

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 NOVEMBER 9, 2024

REG. COLLECTION: SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9

4:00PM - Lloyd Killen, Jacques and Patrick Mott

Lector: G. Patty

Server: J. Schexnyder

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10

8:00AM - Charna Cox

Lector: K. Ballard

Server: B. Emerson

10:30AM - Stephen Rodeback, John Upton Family for healing and peace

Lector: J. Foote

Server: J. Moreau, A. Brundrett

5:00PM - For Our Parish Family

Lector: J. Montalvo

Server: B. Winegeart, A. Byrd

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11

7:00AM - Communion Service

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12

NO MASS

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13

NO MASS

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14

NO MASS

WEEK OF NOVEMBER 16, 2024

REG. COLLECTION: SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH
2ND COLLECTION: CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16

4:00PM - Lloyd Killen

Lector: J. Louviere

Server: L. Brocato

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17

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

Lector: B. Edwards

Server: C. Lohman

10:30AM - Ben Van Mol, Griffin Ogaard 3rd birthday

Lector: J. Antee

Server: V. Montalvo

5:00PM - For Our Parish Family

Lector: J. Montalvo

Server: A. Byrd

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18

7:00AM - Sharan Bellard 74th birthday remembrance

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19

7:00AM - Kenny Blair

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20

7:00AM - Zachary Veillon

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21

7:00AM - Cheryl Arbour

SANCTUARY CANDLE BURNS THIS WEEK



IN LOVING MEMORY OF KRISTIAN LOUVIERE
2ND ANNIVERSARY OF HIS DEATH

BY THE LOUVIERE FAMILY

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 suggested donation 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**RECENTLY DECEASED**

George Babin

OUR PERMANENT DEACON CANDIDATE

Brad Gadel

THOSE PREPARING FOR MATRIMONY

Kent T. Milton and Grace E. Knott
February 22, 2025 - St. Francis Xavier Cathedral

PREPARING FOR SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION

Mary Frances Brundrett, Ava Ingo, Ashton Landry,
Rylie Landry, Amy Long, Garrison Mott, Kyleigh
Mott, Sawyer Zhao

OUR SICK, RECOVERING, CONVALESCING

*After two weeks names are removed unless notification to
retain someone is received in the collection, at secre-
tary@mmjchurch.org, calling 487-9894x1200 or by mail. Ex-
ceptions can be made, of course.*

Alfred Cook III, Sherry Credeur, Brian Dobard,
Frances Dunn, C. J. Fuqua, Celia Halbert, Thomas
Hickman, Annie Johnson, Daniel Jones, Terry
Melançon, Deacon Doug Moreau, Jo Tassin, John
Upton, Charles Waller, Debbie Wood, Tonya Wood

OUR HOMEBOUND

Faye Connella, Butch Doiron, Brenda Holloway,
Beverly Jane Richey, Joe & Irene Thompson

OUR NURSING HOME RESIDENTS

Michael Flynn, Patricia "Patty" Mahone, Adrienne
Stevens, Donna White

OUR ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY

Parker Barrett, Brandon Coreil, Dustin Guillory,
Daniel Keely, Kelley Perry, Robin Perry, Chuck Wil-
liams



*Please inform us if you know of anyone who should be in-
cluded or removed. You may also use a pew envelope for this
purpose.*

STEWARDSHIP**OFFERTORY GIFTS - 11/03/2024**

Regular Collection	\$ 8,436.00
EFT Collection	\$ 2,289.00
Weekly Goal	\$ 6,925.00
Overage	\$ 3,800.00
Goal for November (4 Sundays)	\$ 27,700.00
Received for November	\$ 10,725.00
Still Needed for November	\$ 16,975.00
Repairs and Maintenance	\$ 20.00
All Souls' Day	\$ 185.00
All Saints' Day	\$ 528.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!
MERCI BEAUCOUP!!

**"Remember that when you leave this earth, you
take with you nothing that you have received on-
ly what you have been given: A full heart en-
riched by honest service, love, sacrifice and cour-
age." (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 online at www.mmjchurch.org, under the
"parish forms" tab. Adult children no longer living
at home and recently married couples are especially
encouraged to register.

COMMUNITY REWARDS

Visit Kroger.com and sign up under Community at
the bottom of their home page. Mary, Mother of Je-
sus 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 electron-
ic contributions will arrive without delay. Visit our
website: www.mmjchurch.org

FAITH FORMATION**GRADES PRE K - 2**

Wednesday, November 13
5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.
John W. McDonald Community Center

GRADES 3 - 5

Wednesday, November 13
5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.
Church Hall

GRADES 6 - 12

Wednesday, November 13
6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
Church Hall



Every Sunday - 10:30 a.m. Mass
During the Liturgy of the Word
Ages 3 - 7 - Youth Center

THEOLOGY OF THE BODY FOR BEGINNERS**Day of Retreat Follow-Up****2025 Reading Plan**

Church Hall - 9:00 a.m. to 10:15 a.m.

January 26	Chapters 2, 3 & 4
March 23	Chapters 5 & 6
May 18	Chapters 7, 8, Conclusion

Join us as we read Christopher West's popular book for understanding the basics of St. John Paul II's *Theology of the Body*. We join together for discussions over coffee and doughnuts. Childcare will be provided. For questions or further information, please text Katie Upton at (318) 308-9991.



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.

CHURCH NEWS**PRO LIFE MINISTRIES**

Monday, November 18
5:00 p.m. - Church Hall

PASTORAL COUNCIL

Tuesday, November 19
5:30 p.m. - Church Hall

MUG AND MUFFIN

Thursday, November 21
9:30 a.m. - Church Hall

THANKSGIVING 2024

Although there will be NO Mass on Thanksgiving Day, we will celebrate a vigil Mass.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 27TH - 6:00PM

Please remember that the "cost" of admission is non-perishable foods to benefit Manna House. Please put your contributions in the containers at the foot of the altar. A monetary collection will be taken for the benefit of Manna House.

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 the month of November.

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.

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 10, 2024: 1 Kgs 17:10-16 | Ps 146:7-10 (1b) | Heb 9:24-28 | Mk 12:38-44 or Mk 12:41-44

Following Jesus requires a tremendous amount of trust, because he often takes us to unexpected places that require new growth, sacrifices, and moving beyond the boundaries of what's familiar and comfortable.

Consider the two widows in this Sunday's first reading and the Gospel reading. How could they give what common sense says they could not afford? Did they know with total certainty that God would take care of their needs? No. So they gave all they had because they were so in love with God that they trusted his love for them.

Trust is a sign of genuine love – especially when the one we trust is God. We can love others more freely and generously if we trust God to help us through the difficulties that occur when people prove themselves untrustworthy. Our freedom to love others unconditionally is not based upon how safe we are with them; it's based on how safe we are with God.

Each widow gave what she could not afford to lose. We cannot afford to love those who will cause us grief and disappointment and feelings of rejection, and yet Jesus tells us to forgive them and do good to them and go the extra mile for them.

Sometimes doing good to those who are difficult to love must include "tough love", which asserts boundaries that they are not allowed to cross. Remember what Jesus did: Until Good Friday, Jesus always walked away from his persecutors. Did he stop loving them? Not at all. And sometimes it means enabling them to reap what they sow so that they begin to understand their



need to repent. Instead of cleaning up their messes, we have to let them suffer from it. Think about it: Does God clean up our messes before we repent? Usually he won't even do that after we repent. What would we learn if someone else does the damage control?

Loving others always includes sacrificing ourselves and relying on God to comfort us, heal us, restore us, and bless us. We can trust God for this. Our jar of whatever we pour out to others for the sake of love will never go empty.

Reflect & Discuss:

- † What needs healing or correction in your thinking so you can feel secure and fully loved by God?
- † Describe a time when you gave more than you thought you could give: more money, more love, more time, more patience – more of anything. What motivated you to be so generous?
- † What were the end results? What did you learn?