

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 OCTOBER 22, 2022

REG. COLLECTION: SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH
2ND COLLECTION: PROPAGATION OF THE FAITH

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22

4:00PM - Richard Gadel

Lector: R. Normand

Server: A. Byrd

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23

8:00AM - Jacqueline Brown

Lector: E. Lohman

Servers: A. Daigrepont

10:30AM - Austin Olivier, Jr.,

Lector: J. Antee

Server: A. Brundrett

5:00PM - Our Parish Family

Lector: J. Reynolds

Server: H. Reynolds

MONDAY, OCTOBER 24

7:00AM - Terry Kohler

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 25

7:00AM - Robert Ruemker

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 26

7:00AM - Charles "Greg" Gravel

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 27

7:00AM - Mavis Tucker

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

WEEK OF OCTOBER 29, 2022

REG. COLLECTION: SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH
2ND COLLECTION: U.S. BISHOPS' EMERGENCY DISASTER FUND

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29

4:00PM - Adrienne Angele Matt

Lector: G. Patty

Server: TBD

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30

8:00AM - Patsy Chiasson

Lector: G. Delaney

Server: B. Emerson

10:30AM - Terry Kohler 1st anniv.

Lector: G. Leglue

Server: M. Hawthorne

5:00PM - Our Parish Family

Lector: J. Montalvo

Servers: A. Byrd

MONDAY, OCTOBER 31

7:00AM - Charles Farace, Sr.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 1

7:00AM - All Saints

Lector: B. Patty

Servers: A. Brundrett

5:30PM - All Saints

Lector: M. Leleux

Servers: L. Brocato

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 2

7:00AM - Our Dearly Departed

4:00PM - Our Dearly Departed (AMG)

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 3

7:00AM - Fr. Paul's 65th Birthday

SANCTUARY CANDLE BURNS THIS WEEK

IN LOVING MEMORY OF ELLA NORA MILLER

BY HER GRANDDAUGHTER, LEANN MALONE

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 RECENTLY DECEASED**

Ella Nora Miller

THOSE PREPARING FOR MATRIMONYJennifer Smilie and C. J. Fuqua
April 15, 2023**OUR SICK**

Lynn Bawner, Mary Louise Bawner, George Juan Burns, Rachal Burns, Richard Charon, Brian Do-bard, Randy Francis, Keith Johnson, Betsy Lanclos, Marlene Margnano, Helen Mathews, Jacques Matt, Terry Melancon, Debbie Norment, Frank Rachal, Jana Robinson, Lori Spratling, Kyle Stokes, Earlene Tanner, Chuck Vernon, Michelle Vincent, Baby Scarlett Wood

OUR RECOVERING/CONVALESCING

Michael Brewton, Mary Cezar, Eric Duck, Rhonda Earhart, Brinda Edwards, Michael Flynn, Glynn Kohler

OUR HOMEBOUND

Phyllis Broussard, Faye Connella, Butch Doiron, Betty Jones, Janet Lamkin, Janet Normand, Jane Richey, Adrienne Stevens, Joe & Irene Thompson

OUR NURSING HOME RESIDENTS

Marie Hawthorne, Francis Thiels

OUR ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY

Kory Butler, Brandon Coreil, Travis Edwards, David J. Francis, Dustin Guillory, Michael Hawthorne, Daniel Keely, Kelley Perry, Robin Perry, Michael Smilie

*Please inform us if you know of anyone who should be included or removed. You may also use a pew envelope for this purpose.***"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)****STEWARDSHIP****OFFERTORY GIFTS - 10/16/2022**

Regular Collection	\$ 3,141.00
EFT Collection	\$ 2,015.00
Weekly Goal	\$ 6,530.00
Shortage	\$ 1,374.00

Goal for October (5 Sundays)	\$ 32,650.00
Received for October	\$ 21,272.00
Still needed for October	\$ 11,378.00

Catholic Charities	\$ 250.00
Maintenance and Repairs	\$ 30.00
All Souls' Day	\$ 145.00
Propagation of the Faith	\$ 25.00
CLHC	\$ 250.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!**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.**AMAZON SMILE**

When you shop at Amazon, and select Mary, Mother of Jesus as your charitable organization, Amazon will donate 0.5% back to our parish. Smile is the same Amazon you know.

REGISTRATION/CENSUSDo you consider Mary, Mother of Jesus Parish "home"? Do you worship with us regularly? If you have not done so already, we ask that you please register in our parish. Forms for this purpose are available in the church or online at www.mmjchurch.org. Adult children no longer living at home and recently married couples are especially encouraged to register. In this way we can serve you better. It also facilitates sponsorship for baptisms and confirmations, religious education registration, etc.**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. Consider scheduling a recurring electronic contribution today. And even when you can't attend Mass, your electronic contributions will arrive without delay. Visit our website: www.mmjchurch.org

FAITH FORMATION**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION/CCD****GRADES PREK - 5**

October 26 - Trunk or Treat

GRADES 6 - 12

October 26 - Trunk or Treat

FIRST PENANCE

October 23 - 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

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?

Tuesday, October 25
5:30 p.m. - Church Hall

**CHURCH NEWS****TRUNK OR TREAT**

October 26, 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Church Hall - All Ages!

Come help us celebrate All Saints Day this year with carnival games, pizza, and trunk or treat! This will also count for our regular Religious Education classes for all ages. For safety reasons children must be accompanied by an adult. Please contact Brinda Edwards (317-250-9997) or Katie Upton (318-308-9991) to sign up to pass out candy for trunk or treat. All parishioners are welcome and encouraged to attend!

ALL SAINTS' DAY MASSES

Tuesday, November 1, 2022
7:00 a.m. & 5:30 p.m.
A holy day of obligation.

ALL SOULS' DAY CEMETERY MASS

Wednesday, November 2, 2022
4:00 p.m. Mass
Alexandria Memorial Gardens

**DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS**

Central Standard Time (CST) begins at 2:00 a.m. on Sunday, November 8. Remember to turn your clocks **BACK** one hour.

CENTRAL LOUISIANA HOMELESS COALITION

CLHC is in need of travel-size personal toiletries and bottled water. Containers for this purpose are in the narthex.

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 November.

30th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Sirach 35:12-14,16-18
Ps 34:2-3,17-19,23
2 Timothy 4:6-8,16-18
Luke 18:9-14

Monday October 24

Ephesians 4:32 5:8
Ps 1:1-4,6
Luke 13:10-17

Tuesday October 25

Ephesians 5:21-33
Ps 128:1-5
Luke 13:18-21

Wednesday October 26

Ephesians 6:1-9
Ps 145:10-14
Luke 13:22-30

Thursday October 27

Ephesians 6:10-20
Ps 144:1b,2,9-10
Luke 13:31-35

Friday October 28

Sts. Simon and Jude
Ephesians 2:19-22
Ps 19:2-3,4-5
Luke 6:12-16

Saturday October 29

Philippians 1:18b-26
Ps 42:2,3,5cdef
Luke 14:1,7-11

In this Sunday's Gospel reading, we see that "whoever exalts himself will be humbled." Sooner or later, self-exalting people get humbled, whether they realize it or not. They are brought down low by their own behaviors. People who encounter them in daily life do not think very highly of them. And certainly, God doesn't either.

The much better alternative is to let our love for others be what humbles us.

Without love as our motivation, we believe in our own so-called "righteousness," thinking we're okay when we're not. But when we do good deeds for others because we genuinely care about them, the pride of our self-righteousness is replaced by holy humility.

We are made righteous by our love for others. Self-righteousness is self-made – it motivates us to do good, but only for the selfish purpose of looking admirable, winning approval, or gaining some other personal benefit. Love, which is true righteousness, motivates us to do good for the sake of others.

Look at the Pharisee in Jesus' parable. We all behave like that from time to time. Think of someone who is inferior to you because you are holier, who doesn't go to church as often as you do, or who doesn't pray like you do. Think of someone who is not worthy of your time



and caregiving. Think of someone who is too difficult to love.

The cure for this kind of self-righteousness is to get in touch with God's concern for them. Once we unite our

hearts to God's love for them, we begin to care about them, too. And the most powerful, most successful way to accomplish such union with God is through the Sacrament of Reconciliation, which absolves us of self-righteousness and empowers us with divine grace to absorb Christ's own righteousness.

Reflect & Discuss:

1. Think of those who are less spiritually active than you, who cause you to think: "Thank God I am not like them!" Do you grieve for them because of their sins and blindness? Do you do anything to help them grow closer to Christ? Do they experience Jesus when they encounter you?
2. What are some ways that you show love to those who are not as holy as you, or not as emotionally healthy as you, or not as intelligent as you?
3. Describe a time when you were more self-righteous than righteous. How did you (or how will you) let Jesus turn your pride into love-filled humility?