

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 MAY 3, 2025

REG. COLLECTION: SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH

SATURDAY, MAY 3

10:00AM - First Communion Class

Lector: M. Brundrett

Server: A. Brundrett

4:00PM - Charles Medica, 83rd birthday remembrance, Kristian Louviere,

Lector: S. Cranford

Server: L. Brocato

SUNDAY, MAY 4

8:00AM - Lillian Villemez

Lector: E. Lohman

Server: C. Lohman

10:30AM - Eugene H. LaPalme 63rd anniv., Helen Mathews Smart

Lector: B. Lowe

Server: V. Montalvo

5:00PM - For Our Parish Family

Lector: J. Montalvo

Server: A. Byrd

MONDAY, MAY 5

7:00AM - Communion Service

TUESDAY, MAY 6

7:00AM - Communion Service

WEDNESDAY, MAY 7

7:00AM - Communion Service

THURSDAY, MAY 8

7:00AM - Communion Service

WEEK OF MAY 10, 2025

REG. COLLECTION: SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH

SATURDAY, MAY 10

4:00PM - Lynn Richey, Janet Lamkin

Lector: P. Gadel

Server: A. Schexnyder

SUNDAY, MAY 11

8:00AM - For Our Parish Family

Lector: D. Bess

Server: C. Lohman

10:30AM - Ben Van Mol 5th anniv., Janet Normand

Lector: M. Brundrett

Server: J. Moreau

5:00PM - Lucy Whitley

Lectors: J. Reynolds

Server: B. Weingart

MONDAY, MAY 12

7:00AM - Communion Service

TUESDAY, MAY 13

7:00AM - Communion Service

WEDNESDAY, MAY 14

7:00AM - Communion Service

THURSDAY, MAY 15

7:00AM - Communion Service

SANCTUARY CANDLE BURNS THIS WEEK



IN LOVING MEMORY OF OMEGA DOBARD

BY HER HUSBAND, LEO

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

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.

Frances Cole, Alfred Cook III, Brian Dobard, Celia Halbert, Thomas Hickman, Annie Johnson, Daniel Jones, Brad Kohler, Pearl LaFleur, Terry Melancon, Deacon Doug Moreau, James Moser, Laura Strange, Jo Tassin, Tonya Wood

OUR HOMEBOUND

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

OUR NURSING HOME RESIDENTS

Michael Flynn, LaVerne Fortenberry, Adrienne Stevens, Donna White

OUR ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY

Parker Barrett, Brandon Coreil, Dustin Guillory, Daniel Keely, Kelley Perry, Robin Perry, Chuck Williams



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 - 04/26/2025**

Regular Collection	\$ 3,494.00
EFT Collection	\$ 1,956.00
Weekly Goal	\$ 6,925.00
Shortage	\$ 1,475.00

Goal for April (4 Sundays)	\$ 27,700.00
Received for April	\$ 26,449.00
Shortage for April	\$ 1,251.00

Catholic Home Missions	\$ 60.00
Mothers' Day	\$ 60.00
Maintenance and Repairs	\$ 21.00
Infirm Priests	\$ 110.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

MERCI BEAUCOUP!!

MMJ CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Parish Goal	\$ 1,000,000.00
Pledges Received (124 families)	\$ 912,411.00
Monies Received	\$ 401,692.00
Balance Remaining	\$ 87,589.00

ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL (ADA)

Parish Goal 2025 \$ 22,506.00

Abraham was prepared to sacrifice his only son, Isaac. St. Paul reminds us that God Himself "did not spare His Own Son." Jesus' death was God's greatest gift to us. He gave his only Son so we may have eternal life! Are my gifts to the Lord — of my resources, of my time, of myself — also sacrificial? Do I gratefully and generously share with my parish, the community and the Universal Church? Your support of the 2025 Annual Diocesan Appeal is a grateful response to God's greatest gift to us.

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

FAITH FORMATION**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2025****JUNE 9 - JUNE 13**

8:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Early drop off begins at 7:30 a.m.

Register online under the Faith Formation Tab.

Volunteers are always welcome and needed! Please contact Katie Upton if you would like to volunteer. Various opportunities are available

**CHILDREN'S CHURCH**

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

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 You Tube, search for MMJ Woodworth.

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.

CHURCH NEWS**CONGRATULATIONS**

To those who received Jesus Sacramentally for the first time this Saturday: Mary Frances Brundrett, Ava Ingo, Ashton Landry, Amy Long, Sawyer Zhao

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

If you are celebrating a 25, 40, 50, 60 or 70th or other significant anniversary in 2025, we would like to honor you on Saturday, February 7, 2026 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 Sunday, August 31, 2025.

CROSS CATHOLIC OUTREACH

Fr. Sergio Serrano, OP will be visiting our parish next weekend to speak at all the Masses on behalf of Cross Catholic Outreach, which was founded to forge a stronger and more supportive link between parishes in America and the priests and nuns serving the poor in the Caribbean, Africa, Southeast Asia, and Central and South America.

MOTHERS' DAY BREAKFAST

Sunday, May 11, 2025

Immediately following the 8:00 a.m. Mass

Sponsored by the Men of MMJ

MUG AND MUFFIN

Thursday, May 15: 9:30 a.m. - Church Hall

PROLIFE MINISTRIES

Monday, May 19: 5:00 p.m. - Church Hall

EASTER MEMORIAL FLOWER FUND

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.

ROSARY MINISTRY

Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m. in the Church.

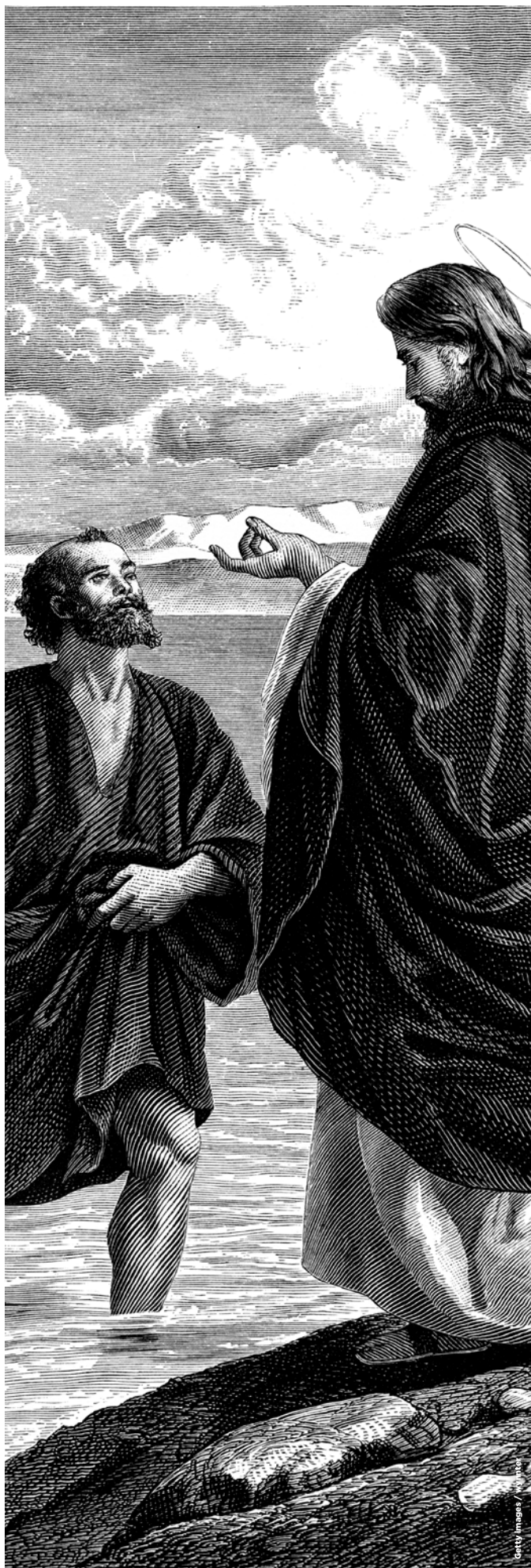
ROMEOs*(Retired Old Men Enjoying Ourselves)*

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



May 4, 2025

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41 | Rev 5:11-14 | Jn 21:1-19

GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

Underlying Peter's simple statement in today's Gospel, "I am going fishing," is an ocean of sadness. This leader of the Apostles was once so eager and self-assured that he declared to Jesus, "Even though I should have to die with you, I will not deny you." (Mt 26:35) But we know the story: At the decisive moment, Peter yielded under pressure and three times denied that he even knew Jesus. Now, after witnessing his Master's arrest and execution, Peter, whom Jesus called to leave his nets to be a fisher of men (see Mt 4:19), returns to his old profession. And even there he sustains another failure: he can't catch any fish! Swimming to shore, the ever-impulsive Apostle discovers that Jesus had already procured fish for breakfast without his help. Imagine Peter's consternation: my vocation as an Apostle, my career as a fisherman, my professed willingness to die for the Lord – everything I thought I could hang my hat on – were pretense and illusion.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

In our relationship with God, we are at times beset by the reality of our own weaknesses and apparent failures. But for Peter as for us, despondency does not have to have the final word. In one of the most intimate exchanges in the Gospels, Jesus heals Peter's self-inflicted wound. "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" the Lord asks three times. What Jesus desires from the Apostle is not eloquent declarations of courage; he wants Peter's love; he wants his heart: conscious of its frailty and humble enough to be led where it does not want to go. Neither Peter's day job nor his grandiose spiritual aspirations are useful to the Lord if Peter has not first surrendered himself to God. This is because only a heart which belongs to God and draws its strength from him can bear fruit for the kingdom of heaven. Such is likewise true for us, often so anxious about tomorrow or preoccupied with our attempts to "earn" God's love. Our primary responsibility, without which none of our other labors will be fruitful, is to give our hearts completely to him.

PRAY

Repetition is the mother of learning. Three times, Jesus asked Peter to renew his love – perhaps, in part, to convince Peter! This week, offer your heart to God as soon as you get up in the morning. You could even use Peter's words: "Lord, you know that I love you." By making this a habit, you invite God's grace and strength to make each day's actions fruitful.