

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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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 JULY 15, 2023

REG. COLLECTION: SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH
2ND COLLECTION: CHURCH IN AFRICA

SATURDAY, JULY 15

4:00PM - Marie A. LaPalme 36th anniv.

Lector: M. Leleux

Server: L. Brocato

SUNDAY, JULY 16

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

Lector: G. Delaney

Server: B. Emerson

10:30AM - Shirley Sayes

Lector: B. Lowe

Server: C. Mathews

5:00PM - For Our Parish Family

Lector: R. Mallach

Server: L. Brouillette

MONDAY, JULY 17

7:00AM - Communion Service

TUESDAY, JULY 18

NO MASS

WEDNESDAY, JULY 19

7:00AM - Communion Service

THURSDAY, JULY 20

7:00AM - Communion Service

WEEK OF JULY 22, 2023

REG. COLLECTION: SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH

SATURDAY, JULY 22

4:00PM - Adrien, Lena, Marty, Larry, Jim
Doiron, Lorraine Leonards Fontenet

Lector: S. Cranford

Server: TBD

SUNDAY, JULY 23

8:00AM - Eric Duck

Lector: D. Bess

Server: TBD

10:30AM - Kristian Louviere

Lector: T. Reynolds

Server: A. Brundrett

5:00PM - For Our Parish Family

Lector: J. Montalvo

Server: A. Byrd

MONDAY, JULY 24

7:00AM - Rickey Sayes

TUESDAY, JULY 25

7:00AM - Mary Mrozinski

WEDNESDAY, JULY 26

7:00AM - Betty Jones

THURSDAY, JULY 27

7:00AM - Henry and Della Kelly

SANCTUARY CANDLE BURNS THIS WEEK



IN LOVING MEMORY OF ALMA REITZELL

BY KATHI & ROBIN BURNS

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

THOSE PREPARING FOR MATRIMONY

Christina Rubio and Chad Doyle
October 21, 2023

Alexandra Rollins and Thomas Roberts
December 15, 2023

Sara Richard and Cody Fitzgerald
November 16, 2024

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.

Brian Dobard, Rhonda Earhart, David Harvey, Daniel Jones, Linda Kelly, Jacques Matt, Terry Melançon, Jimmy Neal, Jo Tassin, John Upton

OUR HOMEBOUND

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

OUR NURSING HOME RESIDENTS

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 - 07/09/2023

Regular Collection	\$ 6,333.00
EFT Collection	\$ 2,165.00
Weekly Goal	\$ <u>6,530.00</u>
Overage	\$ 1,968.00

Goal for July (5 Sundays)	\$ 32,650.00
Received for July	\$ <u>14,919.00</u>
Still Needed for July	\$ 17,731.00

Maintenance and Repairs	\$ 50.00
Church in Africa	\$ 30.00

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

ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL (ADA)

Parish Goal 2023	\$ 21,256.00
Pledged	\$ <u>28,864.00</u>
Over Goal	\$ 7,608.00

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



**LITURGY OF THE WORD
FOR CHILDREN**

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



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.



CHURCH NEWS

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

MUG AND MUFFIN

Thursday, July 20
9:30 a.m. - Church Hall

If you are a woman over 60, you are invited to join our gatherings on the 3rd Thursday of every month.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Thursdays - 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

If you are celebrating a 25, 40, 50, 60 or 70th or other significant anniversary in 2023, we would like to honor you on Saturday, February 10, 2024 at the 4:00 p.m. Mass and present you with a Papal Blessing in honor of your marriage. If you would like to participate, please call or email the church office. Deadline is Thursday, August 31, 2023.

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.



OUTDOOR DINNER/PRAISE AND WORSHIP CONCERT

Saturday, October 14: 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Artists: Josh Blakesley Band

PRE-ADVENT MISSION

Monday, November 27 - Wednesday, November 29
Morning and Evening Sessions - Live Streamed
Presenter: Fr. Keith Pellerin (Lake Charles Diocese)

PRE-LENTEN MISSION

Monday, February 5 - Wednesday, February 7
Morning and Evening Sessions - Live Streamed
Presenter: Echo Community (Formerly Dumb Ox)

Good News

INSPIRATION FOR DAILY LIFE

15th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Sunday July 16

Isaiah 55:10-11
Ps 65:10-14 (Luke 8:8)
Romans 8:18-23
Matthew 13:1-23

Monday July 17

Ex 1:8-14,22
Ps 124:1b-8
Matthew 10:34 – 11:1

Tuesday July 18

Ex 2:1-15a
Ps 69:3,14,30-31,33-34
Matthew 11:20-24

Wednesday July 19

Ex 3:1-6,9-12
Ps 103:1b-4,6-7
Matthew 11:25-27

Thursday July 20

Ex 3:13-20
Ps 105:1,5,8-9,24-27
Matthew 11:28-30

Friday July 21

Ex 11:10 – 12:14
Ps 116:12-13,15,16b-18
Matthew 12:1-8

Saturday July 22

St. Mary Magdalene
Sgs 3:1-4b OR
2 Cor 5:14-17
Ps 63:2-6,8-9
Jn 20:1-2,11-18

Sunday's readings are about sowing seeds. The important thing to remember about seed sowing is that the effort is worthless if the seeds are not changed by being cast to the ground. Each seed must give up its former self, dying in the dirt while new life stirs within it. Only then can it send out a tender, first root, which will multiply and grow stronger and deeper to support upward growth. Even so, it has to be properly nourished to survive.

If all this takes place, the end result is a plant that looks nothing like the seed, which as it grows develops the ever-more important mission of benefitting the wider world of Nature beyond itself.

As we listen to Jesus explain the parable, we say yes, we want to be seeds that become fruitful lives. But desiring it does not automatically transform us. What is it that makes the soil of our lives rich and growth-producing?

The reading from Isaiah tells us that it is God himself who is the rich soil – God and his Word. Saint Paul reminds us in the second reading that suffering is part of creation (seeds must fall in the dirt and die in order to produce a fruitful life). Redemption grows from suffering and death.

We will never feel truly fulfilled until we've surrendered to the



soil and have allowed God to nourish our growth.

Reflect & Discuss:

- † What tender, new roots do you have that are sprouting from times of suffering and loss?
- † What blessings are springing up from them?
- † What ministry (what benefit to others) could be a fruitful gift of these blessings?
- † Share with your family or faith sharing group what it means to give up your former self to allow new life to stir and grow.
- † What is the will of God (what does the Word say) regarding the end result? Give examples from your life or from the lives of others.

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Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements

Church Operating Fund

For the 3 Months Ended March 31, 2023

(Fiscal Year: July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023)

	Fiscal Year 2022-2023	Fiscal Year 2021-2022	VARIANCE
CHURCH RECEIPTS			
Regular Collections and Contributions	\$ 78,780.00	\$ 74,671.00	\$ 4,109.00
Repairs & Maintenance Collections	\$ 495.00	\$ 562.00	\$ (67.00)
Building Fund Collections	\$ 1,205.00	\$ 1,540.00	\$ (335.00)
Special Parish Purpose Collections	\$ 50.00	\$ 100.00	\$ (50.00)
Fundraising Adult, Youth, Other Income	\$ 90.00	\$ 2,596.00	\$ (2,506.00)
Parish Suppers	\$ 475.00	\$ 957.00	\$ (482.00)
Church Hall Rental Income		\$ 100.00	\$ (100.00)
Insurance Proceeds		\$ -	\$ -
Regular Non-Collection Receipts	\$ 3,545.33	\$ 1,953.21	\$ 1,592.12
Total Receipts	\$ 84,640.33	\$ 82,479.21	\$ 2,161.12
CHURCH EXPENSES			
Clergy Earnings	\$ 8,842.31	\$ 8,179.08	\$ 663.23
Lay Employee Salary & Benefits	\$ 25,252.91	\$ 20,922.21	\$ 4,330.70
Diocesan Support Assessment	\$ 9,520.00	\$ 12,750.00	\$ (3,230.00)
Charitable Donations	\$ 1,324.58	\$ 3,291.36	\$ (1,966.78)
Mass & Liturgical Supplies	\$ 8,248.70	\$ 5,674.16	\$ 2,574.54
Insurance	\$ 3,381.36	\$ 4,328.94	\$ (947.58)
Interest & Bank Charges	\$ 1,687.41	\$ 1,183.21	\$ 504.20
Parish Offices & Rectory	\$ 7,028.28	\$ 6,322.66	\$ 705.62
Religious Education, Programs & Services	\$ 1,494.00	\$ 101.36	\$ 1,392.64
Youth, Programs & Services	\$ 168.48		\$ 168.48
Parish Supper Expenses	\$ 890.05	\$ 696.37	\$ 193.68
Maintenance & Improvements	\$ 6,654.72	\$ 2,565.90	\$ 4,088.82
Buildings, Furnishings, & Remodeling	\$ 3,489.32	\$ -	\$ 3,489.32
Utilities & Telephone	\$ 6,803.25	\$ 7,618.89	\$ (815.64)
All Other Expenses	\$ 300.54	\$ 68.76	\$ 231.78
Total Expenses	\$ 85,085.91	\$ 73,702.90	\$ 11,383.01
EXCESS OF RECEIPTS OVER EXPENSES	\$ (445.58)	\$ 8,776.31	

Our Church Directory is Online!

View our church directory online or via the **FREE** mobile app today.

To view the directory online, go to members.InstantChurchDirectory.com and follow the prompts under “Sign In” to “Create a login now.” Please remember, you must confirm your email address before you can sign in.

There is also a free mobile app available for download at the Apple® App store in iTunes®, Google Play™ store and the Amazon Fire App Store. Simply search for “**Instant Church Directory**” to get the download.

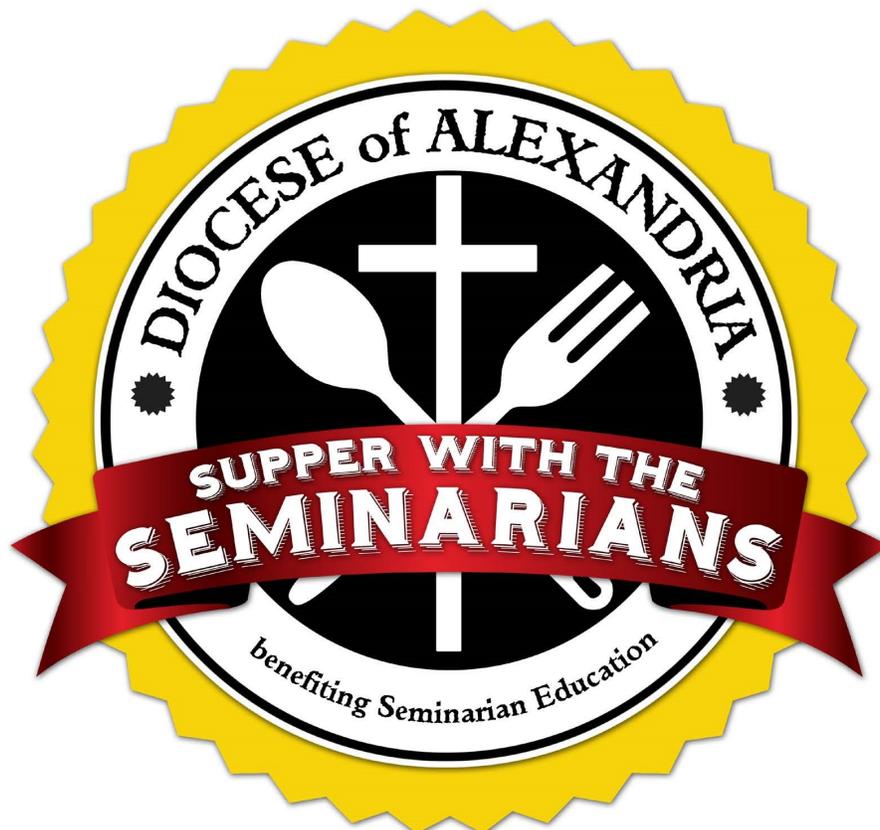
You will need to use your email address as listed in our directory to create a log-in the first time you use the directory online and via the mobile app.

Need help or have questions?



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**Bishop Robert Marshall and the Seminarians
of the diocese would like to invite you to the Central Deanery ...**



Thursday, July 27, 2023

St. Rita Church, Alexandria, LA

**Enjoy a menu of wonderful food prepared and served by our Seminarians!
Bring your friends and family ... everyone is invited!**

**This event is free, but donations are welcome.
Donations will be used to assist in funding our Seminarians' education.**

Please fill out the form below and return by July 24, 2023 to let us know how many to prepare for.
Or call Sandi Tarver at (318) 445-6424, ext. 209 or email starver@diocesealex.org to make your reservations.

Name: _____

Number of people in your party _____

Please choose a seating time: _____ 5:00 p.m. _____ 6:00 p.m.



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