

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 JUNE 1, 2024

REG. COLLECTION: SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH

SATURDAY, JUNE 1

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

Lector: J. Louviere

Server: L. Brocato

SUNDAY, JUNE 2

8:00AM - Betty Jones

Lector: K. Bellard

Server: B. Emerson

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

Lector: J. Foote

Server: J. Malone

5:00PM - For Our Parish Family

Lector: E. Lohman

Server: A. Byrd

MONDAY, JUNE 3

7:00AM - Zachary Veillon

TUESDAY, JUNE 4

7:00AM - Mary Virginia Young

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5

7:00AM - Russel Edwards, Sr.

THURSDAY, JUNE 6

7:00AM - Lloyd Killen

WEEK OF JUNE 8, 2024

REG. COLLECTION: SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH

SATURDAY, JUNE 8

4:00PM - Lena, Marty, Larry, Jim, and Adrian
Doiron, Peyton Cunningham III,
Rita A. LaPalme 101st birthday
remembrance, Russel Edwards, Sr.

Lector: P. Gadel

Server: A. Byrd

SUNDAY, JUNE 9

8:00AM - Laurie and Carl Ogaard

Lector: E. Lohman

Server: J. Byrd

10:30AM - Lloyd Killen, Stephen Rodeback,
Bertha Tison Brown

Lector: J. Antee

Server: J. Moreau

5:00PM - For Our Parish Family

Lector: J. Reynolds

Server: H. Reynolds

MONDAY, JUNE 10

7:00AM - Communion Service

TUESDAY, JUNE 11

NO MASS

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12

7:00AM - Communion Service

THURSDAY, JUNE 13

NO MASS

SANCTUARY CANDLE BURNS THIS WEEK



**FOR THOSE LIVING WITH
MENTAL ILLNESS AND ADDICTION**

BY KENNY AND CINDY SAYES

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, Audrey Ellington, 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, 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 - 05/26/2024

Regular Collection	\$ 4,308.00
EFT Collection	\$ 1,695.00
Weekly Goal	\$ <u>6,530.00</u>
Shortage	\$ 527.00
Goal for May (4 Sundays)	\$ 26,120.00
Received for May	\$ <u>24,260.00</u>
Shortage For May	\$ 1,860.00
Fathers’ Day	\$ 40.00
Repairs and Maintenance	\$ 20.00
Catholic Communications	\$ 20.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

MERCI BEAUCOUP!!

ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL (ADA)

Parish Goal 2024	\$ 24,126.00
Received to Date (47 families)	\$ <u>22,067.00</u>
Still Needed	\$ 2,059.00

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**FATHERS' DAY NEWS**

Since Fr. Paul will be out of town Fathers' Day weekend, all fathers will be blessed and receive a token of our appreciation for them next weekend, June 8-9. Our annual Fathers' Day breakfast will be served following the 8:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday, June 16.

SECURITY TEAM

As you know, two security team members are present at each weekend Mass. We are in need of more volunteers. If you'd like to assist with this ministry, please call Ken Hawthorne (318) 201-2749 for details.

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.

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.

FORMED

Our parish has a subscription to FORMED, an online platform subscription service offering access to the best Catholic digital content producers - studies, films, audio, and eBooks. All parishioners of every age can access this great Catholic material. Go to [formed.org](https://www.formed.org), select Mary, Mother of Jesus Church, and complete the simple registration.

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)

June 2, 2024: Ex 24:3-8 | Ps 116:12-13,15-18 | Heb 9:11-15 | Mk 14:12-16,22-26

Pray: Loving Jesus, open our hearts to savor the wonder and joy of Your most precious gift, the Most Holy Eucharist. Amen.

Jesus Gives Us His Very Self in the Holy Eucharist

How humbling it is that Jesus, our promised Savior, our Emmanuel, fulfills His promise to save and be with us always in the gift of the Holy Eucharist! Today, we gratefully celebrate the Solemnity of Corpus Christi, which unites the feast of the Eucharistic sacrifice, the feast of the Sacrament of the Eucharist, and the feast of the Real Presence of Jesus in this Sacrament. Replacing the Old Covenant with the New and eternal Covenant, Jesus transformed the Jewish Passover by offering His own Body and Blood to be poured out for all to take away the sins of the world.

Are you amazed by the miracle of transubstantiation, the process by which the bread and wine of the Eucharist are transformed into the Body and Blood of Jesus after the priest says the words of Consecration? Pope St. John Paul II sought to rekindle "Eucharistic amazement" when he wrote his beautiful encyclical, *Ecclesia de Eucharistia* (the Church of the Eucharist.) I highly recommend it if you have not read it before or if it's been a while. Released in 2003, this critical Church document is excellent and will deepen your understanding and appreciation of the Eucharist, enriching your spiritual journey. It is also very rich in meaning for today's world.

Jesus modeled what it means to surrender to God's Holy Will when He sacrificed His whole life



for the good and love of others, including us. He suffered and gave the ultimate Sacrifice of His life on the Cross. He loved us enough to share His Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity in the Sacrament of the Eucharist so we would never be alone and that we, too, might share in His Kingdom here on Earth as we journey to the Kingdom of God in Heaven. As the source and summit of our Christian faith and spiritual lives, Jesus in the Eucharist provides a way for us to unite our sacrifices and sufferings to His in an offering of charity and service to others. May all who receive the Bread of Life in the Holy Eucharist become one body by the Holy Spirit and become a living sacrifice, united with Jesus Christ.

Reflect & Discuss:

- † How does the Eucharist nourish and keep your Christian life healthy?
- † In what ways have you offered your personal life as a living sacrifice enjoined with Christ's?
- † How have you encountered the Real Presence of Christ in Adoration?
- † As a sign of Christ's love, how can the Eucharist help us minister to the poor and outcast?
- † As a sign of unity, how can the Eucharist help us embrace those different from us with open hearts?
- † As a bond of charity, how can the Eucharist help us be living signs of Christ's presence and love in our troubled world?