

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 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. Reynolds
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

WEEK OF NOVEMBER 9, 2024

REG. COLLECTION: SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9

4:00PM - Lloyd Killen, Jacques and Patrick
Mott

Lector: G. Patty
Server: J. Schexnyder

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10

8:00AM - Charna Cox

Lector: K. Bellard
Server: B. Emerson

10:30AM - Stephen Rodeback, John Upton
Family for healing and peace

Lector: J. Foote
Server: J. Moreau

5:00PM - For Our Parish Family

Lector: J. Montalvo
Server: B. Winegeart

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11

7:00AM - Communion Service

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12 NO MASS

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13 NO MASS

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14 NO MASS

SANCTUARY CANDLE BURNS THIS WEEK



IN LOVING MEMORY OF
MARY LEE AND GERALD ROBICHAUX, SR.
BY THE ROBICHAUX FAMILY

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

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

OUR BELOVED DEAD

Penny Brawner, Jacob Strange

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.

Alfred Cook III, Sherry Credeur, Brian Dobard, Frances Dunn, C. J. Fuqua, Celia Halbert, Thomas Hickman, 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 - 10/27/2024

Regular Collection	\$ 2,784.00
EFT Collection	\$ 1,695.00
Weekly Goal	\$ <u>6,925.00</u>
Shortage	\$ 2,446.00
Goal for October (4 Sundays)	\$ 27,700.00
Received for October	\$ <u>22,994.00</u>
Shortage for October	\$ 4,706.00
Repairs and Maintenance	\$ 20.00
All Souls’ Day	\$ 256.00
All Saints’ Day	\$ 10.00
Catholic Charities	\$ 10.00

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!
MERCİ 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**GRADES PRE K - 2**

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

GRADES 3 - 5

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

GRADES 6 - 12

Wednesday, November 6
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 3 - 7 - Youth Center

THEOLOGY OF THE BODY FOR BEGINNERS**Day of Retreat Follow-Up****2025 Reading Plan**

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

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.



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

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.

SANCTUARY CANDLE

Please remember that the sanctuary candle is available to burn weekly for any intentions you may have for the living, the deceased, in thanksgiving, in need, etc. If you're interested, please call Cindy at the church office.

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 3, 2024: Dt 6:2-6 | Ps 18:2-4,47,51 |
Heb 7:23-28 | Mk 12:28b-34

In this Sunday's Gospel reading, Jesus asserted the two greatest commands of the Law, quoting from the ancient Hebrew scriptures, which we have in the first reading. And the second reading, from the New Testament letter to the Hebrews, explains how the Law of Love supersedes or fulfills all other laws. Jesus, who loved perfectly and never sinned against anyone, sacrificed himself for sinners. Therefore, we who want to follow him to heaven need to follow in his footsteps of love, by loving God and everyone else wholeheartedly.

Try as we might, though, we love imperfectly; we sin. The best penance, then, is an act of love, especially if it's a sacrifice offered to (or for) those who were harmed by our sin. But the damage we've caused has a ripple effect that goes far beyond anything we can see. This is remedied in the Catholic Church's Sacrament of Reconciliation. Jesus – through the priest – accepts our remorse and absolves our sins, while the entire earthly Body of Christ (the Church) – through the priest – accepts our penances for the earthly damage that our sins have caused.

Penance is not only an act of love, it's designed to strengthen our resolve to choose love when tempted to sin again. If the priest gives us an easy penance (for example, "Say the Lord's Prayer and



three Hail Marys"), if we really want to become holier, we should ask God during those three Hail Marys for a penance that's a more difficult act of love. We should choose a sacrifice, something that requires loving God with our whole heart, soul, and mind as well as loving ourselves and our neighbors just as much.

Saint Anthony Mary Claret said, "The love of Christ arouses us, urges us to run, and to fly, lifted on the wings of holy zeal." How high is your love flying? Zeal is a good measuring instrument of how much we love God.

Reflect & Discuss:

- † Whom have you loved imperfectly this week?
- † What act of penance could you do that would be an exercise in loving them better, treating them the way Jesus would? When will you complete the reconciliation through the sacraments of the Church?
- † What does "zeal" mean? Name some of the ways that we love God with zeal.
- † Tell the story of a time when you made a sacrifice because of love. How did this reveal Jesus to others?