

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 22, 2024

REG. COLLECTION: SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH

SATURDAY, JUNE 22

4:00PM - Lena, Marty, Larry, Jim, and Adrian Doiron, Eugene F. and Rita A. LaPalme 78th wedding anniversary remembrance, Mary Lee and Gerald Robichaux, Sr.

Lector: S. Cranford
Server: TBD

SUNDAY, JUNE 23

8:00AM - Todd Mizell

Lector: D. Bess
Server: A. Schexnyder

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

Lector: B. Lowe
Server: J. Moreau

5:00PM - For Our Parish Family

Lector: J. Reynolds
Server: H. Reynolds

MONDAY, JUNE 24

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

TUESDAY, JUNE 25

7:00AM - Zachary Veillon

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 26

7:00AM - Lloyd Killen

THURSDAY, JUNE 27

7:00AM - Sharan Bellard

WEEK OF JUNE 29, 2024

REG. COLLECTION: SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH
2ND COLLECTION: PETER'S PENCE

SATURDAY, JUNE 29

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

Lector: J. Louviere
Server: L. Brocato

SUNDAY, JUNE 30

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

Lector: B. Edwards
Server: TBD

10:30AM - Lloyd Killen

Lector: M. Brundrett
Server: A. Brundrett

5:00PM - For Our Parish Family

Lector: J. Montalvo
Server: A. Byrd

MONDAY, JULY 1

7:00AM - Zachary Veillon

TUESDAY, JULY 2

7:00AM - Laura Gadel Jacob

WEDNESDAY, JULY 3

7:00AM - Alfred Mathews, Sr.

THURSDAY, JULY 4

8:00AM - For Our Country

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.

Kenny Blair, Eva Chamberlain, 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

Parker Barrett, 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 - 06/16/2024

Regular Collection	\$ 2,721.00
EFT Collection	\$ 1,845.00
Weekly Goal	\$ <u>6,530.00</u>
Shortage	\$ 1,964.00
Goal for June (5 Sundays)	\$ 32,650.00
Received for June	\$ <u>20,434.00</u>
Still Needed for June	\$ 12,216.00
Fathers’ Day	\$ 1,020.00
Repairs and Maintenance	\$ 20.00
Peter’s Pence	\$ 20.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

MERCI BEAUCOUP!!

ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL (ADA)

Parish Goal 2024	\$ 24,126.00
Received to Date (48 families)	\$ <u>22,187.00</u>
Still Needed	\$ 1,939.00

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**CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD**

Every Sunday - 10:30 a.m. Mass
During the Liturgy of the Word
Ages 4 - 7 - Youth Center

FIRST PENANCE & FIRST EUCHARIST

If you have a child who is or will be 7 years old in the Fall and is expecting to celebrate their first Penance and receive their first Eucharist in the Spring of the next year, the following conditions must be met: Attend separate class; one year previous religious education, either CCD or Catholic School; complete and submit a religious education/CCD registration form.

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION

If have a child who will be entering 11th grade in the Fall and is expecting to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation in the Spring, the following conditions must be met: A letter handwritten by the candidate submitted to the Pastor by October 1 requesting the Sacrament; submit a completed and signed Sponsor eligibility form; one year previous religious education, either CCD or Catholic School; attend Sacramental Preparation Classes.



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**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. There is no charge to the shopper.

SANCTUARY CANDLE

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

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, select Mary, Mother of Jesus Church, and complete the simple registration.

12th Sunday of Ordinary Time

June 23, 2024: Jb 38:1,8-11 | Ps 107:23-26,28-31 (1b) | 2 Cor 5:14-17 | Mk 4:35-41

Pray: Lord Jesus, thank you for the growth and peace you often bring through storms. Amen.

Prepare for the Storms in Our Lives

Springtime weather is unpredictable and dangerous in Tornado Alley, the Midwestern region of the United States. Destructive, violent winds and funnel-shaped clouds can wreak havoc on communities. During storm season, meteorologists do their best to watch and warn everyone when conditions look volatile so they can heed warnings, take appropriate shelter, and be prepared. Meteorologists carefully observe atmospheric conditions, windspeeds, and supercell thunderstorm circulation, but there is usually a lot of uncertainty about when, where, and if a “terrible twister” is coming. Sometimes, disaster is unavoidable even when people are prepared, and good people become victims of tragedy.

Life often throws unexpected storms our way. When we think everything is under control, we might face a sudden health scare, a job loss, a relationship crisis, or the heart-wrenching loss of a loved one. Then what?

We can weather storms by building shelters for spiritual support and peace before bad things happen. We can acknowledge our need for God the Father who made and loves us. We can develop and nurture a personal relationship with Jesus, our Lord and Savior, through study, prayer, participation in Mass, and receiving the sacraments. We can prepare by surrendering our hearts to the Holy Spirit, who is with us to guide

and protect us against the evil snares of the devil. We can prepare our hearts to rely on God and to accept the things we cannot change with grace and peace, knowing that Christ keeps His promises to be with us always, even in the storms of life.



It is helpful to remember that the storms we face often draw us closer to God and teach us to rely on Him fully. When we suffer through storms, our reliance on divine help builds our hope and trust in Him, the “Father Almighty,” whom we affirm in our

Profession of Faith at Mass. This journey of faith and resilience allows us to share our experiences with others who need help. Mark’s Gospel reminds us not to be afraid and to be patient. As children of God, we are heirs of His grace and He promises to be with us always.

Reflect & Discuss:

- † How are you nurturing your shelter in Christ ahead of possible storms?
- † How have you waited for God’s help during a storm, and what helped you be patient?
- † How have you shared the peace of Christ with others who are going through a storm?
- † If God is Almighty and loves us, why do “storms” – bad things – still happen to good people?
- † How does Christ’s suffering, death, and resurrection bring hope in life’s storms? How does the Holy Spirit help in difficult situations?