

# 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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## **LIVE STREAMING**

For the benefit of our homebound parishioners, we livestream the 4:00 p.m. Saturday Mass weekly. To watch it on You Tube, search for MMJ Woodworth.

## **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 MARCH 16, 2024

REG. COLLECTION: SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH

### SATURDAY, MARCH 16

4:00PM - Charles Medica 7<sup>th</sup> anniv. Kristian Louviere, Adrien, Larry, Marty, Lena, & Jim Doiron

Lector: S. Cranford  
Server: L. Brocato

### SUNDAY, MARCH 17

8:00AM - Todd Mizell

Lector: E. Lohman  
Server: A. Schexnyder

10:30AM - Lloyd Killen, Will Polk

Lector: J. Leglue  
Server: A. Brundrett

5:00PM - For Our Parish Family

Lector: J. Montalvo  
Server: V. Montalvo

### MONDAY, MARCH 18

7:00AM - Zachary Veillon

### TUESDAY, MARCH 19

7:00AM - Shirley & Rickey Sayes

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20

7:00AM - Russell Edwards III

### THURSDAY, MARCH 21

7:00AM - Mary Lee and Gerald Robichaux, Sr.

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](http://www.diocesealex.org)

## WEEK OF MARCH 23, 2024

REG. COLLECTION: SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH

### SATURDAY, MARCH 23

4:00PM - Adrien, Larry, Marty, Lena, & Jim Doiron

Lectors: P. Gadel, G. Patty  
Server: J. Schexnyder, B. Gadel

### SUNDAY, MARCH 24

8:00AM - Sharan Bellard

Lectors: E. Lohman, K. Bellard  
Server: B. Emerson

10:30AM - Dee and Helen Smart, Taylor Romines

Lectors: T. Reynolds, B. Lowe  
Server: A. Brundrett, C. Mathews

5:00PM - For Our Parish Family

Lectors: J. Reynolds, J. Montalvo  
Server: A. Byrd

### MONDAY, MARCH 25

7:00AM - Zachary Veillon

### TUESDAY, MARCH 26

7:00AM - Shirley & Rickey Sayes

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27

7:00AM - Lloyd Killen

### THURSDAY, MARCH 28

6:00PM - For Our Parish Family

Lector: J. Reynolds  
Server: H. Reynolds, B. Gadel  
A. Schexnyder, V. Montalvo

### FRIDAY, MARCH 29

3:00PM - Commemoration of the Lord's Passion

Lector: P. Gadel, J. Montalvo  
Server: B. Gadel, V. Montalvo, A. Byrd

6:00PM - Stations of the Cross

### SANCTUARY CANDLE BURNS THIS WEEK

IN LOVING MEMORY OF  
MARY LEE AND GERALD ROBICHAUX, SR.  
BY THE ROBICHAUX FAMILY

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 cost is \$7.00 per candle.

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER**

**OUR PERMANENT DEACON CANDIDATE**

Brad Gadel

**THOSE PREPARING FOR MATRIMONY**

Sara Richard and Cody Fitzgerald  
November 16, 2024

**OUR FIRST EUCHARIST CANDIDATES**

*Saturday, May 4, 2024 - 10:00 a.m.*

Emma Brundrett, Jude Flook, Eric Lohman, Landry Mitten, Stevie Patin, Reed Ponthier, Miles Schexndyer, Collin Stewart, Lillie Stewart, Abigail Upton, Isabella Winegeart, Wyatt Winegeart

**OUR CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES**

*Saturday, April 6, 2024 - 4:00 p.m.*

Izzie Antee, Hannah Daigrepoint, Donald Ducote, Jadyne Foote, Cayden Mathews, Vivian Montalvo, Alexander Rubio

**OUR OCIA CANDIDATES**

Garrett Francis, Madeline Francis, Sarah Francis

**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.*

Brian Dobard, Russ Edwards, Thomas Hickman, Kenneth Hawthorne, Daniel Jones, Debbie Duck Lyles, Jacques Matt, Jo Tassin, John Upton, Heather Warren Stokes, Tonya Wood

**OUR HOMEBOUND**

Faye Connella, Butch Doiron, Brenda Holloway, Janet Lamkin, Janet Normand, Jane Richey, Joe & Irene Thompson

**OUR NURSING HOME RESIDENTS**

Michael Flynn, Georgine Lauve, Lewis "Buddy" Lauve, Patricia "Patty" Mahone, Adrienne Stevens, Donna White

**OUR ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY**

Kory Butler, Brandon Coreil, David J. Francis, Dustin Guillory, Daniel Keely, Kelley Perry, Robin Perry, Michael Smilie, 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 - 03/10/2024**

Regular Collection	\$ 5,108.00
EFT Collection	\$ 2,365.00
Weekly Goal	\$ <u>6,530.00</u>
<b>Overage</b>	<b>\$ 943.00</b>
Goal for March (5 Sundays)	\$ 32,650.00
Received for March	\$ <u>15,202.00</u>
<b>Still Needed for March</b>	<b>\$ 17,448.00</b>
Repairs & Maintenance	\$ 20.00
Catholic Relief Services	\$ 45.00
Easter Flowers	\$ 400.00
Holy Land	\$ 15.00
Infirm Priest	\$ 15.00

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!**

**MERCI BEAUCOUP!!**

**ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL (ADA)**

Parish Goal 2024 \$ 21,256.00

All that we have and all that we are comes from the Lord. "We are truly his handiwork," St. Paul tells us, "created in Christ Jesus to lead a life of good deeds which God prepared for us in advance."

Today is our parish's 2024 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 annual appeal. Parishioners who have not yet pledged to the ADA now have an opportunity to join with Catholics throughout the Diocese of Alexandria to support the Diocesan Church.

**"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)**

**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](http://www.mmjchurch.org)

**FAITH FORMATION****GRADES PREK - 5**

Wednesday, March 20  
5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

**GRADES 6 - 12**

Wednesday, March 20  
6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

**CONFIRMATION PREPARATION CLASS**

Wednesday, March 20  
6:00 p.m. - Church

**FIRST COMMUNION PREPARATION CLASS**

Tuesday, March 26  
5:30p.m. - Church Hall

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD**

Every Sunday - 10:30 a.m. Mass  
During the Liturgy of the Word  
Ages 4 - 7 - Youth Center

**OCIA**

If you are not Catholic and have been thinking about initiation in the Catholic Church, or if you are a Baptized Catholic who has not celebrated all three of the Sacraments of Initiation, consider joining the **Order of Christian Initiation for Adults**. **OCIA** is the process by which people celebrate their Sacraments of Initiation, namely Baptism, Communion and Confirmation, in the Catholic Church.

Who is OCIA for?

- ⇒ **Unbaptized...** Persons (7 years and older) who want to follow in Jesus' footsteps and become members of the Catholic Church;
- ⇒ **Baptized in Another Christian Church...** Those members from a different Christian community other than Catholic who are seeking full initiation in the Catholic Church;
- ⇒ **Baptized but no previous Religious Education...** persons who were baptized as babies in the Catholic Church but have not had any Religious Education within the Catholic Tradition. Have you celebrated all of your sacraments of Communion and Confirmation?

Please contact either Beth and Keith Chapman or Jody and Jackie Byrd. Their contact information is on the front page of the bulletin.

**Monday, March 18 - 5:30 p.m.**  
**Church Hall**

**CHURCH NEWS****EASTER MEMORIAL FLOWER FUND**

This fund enables us to decorate the Church during the 50 days of the Easter season. The donors and those to be remembered will be listed in the May 25-26 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.

**PROLIFE MINISTRIES**

Monday, March 18: 5:00 p.m. - Church Hall

**MUG AND MUFFIN**

Thursday, March 21: 9:30 a.m. - Church Hall

**COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICE**

Wednesday, March 27, 2024 - 6:00 p.m.

There will be 3 priests to celebrate individual Sacrament of Reconciliation/Confession.

**MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

Thursday, March 28, 2024 - 6:00 p.m.

**GOOD FRIDAY - MARCH 29, 2024**

This is a day of fast and abstinence. We do not eat meat (14 years of age and older) and we have only one full meal and two lighter meals during the course of the day (18 to 59 years of age).

The Lord's Passion - 3:00 p.m.  
The Way of the Cross - 6:00 p.m.

**WAY OF THE CROSS**

Fridays - 6:00PM

**MEN OF MMJ - FRIDAY FISH FRY**

March 22 - Serving begins at 5:00 p.m.  
\$9.00 per plate - Eat in or take out.

**LADIES' 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.

## 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent

**Sunday, March 17**

Jer 31:31-34  
Ps 51:3-4,12-15  
Heb 5:7-9  
Jn 12:20-33

**Monday, March 18**

Dn 13:1-9,15-17,19-30,33-62  
or 13:41c-62  
Ps 23:1-6  
Jn 8:1-11

**Tuesday, March 19**

**St. Joseph, Husband of Mary**  
2 Sm 7:4-5a,12-14a,16  
Ps 89:2-5,27,29  
Rom 4:13,16-18,22  
Mt 1:16,18-21,24a  
or Lk 2:41-51a

**Wednesday, March 20**

Dn 3:14-20,91-92,95  
Dn 3:52-56  
Jn 8:31-42

**Thursday, March 21**

Gn 17:3-9  
Ps 105:4-9  
Jn 8:51-59

**Friday, March 22**

Jer 20:10-13  
Ps 18:2-7  
Jn 10:31-42

**Saturday, March 23**

Ez 37:21-28  
Jer 31:10-12d,13  
Jn 11:45-56

To be a Christian is to follow Christ, be like Christ, serve as Christ, love as Christ, suffer and die as Christ, and ultimately rise as Christ. During his public ministry, Jesus told his disciples from the start that anyone who wished to be a follower of his must renounce himself and take up his cross every day to follow him.

As “his hour” drew nearer and the Holy Will of his Heavenly Father was just around the corner, Jesus once again told his disciples in no uncertain terms that to follow him would mean to take up their own crosses and be willing to suffer and die for the love of others. Jesus challenged his disciples to live lives of selfless service to others then, and his challenge continues for us now.

What a beautiful image Jesus gave us of the grain of wheat! According to the Catechism, “The grain of wheat points to the Holy Eucharist in which the Sacrifice of Christ becomes really present. As we die to ourselves in union with him, especially in the Sacrament of the Eucharist, we

become other christs.” (CCC 2731)

As we submit our hearts to the Lord and give our lives as disciples of Christ, every one of us is called in many ways to share in the joys and sorrows of Christ. Just as at different seasons of our lives we are given different crosses to bear, we are also called to different ways to serve others. When we serve others, Christ works in us and through us. We can be Jesus to those he puts in our paths to help.



We can see Jesus in those we serve.

Sometimes it is easier than other times, but we must remember that Jesus is reflected in us when we are serving. Sometimes God uses our acts of faith and charity to break open seeds in other souls as well.

**Reflect & Discuss:**

- † What has had to die in your life for you to draw closer to Christ?
- † Thinking of a cross you have carried in the past, how has your faith grown since it has lifted?
- † What is the heaviest cross you are being asked to bear right now?
- † How have you seen the face of Jesus in those you serve?
- † What are ways that have helped you the most to bear your crosses as Jesus bore his?