

# 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 30, 2023

REG. COLLECTION: SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

4:00PM - Alma Reitzell

*Lector: P. Gadel*

*Server: B. Gadel*

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1

8:00AM - Betty Jones

*Lector: D. Bess*

*Server: B. Emerson*

10:30AM - Ashley Brinson

*Lector: J. Leglue*

*Server: A. Brundrett*

5:00PM - For Our Parish Family

*Lector: J. Reynolds*

*Server: H. Reynolds*

### MONDAY, OCTOBER 2

7:00AM - Zachary Veillon

### TUESDAY, OCTOBER 3

7:00AM - Gene Tucker

### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 4

7:00AM - Richard Gadel

### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5

7:00AM - Stephen Rodeback 3<sup>rd</sup> anniv.

## WEEK OF OCTOBER 7, 2023

REG. COLLECTION: SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7

4:00PM - Kristian Louviere

*Lector: J. Louviere*

*Server: L. Brocato*

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8

8:00AM - Mary Virginia Young

*Lector: R. Normand*

*Server: A. Schexnyder*

10:30AM - The Brundrett Family in thanksgiving

*Lector: B. Lowe*

*Server: C. Mathews, J. Malone*

5:00PM - For Our Parish Family

*Lector: R. Mallach*

*Server: L. Brouillette*

### MONDAY, OCTOBER 9

7:00AM - Laura Gadel Jacob

### TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10

7:00AM - Betty Jones

### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11

7:00AM - Jacquelyn Brown

### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12

7:00AM - Shirley and Rickey Sayes

### SANCTUARY CANDLE BURNS THIS WEEK



IN LOVING MEMORY OF DR. C. J. ELLINGTON  
IN REMEMBRANCE OF HIS 103<sup>RD</sup> BIRTHDAY

BY RUSS AND BRINDA EDWARDS

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.

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 BAPTIZED**

Blakely Nicole Winegeart

**OUR PERMANENT DEACON CANDIDATE**

Brad Gadel

**THOSE PREPARING FOR MATRIMONY**

Christina Rubio and Chad Doyle  
October 21, 2023

Alexandra Rollins and Thomas Roberts  
December 15, 2023

Sara Richard and Cody Fitzgerald  
November 16, 2024

**OUR FIRST PENANCE CANDIDATES**

Emma Brundrett, Jude Flook, Eric Lohman, Landry Mitten, Stevie Patin, Reed Ponthier, Miles Schexndyer, Collin Stewart, Lillie Stewart, Abigail Upton, Isabella Winegeart, Wyatt Winegeart

**OUR CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES**

Izzie Antee, Hannah Daigrepoint, Donald Ducote, Jadyne Foote, Cayden Mathews, Vivian Montalvo, Alexander Rubio

**OUR OCIA CANDIDATES**

Garrett Francis, Madeline Francis, Sarah Francis

**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.*

Rochelle Brasseaux, Brian Dobard, Daniel Jones, Linda Kelly, Debbie Duck Lyles, Jacques Matt, Debbie Setliff, Dawin “Dee” Smart, Jo Tassin, John Upton, Donna White

**OUR HOMEBOUND**

Evelyn Bartow, Faye Connella, Butch Doiron, Janet Lamkin, Cecile Liotta, Janet Normand, Jane Richey, Mike Stevens, Joe & Irene Thompson

**OUR NURSING HOME RESIDENTS**

Patricia “Patty” Mahone, Adrienne Stevens

**OUR ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY**

Kory Butler, Brandon Coreil, David J. Francis, Dustin Guillory, Michael Hawthorne, Daniel Keely, Kelley Perry, Robin Perry, Michael Smilie

**STEWARDSHIP**

**OFFERTORY GIFTS - 09/24/2023**

Regular Collection	\$ 2,972.00
EFT Collection	\$ 930.00
Weekly Goal	\$ <u>6,530.00</u>
<b>Shortage</b>	<b>\$ 2,928.00</b>
Goal for September (4 Sundays)	\$ 26,120.00
Received for September	\$ <u>23,359.00</u>
<b>Shortage for September</b>	<b>\$ 2,761.00</b>
Maintenance and Repairs	\$ 170.00
Retired Priests	\$ 50.00

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

**ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL (ADA)**

Parish Goal 2023	\$ 21,256.00
Pledged	\$ <u>32,039.00</u>
Over Goal	\$ 10,783.00

**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)

**“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)**

**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. Forms for this purpose are available in the church or online at [www.mmjchurch.org](http://www.mmjchurch.org). Adult children no longer living at home and recently married couples are especially encouraged to register.

## FAITH FORMATION

### GRADES PREK - 5

Wednesday, October 4  
5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

### GRADES 6 - 12

Wednesday, October 4  
6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.



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



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.

Who is OCIA for?

- ⇒ **Unbaptized...** Persons (7 years and older) who want to follow in Jesus' footsteps and become members of the Catholic Church;
- ⇒ **Baptized in Another Christian Church...** Those members from a different Christian community other than Catholic who are seeking full initiation in the Catholic Church;
- ⇒ **Baptized but no previous Religious Education...** persons who were baptized as babies in the Catholic Church but have not had any Religious Education within the Catholic Tradition. Have you celebrated all of your sacraments of Communion and Confirmation?

Please contact either Beth and Keith Chapman or Jody and Jackie Byrd. Their contact information is on the front page of the bulletin.

**Monday, October 2 - 5:30 p.m.  
Church Hall**

## FROM THE PASTOR

This coming Thursday, October 5, I will be having a follow-up meeting with my surgeon to assess the progress of my recovery. Thank you all for your continued prayers and concern. Thanks also to all those who have provided food and livery service. As you can imagine, preparing my own meals has been difficult and not being able to drive myself, a challenge. I will keep you updated on my continued progress to full healing and health.

## CHURCH NEWS

### 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.  
Coffee, biscuits, conversation - Church Hall

### 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.

### CHRISTUS HOSPICE FRIDAY NIGHT BINGO

October 6 - 6:00 p.m.  
MMJ Church Hall

### CCD LIVING ROSARY

Wednesday, October 11 - 5:30p.m.  
MMJ Church Hall  
All are invited to join our children in prayer.

### OUTDOOR PRAISE & WORSHIP CONCERT

Saturday, October 14: 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.  
Artists: Josh Blakesley Band

### PRE-ADVENT MISSION

Monday, November 27 - Wednesday, November 29  
Morning and Evening Sessions - Live Streamed  
Presenter: Fr. Keith Pellerin (Lake Charles Diocese)

### PRE-LENTEN MISSION

Monday, February 5 - Wednesday, February 7  
Morning and Evening Sessions - Live Streamed  
Presenter: Echo Community (Formerly Dumb Ox)

## 26th Sunday of Ordinary Time

### Sunday October 1

Ezra 18:25-28  
Ps 25:4-9  
Philippians 2:1-11  
Matthew 21:28-32

### Monday October 2 The Guardian Angels

Zechariah 8:1-8  
Ps 102:16-23,29  
Matthew 18:1-5,10

### Tuesday October 3

Zechariah 8:20-23  
Ps 87:1b-7  
Luke 9:51-56

### Wednesday October 4 St. Francis of Assisi

Nehemiah 2:1-8  
Ps 137:1-6  
Luke 9:57-62

### Thursday October 5

Neh 8:1-4a,5-6,7b-12  
Ps 19:8-11  
Luke 10:1-12

### Friday October 6

Bar 1:15-22  
Ps 79:1b-5,8-9  
Luke 10:13-16

### Saturday October 7 Our Lady of the Rosary

Bar 4:5-12,27-29  
Ps 69:33-37  
Luke 10:17-24

Today's Gospel story was meant to shock people who think they're okay spiritually but do not honestly examine how well they do the Father's will.

Jesus said that tax collectors and prostitutes (professions considered to be the most contemptible and unholy) were entering the kingdom of God ahead of religious experts!

These so-called "experts" knew the correct answer to the question that Jesus posed – they knew to say yes to God – but knowing the right answer and actually DOing the right answer is the dividing line between heaven and hell.

God doesn't want right answers; he wants righteous actions. God doesn't want dutiful compliance to Church teachings; he wants obedience motivated by love and an enthusiastic attitude of serving in the mission of the Church.

What's the value of going to Mass every Sunday, for example, if it doesn't result in deeds of holiness outside the Mass?

Do you know someone who's saying "no" to coming to Mass? If they're doing good works because they genuinely love God, who's to say they won't reach full unity with him sooner than people who attend every Mass but do little to help others?

God wants us to do both: Know the right answers and be righteous. Go to Mass faithfully and be changed by it. Say yes



to his calling to make the world a better place by uniting ourselves to Christ in church and following him out the door, taking him to everyone we meet.

### Reflect & Discuss:

- † What opportunities to serve God in your parish or out in the community have you said "no" to? Spend some time praying to understand whether or not that was an invitation from Christ himself.
- † What can you say "yes" to now?
- † What types of people today are despised the most?
- † Who seems least likely to get into heaven? (A terrorist perhaps? An ex-spouse?) How is it possible (to our surprise) that we might be greeted by them when we arrive in heaven? How would you feel about it?