

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 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: H. Reynolds

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

WEEK OF AUGUST 3, 2024

REG. COLLECTION: SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH

SATURDAY, AUGUST 3

4:00PM - Kristian Louviere

Lector: S. Cranford

Server: A. Byrd

SUNDAY, AUGUST 4

8:00AM - Betty Jones

Lector: G. Delaney

Server: B. Emerson

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

Lector: M. Brundrett

Server: A. Brundrett

5:00PM - For Our Parish Family

Lector: J. Reynolds

Server: V. Montalvo

MONDAY, AUGUST 5

7:00AM - Mary Lee Robichaux 1st anniv.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 6

7:00AM - Sharan Bellard

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 7

7:00AM - Noah and Nola Chapman

THURSDAY, AUGUST 8

7:00AM - Lloyd Killen

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 suggested donation 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 RECENTLY DECEASED

Scott Massey, Lynn Richey, Larry Robin, Sr.

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, 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 - 07/21/2024

Regular Collection	\$ 2,978.00
EFT Collection	\$ 2,371.00
Weekly Goal	\$ <u>6,530.00</u>
Shortage	\$ 1,181.00
Goal for July (4 Sundays)	\$ 26,120.00
Received for July	\$ <u>19,757.00</u>
Still Needed July	\$ 6,363.00
A/C donations	\$ 1,811.00
Repairs and Maintenance	\$ 20.00

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!
MERCİ 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 www.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 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.

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 28, 2024: 2 Kgs 4:42-44 | Ps 145:10-11,15-18 | Eph 4:1-6 | Jn 6:1-15

Pray: Jesus, thank you for your provision and divine nourishment to fill all our needs. Amen.

The Miracle of the Loaves and Fishes Points to the Miracle of the Eucharist

The miracle of the loaves and fishes showcases Christ's radical love and compassion toward the people in the crowd who had been listening to Him for hours. Constantly aware of every need of His followers, Jesus knew the people were tired and hungry. He also knew their minds and souls hungered for more time with Him. This moment on the Sea of Galilee offered the perfect opportunity for Jesus to reveal His divine identity as God's Chosen One.



He wanted them to trust Him to care for their needs. He wished to show them He was sent to complete the work of salvation, the one who would usher in the New Kingdom. This supernatural miracle was also a great precursor to His soon-to-be-coming institution of the Holy Eucharist, Christ's ultimate gift of nourishment for our souls. The people were impressed with Jesus' fantastic miracle but still misunderstood His intention. Although he spoke to them at length about the kingdom of heaven, they seemed eager to make Him a king only to serve their political and temporal needs on earth.

The supernatural power of Jesus, as demonstrated in the miracle of the loaves and fishes, is not a distant memory but a living reality in our lives today. For those who dare to believe, Jesus offers His Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity in the Eucharist, just as He promised. This Sacrament is not a mere ritual but a transformative experience. It is very real. When we partake of His Body and drink His Blood, the Trinity – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit – becomes alive within us, shaping us into the image of God, who is pure love, mercy, and compassion.

This ongoing connection with Jesus, as He continues to nourish our souls, not only guides us towards the heavenly kingdom but also equips us to overcome the obstacles of sin, to see Christ in others, and to be Christ to others. This connection is a constant source of reassurance and comfort, reminding us that we are never alone on our spiritual

journey. The Spirit of Christ is alive, and He is with us. Expect miracles!

Reflect & Discuss:

- † How has God provided for your temporal and spiritual needs in different seasons of your life?
- † In what areas of your life do you need to trust God more?
- † What implication does this miracle story of the loaves and fishes have for families and ministries?