

# Mary, Mother of Jesus Roman Catholic Church

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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 29, 2022

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

#### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29

4:00PM - Adrienne Angele Matt

*Lector: G. Patty*

*Server: A. Byrd*

#### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30

8:00AM - Patsy Chiasson

*Lector: G. Delaney*

*Server: B. Emerson*

10:30AM - Terry Kohler 1<sup>st</sup> anniv.

*Lector: J. Antee*

*Server: M. Hawthorne*

5:00PM - Our Parish Family

*Lector: J. Montalvo*

*Servers: V. Montalvo*

#### 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 65<sup>th</sup> Birthday

#### SANCTUARY CANDLE BURNS THIS WEEK

IN LOVING MEMORY OF TERRY KOHLER  
IN REMEMBRANCE OF HER 1<sup>ST</sup> ANNIVERSARY

BY MIKE AND MARCIA LELEUX

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.

### WEEK OF NOVEMBER 5, 2022

REG. COLLECTION: SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH

#### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5

4:00PM - Gene Tucker, Adrien, Lena, Marty, Larry, and Jim Doiron

*Lector: S. Cranford*

*Server: A. Byrd*

#### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6

8:00AM - Charles "Greg" Gravel

*Lector: B. Edwards*

*Servers: A. Daigrepoint*

10:30AM - Lorraine Fontenot, Terry Kohler

*Lector: J. Leglue*

*Server: A. Brundrett*

5:00PM - Our Parish Family

*Lector: J. Reynolds*

*Server: H. Reynolds*

#### MONDAY, NOVEMBER 7

**NO MASS**

#### TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8

**NO MASS**

#### WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 9

**NO MASS**

#### THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 10

**NO MASS**

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)

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER****THOSE PREPARING FOR FIRST PENANCE**

Corbin Bennett, James Ducote, Thomas Long, Harper Rajewski, Bentley Ryland, Ben Upton, Lawson Wheat, Christopher White

**THOSE PREPARING FOR CONFIRMATION**

Madeline Buller, Kennedy Daigrepont, Julia Loken, Casey Mallach

**OCIA CANDIDATES**

Mary Deweese, Chad Doyle, Benjamin Malone, Jackson Malone, Lory Malone, Bridgette Thompson, Garrison Thompson, Claude Weatherford

**THOSE PREPARING FOR MATRIMONY**

Jennifer Smilie and C. J. Fuqua  
April 15, 2023

**OUR SICK**

Lynn Bawner, Mary Louise Bawner, George Juan Burns, Rachal Burns, Richard Charon, Brian Dobbard, 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, Brad 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.*

**STEWARDSHIP****OFFERTORY GIFTS - 10/23/2022**

Regular Collection	\$ 3,822.00
EFT Collection	\$ 1,300.00
Weekly Goal	\$ 6,530.00
<b>Shortage</b>	<b>\$ 1,408.00</b>

Goal for October (5 Sundays)	\$ 32,650.00
Received for October	\$ 26,394.00
<b>Still needed for October</b>	<b>\$ 6,256.00</b>

Maintenance and Repairs	\$ 65.00
All Souls' Day	\$ 245.00
Propagation of the Faith	\$ 25.00
All Saints' Day	\$ 25.00

**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.

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

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

November 2 - 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

**GRADES 6 - 12**

November 2 - 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

**FIRST PENANCE CLASS**

October 30 - 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, November 1  
5:30 p.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 in our parish. Forms for this purpose are available in the church or online at [www.mmjchurch.org](http://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.

**CHURCH NEWS****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 6. Remember to turn your clocks **BACK** one hour.

**CENTRAL LOUISIANA HOMELESS COALITION**

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

This is the last weekend we will be collecting for CLHC. In the month of November we will be collecting non-perishable food products and monetary donations for Manna House.

**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.

**LADIES' ROSARY MINISTRY**

Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m. in the Church to pray for our Church and World.

**ROMEOs**

*(Retired Old Men Enjoying Ourselves)*

Wednesdays - 7:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.  
Coffee, biscuits, conversation - Church Hall

**QUILTING MINISTRY**

Wednesdays beginning at 9:00 a.m.  
Call Brenda Mathews (318) 730-8123



## 31<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time

Wisdom 11:22--12:2  
Ps 145:1-2,8-11,13-14  
2 Thessalonians 1:11-2:2  
Luke 19:1-10

### Monday October 31

Philippians 2:1-4  
Ps 131:1b-3  
Luke 14:12-14

### Tuesday November 1

#### All Saints Day

Revelation 7:2-4,9-14  
Ps 24:1b-6  
1 John 3:1-3  
Matthew 5:1-12a

### Wednesday November 2

All Souls Day  
Wisdom 3:1-9  
Ps 23:1-6  
Romans 5:5-11 or 6:3-9  
John 6:37-40

### Thursday November 3

Philippians 3:3-8a  
Ps 105:2-7  
Luke 15:1-10

### Friday November 4

#### St. Charles Borromeo

Philippians 3:17 4:1  
Ps 122:1-5  
Luke 16:1-8

### Saturday November 5

Philippians 4:10-19  
Ps 112:1b-2,5-6,8a,9  
Luke 16:9-15

Notice the determination of Zacchaeus in this Sunday's Gospel reading. His view of Jesus was obstructed, but that didn't stop him from seeing Jesus. He had an obstacle (the crowd) and a handicap (his short stature), but he refused to allow any of this to prevent him from reaching his goal of getting a clear view of Jesus.

In fact, Zacchaeus was so eager to experience Jesus that he did something drastic: He climbed a tree! Maybe he felt embarrassed hanging onto a tree limb; maybe onlookers thought he was odd. Maybe someone tried to talk him down. Maybe the tree was rough and tore his clothes and scratched his skin. None of that stopped him.

We all have handicaps – prejudices, misconceptions, bad training, spiritual laziness, fears and doubts, and so on – which obstruct our view of Jesus. And we all have short

stature: we are much smaller than God and cannot see the goodness that he sees in and beyond our hardships. In our short-sightedness, we conclude that Jesus has abandoned us, and we feel so very alone.

Instead, we should be like Zacchaeus. In our desire to see Jesus fully, as he really is, we should do everything

possible to find a way around all obstacles and overcome all spiritual handicaps.



Notice that once Zacchaeus climbed the tree, Jesus zeroed in on him and gave him personal attention and affirmation. How did Zacchaeus respond? He *quickly* descended from the tree and welcomed Jesus with *delight*. He had so much

enthusiasm that he wanted to quadruple the penance for his sins!

Do you see Jesus in the Eucharist at Mass? If Zacchaeus' reaction to Christ's presence isn't our reaction, it means our view is still partly obstructed. We need to climb higher.

### Reflect & Discuss:

1. What are you "short" on? What in your faith life is too small? What is crowding your life and obstructing an enthusiastic relationship with Jesus? How can you overcome this handicap so that you can see Jesus and recognize his nearness and hear his affirmation?
2. Name signs of spiritual determination that you've seen in others.
3. Why are we able to see Jesus better when we pray more fervently, sing in Mass more enthusiastically, serve others more eagerly, immerse ourselves in scripture more hungrily, care about others more cheerfully, or donate our treasures more generously?