

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 JANUARY 27, 2024

REG. COLLECTION: SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH
2ND COLLECTION: LATIN AMERICA

SATURDAY, JANUARY 27

4:00PM - Mavis Tucker

Lector: B. Patty

Server: L. Brocato

SUNDAY, JANUARY 28

8:00AM - Betty Jones

Lector: E. Lohman

Server: B. Emerson

10:30AM - Omega Dobard 75th birthday
remembrance, Tanner Kelly

Lector: J. Antee

Server: V. Montalvo, J. Malone

5:00PM - For Our Parish Family

Lector: J. Montalvo

Server: H. Reynolds

MONDAY, JANUARY 29

7:00AM - Communion Service

TUESDAY, JANUARY 30

NO MASS

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31

7:00AM - Communion Service

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1

7:00AM - Communion Service

WEEK OF FEBRUARY 3, 2024

REG. COLLECTION: SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3

4:00PM - Tanner Kelly, Kristian Louviere,
Andy Brown

Lector: S. Cranford

Server: A. Byrd

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4

8:00AM - Betty Jones

Lector: B. Edwards

Server: A. Schexnyder

10:30AM - Shirley Sayes 1st anniv., Linda Kelly
family to receive the gifts of healing
and peace

Lector: J. Leglue

Server: J. Moreau

5:00PM - For Our Parish Family

Lector: J. Montalvo

Server: H. Reynolds

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5

7:00AM - Zachary Veillon

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6

7:00AM - David Foshee, Sr.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7

7:00AM - Jackie Kroll Reine

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8

7:00AM - Rickey Sayes 1st anniv.

SANCTUARY CANDLE BURNS THIS WEEK



IN LOVING MEMORY OF ROBERT RUEMKER
BY HIS WIFE, VIOLA

If you would like to have a loved one or special
intention remembered by providing for the sanctu-
ary 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 for-
mal complaint of abuse to the diocese, arrange a
personal meeting with the bishop or his representa-
tive, 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 availa-
ble in the narthex bookcase. Both the Diocesan Pol-
icy for the Protection of Minors, and the Diocesan
Code of Pastoral Conduct are in the safe environ-
ment section at www.diocesealex.org

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER**OUR RECENTLY DECEASED**

Most Reverend Mario Dorsonville, Sharan Bellard,
Joseph Johnson

OUR PERMANENT DEACON CANDIDATE

Brad Gadel

THOSE PREPARING FOR MATRIMONY

Sara Richard and Cody Fitzgerald
November 16, 2024

OUR FIRST EUCHARIST CANDIDATES

Saturday, May 4, 2024 - 10:00 a.m.

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

Saturday, April 6, 2024 - 4:00 p.m.

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 re-
tain someone is received in the collection, at secre-
tary@mmjchurch.org, calling 487-9894x1200 or by mail. Ex-
ceptions can be made, of course.*

Maggie Avant, Brian Dobard, Thomas Hickman,
Daniel Jones, Linda Kelly, Debbie Duck Lyles,
Jacques Matt, Jo Tassin, John Upton, Jennifer
Weatherford, Tonya Wood

OUR HOMEBOUND

Faye Connella, Butch Doiron, Janet Lamkin, Cecile
Liotta, Janet Normand, Jane Richey, 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 - 01/21/2024**

Regular Collection	\$ 5,488.00
EFT Collection	\$ 2,245.00
Weekly Goal	\$ 6,530.00
Overage	\$ 1,203.00

Goal for January (4 Sundays)	\$ 26,120.00
Received for January	\$ 19,756.00
Still Needed for January	\$ 6,364.00

Repairs & Maintenance	\$ 20.00
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THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

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, January 31
5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

GRADES 6 - 12

Wednesday, January 31
6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION CLASS

Wednesday, January 31
6:00 p.m. - Church

FIRST COMMUNION PREPARATION CLASS

Tuesday, March 19
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, January 29 - 5:30 p.m.
Church Hall

CHURCH NEWS**MEN OF MMJ**

Monday, January 29
6:00 p.m. - Church Hall

ST. BLAISE

In commemoration of the February 3rd memorial of St. Blaise, Bishop and Martyr, and the patron of those who suffer from throat ailments, throats will be blessed as the final blessing at all Masses the weekend of February 3-4.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

Saturday, February 10th - 4:00 p.m. Mass
World Marriage Sunday

Papal blessings will be presented and vows reaffirmed for parishioners who previously notified us of their 2023 "milestone" anniversary: Keith & Beth Chapman (50), Angie & Colt James (40), Clif & Diane Fuqua (35), Jennifer & Claude Weatherford (25).

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.

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.

CHURCH OFFICES

The offices will be closed on Monday, February 12th and Tuesday, February 13th, in observance of Mardi Gras.

ASH WEDNESDAY - FEBRUARY 14

7:00 a.m. - Mass with imposition of ashes
4:00 p.m. - Prayer Service with imposition of ashes
5:30 p.m. - Mass with imposition of ashes

Fr. Paul will be visiting our shut-ins with communion and ashes.

WAY OF THE CROSS

Fridays - 6:00PM

Good News

INSPIRATION FOR DAILY LIFE

4th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Sunday, January 28

Dt 18:15-20
Ps 95:1-2,6-9
1 Cor 7:32-35
Mk 1:21-28

Monday, January 29

2 Sm 15:13-14,30; 16:5-13
Ps 3:2-7
Mk 5:1-20

Tuesday, January 30

2 Sm 18:9-10,14b,
24-25a,30 – 19:3
Ps 86:1-6
Mk 5:21-43

Wednesday, January 31

St. John Bosco, Priest
2 Sm 24:2,9-17
Ps 32:1-2,5-7
Mk 6:1-6

Thursday, February 1

1 Kgs 2:1-4,10-12
1 Chr 29:10-11b,11d-12d
Mk 6:7-13

Friday, February 2

Presentation of the Lord
Mal 3:1-4
Ps 24:7-10
Heb 2:14-18
Lk 2:22-40

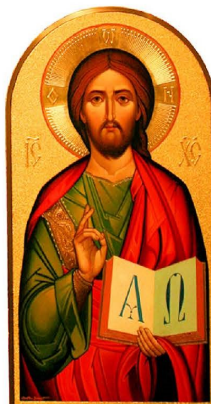
Saturday, February 3

1 Kgs 3:4-13
Ps 119:9-14
Mk 6:30-34

This Sunday's Gospel reading illustrates the authority of Jesus. If we truly accept and understand his authority over our lives, we can rejoice in the Lord even when life hands us hardships.

Why? Because we know that Christ's authority is supreme, which means that everything we've placed under his authority will produce good fruits. Even bad situations will be transformed into blessings. Tragedies will be changed into triumphs. Sorrows will be transfigured into joy. Frustrations will lay the groundwork for new growth, new knowledge, and a greater ability to minister to others.

However, if we reject Christ's authority by acting as if we're the ones in charge, deciding for ourselves how to end a problem or how and when to escape from a hardship, our problems will only get worse. This is called "moral relativism." Pope Francis wrote in his Apostolic Exhortation on the Gospel of Joy (*Evangelii Gaudium*, paragraph 64) that this leads to a feeling of disorientation instead of joy.



cross with Jesus.

There are no successful shortcuts to the triumphant victory that awaits us. There is no easy way to overcome evil. If this were not true, Jesus wouldn't have needed to die on a cross.

The good news – the reason why we can rejoice – is that the most loving, most powerful, most wise One in the universe is using his supreme authority on our behalf. The question is: Will we submit to it?

Reflect & Discuss:

- † In what ways are you still rejecting Christ's authority by trying to do things your own way? Which Church teachings have you been rejecting because you've decided to live by your own rules?
- † Are you willing to ask the Holy Spirit to change your mind on these matters and teach you the value of Christ's ways?
- † In what ways do Christians often reject Christ's authority in favor of defining their own rules? Why?
- † What are the apparent risks to living completely under Christ's strict authority?
- † How can we replace these risks with a sense of safety?

The path to joy has been forged by the footsteps of Jesus. To benefit from his authority over evil and over human sufferings, we have to follow his example and obey his teachings. This means choosing to trust him, realizing that his ways are the best ways even when they're unpleasant ways. It means that we're willing to reach resurrection glory by going through the



Fullness of Truth

Real Presence, Real Power!

Eucharistic Life and the
"Science of Sainthood"



*In Cooperation with the
Diocese of Alexandria*

Randolph Riverfront Center

707 Second St. | Alexandria, LA

*A Diocesan Lenten Catholic Family Event
in the Spirit of Eucharistic Revival*

February 23-25, 2024

www.FullnessOfTruth.org/ALX24

Early-Bird Admission (Expires February 12th)	\$65
General Admission (Virtual option available)	\$75
Clergy & Religious	Free
Priority Pass (Reserved seating in front, "Goody Bag," and Saturday lunch Q&A with speakers)	\$150
Family Pass	\$175
Youth Pass	\$25
Group Admission (5+)	\$55

**FEATURING A FRIDAY EVENING CONCERT WITH JOSH BLAKESLEY,
LENTEN DEVOTIONS, A SATURDAY YOUTH TRACK, ADORATION AND MORE!**



Dr. Brant Pitre
Augustine Institute
Theologian & Author



Matthew Leonard
Dynamic Speaker,
Author & Founder of
"Science of Sainthood"



Debbie Georgianni
"The Spirit World"
Radio Show Co-Host
& Author



Erin Franco
Catholic "Mom"
Blogger, Speaker,
Author



Dr. Michael Barber
Augustine Institute
Professor & Author



Josh Blakesley
Contemporary
Sacred Music
Recording Artist

For tickets, schedule and more information, visit www.fullnessoftruth.org or call 281-358-9195.

help a child

When you sponsor through Unbound, you help a child and family achieve their God-given potential. You walk with them on their path to change.

encourage a youth

Getting an education can be especially hard for young people faced with poverty. Your support provides resources and encouragement. It says, "I believe in you."

befriend an elder

Elders often experience difficulties related to nutrition, health care and social isolation. Your support helps an elder with needs like food, health care, home visits and group activities.

sponsor today

We're all part of one human family created in God's image. As a sponsor with Unbound, you'll get the satisfaction of knowing you're living out your faith as part of a caring and inclusive global community. You'll also learn about your new friend from letters and photos, and you can write and send photos, too!

I want to sponsor:

- ☐ Any child ☐ Girl ☐ Boy ☐ Youth ☐ Elder
☐ I would like to contribute through my bank account or credit card (see reverse).
☐ Enclosed is my first monthly contribution of \$40.

(Please do not send cash. Make checks payable to Unbound.)

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Daytime phone (____) _____ Email _____

Parish _____

MAIL TO:

Unbound
P.O. Box 219114
Kansas City, MO 64121-9114

You can also sponsor online
at **unbound.org**
or call (800) 875-6564.



"Unbound has given me a way to put my faith in action. As an Unbound sponsor, I have had the opportunity to be part of a reliable community which gives hope and helps others to achieve their dreams."

— Lillian Acevedo, Unbound sponsor since 1986



WHO WE ARE

Unbound is an international development organization founded by lay Catholics and grounded in the Gospel call to put the needs of the marginalized and vulnerable first. We build relationships of mutual respect that bridge cultural, economic and religious divides. We work side by side with people of diverse faith traditions in Latin America, Asia and Africa.

HOW WE WORK

We believe the surest path out of poverty is a self-directed one. Sponsored individuals and families use your support to work toward goals like education, dignified housing, better nutrition and developing livelihoods. Mothers lead the way in our programs through active participation in small groups. From accessing microloans to starting small businesses and forming their own credit cooperatives, mothers are creating paths to self-sufficiency for their families.

HIGHLY RATED STEWARDSHIP

Unbound receives top ratings from independent charity evaluators. This demonstrates the work we put into solid financial stewardship. Visit unbound.org/financials for details.



AUTOMATIC BANK WITHDRAWAL

I hereby authorize a direct debit from my checking account each month for payment to Unbound. (Please attach voided check.)

Routing #

Account # _____

Amount \$ _____ .00

Authorized Signature _____ Date _____

You may cancel this agreement anytime by contacting Unbound at (800) 875-6564 or 1 Elmwood Avenue, Kansas City, KS 66103. Please allow 2 business days to cancel.

CREDIT CARD AUTHORIZATION

I authorize Unbound to charge my credit card in the amount of:

☐ \$40 Monthly ☐ \$120 Quarterly ☐ \$240 Semi-annually ☐ \$480 Annually

Card # _____

Expiration date ____/____

Cardholder name _____

Signature _____ Date _____

So that we may process and provide a receipt for your contribution, please complete the contact information section on the front of this form.

Please print clearly.



Unbound is listed in the
Official Catholic Directory.