

# 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 OCTOBER 21, 2023

REG. COLLECTION: SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH  
2<sup>ND</sup> COLLECTION: WORLD MISSIONS

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21

4:00PM - Raymond "Sonny" Tucker

*Lector: B. Patty*

*Server: A. Daigrepoint*

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22

8:00AM - Charna Cox

*Lector: B. Edwards*

*Server: J. Schexnyder*

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

*Lector: J. Foote*

*Server: V. Montalvo, J. Malone*

5:00PM - For Our Parish Family

*Lector: J. Reynolds*

*Server: A. Byrd*

### MONDAY, OCTOBER 23

7:00AM - Rickey Sayes

### TUESDAY, OCTOBER 24

7:00AM - Betty Jones

### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25

7:00AM - Zachary Veillon

### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26

7:00AM - Alonzo Brown

## WEEK OF OCTOBER 28, 2023

REG. COLLECTION: SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28

4:00PM - Robert Ruemker

*Lector: S. Cranford*

*Server: J. Schexnyder*

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29

8:00AM - Joseph Ellington

*Lector: G. Delaney*

*Server: B. Emerson*

10:30AM - Griffin Ogaard 2<sup>nd</sup> birthday

*Lector: M. Brundrett*

*Server: C. Mathews*

5:00PM - For Our Parish Family

*Lector: R. Mallach*

*Server: H. Reynolds*

### MONDAY, OCTOBER 30

7:00AM - Terry Kohler 2<sup>nd</sup> anniv.

### TUESDAY, OCTOBER 31

7:00AM - Leola and Blanchard Reeves

### WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1

7:00AM - Our Beloved Dead

*Lector: M. Brundrett*

*Server: A. Brundrett*

5:30PM - Our Beloved Dead

*Lector: M. Leleux*

*Server: A. Byrd*

### THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2

7:00AM - Our Beloved Dead

4:00PM - Alexandria Memorial Gardens

### SANCTUARY CANDLE BURNS THIS WEEK



IN LOVING MEMORY OF BETTY JONES  
BY BUDDY AND 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](http://www.diocesealex.org)

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER**

**OUR NEWLY MARRIED**

Christina Rubio and Chad Doyle

**OUR PERMANENT DEACON CANDIDATE**

Brad Gadel

**THOSE PREPARING FOR MATRIMONY**

Kelsay (Motley) McCoy and Paxton McCoy III  
November 4, 2023

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, Steviee Patin, Reed Ponthier, Miles Schexndyer, Collin Stewart, Lillie Stewart, Abigail Upton, Isabella Winegeart, Wyatt Winegeart

**OUR CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES**

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 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, Debbie Setliff, Jo Tassin, John Upton, Donna White

**OUR HOMEBOUND**

Evelyn Bartow, 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

**STEWARDSHIP**

**OFFERTORY GIFTS - 10/15/2023**

Regular Collection	\$ 3,089.00
EFT Collection	\$ 1,435.00
Weekly Goal	\$ <u>6,530.00</u>
<b>Shortage</b>	<b>\$ 2,006.00</b>

Goal for October (5 Sundays)	\$ 32,650.00
Received for October	\$ <u>17,476.00</u>
<b>Still Needed for October</b>	<b>\$ 15,174.00</b>

Maintenance and Repairs	\$ 30.00
All Souls Day	\$ 105.00
Catholic Charities	\$ 2,525.00
All Saints	\$ 20.00
World Missions	\$ 20.00

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

**ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL (ADA)**

Parish Goal 2023	\$ 21,256.00
Pledged	\$ <u>32,039.00</u>
Over Goal	\$ 10,783.00

**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](http://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](http://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, October 25  
5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

**GRADES 6 - 12**

Wednesday, October 25  
6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

**CONFIRMATION PREPARATION CLASS**

Wednesday, October 25  
6:00 p.m. - Church

**FIRST PENANCE PREPARATION CLASS**

Tuesday, October 24  
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, October 23 - 5:30 p.m.**  
**Church Hall**

**CHURCH NEWS****ALL SAINTS' DAY MASSES**

Wednesday, November 1, 2023  
7:00 a.m. & 5:30 p.m.

A holy day of obligation.

**ALL SOULS' DAY CEMETERY MASS**

Thursday, November 2, 2023  
4:00 p.m. Mass  
Alexandria Memorial Gardens

**DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS**

Central Standard Time (CST) begins at 2:00 a.m. on Sunday, November 5. Remember to turn your clocks **BACK** one hour.

**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!)

**ALL SOULS' DAY ENVELOPES**

Please write the name(s) of your beloved deceased on one of these envelopes or one of your own, put it in the collection basket, and they will be placed on the altar throughout November.

**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.

**PRE-ADVENT MISSION**

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