

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 MARCH 22, 2025

REG. COLLECTION: SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH

SATURDAY, MARCH 22

4:00PM - Lynn Richey, Janet Lamkin, Iva Tucker

Lector: M. Leleux

Server: L. Brocato

SUNDAY, MARCH 23

8:00AM - Lillian Villemetz

Lector: E. Lohman

Server: C. Lohman

10:30AM - Janet Normand, Shirley Allemand Olivier, Ben Upton 10th birthday

Lector: J. Leglue

Server: J. Moreau

5:00PM - For Our Parish Family

Lector: J. Reynolds

Server: H. Reynolds

MONDAY, MARCH 24

7:00AM - Zachary Veillon

TUESDAY, MARCH 25

7:00PM - Alfred Mathews Sr. 8th anniv.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26

7:00AM - Richard Gadel

THURSDAY, MARCH 27

7:00AM - Billy Jean Prestidge

WEEK OF MARCH 29, 2025

REG. COLLECTION: SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH

SATURDAY, MARCH 29

4:00PM - Ham Prestidge, Andy Brown, Jr.

Lector: J. Louviere

Server: S. Barth

SUNDAY, MARCH 30

8:00AM - Lillian Villemetz

Lector: B. Edwards

Server: A. Daigrepoint

10:30AM - John Upton

Lector: M. Brundrett

Server: A. Brundrett

5:00PM - For Our Parish Family

Lector: J. Montalvo

Server: A. Byrd

MONDAY, MARCH 31

7:00AM - Zachary Veillon

TUESDAY, APRIL 1

7:00AM - Guy Navarro

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2

7:00AM - Janet Normand

THURSDAY, APRIL 3

7:00AM - Raymond Paul, Sr.

SANCTUARY CANDLE BURNS THIS WEEK



**IN LOVING MEMORY OF LILLIAN VILLEMEZ
BY THE JAMES AND JONES FAMILIES**

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**OUR PERMANENT DEACON CANDIDATE**

Brad Gadel

THOSE PREPARING FOR MATRIMONY

Randy L. Smith and Mallary A. Soileau
June 7, 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, Brian Dobard, Celia Halbert,
Thomas Hickman, Annie Johnson, Daniel Jones,
Brad Kohler, Deacon Doug Moreau, Laura Strange,
Jo Tassin, Tonya Wood

OUR HOMEBOUND

Faye Connella, Butch Doiron, Cecilia "Tookie" Liot-
ta, Joan McLure, Richard Milano, Sr., Beverly Jane
Richey, Joe & Irene Thompson, Constance Weil

OUR NURSING HOME RESIDENTS

Michael Flynn, LaVerne Fortenberry, Adrienne Ste-
vens, 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.*

**"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)**

STEWARDSHIP**OFFERTORY GIFTS - 03/15/2025**

Regular Collection	\$ 3,777.00
EFT Collection	\$ 1,676.00
Weekly Goal	\$ 6,925.00
Shortage	\$ 1,472.00
Goal for March (5 Sundays)	\$ 34,625.00
Received for March	\$ 21,337.00
Still Needed for March	\$ 13,288.00
Easter Flowers	\$ 360.00
Black and Indian Missions	\$ 20.00
Catholic Charities	\$ 1,269.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!**MERCI BEAUCOUP!!****MMJ CAPITAL CAMPAIGN**

Parish Goal	\$ 1,000,000.00
Pledges Received (101 families)	\$ 816,581.00
Monies Received	\$ 270,133.00
Balance Remaining	\$ 183,419.00

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 - 12**

Wednesday, March 26
5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. - Church Hall
Stations of the Cross
Everyone is invited to join us in prayer.

FIRST COMMUNION CLASS

Sunday, March 23
9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. - Church Hall

**CHILDREN'S CHURCH**

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.

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.

LENTEN ADULT FAITH FORMATION

10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

April 1: Beatitudes

Blessed are they that hunger...

Blessed are the merciful

Blessed are the pure...

Blessed are the peacemakers

Blessed are you...

April 8:

The Ontological Hierarchy and human nature: can the Beatitudes be lived out in today's society? The Beatitudes as the means of change in our world view, relationship to Jesus Christ, and to each other.

CHURCH NEWS**LENTEN COLLECTION**

To put into practice the Lenten discipline of alms-giving, we will have a second collection at all Sunday Masses, during the season, for the benefit of Catholic Charities Cenla. They provide many and various services for our sisters and brothers. May our generosity assist them in continuing their ministry.

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

If you have not yet returned your pledge card, please do so as soon as possible. Should you need a pledge card, please speak with Fr. Paul or one of our sacristans after Mass. In this way we can track our success as we move through the future.

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.

FORMED

This online platform subscription service offers access to the best Catholic digital content producers - studies, films, audio, and eBooks. All parishioners of every age can access this great Catholic material. Go to **www.formed.org**, select Mary, Mother of Jesus Church, and complete the simple registration.

SANCTUARY CANDLE

The sanctuary candle is available to burn weekly for any intentions for the living, the deceased, in thanksgiving, in need, etc. The suggested donation is \$7.00. Please call Cindy at the church office.

LIVE STREAMING

For the benefit of our homebound and/or sick parishioners, we livestream the 4:00 p.m. Saturday Mass each week. To watch it anytime on YouTube, search for MMJ Woodworth.

LENTEN NEWS

As is our Lenten tradition, there will be no music, bells, or the St. Michael the Archangel prayer at the end of weekend Masses. Also, the weekend homilies will be brief enough to allow time for meditation and reflection.

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence. This means that we do not eat meat and we have only one full meal. The other Fridays of the season of Lent are days of abstinence from meat. The obligation to abstain from meat binds Catholics 14 years of age and older. The obligation to fast, limiting oneself to one full meal and two lighter meals in the course of the day, binds Catholics from the age of 18 to 59. Those who are younger or older may freely embrace these disciplines. But Lenten disciplines should never endanger your health. It is obvious that abstaining from meat is meaningless for vegetarians, who must choose some other form of abstinence. It is equally obvious that replacing meat with a gourmet seafood meal is not in keeping with the spirit of Lent.

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 14-15 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.

WAY OF THE CROSS

Fridays - 6:00PM

MEN OF MMJ - FRIDAY FISH FRY

March 21, 28, April 4
Serving begins at 5:00 p.m.
\$9.00 per plate
Eat in or take out.

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**PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION**

Saturday, April 12 – 4:00 p.m.
Mass will begin in the Hall

Sunday, April 13
8:00 a.m. - Mass will be celebrated in the Church
10:30 a.m. - Mass will begin in the Hall
5:00 p.m. - Mass will be celebrated in the Church

COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICE

Wednesday, April 16, 2025 - 6:00 p.m.
There will be 4 priests to celebrate individual Sacrament of Reconciliation/Confession.

MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Thursday, April 17, 2025 - 6:00 p.m.

GOOD FRIDAY - APRIL 18, 2025

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

EASTER VIGIL - APRIL 19, 2025

8:00 p.m.

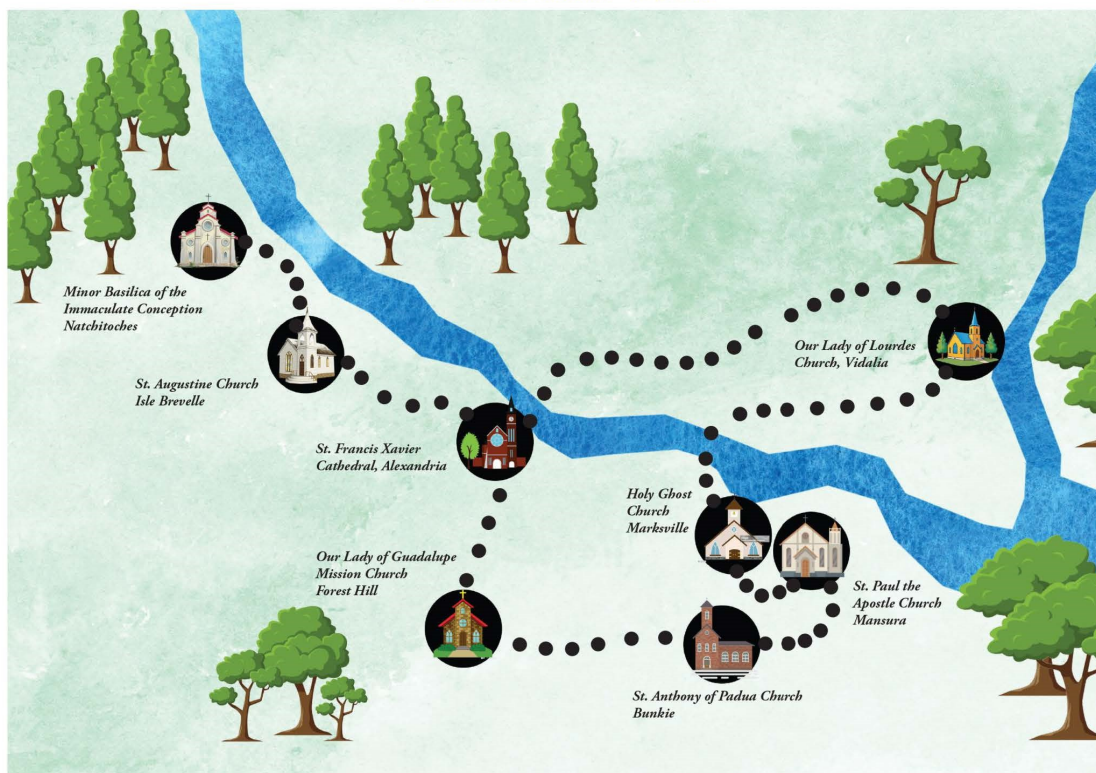
EASTER SUNDAY - APRIL 20, 2025

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

DIOCESE OF ALEXANDRIA - PILGRIMAGE OF HOPE

Jubilee Year 2025



How to become a Pilgrim and participate in the Diocese of Alexandria's Pilgrimage of Hope program:

- During this Jubilee Year 2025, visit all of the 8 churches that are designated as Pilgrim Sites.
 1. Francis Xavier Cathedral, Alexandria
 2. Minor Basilica of the Immaculate Conception, Natchitoches
 3. Augustine Church, Isle Brevelle
 4. Our Lady of Guadalupe Mission Church, Forest Hill
 5. Holy Ghost Church, Marksville
 6. Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Vidalia
 7. Paul the Apostle Church, Mansura
 8. Anthony of Padua Church, Bunkie
- During your first site visit, look for the Jubilee Banner to pick up your "Pilgrim's Passport" and begin your journey.
- At each location, sign the "Pilgrims of Hope" Guestbook, attend Mass or prayer service, get your sticker and stick it on the Passport page for the church you visited.

- To learn the Mass times for the locations and/or more about the church parish, simply scan the QR code in your passport for the church you plan to visit.
- Continue #3 above for all eight locations.... Don't forget to get your passport sticker!
- There is also a bonus page in the passport to "Put your faith into action". These are a few ways to earn additional stickers by visiting and/or serving in the community. For example, if you attend a youth OR adult conference hosted by the Diocese of Alexandria, stickers will be available at registration. These are not required to "complete" the pilgrimage, however are thought provoking ways to be involved in diocesan programs.
- Upon completing your pilgrimage to the 8 churches (and optional projects discussed in #6 above if you chose to do so), drop off or mail your completed Pilgrim's Passport to:

Diocese of Alexandria
Attn: Pilgrim Passport
4400 Coliseum Blvd.
Alexandria, LA 71303

Once received we will verify your site visits and ensure the stickers are complete on each Pilgrim Site Churches page within your Passport. In recognition of your Pilgrimage journey and participation in the Jubilee of Hope, you will receive a Pilgrims of Hope certificate signed by Bishop Marshall, a specially designed challenge coin, AND your passport will be returned to you.

Share along the way!

Invite along a traveling companion to join you on your journey.

Make it a family event and check out the Jr. Pilgrim page for kids!

Post about your Pilgrimage of Hope online and tag the Diocese of Alexandria!

Brochures can be found on the credenza in the narthex.

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