

# 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 OCTOBER 19, 2024

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

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19

4:00PM - Garland "Buddy" Williamson

*Lector: M. Leleux*

*Server: A. Schexnyder*

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20

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

*Lector: B. Edwards*

*Server: A. Daigrepoint*

10:30AM - Damian Upton 5<sup>th</sup> birthday, Helen Mathews Smart, Charna Cox, Kenny Blair

*Lector: M. Brundrett*

*Server: V. Montalvo*

5:00PM - For Our Parish Family

*Lector: J. Reynolds*

*Server: B. Winegeart*

### MONDAY, OCTOBER 21

7:00AM - Zachary Veillon

### TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22

7:00AM - John Upton Family for Healing

### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23

7:00AM - Lloyd Killen

### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24

7:00AM - Gene Bordelon

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)

## WEEK OF OCTOBER 26, 2024

REG. COLLECTION: SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26

4:00PM - Robert Ruemker 5<sup>th</sup> anniv., Alonzo Brown, Lloyd Killen

*Lector: P. Gadel*

*Server: B. Gadel*

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27

8:00AM - Sharan Bellard

*Lector: E. Lohman*

*Server: J. Schexnyder*

10:30AM - Dee Smart, Ben Van Mol, Jacques and Patrick Mott

*Lector: M. Brundrett*

*Server: J. Moreau*

5:00PM - For Our Parish Family

*Lector: J. Montalvo*

*Server: A. Byrd*

### MONDAY, OCTOBER 28

7:00AM - Zachary Veillon

### TUESDAY, OCTOBER 29

7:00AM - Jacques Matt

### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 30

7:00AM - Mary Virginia Young

### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31

7:00AM - Joseph D. Ellington

### FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1

8:00AM - For Our Beloved Dead

*Lector: M. Brundrett*

*Server: A. Brundrett*

5:30PM - For Our Beloved Dead

*Lector: J. Reynolds*

*Server: H. Reynolds*

### SANCTUARY CANDLE BURNS THIS WEEK

IN LOVING MEMORY OF ROBERT M. RUEMKER  
ON THE 5<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF HIS DEATH  
BY HIS WIFE, VIOLA

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.

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER**

**OUR PERMANENT DEACON CANDIDATE**

Brad Gadel

**THOSE PREPARING FOR MATRIMONY**

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

**PREPARING FOR SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION**

Mary Frances Brundrett, Ava Ingo, Ashton Landry, Rylie Landry, Amy Long, Garrison Mott, Kyleigh Mott, Sawyer Zhao

**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, Alfred Cook III, Sherry Credeur, Brian Dobard, Frances Dunn, C. J. Fuqua, Celia Halbert, Thomas Hickman, Linder Holland, Annie Johnson, Daniel Jones, Terry Melançon, Deacon Doug Moreau, Jo Tassin, John Upton, Charles Waller, Debbie Wood, Tonya Wood

**OUR HOMEBOUND**

Faye Connella, Butch Doiron, Brenda Holloway, Beverly Jane Richey, Joe & Irene Thompson

**OUR NURSING HOME RESIDENTS**

Michael Flynn, 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 - 10/13/2024**

Regular Collection	\$ 4,751.00
EFT Collection	\$ 1,585.00
Weekly Goal	\$ <u>6,925.00</u>
<b>Shortage</b>	<b>\$ 589.00</b>
Goal for October (4 Sundays)	\$ 27,700.00
Received for October	\$ <u>13,080.00</u>
<b>Still Needed for October</b>	<b>\$ 14,620.00</b>
Repairs and Maintenance	\$ 22.00
Catholic Charities CENLA	\$ 140.00
All Souls	\$ 25.00

**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)**

**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 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.

**COMMUNITY REWARDS**

Visit [Kroger.com](http://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 PRE K - 2**

Wednesday, October 23  
 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.  
 John W. McDonald Community Center

**GRADES 3 - 5**

Wednesday, October 23  
 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.  
 Church Hall

**GRADES 6 - 12**

Wednesday, October 23  
 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.  
 Church Hall



Wednesday, October 30  
 5:30 p.m. - Children of All Ages Welcome

**CHILDREN’S LITURGY OF THE WORD**

Every Sunday - 10:30 a.m. Mass  
 During the Liturgy of the Word  
 Ages 3 - 7 - Youth Center

**THEOLOGY OF THE BODY FOR BEGINNERS**

*Day of Retreat Follow-Up*  
2024-2025 Reading Plan

Church Hall - 9:00 a.m. to 10:15 a.m.

- October 27 Introduction & Chapter 1
- January 26 Chapters 2, 3 & 4
- March 23 Chapters 5 & 6
- May 18 Chapters 7, 8, Conclusion

Join us as we read Christopher West’s popular book for understanding the basics of St. John Paul II’s *Theology of the Body*. We join together for discussions over coffee and doughnuts. Childcare will be provided. For questions or further information, please text Katie Upton at (318) 308-9991.

**OCIA**

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.

**CHURCH NEWS**

**PRO LIFE MINISTRIES**

Monday, October 21  
 5:00 p.m. - Church Hall

**ALL SAINTS’ DAY MASSES**

Friday, November 1, 2024  
 8:00 a.m. & 5:30 p.m.

**A holy day of obligation.**

Fr. Paul will be visiting and bringing Communion to our shut ins and homebound.

**ALL SOULS’ DAY CEMETERY MASS**

Saturday, November 2, 2024  
 10:00 a.m. Mass  
 Alexandria Memorial Gardens

**DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS**

Central Standard Time (CST) begins at 2:00 a.m. on Sunday, November 3. Remember to turn your clocks **BACK** one hour.

**WE REMEMBER OUR BELOVED DEAD**

Located near the baptismal font is our parish’s Book of Remembrance. Please write the names of any deceased for which you would like us to pray on All Souls’ Day and during the month of November. (If you have enrolled their names in past years, there is no need to re-enroll!)

**ALL SOULS’ DAY ENVELOPES**

Please write the name(s) of your beloved deceased on one of these envelopes or one of your own, put it in the collection basket, and they will be placed on the altar throughout the month of November.

**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.

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

**October 20, 2024:** Is 53:10-11 | Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22 | Heb 4:14-16 | Mk 10:35-45

### Service, Not Slavery

To be great in the kingdom of God means to be a servant, says Jesus: We are to serve the needs of others for the benefit of the kingdom.

This does not mean that our own needs and desires and dreams don't matter. Being a servant for God is not slavery; it's an honor and a blessing, because it unites us to the saving servanthood of Christ.

Being a servant like Christ means that we are treated by the Father the same way Jesus was treated. Our Master will not belittle us, disrespect us, nor overwork us.

The alternative is to be a slave to our worldly passions and possessions and the ways of the world. Worldly enslavement does belittle us. It reduces us to less than what God created us to be.

The ways of Christ empower us to be like Christ himself: free to enjoy all of the benefits of the kingdom of God, free to live a holy life, and therefore, free to be great in the eyes of our Father.

In this freedom, there is great joy. Although the ways of Christ are not easy and sometimes lead to the Cross, this cup of suffering increases our holiness and makes us even greater in heaven. When we make sacrifices for the benefit of others and we understand that our sufferings are part of

our growth in holiness, they become much more bearable, because what had seemed like a curse is redeemed into a very significant blessing.

Do you know anyone whose prayers have not been answered? It's not because God doesn't care, nor because he can't help them. He answers the prayers of others through our servanthood.

Jesus serves others through us.

Our top priority must always be our own relationship with God, so that we receive an abundance of whatever he wants us to share with others in service to their needs. We cannot give what we don't have. We cannot serve others well – we cannot be the presence of Christ for them – unless we ourselves have first been served by Jesus.



### Reflect & Discuss:

- † What has God blessed you with abundantly? What insights, gifts, talents, wisdom, etc., do you have?
- † How are these indications that Jesus has served you?
- † Share how you have passed this service onto someone else (or would like to). For example, how has he served you with his unconditional, forgiving love? Or how has he served you by meeting an unmet need? In turn, how has this helped you to be a loving servant for others?