

# 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 JULY 6, 2024

REG. COLLECTION: SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH

### SATURDAY, JULY 6

4:00PM - Lena, Marty, Larry, Jim, and Adrian Doiron, Eric Steltenpohl 3<sup>rd</sup> anniv., Kristian Louviere 47<sup>th</sup> birthday remembrance

Lector: P. Gadel  
Server: B. Gadel

### SUNDAY, JULY 7

8:00AM - Betty Jones

Lector: D. Bess  
Server: J. Byrd

10:30AM - Dee and Helen Smart, Stephen Rodeback

Lector: J. Antee  
Server: A. Brundrett

5:00PM - For Our Parish Family

Lector: J. Montalvo  
Server: A. Byrd

### MONDAY, JULY 8

7:00AM - Zachary Veillon

### TUESDAY, JULY 9

7:00AM - Sharan Bellard

### WEDNESDAY, JULY 10

7:00AM - Betty Mathews

### THURSDAY, JULY 11

7:00AM - Jacquelyn Brown

## WEEK OF JULY 13, 2024

REG. COLLECTION: SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH  
2<sup>ND</sup> COLLECTION: CHURCH IN AFRICA

### SATURDAY, JULY 13

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

Lector: J. Louviere  
Server: L. Brocato

### SUNDAY, JULY 14

8:00AM - Kyle Ogaard

Lector: E. Lohman  
Server: A. Schexnyder

10:30AM - Marie A. LaPalme 37<sup>th</sup> anniv., Lloyd Killen

Lector: J. Foote  
Server: V. Montalvo

5:00PM - For Our Parish Family

Lector: J. Reynolds  
Server: H. Reynolds

### MONDAY, JULY 15

7:00AM - Zachary Veillon

### TUESDAY, JULY 16

7:00AM - Rose Gerchow

### WEDNESDAY, JULY 17

7:00AM - Grady Sayes

### THURSDAY, JULY 18

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

### SANCTUARY CANDLE BURNS THIS WEEK



**FOR PEACE IN OUR COUNTRY  
AS WE CELEBRATE OUR INDEPENDENCE**

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](http://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, Thomas Hickman, 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, 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 - 06/30/2024**

Regular Collection	\$ 5,648.00
EFT Collection	\$ 1,405.00
Weekly Goal	\$ <u>6,530.00</u>
<b>Overage</b>	<b>\$ 523.00</b>
Goal for June (5 Sundays)	\$ 32,650.00
Received for June	\$ <u>32,795.00</u>
<b>Overage for June</b>	<b>\$ 155.00</b>
A/C donations	\$ 11,400.00
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>22,237.00</u>
Still Needed	\$ 1,889.00

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](http://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](http://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 2025, 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 11<sup>th</sup> grade in the Fall and is expecting to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation in 2025, 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****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](http://formed.org), select Mary, Mother of Jesus Church, and complete the simple registration.

**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 70<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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.

**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.

**REGISTRATION/CENSUS**

Do you consider Mary, Mother of Jesus Church "home"? Do you worship with us regularly? If you have not done so already, we ask that you please register in our parish online at [www.mmjchurch.org](http://www.mmjchurch.org), under the "parish forms" tab. Adult children no longer living at home and recently married couples are especially encouraged to register.

## 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

**July 7, 2024:** Ez 2:2-5 | Ps 123:1-4 | 2 Cor 12:7-10 | Mk 6:1-6

**Pray:** Holy Spirit, one with the Father and the Son, strengthen me with your courage, wisdom, and grace, and mold my heart like yours in love, truth, and action to carry on your mission of hope. Amen.

**God's grace is sufficient for us and makes us strong and resilient to challenges.**

This week's readings, which are remarkably relevant to the challenges we face as Christians today, offer hope and encouragement to all weary souls! In the first reading, the prophet Ezekiel is called by God and transformed by the presence of the Holy Spirit. This divine intervention equips him to minister to the people of Israel, who were living rebellious lives and listening to false prophets. He was called to share the truth, encourage repentance, and help them change their ways, even amidst "hard faces and obstinate hearts."

In the second reading, like in Jesus's ministry, St. Paul's letter to the Corinthians speaks of personal suffering, disappointments, and challenges he faced in his ministry by people who took offense to what he was teaching and even questioned his authority.

Finally, the Gospel of Mark today offers a powerful message that resonates with our current struggles and offers us hope and strength. When Jesus and His apostles arrived in His hometown of Nazareth and began preaching and teaching, He was amazed and saddened by the lack of faith, trust,

and rejection He faced. Everyone's familiarity with Him as just another nice hometown boy made it hard for them to accept His extraordinary brilliance, let alone his divinity. His mission work and healing ministry suffered because they did not believe.

In the same sense, this familiarity and doubt often exist in our families, workplaces, churches, circle of friends, hometowns, and communities. It is good to remember that God sometimes uses people we know to deliver divinely inspired messages we need to hear. Our call is to love others by sharing the Gospel of Christ with courage, even when it is difficult. We can rely on the power of the Holy Spirit to enlighten and guide us and to be persistent in sharing God's mercy and Truth through our words and actions. He will help us do this in love and wisdom. Some will listen, and others will reject, but we are responsible for offering the Lord's peace, joy, and hope to all. Be not afraid.



### Reflect & Discuss:

- † How has God spoken to you in the ordinary circumstances of your life using familiar people to talk to you?
- † How have you been called to share God's message of love, forgiveness, mercy, and hope with others in your midst, and how has it been easy or difficult?
- † Why is sharing the Gospel truth within our families and communities so tricky?
- † When society resists Christ's teachings, how can we continue in compassion and charity?