

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 20, 2024

REG. COLLECTION: SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH

SATURDAY, JULY 20

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

Lector: S. Cranford

Server: A. Byrd

SUNDAY, JULY 21

8:00AM - Sharan Bellard

Lector: B. Edwards

Server: J. Schexnyder

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

Lector: J. Leglue

Server: J. Moreau

5:00PM - For Our Parish Family

Lector: J. Reynolds

Server: H. Reynolds

MONDAY, JULY 22

7:00AM - Zachary Veillon

TUESDAY, JULY 23

7:00AM - Kenny Blair

WEDNESDAY, JULY 24

7:00AM - Lloyd Killen

THURSDAY, JULY 25

7:00AM - Shirley Sayes

WEEK OF JULY 27, 2024

REG. COLLECTION: SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH

SATURDAY, JULY 27

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

Lector: M. Leleux

Server: B. Gadel

SUNDAY, JULY 28

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

Lector: K. Bellard

Server: A. Schexnyder

10:30AM - Ben Van Mol

Lector: B. Lowe

Server: V. Montalvo

5:00PM - For Our Parish Family

Lector: J. Montalvo

Server: A. Byrd

MONDAY, JULY 29

7:00AM - Zachary Veillon

TUESDAY, JULY 30

7:00AM - Raymond Paul, Sr.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 31

7:00AM - Rickey Sayes

THURSDAY, AUGUST 1

7:00AM - Raymond "Sonny" Tucker

SANCTUARY CANDLE BURNS THIS WEEK



IN LOVING MEMORY OF BURTMAN NEZAT, JR.

BY HIS NIECE, CINDY CAMPBELL

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.

Eva Chamberlain, Alfred Cook III, Brian Dobard, Celia Halbert, Thomas Hickman, Daniel Jones, Jacques Matt, Lynn Richey, 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 - 07/14/2024

Regular Collection	\$ 5,010.00
EFT Collection	\$ 1,660.00
Weekly Goal	\$ <u>6,530.00</u>
Overage	\$ 140.00
Goal for July (4 Sundays)	\$ 26,120.00
Received for July	\$ <u>14,408.00</u>
Still Needed July	\$ 11,712.00
A/C donations	\$ 2,256.00
Repairs and Maintenance	\$ 20.00

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

ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL (ADA)

Parish Goal 2024	\$ 24,126.00
Received to Date (50 families)	\$ <u>24,057.00</u>
Still Needed	\$ 69.00

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



ADULT FAITH FORMATION – 2024

Topic: Women of The Bible
 Presenter: Mary DeVille, PhD
 Time/Place: 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m., Church Hall
 Text: The Bible

All sessions will be live streamed and are intended for both men and women.

09/05/24

Introduction to women in Biblical times
 The “Sister Wives” – Sarah and Hagar

09/12/24

The Victims and the Victorious

09/19/24

The Virtuous and the Vicious

09/26/24

What can we learn from these women?

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.

OCIA

If you are not Catholic and have been thinking about initiation in the Catholic Church, or if you are a Baptized Catholic who has not celebrated all three of the Sacraments of Initiation, consider joining the Order of Christian Initiation for Adults. OCIA is the process by which people celebrate their Sacraments of Initiation, namely Baptism, Communion and Confirmation, in the Catholic Church.

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**, 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 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.

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, under the “parish forms” tab. Adult children no longer living at home and recently married couples are especially encouraged to register.

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 21, 2024: Jer 23:1-6 | Ps 23:1-6 | Eph 2:13-18
| Mk 6:30-34

Pray: Lord Jesus, help us prioritize prayer over activity and seek balance in our lives. Amen.

Jesus invites His disciples to rest in Him.

This Sunday's Gospel speaks volumes about Jesus' tender care of His apostles as they came bursting in from their first successful missionary excursion. After shadowing Him for so long, Jesus sent His disciples out on their own to preach, teach, heal, and drive out demons. Exhausted and full of excitement, can you imagine all the stories they had to share? Many people followed them and begged for their attention. Jesus loved the passionate hearts of His new missionaries, but He also knew what they needed most before sending them back out to serve. They needed to step away and physically and spiritually rest with Him.



This is a vital lesson for all Christians actively serving in ministry. Like the apostles, we need time with Jesus. No matter how many good works we do, loving God and others through our actions alone is not enough. We must reserve time to nurture our interior life as we seek divine union with Him. Nourishing our souls with Jesus in the Holy Eucharist also brings us oneness with the Lord. Prayer helps us remember that God is in power and control, not ourselves, and builds our trust in Him. It can be unhealthy and even

dangerous for our souls if we fail to put our relationship with Christ before everything else. We need personal, contemplative time with Jesus, the lover of our souls.

As the Holy Eucharist is the summit of our faith, our interior life – our personal relationship with God – is the foundation of our faith. It is here that we can truly know and love God. We can also share our joys, sorrows, and questions in prayer. We can ask the Holy Spirit to continue guiding and molding our hearts and actions into the same heart as Jesus. In prayer, we can sit in His presence – in praise, worship, and grace – and listen for God's Holy Will as He speaks to our hearts. This rest and renewal of our souls is like putting gas in our spiritual tanks to fuel more of God's love and action through us. We should prioritize our contemplative life – falling deeper into knowing and loving God – as this is the life we will one day enjoy in heaven. Our active life of love and service will naturally flow from this as we learn to see God more clearly in others.

Reflect & Discuss:

- † What are you doing to deepen your interior life with God?
- † In what ways can too much service and not enough prayer time be a problem?
- † How can physical and spiritual rest help your relationship with God and others?