

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 28, 2023

REG. COLLECTION: SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28

4:00PM - Robert Ruemker

Lector: S. Cranford
Server: A. Byrd

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29

8:00AM - Joseph Ellington

Lector: G. Delaney
Server: B. Emerson

10:30AM - Griffin Ogaard 2nd birthday

Lector: M. Brundrett
Server: C. Mathews

5:00PM - For Our Parish Family

Lector: R. Mallach
Server: H. Reynolds & J. Moreau

MONDAY, OCTOBER 30

7:00AM - Terry Kohler 2nd anniv.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 31

7:00AM - Leola and Blanchard Reeves

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1

7:00AM - Our Beloved Dead

Lector: M. Brundrett
Server: A. Brundrett

5:30PM - Our Beloved Dead

Lector: M. Leleux
Server: A. Byrd

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2

7:00AM - Our Beloved Dead

4:00PM - Alexandria Memorial Gardens

WEEK OF NOVEMBER 4, 2023

REG. COLLECTION: SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4

4:00PM - Kristian Louviere

Lector: S. Cranford
Server: A. Byrd

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5

8:00AM - Joseph Ellington

Lector: D. Bess
Server: A. Schexnyder

10:30AM - Betty Jones, Richard Kelly, Rickey Sayes 64th birthday remembrance,

Lector: J. Antee
Server: V. Montalvo

5:00PM - For Our Parish Family

Lector: J. Montalvo
Server: L. Brouillette

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 6

7:00AM - Communion Service

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7

NO MASS

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8

NO MASS

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9

7:00AM - Communion Service

SANCTUARY CANDLE BURNS THIS WEEK



IN LOVING MEMORY OF STEPHEN RODEBACK
BY HIS WIFE, JUNE

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

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

OUR PERMANENT DEACON CANDIDATE

Brad Gadel

THOSE PREPARING FOR MATRIMONY

Kelsay (Motley) McCoy and Paxton McCoy III
November 4, 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, Steviee Patin, Reed Ponthier, Miles Schexndyer, Collin Stewart, Lillie Stewart, Abigail Upton, Isabella Winegeart, Wyatt Winegeart

OUR CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES

Izzie Antee, Hannah Daigrepoint, Donald Ducote, Jadyen 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.

Sharan Bellard, Rochelle Brasseaux, Brian Dobard, Daniel Jones, Linda Kelly, Debbie Duck Lyles, Jacques Matt, Jo Tassin, John Upton

OUR HOMEBOUND

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, Donna White

OUR ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY

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

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 - 10/22/2023

Regular Collection	\$ 3,380.00
EFT Collection	\$ 2,070.00
Weekly Goal	\$ <u>6,530.00</u>
Shortage	\$ 1,080.00

Goal for October (5 Sundays)	\$ 32,650.00
Received for October	\$ <u>22,926.00</u>
Still Needed for October	\$ 9,724.00

Maintenance and Repairs	\$ 20.00
All Souls Day	\$ 50.00
Catholic Charities Raffle	\$ 800.00
World Missions	\$ 20.00

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

ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL (ADA)

Parish Goal 2023	\$ 21,256.00
Pledged	\$ <u>32,441.00</u>
Over Goal	\$ 11,185.00

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

“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. Adult children no longer living at home and recently married couples are especially encouraged to register.

FAITH FORMATION**GRADES PREK - 5**

Wednesday, November 1
5:30 p.m. - All Saints' Day Mass

GRADES 6 - 12

Wednesday, November 1
5:30 p.m. - All Saints' Day Mass

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION CLASS

Wednesday, November 1
5:30 p.m. - All Saints' Day Mass

FIRST PENANCE PREPARATION CLASS

Tuesday, November 7
5:30p.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

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?

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 30 - 5:30 p.m.
Church Hall

CHURCH NEWS**ALL SAINTS' DAY MASSES**

Wednesday, November 1, 2023
7:00 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

Thursday, November 2, 2023
4:00 p.m. Mass
Alexandria Memorial Gardens

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS

Central Standard Time (CST) begins at 2:00 a.m. on Sunday, November 5. 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 November.

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.

PRE-ADVENT MISSION

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

30th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Sunday October 29

Ex 22:20-26
Ps 18:2-4,47,51
1 Thessalonians 1:5c-10
Matthew 22:34-40

Monday October 30

Romans 8:12-17
Ps 68:2,4,6-7b,20-21
Luke 13:10-17

Tuesday October 31

Romans 8:18-25
Ps 126:1b-6
Luke 13:18-21

Wednesday November 1 Solemnity of All Saints

Revelation 7:2-4,9-14
Ps 24:1b-4b,5-6
1 John 3:1-3
Matthew 5:1-12a

Thursday November 2 All Souls Day

Wis 3:1-9
Psalm 23:1-6
Rom 6:3-9
John 6:37-40

Friday November 3

Romans 9:1-5
Ps 147:12-15,19-20
Luke 14:1-6

Saturday November 4 St. Charles Borromeo, Bp

Romans 11:1-2a,11-12,
25-29
Ps 94:12-13a,14-15,17-18
Luke 14:1,7-11

Today's Gospel reading reminds us that we cannot love God without loving ourselves *and* others, but God must always come first.

When we have difficulty loving God with all our heart, mind and soul all the time, every day, every moment, no matter what's going on, it's because we're spending too much time focused on other people and/or on our own plans and wishes.

Yes, we must focus on others in order to love them. And yes we must focus on our own needs so that we can love others *as much* as we love ourselves. Our own needs are important and we are responsible for seeing that our needs get met; otherwise we don't have enough to share with others – enough energy or enthusiasm or kindness or patience. Likewise, we shouldn't focus so much on ourselves that we neglect the needs of others.

So the question then becomes: What are the priorities? In other words: How much time should we spend alone with God? How much time should we spend nurturing ourselves? How much of our time and needs and wants should be

sacrificed for the sake of others?

Interestingly, we find the right balance only after we put God first and make our relationship with him our highest priority.



This divine friendship is what heals us in our unmet needs. It's what empowers us to love others even when they are difficult to love. And we don't have to be alone with God all day to have intimacy with him.

We love him first and foremost simply by relying on him for success in loving others and ourselves. If we keep turning to him for guidance, healing and strength, we are loving him with all our heart, mind and soul all the time, every day, every moment, no matter what's going on.

Reflect & Discuss:

- † How good are you at setting priorities and keeping God at the top?
- † What puts your priorities out of order?
- † What can you do to increase God's role in your everyday life?
- † Describe some of the techniques you've used to increase God's priority in your everyday life.
- † How has focusing on your relationship with God helped you to be more loving to yourself and kinder toward others?