

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 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: B. Upton

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

WEEK OF NOVEMBER 15, 2025

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

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15

4:00PM - Kathi Burns

Lector: G. Patty
Server: J. Louviere

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16

8:00AM - David Smith

Lector: B. Edwards
Server: E. Lohman

10:30AM - Shirley Allemand Olivier

Lector: M. Brundrett
Server: A. Brundrett

5:00PM - For Our Parish Family

Lector: J. Montalvo
Server: B. Winegeart

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 17

NO MASS

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 18

NO MASS

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19

7:00AM - Communion Service

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20

7:00AM - Communion Service

SANCTUARY CANDLE BURNS THIS WEEK



IN LOVING MEMORY OF KRISTIAN LOUVIERE
ON THE 3RD ANNIVERSARY OF HIS DEATH

BY HIS PARENTS, BARBARA AND JOHN

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, Sara Andries, Curtis Meaux, Terry Melancon, Deacon Doug Moreau, 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 - 11/02/2025**

Regular Collection	\$ 4,773.00
EFT Collection	\$ 2,910.00
Weekly Goal	\$ 6,925.00
Overage	\$ 758.00

Goal for November (5 Sundays)	\$ 34,625.00
Received for November	\$ 7,683.00
Still Needed for November	\$ 26,942.00

All Souls' Day	\$ 415.00
All Saints Day	\$ 100.00

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 (136 families)	\$ 967,351.00
Monies Received	\$ 547,733.00
Balance Remaining	\$ 32,649.00

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. If you are having trouble setting up online giving, call Cindy at the office.

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 9, 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**DIOCESE OF ALEXANDRIA CHAPTER 11**

On Friday, October 31, the Diocese of Alexandria filed a petition for reorganization under Chapter 11 of the U.S. Bankruptcy Code. This step was taken because the diocese has received more than 80 claims of the sexual abuse of minors perpetrated by priests, claims which exceed the financial means of the diocese. For the most accurate and up-to-date information, please visit the diocesan web-site: www.diocesealex.org. There you will find a video and a letter from Bishop Marshall explaining the reasons for the filing, a "question and answer" section and additional information. Please note that this filing affects the Diocese but does not include the individual parishes and missions.

MENARD OPEN HOUSE

Holy Savior Menard will hold an Open House at 5:30 p.m. 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.

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.