

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 27, 2024

REG. COLLECTION: SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH
2ND COLLECTION: CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS

SATURDAY, APRIL 27

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

Lector: G. Patty
Server: B. Gadel

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 - Mary "Boonie" Treuting

THURSDAY, MAY 2

7:00AM - Joseph "Bull" Johnson

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

WEEK OF MAY 4, 2024

REG. COLLECTION: SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH

SATURDAY, MAY 4

10:00AM - The First Communion Class

Lector: M. Brundrett
Server: A. Brundrett

4:00PM - Lena, Marty, Larry, Jim, and Adrian
Doiron, Kristian Louviere, Charles
Medica 82nd birthday remembrance

Lector: J. Louviere
Server: L. Brocato

SUNDAY, MAY 5

8:00AM - Betty Jones

Lector: B. Edwards
Server: B. Emerson

10:30AM - Eugene H. LaPalme 62nd anniv.,
Stephen Rodeback

Lector: J. Leglue
Server: A. Brundrett

5:00PM - For Our Parish Family

Lector: J. Reynolds
Server: V. Montalvo

MONDAY, MAY 6

7:00AM - Zachary Veillon

TUESDAY, MAY 7

7:00AM - Sharan Bellard

WEDNESDAY, MAY 8

7:00AM - Lloyd Killen

THURSDAY, MAY 9

7:00AM - Joseph Johnson

SANCTUARY CANDLE BURNS THIS WEEK



IN LOVING MEMORY OF CHARLES MEDICA
IN REMEMBRANCE OF HIS 82ND BIRTHDAY
BY MICHAEL AND SHERRI STEPHENSON

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.

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 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 .

Maggie Avant, Alfred Cook III, Brian Dobard, Russ Edwards, Thomas Hickman, Brenda Holloway, 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 - 04/21/2024

Regular Collection	\$ 3,624.00
EFT Collection	\$ 2,495.00
Weekly Goal	\$ <u>6,530.00</u>
Shortage	\$ 411.00
Goal for April (4 Sundays)	\$ 26,120.00
Received for April	\$ <u>18,232.00</u>
Still Needed for April	\$ 7,888.00
One Time Donation	\$ 11,650.00
Mothers' Day	\$ 137.00
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 (41 families)	\$ <u>18,255.00</u>
Still Needed	\$ 5,871.00

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. 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! Please contact Katie Upton if you would like to volunteer. Various opportunities are available.

FIRST COMMUNION PREPARATION CLASS

Tuesday, April 30

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 70th 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.