

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 SEPTEMBER 7, 2024

REG. COLLECTION: SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

4:00PM - Kristian Louviere

Lector: J. Louviere

Server: A. Daigrepoint

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

8:00AM - Mary Virginia Young

Lector: G. Delaney

Server: J. Schexnyder

10:30AM - Omega Dobard 3rd anniv., Stephen Rodeback

Lector: B. Lowe

Server: V. Montalvo

5:00PM - For Our Parish Family

Lector: J. Montalvo

Server: B. Winegeart

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

7:00AM - Guy Navarro

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

7:00AM - John Upton Family for healing and peace

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

7:00AM - Ben Van Mol

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

7:00AM - Gene Bordelon

WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 14, 2024

REG. COLLECTION: SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH

2ND COLLECTION: RETIRED PRIESTS OF OUR DIOCESE

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

4:00PM - Kenny Blair, Lloyd Killen

Lector: S. Cranford

Server: A. Byrd

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

8:00AM - Wayne Cox

Lector: D. Bess

Server: B. Emerson

10:30AM - Dee Smart, Jacques Matt, Patrick Matt

Lector: M. Brundrett

Server: A. Brundrett

5:00PM - For Our Parish Family

Lector: E. Lohman

Server: B. Winegeart

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

7:00AM - PFC Justin Troy Gadel Sanders

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

7:00AM - Sharan Bellard

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

7:00AM - Elizabeth Parker

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

7:00AM - Gena Tucker

SANCTUARY CANDLE BURNS THIS WEEK



IN MEMORY OF LARRY E. ROBIN, SR.

BY KIM DUCK

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

Nancy Cazes

OUR PERMANENT DEACON CANDIDATE

Brad Gadel

THOSE PREPARING FOR MATRIMONY

Kent T. Milton and Grace E. Knott
February 22, 2025 - St. Francis Xavier Cathedral

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.

Penny Brawner, Eva Chamberlain, Alfred Cook III, Brian Dobard, Frances Dunn, Celia Halbert, Thomas Hickman, Daniel Jones, Georgine Lauve, Terry Melançon, Mike Mellon, Deacon Doug Moreau, Linda Sanders, Jo Tassin, John Upton, Charles Walker, Tonya Wood

OUR HOMEBOUND

Faye Connella, Butch Doiron, Brenda Holloway, 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 - 09/1/2024

Regular Collection	\$ 4,759.00
EFT Collection	\$ 2,439.00
Weekly Goal	\$ <u>6,925.00</u>
Overage	\$ 273.00

Goal for September (5 Sundays)	\$ 34,625.00
Received for September	\$ <u>7,198.00</u>
Overage for September	\$ 27,427.00

Repairs and Maintenance	\$ 21.00
Catholic University	\$ 20.00
Retired Priest Fund	\$ 50.00
A/C Repairs	\$ 100.00

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

ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL (ADA)

Parish Goal 2024	\$ 24,126.00
Received to Date (51 families)	\$ <u>24,927.00</u>
Overage	\$ 801.00

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

GRADES K - 2

Wednesday, September 11
 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.
 John W. McDonald Community Center

GRADES 3 - 5

Wednesday, September 11
 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.
 Church Hall

GRADES 6 - 12

Wednesday, September 11
 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
 Church Hall

CHILDREN’S LITURGY OF THE WORD

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

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.

09/12/24

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.

CHURCH NEWS

ADDITIONAL COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND

A portion of our monthly obligations to the Diocese of Alexandria includes \$375 (\$4,500 annual) to support the retired priests of our diocese. There will be a separate second collection to help our parish defray these costs. All funds collected will be directly applied to this \$4,500 budget item.

FAMILY RETREAT

SEPTEMBER 21, 2024

In a time of polarizing figures, short-attention spans, confusion and hurt regarding sexuality and relationships, often it is hard to know what to do and how to speak about the Church’s call to love. To grow in respect and understanding about the way that God made us to live and love means growing in clarity and charity. Join us for *“Truth & Love: Finding the Balance in Relationships.”* an extraordinary one-day event for everyone in our church parish. Children, teens, parents, and adults of all ages will enjoy inspiring and clarifying talks from Brian Butler & Mary Bielski, uplifting music from the Josh Blakesley Band, lots of activities and good food, and opportunities for communal fellowship. To sign up or get more information, scan the QR code!



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.