

# 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 11, 2023

REG. COLLECTION: SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH

### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11

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

*Lector: M. Leleux*

*Server: J. Schexnyder*

### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12

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

*Lector: R. Normand*

*Server: A. Daigrepoint*

10:30AM - Griffin Ogaard 2<sup>nd</sup> birthday, Stephen Rodeback

*Lector: J. Leglue*

*Server: J. Malone, V. Montalvo*

5:00PM - For Our Parish Family

*Lector: R. Mallach*

*Server: L. Brouillette & 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

## WEEK OF NOVEMBER 18, 2023

REG. COLLECTION: SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH

2<sup>ND</sup> COLLECTION: CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18

4:00PM - Shirley Sayes, Adrien, Larry, Marty, Lena, Jim Doiron

*Lector: J. Louviere*

*Server: L. Brocato*

### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19

8:00AM - Mary Virginia Young

*Lector: E. Lohman*

*Server: A. Daigrepoint*

10:30AM - Sue and Charlie Wagener

*Lector: T. Reynolds*

*Server: A. Brundrett*

5:00PM - For Our Parish Family

*Lector: J. Reynolds*

*Server: A. Byrd*

### MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20

7:00AM - Rickey Sayes

### TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 21

7:00AM - Betty Jones

### WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 22

6:00PM - In Thanksgiving for God's Many Gifts

### THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 23

**NO MASS**

### SANCTUARY CANDLE BURNS THIS WEEK



IN LOVING MEMORY OF  
MAYNETTE DOBARD AND BARBARA RIGBY  
BY LEO DOBARD

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](http://www.diocesealex.org)

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER**

**RECENTLY DECEASED**

Michael Todd Malone

**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, JadyN 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.*

Maggie Avant, Sharan Bellard, Rochelle Brasseaux, Brian Dobard, Daniel Jones, Linda Kelly, Debbie Duck Lyles, Jacques Matt, Jamie Monroe, 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

*Please inform us if you know of anyone who should be included or removed. You may also use a pew envelope for this*

**STEWARDSHIP**

**OFFERTORY GIFTS - 11/05/2023**

Regular Collection	\$ 4,919.00
EFT Collection	\$ 1,720.00
Weekly Goal	\$ <u>6,530.00</u>
<b>Overage</b>	<b>\$ 109.00</b>

Goal for November (4 Sundays)	\$ 26,120.00
Received for November	\$ <u>6,639.00</u>
<b>Still Needed for November</b>	<b>\$ 19,481.00</b>

Maintenance and Repairs	\$ 70.00
All Souls' Day	\$ 228.00
All Saints' Day	\$ 841.00
Catholic Charities	\$ 25.00

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

**ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL (ADA)**

Parish Goal 2023	\$ 21,256.00
Pledged	\$ <u>33,557.00</u>
Over Goal	\$ 12,301.00

**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](http://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](http://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 15  
5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

**GRADES 6 - 12**

Wednesday, November 15  
6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

**CONFIRMATION PREPARATION CLASS**

Wednesday, November 15  
6:00 p.m. - Church

**FIRST PENANCE PREPARATION CLASS**

Tuesday, November 14  
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 13 - 5:30 p.m.**  
**Church Hall**

**CHURCH NEWS****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.

**PRO LIFE MINISTRIES**

Monday, November 20  
5:00 p.m. - Church Hall

**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.**

## 32nd Sunday of Ordinary Time

### Sunday November 12

Wisdom 6:12-16

Ps 63:2-8

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Matthew 25:1-13

### Monday November 13

**St. Frances Xavier Cabrini**

Wisdom 1:1-7

Ps 139:1b-10

Luke 17:1-6

### Tuesday November 14

Wisdom 2:23 – 3:9

Ps 34:2-3,16-19

Luke 17:7-10

### Wednesday November 15

Wisdom 6:1-11

Ps 82:3-4,6-7

Luke 17:11-19

### Thursday November 16

Wisdom 7:22b – 8:1

Ps 119:89-91,130,135,175

Luke 17:20-25

### Friday November 17

**St. Elizabeth of Hungary**

Wisdom 13:1-9

Ps 19:2-5b

Luke 17:26-37

### Saturday November 18

Wisdom 18:14-16; 19:6-9

Ps 105:2-3,36-37,42-43

Luke 18:1-8

This Sunday's Gospel reading shows us what it means to be truly foolish. We believe in Christ – good! We pray – good! We put time into our faith growth and we value opportunities for more faith formation – very wise! And we say that we trust God – wonderful!

But what happens when God doesn't answer our prayers fast enough? What if we need Christ's loving embrace or his protection from evil and yet we're suffering with no end in sight? Where is Jesus then?

Usually, God's timing is not ours. We think we have the right idea about how soon God should intervene when we ask for his help. Right now is a good time for it, right? Of course! But perhaps not from God's perspective. (Why do we want to leave God in charge anyway, if he doesn't see things our way, huh?)

When we despair over unanswered prayer, the reality behind it is that we're emotionally unprepared for any timing that's different from what we think it should be.

The foolish bridesmaids thought the groom would arrive before their lamps burned out. They thought they understood the situation. Do we? Furthermore, if God's plans are illogical – if they don't make sense to us – we distrust them. And then we get ourselves into the mess of trying to handle things apart from God.

We cannot trust our logic. We cannot trust our perception or



our understanding of the situations we're in. The sooner we decide to enjoy the absurdity of being a Christian, the sooner we will find out that God's ways are awesomely much, much better than anything we can imagine!

### Reflect & Discuss:

- † What have you resisted doing because it doesn't make sense?
- † What can you do, where can you turn, to whom can you go for help in discerning whether or not it's God's plan for you?
- † How do you know when an illogical plan is really what God wants you to do?
- † What's happened in your life that has taught you to trust the Holy Spirit's surprises?
- † Share a lesson you learned when you weren't ready for God's plan because you didn't believe it.