

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 18, 2023

REG. COLLECTION: SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH
2ND COLLECTION: CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18

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

Lector: J. Louviere
Server: L. Brocato

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19

8:00AM - Mary Virginia Young

Lector: E. Lohman
Server: J. Schexnyder

10:30AM - Sue and Charlie Wagener, Dee Smart

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

Lector: P. Gadel
Server: A. Byrd

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 23

NO MASS

WEEK OF NOVEMBER 25, 2023

REG. COLLECTION: SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 25

4:00PM - Zachary Veillon, Andy Brown

Lector: S. Cranford
Server: A. Daigrepoint

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26

8:00AM - Eric Duck

Lector: B. Edwards
Server: B. Emerson

10:30AM - Betty Jones

Lector: B. Lowe
Server: C. Mathews

5:00PM - For Our Parish Family

Lector: R. Mallach
Server: L. Brouillette

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 27

7:00AM - Zachary Veillon

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 28

7:00AM - Albert J. "Chris" Navarro

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 29

7:00AM - Guy Navarro

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 30

7:00AM - Alfred Mathews, Sr. 93rd birthday
remembrance

SANCTUARY CANDLE BURNS THIS WEEK



IN LOVING MEMORY OF BETTY JONES
BY HER DAUGHTER, DEBORAH BESS

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

RECENTLY DECEASED

Louise Bordelon, Bonnie Gatlin, Tanner Kelly

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

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 - 11/12/2023

Regular Collection	\$ 4,623.00
EFT Collection	\$ 2,885.00
Weekly Goal	\$ <u>6,530.00</u>
Overage	\$ 978.00
Goal for November (4 Sundays)	\$ 26,120.00
Received for November	\$ <u>14,147.00</u>
Still Needed for November	\$ 11,973.00
Maintenance and Repairs	\$ 40.00
Manna House	\$ 100.00
Christmas Flowers	\$ 20.00

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, December 6
5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

GRADES 6 - 12

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

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION CLASS

Wednesday, December 6
6:00 p.m. - Church

FIRST PENANCE PREPARATION CLASS

Tuesday, November 26
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, December 4 - 5:30 p.m.
Church Hall

CHURCH NEWS**THANKSGIVING 2023**

Although there will be NO Mass on Thanksgiving Day, we will celebrate a vigil Mass.

Wednesday, November 22nd - 6:00PM

Please remember that the "cost" of admission are non-perishable foods to benefit Manna House. Please put your contributions in the containers at the foot of the altar. A monetary collection will be taken for the benefit of Manna House.

CHURCH OFFICE

The office will be closed on Thursday, November 23 and Friday, November 24 in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday.

PRO LIFE MINISTRIES

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

ADVENT GIVING TREE

Our annual giving tree will be available in the narthex next weekend. Please take at least one tag and return the gifts to the church **no earlier** than the weekend of December 16 and 17.

White Envelopes

(Please put gift cards in the white envelopes)

Gift Cards for our Seminarians

Ornaments

(Place unwrapped gifts around the altar.)

Cenla Pregnancy Center, Hope House, & Catholic Charities

CHRISTMAS MEMORIAL FLOWER FUND

This fund enables us to decorate the Church during the Christmas season. The donors and those remembered will be listed in the bulletin the weekend of January 13-14, 2024. The suggested donation is \$10. An envelope for this purpose is in the pews and your monthly packet. You may use one of your own envelopes, as well. Remember to include on the envelope the name(s) of those to be remembered/honored.

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!)

33rd Sunday of Ordinary Time

Sunday November 19

Prv 31:10-13,19-20,30-31

Ps 128:1-5

1 Thessalonians 5:1-6

Matthew 25:14-30

Monday November 20

1 Mc 1:10-15,41-43,54-57,62-63

Ps 119:53,61,134,150,155,158

Luke 18:35-43

Tuesday November 21

2 Macabees 6:18-31

Ps 3:2-7

Luke 19:1-10

Wednesday November 22

St. Cecilia, Virgin, Martyr

2 Macabees 7:1,20-31

Ps 17:1bcd,5-6,8b,15

Luke 19:11-28

Thursday November 23

Thanksgiving Day

Sirach 50:22-24

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Luke 17:11-19

Friday November 24

St. Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs

1 Macabees 4:36-37,52-59

1 Chr 29:10b-12d

Luke 19:45-48

Saturday November 25

1 Macabees 6:1-13

Ps 9:2-4,6,16,19

Luke 20:27-40

This Sunday's Gospel reading reminds us not to bury the gifts that God has given us. To do so is to be a "wicked, lazy servant!"

Ouch.

We all have at least one buried talent. There's more we could be doing for the kingdom of God, but we think: "Not me. I'm not gifted enough" or "Someone else can do it better" or "God can't be telling me to do *that*" or "I don't have the time, the financial resources, the know-how, or good enough health".

There's no holy excuse for wasting anything good that God has given us, but sadly it happens quite often, because we don't realize how necessary our talents are for the Church and our joint mission of spreading Christ's influence upon the world.

What's pushing your gifts and talents aside? What's interfering with your usefulness to the

circumstances and sufferings. Often, these precious people are very powerful prayer warriors and have some of the soundest wisdom on earth.

Have you wondered: "If God is so good, why does he allow evil?" The answer is: It's we who allow it! We are the Body of Christ on earth. We are his hands and feet and vocal chords. Jesus wants to make our world more heavenly; he does it through us.



Reflect & Discuss:

- † What good have you done? Hear God assuring you: "Well done, my good and faithful servant! Since you were faithful in small matters, I will give you greater responsibilities. Come, share your Master's joy!"
- † What "greater responsibilities" can you say yes to using the gifts that he's provided? What's stopping you from saying yes?
- † How would you recommend, based on your experiences, that Christians invest the gifts of God?
- † How do you identify (a) your giftedness and (b) God's purpose for it?

kingdom of God? Now is the time to open wide your potential and release your talents into God's plans!

We are all gifted "enough" to make a difference for God's kingdom, because our abilities come from him. We're his servants, and it's up to him, not us, to decide what we're capable of doing. Even the homebound and the bedridden have a divine purpose that can be accomplished in their