

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 APRIL 4, 2026

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

SATURDAY, APRIL 4

8:00PM - For Our Parish Family

*Lectors: B. & G. Patty, J. Reynolds
P. Gadel, S. Cranford, E. Lohman
Servers: B. Gadel, C. Lohman, E. Lohman*

SUNDAY, APRIL 5

8:00AM - For Our Parish Family

*Lector: K. Bellard
Server: A. Schexnyder*

10:30AM - For Our Parish Family

*Lector: J. Leglue
Server: B. Upton*

5:00PM - **NO MASS**

MONDAY, APRIL 6

7:00AM - **NO MASS**

TUESDAY, APRIL 7

7:00AM - Randy & Mallary Smith 10th month
wedding anniversary

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8

7:00AM - Stanley Hromadka

THURSDAY, APRIL 9

7:00AM - Raymond Paul, Sr.

WEEK OF APRIL 11, 2026

REG. COLLECTION: SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH

SATURDAY, APRIL 11

4:00PM - Mary Mrozinski, Kristian Louviere

*Lector: G. Delaney, E. Lohman
Server: C. Lohman*

SUNDAY, APRIL 12

8:00AM - Carolyn & Derwood Delaney 67th
wedding anniversary

*Lector: B. Edwards
Server: M. Schexnyder*

10:30AM - The deceased members of the Olivier
family, Papa Dee and Helen Smart

*Lector: M. Brundrett
Server: A. Brundrett*

5:00PM - For Our Parish Family

*Lector: J. Montalvo
Server: L. Brocato*

MONDAY, APRIL 13

7:00AM - Zachary Veillon

TUESDAY, APRIL 14

7:00AM - Robert Antoon

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15

7:00AM - Laure-Reine Paul

THURSDAY, APRIL 16

7:00AM - Ernestine Moras 54th anniv.

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

SANCTUARY CANDLE BURNS THIS WEEK



IN LOVING MEMORY OF BARBARA RIGBY BY HER BROTHER, LEO DOBARD

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.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER**OUR FIRST COMMUNION CANDIDATES**

Lucy Lamkin, Harper Landry, Oliver Lopez, Ashtyn Moreau, Cali Williams, James Michael Upton, Charlee White, John David White

Saturday, May 2 - 10:00 a.m.

OUR CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES

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

Saturday, April 11, 2026 - 4:00 p.m.

OUR PERMANENT DEACON CANDIDATE

Brad Gadel

THOSE PREPARING FOR MATRIMONY

Peyton J. Bellard and A'lysse M. Wallace
October 10, 2026 - St. Charles Borromeo

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.

Sara Andries, Kay Andries, Brian Dobard, Maggie Guillory, Celia Halbert, Daniel Jones, Henry Jones, Deacon Doug Moreau, Sharman Steltenpohl, Mike Stevens, Jo Tassin, Tonya Wood

OUR HOMEBOUND

Faye Connella, Butch Doiron, Joan McLure, Richard Milano, Sr., Constance Weil

OUR NURSING HOME RESIDENTS

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 - 03/29/2026**

Regular Collection	\$ 4,154.00
EFT Collection	\$ 2,667.00
Weekly Goal	\$ <u>6,925.00</u>
Shortage	\$ 104.00

Goal for March (5 Sundays)	\$ 34,625.00
Received for March	\$ <u>35,875.00</u>
Overage for March	\$ 1,250.00

Repairs and Maintenance	\$ 20.00
Easter Flowers	\$ 90.00
Catholic Charities	\$ 65.00
Holy Land	\$ 10.00
Infirm Priests	\$ 10.00
Lenten Catholic Charities	\$ 4,233.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!
MERCI BEAUCOUP!!

MMJ CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Parish Goal	\$ 1,000,000.00
Pledges Received (137 families)	\$ 1,000,300.00
Monies Received	\$ <u>682,474.00</u>
Over Goal	\$ 300.00

"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)

ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL (ADA)

Parish Goal 2026	\$ 23,732.00
Pledged (26 families)	\$ <u>12,584.00</u>
Balance Remaining	\$ 11,148.00

All that we have and all that we are comes from the Lord. "We are truly his handiwork," says St. Paul in the second reading, "created in Christ Jesus to lead a life of good deeds which God prepared for us in advance." Today is our parish's 2026 Annual Diocesan Appeal in-pew weekend. In the past weeks you might have received a letter from Bishop Marshall asking for your support of the ADA. After the homily parishioners who have not yet pledged to the ADA will have an opportunity to join with Catholics throughout the Diocese of Alexandria to support the diocesan church.

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.

***April 12, 2026
9:00 a.m. to 10:15 a.m.
Church Hall***

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**POPE LEO XIV's 2026 PRAYER INTENTION**

For April 2026, Pope Leo XIV asks us to pray for priests experiencing moments of crisis in their vocation, that they may find support, accompaniment, and renewed hope.

This month, the Holy Father invites the faithful to pray specifically for priests going through difficult times in their vocation, including moments of loneliness, doubt, or exhaustion. The intention emphasizes that priests are not merely functionaries but beloved sons of God, and that communities are called to support them with understanding, prayer, and accompaniment.

ADDITIONAL COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND

A portion of our monthly obligations to the diocese of Alexandria includes \$250 (\$3,000 annual) to support the infirmed priests of our diocese. This weekend, there will be a second collection to help our parish defray these costs. All funds collected will be directly applied to this \$3,000 budget item.

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

COMMUNITY REWARDS

Visit 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

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