

# 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 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

## WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 28, 2024

REG. COLLECTION: SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

4:00PM - Lloyd Killen

*Lector: P. Gadel*

*Server: B. Gadel*

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

8:00AM - Valorie and Ed Clayton

*Lector: B. Edwards*

*Server: B. Emerson*

10:30AM - Ashley Brinson, John Upton family  
for healing and peace

*Lector: J. Foote*

*Server: V. Montalvo*

5:00PM - For Our Parish Family

*Lector: J. Montalvo*

*Server: B. Winegeart*

### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

7:00AM - Zachary Veillon

### TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1

7:00AM - Sharan Bellard

### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2

7:00AM - Jacques & Patrick Matt

### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3

7:00AM - Andy Brown

### SANCTUARY CANDLE BURNS THIS WEEK



IN LOVING MEMORY OF ASHLEY BRINSON  
BY LARRY AND BRENDA MATHEWS

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**

John (Mike) Ryan

**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 - 09/15/2024**

Regular Collection	\$ 3,367.00
EFT Collection	\$ 1,595.00
Weekly Goal	\$ <u>6,925.00</u>
<b>Shortage</b>	<b>\$ 1,963.00</b>
Goal for September (5 Sundays)	\$ 34,625.00
Received for September	\$ <u>19,250.00</u>
<b>Still needed for September</b>	<b>\$ 15,375.00</b>
Repairs and Maintenance	\$ 21.00
Retired Priests	\$ 1,777.00

**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>24,997.00</u>
Overage	\$ 871.00

**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 PK - 2**

Wednesday, September 25  
5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.  
John W. McDonald Community Center

**GRADES 3 - 5**

Wednesday, September 25  
5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.  
Church Hall

**GRADES 6 - 12**

Wednesday, September 25  
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.

**09/26/24**

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**

**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.

**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.

**PROLIFE MINISTRIES**

*To respect, protect, love and serve life, every human life at every stage of its existence. Every human life is a precious gift from God; each person who receives this gift has responsibilities toward God, self, and others.*

We meet the third Monday of the month in the church hall from 5:00 PM until 6:00 PM. Everyone is welcome! Please come join us!

Our ministries include:

- Visit and check in with our Homebound, sick and Nursing home members of our Parish
- Bereavement Committee to provide comfort and meals for funeral services of our Parish
- Meals or receptions for First Communion, Confirmations as well as other special events throughout the year which include Easter Sunday Breakfast/ Easter Egg Hunt and Fathers’ Day Breakfast
- Christmas Giving tree, to coordinate and display needs on the tree. Collect and distribute to agencies.
- Facilitate reminders for Stroke Awareness, Suicide Awareness, Help Lines for Dementia and Alzheimer’s, Blood Drives,

Outreach and assistance to Hope House, Central Louisiana Homeless Coalition (CLHC), Cenla Pregnancy Center, Manna House

If you have any questions, please contact Brinda Edwards, 317-250-9997.

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

September 22, 2024: Wis 2:12,17-20 | Ps 54:3-8  
| Jas 3:16 – 4:3 | Mk 9:30-37

**Pray:** Jesus, help me serve you with the pure and humble heart of a child. Amen.

### A True Disciple Takes Up His Cross and Follows Jesus, the Humble Servant.

Jesus tried to help His disciples understand the true nature of His kingdom. The people wanted to make Him king. He knew they hoped He would save them from civil turmoil and free them from Roman oppression. But Jesus came to establish the Kingdom of God, not a worldly kingdom. He came to teach them about His Father's love and the reign of God's holy will in their hearts. He wanted to take their souls to an everlasting spiritual kingdom for those willing to follow Him, accept self-denial, and take up their crosses.

Jesus' disciples didn't understand, and couldn't yet accept, the truths He tried to tell them about His upcoming passion, the suffering He would bear, His crucifixion and death on the cross, and His resurrection. They didn't realize that Jesus is the Servant Lord and we, all His disciples, are to follow His example. We are called to be servants to others. We must suffer and die, and then, because of our Savior Jesus Christ, our souls will rise to eternal life. Christ's disciples would not understand all this completely until they received the gift of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost.

Jesus found His disciples squabbling amongst themselves over rank and status, fussing over which one of them was the greatest. They were probably "counting their chickens before they hatched," as they dreamed of being part of the



new King's inner circle. Jesus stopped all this when He used a child to show them that, in His Kingdom, true greatness comes from being last and serving all. Greatness is defined by humility, purity of intentions, and service to others. Those who love and follow Christ with the open, pure, and innocent heart of a child that is willing to trust and obey Him will be welcomed first in the Kingdom of God.

Jesus used a child to show that we must welcome and care for everyone, even those society sees as least important. Comparing ourselves to others only leads to jealousy, pride, and unhealthy ambition. God gives each of us unique gifts to serve others and do His will. The Holy Spirit can help us value ourselves and our gifts without competing with others.

### Reflect & Discuss:

- † What motivates you to serve others?
- † How do you live out humility and service in your daily life?
- † How can we accept our crosses and help others bear theirs?
- † How can our crosses be gifts in disguise?