

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 SEPTEMBER 16, 2023

REG. COLLECTION: SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH
ADD'L COLLECTION: RETIRED PRIESTS OF OUR DIOCESE

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

4:00PM - Irma Cospelich

Lector: B. Patty
Server: J. Schexnyder

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

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

Lector: B. Edwards
Server: A. Daigrepoint

10:30AM - The Brundrett Family in thanksgiving

Lector: M. Brundrett
Server: A. Brundrett

5:00PM - For Our Parish Family

Lector: R. Mallach
Server: A. Byrd

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

7:00AM - Shirley Sayes

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

7:00AM - Neil Kavanagh 4th anniv.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

7:00AM - Robert Ruemker

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

7:00AM - Eric Duck

WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 23, 2023

REG. COLLECTION: SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

4:00PM - Russell Cospelich

Lector: G. Patty
Server: L. Brocato

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

8:00AM - Betty Jones

Lector: G. Delaney
Server: A. Schexnyder

10:30AM - Ashley Brinson

Lector: J. Antee
Server: C. Mathews

5:00PM - For Our Parish Family

Lector: J. Montalvo
Server: V. Montalvo

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

7:00AM - Rickey Sayes

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

7:00AM - Betty Jones

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

7:00AM - Sue and Charlie Wagener

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

7:00AM - Zachary Veillon

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

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

OUR RECENTLY BAPTIZED

Jude Bradley Wilson

OUR PERMANENT DEACON CANDIDATE

Brad Gadel

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.

Rochelle Brasseaux, Brian Dobard, Rhonda Earhart, David Harvey, Carol Hatchett, Daniel Jones, Linda Kelly, Debbie Duck Lyles, Jacques Matt, Philip Monk, Renie Saucier, Debbie Setliff, Dawin “Dee” Smart, Jo Tassin, John Upton, Donna White

OUR HOMEBOUND

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

OUR NURSING HOME RESIDENTS

Patricia “Patty” Mahone, 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 - 09/10/2023

Regular Collection	\$ 3,137.00
EFT Collection	\$ 2,135.00
Weekly Goal	\$ <u>6,530.00</u>
Shortage	\$ 1,258.00
Goal for September (4 Sundays)	\$ 26,120.00
Received for September	\$ <u>13,261.00</u>
Still Needed for September	\$ 12,859.00
Maintenance and Repairs	\$ 20.00

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

ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL (ADA)

Parish Goal 2023	\$ 21,256.00
Pledged	\$ <u>31,024.00</u>
Over Goal	\$ 9,768.00

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, September 20
5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

GRADES 6 - 12

Wednesday, September 20
6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

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

FIRST PENANCE & FIRST EUCHARIST

If you have a child who is or will be 7 years old in the Fall and is expecting to celebrate their first Penance and receive their first Eucharist in the Spring of the next year, the following conditions must be met: Attend separate class; one year previous religious education, either CCD or Catholic School; complete and submit a religious education/CCD registration form.

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION

If you have a child who will be entering 11th grade in the Fall and is expecting to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation in the Spring, the following conditions must be met: A letter, handwritten by the candidate, submitted to the Pastor by October 1 requesting the Sacrament; submit a completed and signed Sponsor eligibility form; one year previous religious education, either CCD or Catholic School; attend Sacramental Preparation Classes.



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.

Please contact either Beth and Keith Chapman or Jody and Jackie Byrd. Their contact information is on the front page of the bulletin.

Monday, September 18 - 5:30 p.m.
Church Hall

CHURCH NEWS**CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED**

This week, September 18-21, our Secretary/Bookkeeper Cindy Campbell will be taking a well-deserved vacation!! If you need the pastor for someone who is seriously ill or dying, please call 318-487-9894 #1 and Fr. Paul will be alerted or #1201 to leave a non-emergency message for Fr. Paul.

ADDITIONAL COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND

A portion of our monthly obligations to the Diocese of Alexandria includes \$375 (\$4,500 annual) to support the retired priests of our diocese. There will be a separate second collection to help our parish defray these costs. All funds collected will be directly applied to this \$4,500 budget item.

PROLIFE MINISTRIES

September 18, 2023
5:00 p.m. - Church Hall

Everyone is welcome to join us.

MEN OF MMJ

Tuesday, September 19
6:00 p.m. - Church Hall

All men of our church parish are welcome and invited to join us.

MUG AND MUFFIN

Thursday, September 21
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.

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.

OUTDOOR PRAISE & WORSHIP CONCERT

Saturday, October 14: 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Good News

INSPIRATION FOR DAILY LIFE

24th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Sunday September 17

Sirach 27:30–28:7
 Ps 103:1-4,9-12
 Romans 14:7-9
 Matthew 18:21-35

Monday September 18

1 Timothy 2:1-8
 Ps 28:2,7-9
 Luke 7:1-10

Tuesday September 19

1 Timothy 3:1-13
 Ps 101:1b-3b,5-6
 Luke 7:11-17

Wednesday September 20
Sts. Andrew Kim Taegon, Paul Chong Hasang, and Companions, Martyrs

1 Timothy 3:14-16
 Ps 111:1-6
 Luke 7:31-35

Thursday September 21
St. Matthew, Apostle

Ephesians 4:1-7,11-13
 Ps 19:2-5
 Matthew 9:9-13

Friday September 22

1 Timothy 6:2c-12
 Ps 49:6-10,17-20
 Luke 8:1-3

Saturday September 23
St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest

1 Timothy 6:13-16
 Ps 100:1b-5
 Luke 8:4-15

Jesus' message in this Sunday's Gospel reading explains a line from the "Our Father" prayer he had taught earlier (Matthew 6:12): "Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us."

The strongest word here is "AS" – the same as, just like, in equal measure.

If there is anyone we have not forgiven, if there is anyone we cannot pray for with love, we'd better keep our mouths shut during this part of the prayer to our Father, who is the Father of all.

Sometimes, it's difficult to forgive because we think "forgiving" means "forgetting". Jesus never said that we must forget what the debtor owes. Forgiveness means remembering – and learning from the memory – without demanding repayment or retribution.

Unforgiveness is a form of punishment: it's payback time. For example, if we remain angry, we hope that our anger or coldness will somehow punish the sinner into repentance. Well, guess what. That never works.

Here's something else we do that never works: holding a

grudge to protect ourselves from getting hurt again. Grudges do not free us from the pain of bad memories. It chains us to them.



When we free others from the debts they owe us for hurting us (whether they seek it or not, whether they're still alive or not), we free ourselves and our healing begins – our healing!

It's the most loving gift that we can give to ourselves, as it's a gift of love to others.

Even when they don't recognize our gift, God does.

Reflect & Discuss:

- † Who angers you because they don't deserve your forgiveness?
- † What are you gaining from unforgiveness and resentment? What will you lose if you forgive?
- † What is the most difficult part of forgiveness?
- † What steps do you take for pushing yourself into truly letting go of unforgiveness so you can find healing? Sharing this with others will spread good ideas that could change someone's life!

FRIDAY HANGOUT FEST

SEPTEMBER 22, 2023

7:00-9:00PM

GRADES 6TH-12TH

Join us in the Youth Center (in church hall) for snacks, pool, cards, and just hanging out!

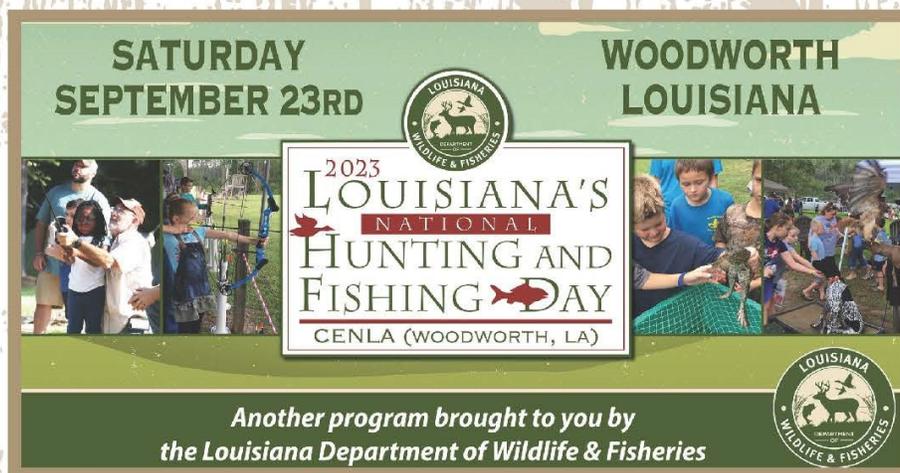
Bring a friend or 2 or 3!!

If you're going to the CDJH dance, come hang out with us after!

RSVP to Katie Upton (318)308-9991

MMJ YOUTH GROUP EVENT

Youth in grades 6th through 12th, along with their families, are invited to join us Saturday, September 23rd at Louisiana's National Hunting and Fishing Day.



Meet us at the front gate of the Woodworth Shooting Range (661 Robinson Bridge Rd.) at 9am. Due to the high volume of people attending, this is a whole family event - please don't drop your child off and leave. Stay as long as you like and participate in all the fun activities provided!

RSVP to Mrs. Katie (318)308-9991

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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.

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