraid to speak God's truth and wisdom with love and grace to correct those who are astray and having trouble finding their way. As worthy shepherds, we must pray for courage to stay loyal to Christ, the Good Shepherd, in our everyday thoughts, words, and actions, whether alone, with family, at work, at church, in politics, in science, or interacting with media.

Remember that Jesus and the Church have been associated with controversy from the beginning, but He promises victory in the end. We must hold on tightly in faith, help others know and love Christ, and shepherd them into the loving gate of our Savior.

### Reflect & Discuss:

- † In which areas of your life do you most need shepherding to stay on the right path to heaven?
- † How are you being a good shepherd to the poor, downcast, and lost?
- † What are some ways we can hear the voice of the Good Shepherd? How can we protect ourselves from being snatched by Satan?
- † How do we lay down our lives for others when we are a good shepherd?

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## Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements

### Church Operating Fund

For the 3 Months Ended March 31, 2024

(Fiscal Year: July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024)

	Fiscal Year 2023-2024	Fiscal Year 2022-2023	VARIANCE
<b>CHURCH RECEIPTS</b>			
Regular Collections and Contributions	\$ 84,924.00	\$ 74,671.00	\$ 10,253.00
Repairs & Maintenance Collections	\$ 860.00	\$ 562.00	\$ 298.00
Building Fund Collections	\$ 800.00	\$ 1,540.00	\$ (740.00)
Special Parish Purpose Collections	\$ 1,495.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 1,395.00
Fundraising Adult, Youth, Other Income	\$ 1,133.00	\$ 2,596.00	\$ (1,463.00)
Parish Suppers		\$ 957.00	\$ (957.00)
Church Hall Rental Income		\$ 100.00	\$ (100.00)
Insurance Proceeds			
Regular Non-Collection Receipts	\$ 4,786.70	\$ 1,953.21	\$ 2,833.49
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>\$ 93,998.70</b>	<b>\$ 82,479.21</b>	<b>\$ 11,519.49</b>
<b>CHURCH EXPENSES</b>			
Clergy Earnings	\$ 8,823.83	\$ 8,179.08	\$ 644.75
Lay Employee Salary & Benefits	\$ 18,777.83	\$ 20,922.21	\$ (2,144.38)
Diocesan Support Assessment	\$ 15,150.00	\$ 12,750.00	\$ 2,400.00
Charitable Donations	\$ 600.00	\$ 3,291.36	\$ (2,691.36)
Mass & Liturgical Supplies	\$ 9,428.46	\$ 5,674.16	\$ 3,754.30
Insurance	\$ 5,480.94	\$ 4,328.94	\$ 1,152.00
Interest & Bank Charges	\$ 1,329.75	\$ 1,183.21	\$ 146.54
Parish Offices & Rectory	\$ 8,022.04	\$ 6,322.66	\$ 1,699.38
Religious Education, Programs & Services	\$ 8,036.84	\$ 101.36	\$ 7,935.48
Youth, Programs & Services	\$ 285.82		\$ 285.82
Parish Supper Expenses	\$ 403.34	\$ 696.37	\$ (293.03)
Maintenance & Improvements	\$ 3,143.67	\$ 2,565.90	\$ 577.77
Buildings, Furnishings, & Remodeling	\$ 11,627.50		\$ 11,627.50
Utilities & Telephone	\$ 6,787.88	\$ 7,618.89	\$ (831.01)
All Other Expenses	\$ 950.81	\$ 68.76	\$ 882.05
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 98,848.71</b>	<b>\$ 73,702.90</b>	<b>\$ 25,145.81</b>
<b>EXCESS OF RECEIPTS OVER EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ (4,850.01)</b>	<b>\$ 8,776.31</b>	