

# 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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## **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 10, 2022

REG. COLLECTION: SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

4:00PM - Adrien, Lena, Marty, Larry, and  
Jim Doiron, PFC Justin Troy Gadel  
Sanders

*Lector: G. Patty*  
*Server: A. Schexnyder*

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

8:00AM - Patsy Chiasson

*Lector: B. Edwards*  
*Servers: B. Emerson*

10:30AM - Austin Olivier, Jr., Lorraine Fontenot

*Lector: T. Reynolds*  
*Server: A. Byrd*

5:00PM - Our Parish Family

*Lector: J. Montalvo*  
*Server: L. Brocato*

### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

7:00AM - Terry Kohler

### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

7:00AM - Adrienne Angele Matt

### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

7:00AM - Elizabeth Parker

### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

7:00AM - Gena Tucker

### LIVESTREAMED MASSES

For the benefit of our homebound and/or sick parishioners, we livestream the 4:00 p.m. Saturday Mass. To view it, click on the YouTube tab on our home page: [mmjchurch.org](http://mmjchurch.org).

### SANCTUARY CANDLE BURNS THIS WEEK

IN LOVING MEMORY OF ROBERT RUEMKER

BY HIS WIFE, VIOLA RUEMKER

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.

## WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 17, 2022

REG. COLLECTION: SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH  
2<sup>ND</sup> COLLECTION: RETIRED PRIEST

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

4:00PM - Mavis Tucker

*Lector: S. Cranford*  
*Server: A. Byrd*

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

8:00AM - Bernice Moore

*Lector: R. Normand*  
*Server: L. Delaney*

10:30AM - Ashley Brinson

*Lector: M. Brundrett*  
*Server: A. Brundrett*

5:00PM - Our Parish Family

*Lector: J. Reynolds*  
*Servers: L. Brouillette*

### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

7:00AM - Neil Kavanagh 3<sup>rd</sup> Anniv

### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

7:00AM - Adrienne Angele Matt

### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

7:00AM - Patsy Chiasson

### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

7:00AM - Andy Brown, Jr.

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**

**THOSE PREPARING FOR MATRIMONY**

Jennifer Smilie and C. J. Fuqua  
April 15, 2023

**OUR SICK**

Lynn Bawner, Mary Louise Bawner, George Juan Burns, Rachal Burns, Richard Charon, Brian Do-bard, Randy Francis, Keith Johnson, Betsy Lanclos, Marlene Margnano, Helen Mathews, Jacques Matt, Terry Melancon, Debbie Norment, Frank Rachal, Jana Robinson, Lori Spratling, Kyle Stokes, Chuck Vernon, Michelle Vincent, Baby Scarlett Wood

**OUR RECOVERING/CONVALESCING**

Michael Brewton, Matt Brundrett, Eric Duck, Rhon-da Earhart, Mary Cezar, Michael Flynn

**OUR HOMEBOUND**

Faye Connella, Butch Doiron, Betty Jones, Janet Lamkin, Janet Normand, Jane Richey, Adrienne Ste-vens, Joe & Irene Thompson

**OUR NURSING HOME RESIDENTS**

Marie Hawthorne, Francis Thiels

**OUR ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY**

Kory Butler, Brandon Coreil, Travis Edwards, Dustin Guillory, Michael Hawthorne, Daniel Keely, Kelley Perry, Robin Perry, Michael Smilie

*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**

Since the Secretary/Bookkeeper is on vacation there were no financials to report. The weekends of 9/3 & 9/4 and 9/10 & 9/11 will both be reported next weekend.

**ADDITIONAL COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND**

A portion of our monthly obligations to the diocese of Alexandria includes \$375 (\$4,500 annual) to sup-port the retired priests of our diocese. Next week-end, there will be a second collection to help our parish defray these costs. All funds collected will be directly applied to this \$4,500 budget item. Thank you for your generosity.

**COMMUNITY REWARDS**

Visit [Kroger.com](http://Kroger.com) and sign up under Community at the bottom of their home page. Mary, Mother of Je-sus will receive a percentage of your purchases. There is no charge to the shopper.

**AMAZON SMILE**

When you shop at Amazon, and select Mary, Mother of Jesus as your charitable organization, Amazon will donate 0.5% back to our parish. Smile is the same Amazon you know, same products, same pric-es, same service. Please support us by shopping at [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com).

**REGISTRATION/CENSUS**

Do you consider Mary, Mother of Jesus Parish “home”? Do you worship with us regularly? If you have not done so already, we ask that you please register in our parish. Forms for this purpose are available in the church or online at [www.mmjchurch.org](http://www.mmjchurch.org). Adult children no longer liv-ing at home and recently married couples are espe-cially encouraged to register. In this way we can serve you better. It also facilitates sponsorship for baptisms and confirmations, religious education reg-istration, etc.

**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. Consider scheduling a recurring electronic contribution today. And even when you can’t attend Mass, your electronic contributions will arrive with-out delay. Visit our website: [www.mmjchurch.org](http://www.mmjchurch.org)

**“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 cour-age.” (St. Francis of Assisi)**

**FAITH FORMATION****RELIGIOUS EDUCATION/CCD****GRADES 6 - 12**

Sunday, September 11 - 3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
Church Hall  
Snacks, Games, and Much, Much More!!!

**GRADES PREK - 5**

September 14 - 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

**GRADES 6 - 12**

September 14 - 6:30 p.m. 8:00 p.m.

**FIRST PENANCE & FIRST EUCHARIST**

If you have a child who is or will be 7 years old in the Fall and expects 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 you have a child who will be entering 11<sup>th</sup> grade in the Fall and expects to be confirmed 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; a completed and signed Sponsor eligibility form; one year previous religious education, either CCD or Catholic School; attend Sacramental Preparation Classes.

**ADULT FAITH FORMATION****Live Streamed and In Person**

Tuesdays: September 13, 20, and 27

***Early Christian Heresies  
and Non-Canonical Scripture***

10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Presenter: Mrs. Mary DeVille, PhD

**OCIA (Formerly RCIA)**

Tuesday, September 13 - 5:30 p.m.  
Church Hall

**FROM THE PASTOR**

At our most recent Building Committee meeting, it was our joint opinion that we have done some great work and laid a valuable foundation for our future building. We have three qualified architects from which to choose and a rough draft plan of our parish needs for a hall and meeting/class rooms. We also concurred that given the international/national economic conditions and future forecasts, along with the general feelings of uncertainty in our country and world, we should postpone any future work, especially including fundraising, architecture fees, and the like.

Certainly we all remain convinced that Mary, Mother of Jesus Church needs new and larger facilities for our growing family. Sadly, however, this doesn't appear to be the time to move forward with a successful outcome. Donations to our building fund/capital campaign and ongoing prayers are encouraged and necessary in preparation for our future.

**CHURCH NEWS****SECOND SUNDAY BREAKFAST**

September 11, 2022

Immediately following the 8:00 a.m. Mass.

**FIRST MONDAY SUPPER**

September 12 - 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

\$9.00 per meal. Eat in or take out

Menu: Chicken spaghetti, vegetable, and a roll. Desserts may be purchased at an additional cost. All funds support our church's maintenance and repair fund.

**ROMEOS**

*(Retired Old Men Enjoying Ourselves)*

Wednesdays - 7:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.

Coffee, biscuits, conversation - Church Hall

**CHURCH DIRECTORY**

Please remember to visit [instantchurchdirectory.com](http://instantchurchdirectory.com) to help us build our new online church directory. This will eliminate the need for photo shoots, and enables each parishioner/family to maintain and update their own information.

**QUILTING MINISTRY**

Wednesdays beginning at 9:00 a.m.

Call Brenda Mathews (318) 730-8123.

## 24<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time

Exodus 32:7-11,13-14  
Ps 51:3-4,12-13,17,19  
1 Timothy 1:12-17  
Luke 15:1-32

**Monday September 12**  
**Holy Name of Mary**  
1 Corinthians 11:17-26,33  
Ps 40:7-10,17  
Luke 7:1-10

**Tuesday September 13**  
**St. John Chrysostom**  
1 Corinthians 12:12-14,27-31  
Ps 100:1b-5  
Luke 7:11-17

**Wednesday September 14**  
**Exaltation of the Holy Cross**  
Numbers 21:4b-9  
Ps 78:1b-2,34-38  
Philippians 2:6-11  
John 3:13-17

**Thursday September 15**  
**Our Lady of Sorrows**  
1 Corinthians 15:1-11  
Ps 118:1b-2,16ab-17,28  
John 19:25-27 / Luke 2:33-35

**Friday September 16**  
**Sts. Cornelius and Cyprian**  
1 Corinthians 15:12-20  
Ps 17:1bcd,6-7,8b and 15  
Luke 8:1-3

**Saturday September 17**  
1 Corinthians 15:35-37,42-49  
Ps 56:10c-14  
Luke 8:4-15

Today's Gospel is an assurance of God's desire to regain what has been lost. He is a God of reconciliation, pursuing those who have strayed from the truth. Why? Because he cares – he cares more than we do about the people we know who are "lost sheep" or "lost treasures" like the coin in this parable.

Think of the people who have been lost to you because they have abandoned you. God cares and is pursuing them to bring healing to the relationship, and he will continue his efforts even until they take their last earthly breath (sometimes the healing comes after death).

Think, too, of people who are neglecting their faith. Jesus is a Good Shepherd who will never give up pursuing them. Why? Because their value to your family and to the Church is important! Their absence is depleting the strength of the community.

And God, who is the source of the life of the community, is doing everything possible – well, even the impossible – to

lead them to repentance, healing and a safe return.

However, we cannot leave it all up to God. He works through us. Only when we've tried and our influence is nil does God say, "Let go. Trust that I am continually working on the problem." We can believe that Jesus is



still chasing after them, even though they hide from him. He is not far from them, even though they push him away.

If there is something else we can do to invite them back into the sheepfold, but we don't, someday we will have to explain to Jesus why we didn't. Why did we fail to love as much as he loves them? Why did we let them stray away without researching how we could help them? Have we done anything to push them away?

No matter how difficult it gets as we partner with Christ to bring others back to the sheepfold, the most important thing we can do is keep loving them unconditionally. Hopefully, they will see in us the love that Jesus is offering to them.

### Reflect & Discuss:

1. Who are the lost sheep and missing treasures of your family and your parish community? What will you do to reveal Jesus and his merciful love for them?
2. Is there a parish ministry or an evangelization program that you could join to learn how to better help others turn to Jesus?
3. When the lost are not ready yet to turn to Jesus or return to us or to the Church, how do our attempts to give them Jesus prepare them for an eventual conversion?
4. Why is it worth trying, even if we don't see any fruits for our efforts? Even if it includes sacrifice and extra humility on our part?