

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 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: J. Louviere

Server: L. Brocato

SUNDAY, MAY 19

8:00AM - Todd Mizell

Lector: G. Delaney

Server: B. Emerson

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.

WEEK OF MAY 25, 2024

REG. COLLECTION: SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH

SATURDAY, MAY 25

4:00PM - Lena, Marty, Larry, Jim, and Adrian Doiron, Peyton Cunningham III, Ernest Moore 20th anniv.

Lector: P. Gadel

Server: A. Byrd

SUNDAY, MAY 26

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

Lector: D. Bess

Server: A. Schexnyder

10:30AM - Lloyd Killen

Lector: T. Reynolds

Server: J. Moreau

5:00PM - For Our Parish Family

Lector: E. Lohman

Server: TBD

MONDAY, MAY 27

8:00AM - Zachary Veillon

TUESDAY, MAY 28

7:00AM - Sharan Bellard

WEDNESDAY, MAY 29

7:00AM - Larry and Marguerite Robin 70th wedding anniversary

THURSDAY, MAY 30

7:00AM - Mary Virginia Young

SANCTUARY CANDLE BURNS THIS WEEK



IN LOVING MEMORY OF
MARY LEE AND GERALD ROBICHAUX, SR.

BY THE ROBICHAUX FAMILY

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, Thomas Hickman, Brenda Holloway, Daniel Jones, Jacques Matt, Jo Tassin, John Upton, Charles Waller, 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 - 05/12/2024

Regular Collection	\$ 3,313.00
EFT Collection	\$ 2,185.00
Weekly Goal	\$ <u>6,530.00</u>
Shortage	\$ 1,032.00
Goal for May (4 Sundays)	\$ 26,120.00
Received for May	\$ <u>11,910.00</u>
Still Needed For May	\$ 14,210.00
Mothers’ Day	\$ 87.00
Repairs and Maintenance	\$ 20.00
Catholic Communications	\$ 30.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

MERCI BEAUCOUP!!

ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL (ADA)

Parish Goal 2024	\$ 24,126.00
Received to Date (45 families)	\$ <u>20,767.00</u>
Still Needed	\$ 3,359.00

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

OCIAWho 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**MUG AND MUFFIN**

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

PROLIFE MINISTRIES

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

SECURITY TEAM MEETING

Thursday, May 23: 6:30p.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.

SPEND TIME IN PRAYER

Our church is open Monday through Thursday from 6:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. This is a wonderful opportunity to take some quiet time out of your day to spend a moment in prayer with Jesus.

COMMUNITY REWARDS

Visit [Kroger.com](https://www.kroger.com) and sign up under Community at the bottom of their home page. Mary, Mother of Jesus will receive a percentage of your purchases. There is no charge to the shopper.

Pentecost Sunday

May 19, 2024: Acts 2:1-11 | Ps 104:1,24,29-31,34 | 1 Cor 12:3b-7,12-13 or Gal 5:16-25 | Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 15:26-27; 16:12-15

Pray: Holy Spirit, pour your graces and gifts into our hearts and fuel our passion to love and serve you as ambassadors of Christ. Amen.

Holy Spirit, fill me to overflowing so I may be a channel of God's goodness and grace.

What a gift Jesus promised His disciples! He would send them a mighty Advocate, the Spirit of Truth, to be with them forever. The great news is that He meant this for ALL His followers, including us! The Holy Spirit was given to us over 2,000 years ago at Pentecost, the birthday of our Church. The Spirit of God remains a mighty source of power, hope, and transformation, always ready to propel believers toward truth, holiness, God's Holy Will, and heaven.

Every Catholic receives the Holy Spirit's gifts and grace when they receive the Sacrament of Baptism. When we are baptized, we experience our own personal Pentecost. This Sacrament and the gifts of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are indelibly bonded to our souls, along with all the promises, powers, and graces given to the early disciples.

These gifts and graces of the Holy Spirit are meant to help us become who God created us each to be. They are intended to last forever to help us do the work we were designed to do in God's infinite plan. Wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, and fear of the Lord are the "seven gifts" mentioned in John's Gospel that the Holy Spirit offers to all baptized believers. Today, more than ever, we need to ask for and accept these gifts to follow God's Holy



Will. The Holy Spirit enlightens our understanding of the Word and equips us to be bright beacons of light, truth, and hope for others.

After baptism, and again through confirmation, the Holy Spirit continues to pursue us and draw us closer to the image of God in which we were created. God wants to lavish these gifts upon us, but our hearts must be open and docile to receive all He freely wants to give us. We must cooperate using our free will and reach for these gifts to activate them. Prayer, reading Scripture, daily examination of conscience, and frequently receiving the Sacraments of Reconciliation and the Holy Eucharist will help us grow in the Spirit of Christ to set the world on fire with His love, hope, truth, and peace.

Reflect & Discuss:

- † What are you doing to grow in the Holy Spirit's gifts?
- † What specific gift(s) do you need to ask for right now, and why?
- † How are you using the Holy Spirit's gifts in your personal life?
- † How is God calling you to use the gifts of the Holy Spirit in ministry to others?
- † How have you felt the presence of the Holy Spirit when helping others?