

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 SEPTEMBER 13, 2025

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

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

4:00PM - Elizabeth Parker

Lector: P. Gadel
Server: J. Louviere

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

8:00AM - Betty and M. H. Jones

Lector: G. Delaney
Server: J. Schexnyder, E. Lohman

10:30AM - Viola Riemker, Elder Robin 110th
birthday remembrance

Lector: B. Lowe
Server: B. Upton

5:00PM - For Our Parish Family

Lectors: J. Reynolds
Server: H. Reynolds

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

7:00AM - Zachary Veillon

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

7:00AM - Gena Tucker

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

7:00AM - Jim Doiron

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

7:00AM - Joseph Thompson Month's Mind

WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 20, 2025

REG. COLLECTION: SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

4:00PM - Mavis Tucker

Lector: J. Louviere
Server: A. Schexnyder

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

8:00AM - David Smith

Lector: E. Lohman
Server: C. Lohman

10:30AM - Stephen Rodeback, Ashley Mathews
Brinson

Lector: J. Leglue
Server: J. Moreau

5:00PM - For Our Parish Family

Lector: J. Montalvo
Server: B. Winegeart

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

7:00AM - Zachary Veillon

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

7:00AM - Morris Robin, Sr. 115th birthday
remembrance

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

7:00AM - Andy Brown, Jr.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

7:00AM - Lena Doiron

SANCTUARY CANDLE BURNS THIS WEEK



IN LOVING MEMORY OF OUR DECEASED PARISHIONERS AND BENEFACTORS

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 RECENTLY BAPTIZED**

Charlee Rayne White

OUR PERMANENT DEACON CANDIDATE

Brad Gadel

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.

Kathi Burns, Alfred Cook III, Brian Dobard, Robert Gates, Celia Halbert, Annie Johnson, Daniel Jones, Brad Kohler, Pearl LaFleur, Curtis Meaux, Terry Melancon, Deacon Doug Moreau, Jo Tassin, Tonya Wood

OUR HOMEBOUND

Faye Connella, Butch Doiron, Joan McLure, Richard Milano, Sr., Beverly Jane Richey, Irene Thompson, Constance Weil

OUR NURSING HOME RESIDENTS

Michael Flynn, LaVerne Fortenberry, Cecilia “Tookie” Liotta, Adrienne Stevens, Donna White

OUR ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY

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 - 09/07/2025**

Regular Collection	\$ 4,160.00
EFT Collection	\$ 2,087.00
Weekly Goal	\$ 6,925.00
Shortage	\$ 678.00

Goal for September (4 Sundays)	\$ 27,700.00
Received for September	\$ 6,247.00
Still Needed for September	\$ 21,453.00

Repairs and Maintenance	\$ 21.00
Catholic University	\$ 100.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!
MERCI BEAUCOUP!!

MMJ CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Parish Goal	\$ 1,000,000.00
Pledges Received (134 families)	\$ 960,696.00
Monies Received	\$ 530,191.00
Balance Remaining	\$ 39,304.00

ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL (ADA)

Parish Goal 2025	\$ 22,506.00
Pledged (41 families)	\$ 19,980.00
Balance Remaining	\$ 2,526.00

COMMUNITY REWARDS

Visit [Kroger.com](https://www.kroger.com) and sign up under Community at the bottom of their home page. Mary, Mother of Jesus 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 electronic contributions will arrive without delay. Visit our website: www.mmjchurch.org

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.

FAITH FORMATION**CHILDREN'S CHURCH**

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

GRADES 7 - 8

Meets weekly on Wednesday evenings in the *youth center* from 6:00–7:15 PM. The format will include lessons, small group discussion, and videos from current Catholic speakers.

HIGH SCHOOL (GRADES 9 - 12)

Meets on Wednesday evenings in the *church hall* from 6:00–7:15 PM. The format will include lessons, discussion, and opportunities for faith-sharing.

PREK - 6TH GRADE

A home-based program using God's Plan in Scripture from Ascension Press. Each week focuses on the same Bible story for the whole family, with age-specific workbooks for each child. The church will provide all materials, and support you with weekly emails, reminder texts. Katie is available for any questions or guidance.

WHOLE FAMILY NIGHTS (ONCE A MONTH)

Once a month, all families (PreK–12 + parents) will meet together in the church hall from 6:00–7:15 PM for a special evening of fellowship, review, and prayer. These nights will include a brief overview of the material, help preparing for the upcoming month, and a shared activity like the Rosary or Adoration.

Jr. High and High School students will come with their families and will not have separate class.

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.

*First Class: October 19, 2005
9:00a.m. to 10:15a.m.
Youth Center*

CHURCH NEWS**ADDITIONAL COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND**

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

DIOCESAN PASTORAL PLANNING

As part of the *Together as One Church* pastoral planning process, parishioners are invited to participate in upcoming Regional Planning Area Sessions. These gatherings will provide an opportunity to hear about the proposed parish models, ask questions, and share feedback that will help shape the future of our diocese. Our church parish is part of Central 5, and our session will be held on:

Sunday, September 21, 2005

2:00 pm – 3:00 pm

St. Martin, Lecompte

Please make plans to attend and add your voice to this important conversation.

PRO LIFE MINISTRIES

Monday, September 15

5:00 p.m. - Church Hall

MUG AND MUFFIN

Thursday, September 18

9:30a.m. - Church Hall

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.

REGISTRATION/CENSUS

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