

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 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

WEEK OF NOVEMBER 11, 2023

REG. COLLECTION: SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11

4:00PM - Charna Cox, Kristian Louviere 1st
anniv., Janice H. McNeil

Lector: M. Leleux

Server: Jackson Schexnyder

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12

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

Lector: R. Normand

Server: A. Daigrepoint

10:30AM - Griffin Ogaard 2nd birthday, Stephen
Rodeback

Lector: J. Leglue

Server: J. Malone, V. Montalvo

5:00PM - For Our Parish Family

Lector: R. Mallach

Server: H. Reynolds & J. Moreau

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13

7:00AM - Communion Service

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14

7:00AM - Communion Service

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15

7:00AM - Communion Service

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16

7:00AM - Communion Service

SANCTUARY CANDLE BURNS THIS WEEK



**IN LOVING MEMORY OF KRISTIAN LOUVIERE
ON THE 1ST ANNIVERSARY OF HIS DEATH
BY HIS PARENTS, JOHN AND BARBARA**

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 RECENTLY DECEASED

Henrietta Demoulin, Carolyn Casey Dufour

OUR RECENTLY BAPTIZED

Delores Marie Brown

OUR PERMANENT DEACON CANDIDATE

Brad Gadel

THOSE PREPARING FOR MATRIMONY

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.

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, Chuck Williams

STEWARDSHIP

OFFERTORY GIFTS - 10/29/2023

Regular Collection	\$ 4,733.00
EFT Collection	\$ 1,370.00
Weekly Goal	\$ <u>6,530.00</u>
Shortage	\$ 427.00

Goal for October (5 Sundays)	\$ 32,650.00
Received for October	\$ <u>29,029.00</u>
Shortage for October	\$ 3,621.00

All Souls Day	\$ 90.00
Catholic Charities	\$ 350.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

MERCI 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 8
5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

GRADES 6 - 12

Wednesday, November 8
6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION CLASS

Wednesday, November 8
6:00 p.m. - Church

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, November 6 - 5:30 p.m.
Church Hall

CHURCH NEWS**DAY LIGHT 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.

MANNA HOUSE

During this month, we are be collecting non-perishable food products to benefit Manna House. Receptacles for the food are located in the narthex. Please place all monetary donations in the collection basket, in an appropriately labeled envelope.

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

Presenter: Fr. Keith Pellerin (Lake Charles Diocese)
Monday, November 27 - Wednesday, November 29

Morning Sessions - Church Hall
10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Evening Sessions - Church
6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

All Sessions Will Be Live Streamed.

31st Sunday of Ordinary Time

Sunday November 5

Malachi 1:14b – 2:2b,8-10
Ps 131:1-3
1 Thessalonians 2:7b-9,13
Matthew 23:1-12

Monday November 6

Romans 11:29-36
Ps 69:30-31,33-34,36
Luke 14:12-14

Tuesday November 7

Romans 12:5-16b
Ps 131:1b-3
Luke 14:15-24

Wednesday November 8

Romans 13:8-10
Ps 112:1b-2,4-5,9
Luke 14:25-33

Thursday November 9 Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

Ezra 47:1-2,8-9,12
Ps 46:2-3,5-6,8-9
1 Cor 3:9c-11,16-17
John 2:13-22

Friday November 10 St. Leo the Great, Pp, Dr

Romans 15:14-21
Ps 98:1-4
Luke 16:1-8

Saturday November 11 St. Martin of Tours, Bp

Romans 16:3-9,16,22-27
Ps 145:2-5,10-11
Luke 16:9-15

Christ's representative in Church leadership, he serves us in everything he does, whether it's presiding at Mass or making decisions.

No matter what someone's credentials are, no matter how much authority God has given to our priests and other leaders,

Today's Gospel reading contains a verse that, when taken literally, has been used by some Protestants to condemn Catholicism because we call our priests "Father." By that logic, when Jesus said, "Call no one on earth your father," he meant our dads, too, right? Did he never call St. Joseph by the title father? Perhaps when Jesus as a lad had a question about carpentry he said, "Hey dude who's married to Mom!" I don't think so.

To understand what Jesus means in this scripture, we need to read the whole passage: This singled-out verse is actually part of a teaching about equality. He is telling us that we must not consider anyone to be superior to ourselves – no one but God is superior to us.

Jesus says here: "The greatest among you must be your servant." At other times in other scriptures, Jesus says that if we want to be greatest, we have to be the servant of all, because we must not think of ourselves as superior to others. But in today's lesson he's telling us not to think of ourselves as inferior, either. He trying to cure our low self-esteem.

Do you know, for example, that as a child of God you are not inferior to the pope? This is why he's called the servant of the servants of God. As



and no matter how famous or well-liked anyone is, we are all equally loved by God. We're all equally important to God.

Reflect & Discuss:

- † Do you feel served by those who have higher status? Why or why not?
- † When you don't, how much of this is your own attitude of assuming that you're inferior? What will you do to shift your thinking and accept your own value according to God's perspective?
- † When someone's job or talents or position in the family or church seems greater than yours, how do you overcome your feelings of inferiority?
- † How does Jesus convey to you that you are inferior to no one?
- † Describe a time when you felt inferior but then became aware of your equal value. (This story will help others who are struggling to overcome their own feelings of inferiority.)