

# 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 14, 2024

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

## WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 21, 2024

REG. COLLECTION: SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

4:00PM - Mavis Tucker

Lector: S. Cranford  
Server: L. Brocato

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

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

Lector: E. Lohman  
Server: A. Schexnyder

10:30AM - Ashley Brinson, Ben Van Mol

Lector: T. Reynolds  
Server: J. Moreau

5:00PM - For Our Parish Family

Lector: J. Reynolds  
Server: V. Montalvo

### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

7:00AM - Nancy Cazes

### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

7:00AM - Kenny Blair

### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

7:00AM - Mary Virginia Young

### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

7:00AM - Gene Bordelon

### SANCTUARY CANDLE BURNS THIS WEEK



IN LOVING MEMORY OF  
MARY LEE & 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](http://www.diocesealex.org)

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER**

**OUR RECENTLY DECEASED**

Helen Tassin

**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, Janet Normand, Linda Sanders, Jo Tassin, John Upton, Charles Waller, 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 - 09/8/2024**

Regular Collection	\$ 4,605.00
EFT Collection	\$ 2,485.00
Weekly Goal	\$ <u>6,925.00</u>
<b>Overage</b>	<b>\$ 165.00</b>
Goal for September (5 Sundays)	\$ 34,625.00
Received for September	\$ <u>14,288.00</u>
<b>Still needed for September</b>	<b>\$ <u>20,337.00</u></b>
Repairs and Maintenance	\$ 20.00
Catholic University	\$ 20.00

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

**“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)**

**ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL (ADA)**

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

**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. There is no charge to the shopper.

**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****GRADES K - 2**

Wednesday, September 18  
5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.  
John W. McDonald Community Center

**GRADES 3 - 5**

Wednesday, September 18  
5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.  
Church Hall

**GRADES 6 - 12**

Wednesday, September 18  
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.

**09/19/24**

The Virtuous and the Vicious

**09/26/24**

What can we learn from these women?

**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.

**CHURCH NEWS****ADDITIONAL COLLECTION THIS 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.

**PRO LIFE MINISTRIES**

Monday, September 16  
5:00 p.m. - Church Hall

**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.

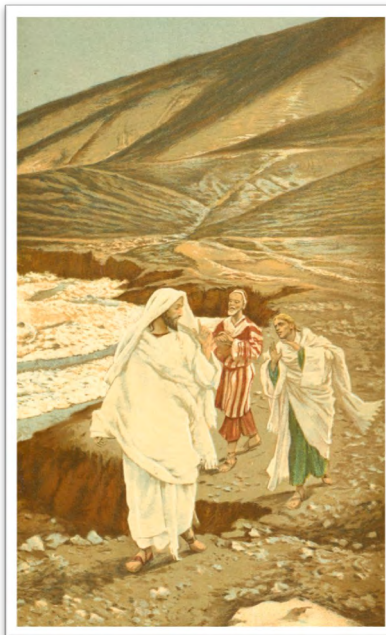
## 24<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 15, 2024: Is 50:5-9a | Ps 116:1-9 |  
Jas 2:14-18 | Mk 8:27-35

**Pray:** Lord Jesus, help me take up my cross and follow you in faith, hope, and love. Amen.

### Who is Jesus to YOU?

Jesus asked His disciples, “Who do people say I am?” and “Who do you think I am?” This is a typical question for most of us, too. We want to know what people think about us, which often influences our self-concept, actions, reasoning, and confidence. Sometimes, caring too much about what others think can be unhealthy, but other times, when seeking a close relationship with someone, this is very important.



People usually try to get to know each other first before entering any true and lasting friendship, especially a romantic relationship. Spending time together to learn what is important to one another is crucial. We try to learn everything we can about each other’s likes/dislikes, values, hopes, dreams, goals, fears, concerns, and life experiences. After sharing, we may ask ourselves, “how do they see me? Does this person accept me for who I am?” The other person probably thinks the same thing because mutual acceptance builds respect and trust, vital in any loving relationship.

Jesus wanted a personal, loving, and trusting relationship with His disciples and desires the

same kind of intimate friendship with us. Once the disciples acknowledged Jesus as the long-awaited Messiah, Jesus told them the hard truths they would need to accept, even if they didn’t yet fully understand, that He would suffer, die, and rise from the dead. Not only this, but all who love and believe in Him must do the same if they genuinely trust Him.

Today, Jesus continues to ask, “Who am I to you? Are you willing to spend time with me as your intimate friend and confidant? Do you believe my teachings even when it seems hard? Are you willing to put your faith in me into action? Will you accept your own suffering, persecutions, trials, and crosses in this life, trusting that I will carry you to eternal joy and peace with my Father?”

### Reflect & Discuss:

- † Are there some parts of your life where you must align your actions with your Catholic beliefs?
- † What crosses and sacrifices has God asked you to bear, and has any good come from them?
- † How can you strengthen your relationship with Jesus and your acceptance of difficult Church teachings?
- † How can you help others in their journey of faith?