

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 NOVEMBER 1, 2025

REG. COLLECTION: SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1

4:00PM - Kristian Louviere, Our Beloved Dead

Lector: B. Patty

Server: C. Lohman

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2

8:00AM - Leola and Blanchard Reeves, Our Beloved Dead

Lector: K. Bellard

Server: B. Emerson

10:30AM - Bessie Lejeune, Our Beloved Dead

Lector: J. Antee

Server: A. Brundrett

5:00PM - For Our Parish Family, Our Beloved Dead

Lector: J. Montalvo

Server: A. Byrd

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 3

NO MASS

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4

NO MASS

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 5

7:00AM - Communion Service

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 6

7:00AM - Communion Service

WEEK OF NOVEMBER 8, 2025

REG. COLLECTION: SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH

2ND COLLECTION: ARCHDIOCESE OF MILITARY SERVICES

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8

4:00PM - Randy & Mallary Smith 5th month wedding anniversary, Joan Gadel

Lector: P. Gadel

Server: B. Gadel

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9

8:00AM - Addie Cook

Lector: E. Lohman

Server: C. Lohman

10:30AM - Beverly Richey, Griffin Ogaard 4th birthday

Lector: J. Foote

Server: J. Moreau

5:00PM - For Our Parish Family

Lectors: J. Reynolds

Server: L. Brocato

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 10

NO MASS

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 11

NO MASS

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 12

7:00AM - Communion Service

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 13

7:00AM - Communion Service

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 FIRST PENANCE CANDIDATES**

Lucy Lamkin, Harper Landry, Oliver Lopez, Ashtyn Moreau, Cali Williams, James Michael Upton

OUR CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES

Georgia Buller, Ayden Byrd, Isaac Delaney, Andrew Lohman, Marcie Loken, Maya Reynolds

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.

Alfred Cook III, Brian Dobard, Rachel Ellington, Robert Gates, Celia Halbert, Daniel Jones, Mike Leleux, Sara Andries, Curtis Meaux, Terry Melancon, Deacon Doug Moreau, Gaynell Patty, Joel Petrus, Jo Tassin, Tonya Wood

OUR HOMEBOUND

Faye Connella, Butch Doiron, Joan McLure, Richard Milano, Sr., 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 - 10/25/2025**

Regular Collection	\$ 3,240.00
EFT Collection	\$ 1,410.00
Weekly Goal	\$ 6,925.00
Shortage	\$ 2,275.00
Goal for October (4 Sundays)	\$ 27,700.00
Received for October	\$ 18,519.00
Shortage for October	\$ 4,531.00
All Souls	\$ 70.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

MERCI BEAUCOUP!!

"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)

MMJ CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Parish Goal	\$ 1,000,000.00
Pledges Received (134 families)	\$ 962,396.00
Monies Received	\$ 543,991.00
Balance Remaining	\$ 37,604.00

UPDATE by Fr. Paul

This Monday, October 27 the current pews will be removed for repairs and refinishing. Along with the construction of 10 new pews, this project should take approximately 5 months for completion. On Tuesday, October 28, all of the sound and live-streaming equipment will be removed for safe-keeping. Live-streaming will resume once the entire construction has been completed and we have returned to Masses in the Church building. Lastly, on Thursday, October 30, the organ and all related speakers will be re-installed in the hall for use at Sunday Mass.

ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL (ADA)

Parish Goal 2025	\$ 22,506.00
Pledged (43 families)	\$ 20,555.00
Balance Remaining	\$ 1,951.00

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.

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.

*November 2, 2025
9:00 a.m. to 10:15 a.m.
Youth Center*

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**MENARD OPEN HOUSE**

Holy Savior Menard will hold an Open House at 5:30pm on Tuesday, November 18, 2025 in the school gym. Come see the wide offering of academics, athletics, spiritual life activities, and extra curriculums available for your student at Holy Savior Menard. This event is open to prospective 7th - 12th grade students and parents for the 2026-2027 school year. Contact tsumrall@holysaviormenard.com for more information.

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS

Central Standard Time (CST) begins at 2:00 a.m. on Sunday, November 2. 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 the month of November.

ROSARY MINISTRY

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

ROMEOs

(Retired Old Men Enjoying Ourselves)

Wednesdays - 7:30 a.m. - Sweet Delta Bakery

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Thursdays - 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

SANCTUARY CANDLE

This 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

Unfortunately, during this time of construction, live streaming is suspended. We apologize for the inconvenience.



November 2, 2025

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls)

Wis 3:1-9 | Rom 5:5-11 | Jn 6:37-40

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

There's a place in every human heart that harbors the fear of rejection. This can affect our relationship with others as well as our relationship with God. In response, many of us develop coping strategies in an attempt to take control of our lives. When fear of rejection threatens our peace, return to today's Gospel. What does Jesus say? "I will not reject anyone who comes to me." Let's pause to read that line again: *I will not reject anyone who comes to me*. Allow that message to pierce your heart. Jesus will not reject you. Jesus will not fail you. He will not abandon you. In fact, he has prepared a place for you in his kingdom and is waiting for your response of love.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Today, we commemorate all the faithful departed on this sacred feast of All Souls Day. Yes, we mourn the loss of those whom we loved who have died. Even as we mourn, we cling to hope as a community of believers, trusting that God has kept his promise to grant them eternal life. Indeed, as our first reading reminds us, "the souls of the just are in the hands of God. ... They are in peace." In addition to the treasure of canonized saints the Church gives us to admire and emulate, many of us could write a list of "saints" who have touched us in our own lives – those "who have gone before us with the sign of faith" (*Eucharistic Prayer I*). Think of them today, now. Call to mind their virtue and how they loved those they encountered, including you. Then, let their witness propel you on your own journey of faith.

REFLECT

Though we often associate death with sorrow and grief, for the faithful Catholic, it is also the way we enter eternal life. Heaven is the hoped-for reward of all our prayers, works, sufferings, and enjoyments. As she lay dying, St. Thérèse of Lisieux said to her fellow sisters, "I am not dying; I am entering into life." Still, it is not uncommon to grapple with fear of our own death (or the death of our living loved ones). If you find yourself facing this fear, invite Jesus to gently reveal the source of your anxieties, and ask him to flood those places of your heart and mind with his light and hope. And remember: Jesus will never reject anyone who comes to him.