

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 26, 2024

REG. COLLECTION: SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26

4:00PM - Robert Ruemker 5th anniv., Alonzo Brown, Lloyd Killen, Jacques and Patrick Mott

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

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 5TH 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.

WEEK OF NOVEMBER 2, 2024

REG. COLLECTION: SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2

10:00AM - Our Beloved Dead
Alexandria Memorial Gardens

4:00PM - Lucy Whitley, Leola & Blanchard Reeves, Kristian Louviere, Joseph D. Ellington

Lector: S. Cranford
Server: J. Louviere

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3

8:00AM - Betty Jones

Lector: G. Delaney
Server: A. Schexnyder

10:30AM - Kenny Blair, Rickey Sayes 65th birthday remembrance

Lector: T. Reynolds
Server: A. Brundrett

5:00PM - For Our Parish Family

Lector: J. Montalvo
Server: H. Reynolds

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4

NO MASS

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5

7:00AM - Communion Service

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6

NO MASS

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 7

7:00AM - Communion Service

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

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

OUR BELOVED DEAD

Richard Sayer, Donna Watts

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



STEWARDSHIP

OFFERTORY GIFTS - 10/20/2024

Regular Collection	\$ 3,040.00
EFT Collection	\$ 2,395.00
Weekly Goal	\$ <u>6,925.00</u>
Shortage	\$ 1,490.00
Goal for October (4 Sundays)	\$ 27,700.00
Received for October	\$ <u>18,515.00</u>
Still Needed for October	\$ 9,185.00
Repairs and Maintenance	\$ 2.00
All Souls	\$ 133.00
World Mission Sunday	\$ 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)

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, 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 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

FAITH FORMATION

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.

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?

CHURCH NEWS**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.

ELECTION DAY ADORATION AND PRAYER

Tuesday, November 5
6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Please join us in prayer for our country and her elected leaders.

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.

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 27, 2024: Jer 31:7-9 | Ps 126:1-6 | Heb 5:1-6 | Mk 10:46-52

Make the Most of Divine Opportunities

After Jesus touches our lives – answers a prayer, gives us a healing, provides a life-changing insight, or makes any other kind of difference – what do we do next? Our life has been changed by divine grace. Do we make the most of this new opportunity?

God never forces us to take a new direction or follow a certain path, not even if we've made a bargain with him, such as: "Lord, if you heal me, I will go to Mass every day."

Jesus says to us what he said to Bartimaeus, the man he healed in this Sunday's Gospel reading: "Go your way; your faith has saved you." Go where?

Sometimes his instructions are a little more informative than that. When he cures someone from sin, he adds: "Go and sin no more". Okay, but go where?

Every step we take is important. Where we go and what we do next makes a difference that ripples off into the future with ramifications (blessings and/or woes) that are impossible for us to predict. Jesus isn't downplaying the significance of this. Rather, what happens next is so important that he wants us to have full control over it.

Jesus told Bartimaeus "Go your way." And what did Bartimaeus do with that freedom? He "followed him on the way." He opted for the best possible direction. His life changed dramatically, not only because he had been blind and now he had good eyesight, but because he wanted to learn from Jesus and become one of his followers.



How many times have we returned to an old familiar path after an encounter with Christ? If following him means taking a new direction, getting involved in a new ministry, or changing careers or friends, we too often settle back into old routines. Comfort zones are hard to leave. But following Jesus is a life-changing adventure if we're sincere about it.

Following Jesus and learning from him should be our top priority. Every encounter with Christ should change us – even at Mass when we reunite ourselves to him in the Eucharist.

Reflect & Discuss:

- † Think of the last time Jesus responded to your need for help. What changed afterward?
- † How long did the change last?
- † Describe a time when you changed directions in your life because of an encounter with Christ. What did Jesus do for you?
- † How did you figure out which way to go afterward?