

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 MAY 11, 2024

REG. COLLECTION: SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH
2ND COLLECTION: CATHOLIC COMMUNICATIONS

SATURDAY, MAY 11

4:00PM - All Mothers Living and Deceased

Lector: S. Cranford

Server: A. Byrd

SUNDAY, MAY 12

8:00AM - All Mothers Living and Deceased

Lector: K. Bellard

Server: J. Schexnyder

10:30AM - All Mothers Living and Deceased

Lector: B. Lowe

Server: V. Montalvo

5:00PM - All Mothers Living and Deceased

Lector: J. Montalvo

Server: H. Reynolds

MONDAY, MAY 13

7:00AM - Zachary Veillon

TUESDAY, MAY 14

7:00AM - Sharan Bellard

WEDNESDAY, MAY 15

7:00AM - Gene Tucker

THURSDAY, MAY 16

7:00AM - Richard Gadel

WEEK OF MAY 18, 2024

REG. COLLECTION: SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH

SATURDAY, MAY 18

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

Lector: M. Leleux

Server: L. Brocato

SUNDAY, MAY 19

8:00AM - Todd Mizell

Lector: G. Delaney

Server:

10:30AM - Dee and Helen Smart, Will Polk

Lector: M. Brundrett

Server: J. Malone

5:00PM - For Our Parish Family

Lector: J. Montalvo

Server: A. Byrd

MONDAY, MAY 20

7:00AM - Zachary Veillon

TUESDAY, MAY 21

7:00AM - Larry Robin, Jr.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 22

7:00AM - Lloyd Killen

THURSDAY, MAY 23

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

SANCTUARY CANDLE BURNS THIS WEEK



FOR ALL MOTHERS LIVING AND DECEASED

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 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, Kenny Blair, 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 - 05/05/2024

Regular Collection	\$ 4,487.00
EFT Collection	\$ 1,925.00
Weekly Goal	\$ <u>6,530.00</u>
Shortage	\$ 118.00
Goal for May (4 Sundays)	\$ 26,120.00
Received for May	\$ <u>6,412.00</u>
Still Needed For May	\$ 19,708.00
Mothers’ Day	\$ 245.00
Repairs and Maintenance	\$ 30.00

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

ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL (ADA)

Parish Goal 2024	\$ 24,126.00
Received to Date (44 families)	\$ <u>19,600.00</u>
Still Needed	\$ 4,526.00

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. To guarantee a VBS T-Shirt, you must have been registered by May 19.

There will be no charge for registered parishioners. The cost for all others is \$25 per family. Donations are always welcome. Please call the office if you're not sure of your registration status.

Volunteers are always welcome and needed! Please contact Katie Upton if you would like to volunteer. Various opportunities are available.

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

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.

MOTHERS' DAY BREAKFAST

Following The 8:00a.m. Mass This Sunday
Sponsored By The Men Of MMJ

PROLIFE MINISTRIES

Monday, May 20: 5:00 p.m. - Church Hall

MUG AND MUFFIN

Thursday, May 16: 9:30 a.m. - Church Hall

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.

The Ascension of the Lord

May 12, 2024: Acts 1:1-11 | Ps 47:2-3,6-9 | Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13 | Mk 16:15-20

Pray: Holy Spirit, open my heart and enflame me with your love so I can share Jesus' Good News with everyone through my words and deeds. Amen.

Called by Christ to Spread Love, Hope, Truth, and Peace.

At the Ascension, Jesus commissioned His disciples to proclaim the Gospel. Our baptismal calling invites us, too, to share the Gospel with everyone. The Gospel's Good News is this: God has a plan for each of us. Sin interferes with God's plan and separates us from Him. Jesus Christ, the Son of God, suffered, died, and rose so we could be forgiven and united to God forever.

Jesus and his teachings of love, mercy, forgiveness, and service to others offer a positive and fruitful way of living in this dark and selfish world and a sure pathway to our home in heaven.

St. Paul calls on all Christians to follow Jesus' example and love one another with humility, gentleness, and patience. Jesus's message of love, truth, forgiveness, peace, hope, and justice is for everyone.

Sacred Scripture repeatedly reveals God's preferential love for the poor, the vulnerable, the oppressed, and the lost. Christ calls His followers to unite with Him through the gifts and guidance of the Holy Spirit to reach the hearts of those who live in poverty. This poverty does not only exist in financial need. Jesus wants us to reach out to those starving for love, thirsting for friendship with God, and struggling for justice and peace.



Jesus is the answer. Our call as Christians is to know and love Christ so much that we reflect Him in our lives, and others will see Him in us. When we love God with our whole hearts, minds, and souls, we will see Christ in others, too, and we will joyfully share our faith and trust in the Lord as we strive in humility to serve those in need of God's mercy and grace.

Reflect & Discuss:

- † Who is God calling you to share the Gospel with?
- † How might you get closer to Christ so that your love for Him will continue growing and your passion for sharing the Gospel will increase?
- † In what new ways are we being called to spread the Gospel of Christ? What new needs is God asking us to address?
- † Who are the poor and poor in spirit whom God wants us to help?