

# Mary, Mother of Jesus Roman Catholic Church

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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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## **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 MARCH 25, 2023

REG. COLLECTION: SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH

### SATURDAY, MARCH 25

4:00PM - Alfred Mathews, Sr. 6<sup>th</sup> anniv.

*Lector: M. Leleux*

*Server: A. Byrd*

### SUNDAY, MARCH 26

8:00AM - Shirley Sayes

*Lector: G. Delaney*

*Server: L. Delaney*

10:30AM - Earline Descant, Ashley Brinson

*Lector: J. Antee*

*Server: C. Mathews*

5:00PM - For Our Parish Family

*Lector: J. Montalvo*

*Server: V. Montalvo*

### MONDAY, MARCH 27

7:00AM - Betty Mathews

### TUESDAY, MARCH 28

7:00AM - Joan Gadel

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29

7:00AM - Thelma Schulz

### THURSDAY, MARCH 30

7:00AM - Max Kroll



## SANCTUARY CANDLE BURNS THIS WEEK

FOR THOSE LIVING WITH  
MENTAL ILLNESS AND ADDICTION

BY KENNY AND CINDY SAYES

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.

## WEEK OF APRIL 1, 2023

REG. COLLECTION: SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH

### SATURDAY, APRIL 1

4:00PM - Kristian Louviere

*Lector: S. Cranford, B. Patty*

*Server: A. Bryd, B. Gadel*

### SUNDAY, APRIL 2

8:00AM - Virginia Kroll

*Lector: R. Normand, D. Bess*

*Server: B. Emerson*

10:30AM - Michael Kroll

*Lector: M. Brundrett, J. Foote*

*Server: A. Brundrett*

5:00PM - For Our Parish Family

*Lector: J. Reynolds, J. Montalvo*

*Server: V. Montalvo*

### MONDAY, APRIL 3

7:00AM - Grady Sayes

### TUESDAY, APRIL 4

7:00AM - Dan Broussard

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5

7:00AM - Adrien, Lena, Mary, Larry, and Jim Doiron

### THURSDAY, APRIL 6

6:00PM - For Our Parish Family

*Lector: J. Montalvo*

*Servers: V. Montalvo, B. Gadel, A. Brundrett*

### FRIDAY, APRIL 7

3:00PM - Commemoration of the Lord's Passion

*Lectors: P. Gadel, S. Cranford*

*Servers: B. Gadel, B. Emerson, A. Byrd*

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER**

**THOSE PREPARING FOR FIRST EUCHARIST**

Saturday, May 6 - 10:00 a.m.

Corbin Bennett, James Ducote, Thomas Long, Harper Rajewski, Bentley Ryland, Ben Upton, Lawson Wheat, Charlie White

**OCIA CANDIDATES**

Chad Doyle, Lory Malone, Benjamin Malone, Jackson Malone, Bridgette Thompson, Garrison Thompson, Claude Weatherford

**THOSE PREPARING FOR MATRIMONY**

Jennifer Smilie and C. J. Fuqua - April 15, 2023

Christina Rubio and Chad Doyle - October 21, 2023

**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.*

Billy Brock, Brian Dobard, Eric Duck, Rhonda Earhart, Jana Fontenot, Helen Mathews, Jacques Matt, Terry Melançon

**OUR HOMEBOUND**

Evelyn Bartow, Phyllis Broussard, Faye Connella, Butch Doiron, Janet Lamkin, Janet Normand, Jane Richey, Joe & Irene Thompson

**OUR NURSING HOME RESIDENTS**

Betty Jones, Adrienne Stevens

**OUR ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY**

Kory Butler, Brandon Coreil, David J. Francis, Dustin Guillory, Michael Hawthorne, Daniel Keely, Kelley Perry, Robin Perry, Michael Smilie



*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 - 03/19/2023**

Regular Collection	\$ 4,361.00
EFT Collection	\$ 1,940.00
Weekly Goal	\$ <u>6,530.00</u>
<b>Shortage</b>	<b>\$ 229.00</b>
Goal for March (4 Sundays)	\$ 26,120.00
Received for March	\$ <u>20,127.00</u>
<b>Still Needed for March</b>	<b>\$ 5,993.00</b>
Maintenance and Repair	\$ 30.00
Catholic Relief Services	\$ 50.00
Easter Flowers	\$ 455.00

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

**ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL (ADA)**

Parish Goal 2023	\$ 21,256.00
Pledged	\$ <u>14,705.00</u>
Balance Remaining	\$ 6,551.00

All that we have and all that we are comes from the Lord. “We are truly his handiwork,” says St. Paul in the second reading, “created in Christ Jesus to lead a life of good deeds which God prepared for us in advance.

Today is our parish’s 2023 Annual Diocesan Appeal in-pew weekend. In the past weeks you might have received a letter from Bishop Marshall asking for your support of the annual appeal. After the homily parishioners who have not yet pledged to the ADA will have an opportunity to join with Catholics throughout the Diocese of Alexandria to support the diocesan church.

**COMMUNITY REWARDS**

Visit [Kroger.com](http://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](http://www.mmjchurch.org)

**FAITH FORMATION****MARK YOUR CALENDARS****VBS - JUNE 5-9**

Volunteer Informational Meeting  
Tuesday, April 11 - 6:00 p.m.

Please come and see all of the opportunities to help with VBS this year. We need Virtus-trained folks for the week of VBS; help setting up (June 3) and take down (the afternoon of June 9) Please call Katie Upton if you are unable to attend the meeting but would like to help, or you have any questions.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION/CCD - END OF YEAR****GRADES PREK - 5**

March 29 - 5:30 p.m.

**GRADES 6 - 12**

March 29 - 6:30 p.m.

**FIRST COMMUNION PREPARATION**

Sunday, March 26 - 3:30 p.m.  
Church Hall

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD**

Every Sunday - 10:30 a.m. Mass  
During the Liturgy of the Word  
Ages 4 - 7 - Youth Center

**FOOD BANK OF ALEXANDRIA**

Lenten Volunteers: Grades 6 - 12  
Wednesday, April 5 - 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.  
3223 Baldwin Avenue, Alexandria

**OCIA (FORMERLY RCIA)**

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?

Tuesday, March 28  
5:30 p.m. - Church Hall

**CHURCH NEWS****WAY OF THE CROSS**

Fridays - 6:00 p.m.

**MEN OF MMJ - FINAL FRIDAY FISH FRY**

March 24  
5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.  
\$9.00 - Eat in or take out.

**COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICE**

Wednesday, April 5, 2023 - 6:00 p.m.

There will be 4 priests to celebrate individual Sacrament of Reconciliation/Confession.

**MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

Thursday, April 6, 2023 - 6:00 p.m.

**GOOD FRIDAY - APRIL 7, 2023**

This is a day of fast and abstinence. We do not eat meat (14 years of age and older) and we have only one full meal and two lighter meals during the course of the day (18 to 59 years of age).

The Lord's Passion - 3:00 p.m.  
The Way of the Cross - 6:00 p.m.

**EASTER VIGIL - APRIL 8, 2023**

8:00 p.m.

**EASTER SUNDAY - APRIL 9, 2023**

8:00 a.m. - Mass  
9:00 a.m. - Breakfast with the Easter Bunny  
9:45 a.m. - Easter Egg Hunt  
10:30 a.m. - Mass

**No 5:00 p.m. Mass Easter Sunday****EASTER MEMORIAL FLOWER FUND**

This fund enables us to decorate the Church during the 50 days of the Easter season. The donors and those to be remembered will be listed in the June 3-4 bulletin. The suggested donation is \$10. An envelope for this purpose is in the pews, your monthly packet, or one of your own. Don't forget to include on the envelope the name(s) of your loved one(s) to be remembered/honored.

**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

## 5th Sunday of Lent

**Sunday March 26**

Ezra 37:12-14  
Ps 130:1-8  
Romans 8:8-11  
John 11:1-45

**Monday March 27**

Daniel 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30,  
33-62 or 13:41c-62  
Ps 23:1-6  
John 8:1-11

**Tuesday March 28**

Numbers 21:4-9  
Ps 102:2-3, 16-21  
John 8:21-30

**Wednesday March 29**

Daniel 3:14-20, 91-92, 95  
Daniel 3:52-56  
John 8:31-42

**Thursday March 30**

Genesis 17:3-9  
Ps 105:4-9  
John 8:51-59

**Friday March 31**

Jeremiah 20:10-13  
Ps 18:2-7  
John 10:31-42

**Saturday April 1**

Ezra 37:21-28  
Jeremiah 31:10-13  
John 11:45-56

Lent is not about suffering and sacrifice. It's a corridor to new life. Good Friday is not about pain and death. It's the door that Jesus opens to invite us into that new life.

Yes, suffering is part of the Lenten journey (which can be experienced at any time of the year). Yes, Lent includes the sacrifices of fasting and abstinence, almsgiving and extra time in church. But these are just vehicles for the trip.

God uses our sufferings (if we let him) to help us grow in compassion, persistence, and ministry. Our sacrifices teach us discipline (which is discipleship) so that we can purify our will and grow stronger in holiness. But the trip is not the destination.

Lent is all about reaching the resurrection: renewing our faith, entering a new life free of old sins, reconciling damaged relationships, and living in the

Spirit of God more than we ever did before.

Which day is more important to your faith: Good Friday or Easter? That horrid day on Calvary was necessary for Easter, but we are living in the resurrection! Catholics are an Easter people. This means that nothing bad can ever happen to us that will not be transformed into blessings if Jesus is the Lord of our lives.

He proved himself to be the Resurrection and the Life by displaying his power over life and death. Now he wants to prove it again – to you and to all those who are watching.



### Reflect & Discuss:

- † We can personalize the first reading by understanding that God will open our graves (whatever is dead inside of us) and will place his Spirit of Life within us. How does the Holy Spirit help us discover healing and hope amidst daily sufferings?
- † In the scripture from Romans, we are reminded again of the Holy Spirit within us. Since the Spirit is alive in you, what affect does this have on your Lenten journey? What is being purified, strengthened, and renewed?
- † In the Gospel, Jesus proves his power over death just before he enters Jerusalem and heads toward Calvary. How does this prove to you that your own sufferings and sacrifices will not lead to permanent disaster?

### Lenten Activity:

What needs to be resurrected in your life? What will you do this week to accept the death of what has ended so that you can prepare for the new life that Jesus is preparing for you?