

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 19, 2022

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

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19

4:00PM - Juanita Coreil, Vidal Falcon, Roy
DeVille 8th anniv.

Lector: S. Cranford
Server: A. Dagrepoint

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20

8:00AM - Leola Reeves

Lector: E. Lohman
Servers: B. Emerson

10:30AM - Charles "Greg" Gravel, Stephen
Rodeback

Lector: T. Reynolds
Server: M. Hawthorne

5:00PM - Our Parish Family

Lector: J. Reynolds
Server: A. Byrd

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 21

7:00AM - Charles Farace, Sr.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 22

7:00AM - Patsy Chiasson

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 23

6:00PM - In Thanksgiving for God's Many Gifts

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 24

NO MASS

WEEK OF NOVEMBER 26, 2022

REG. COLLECTION: SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 26

4:00PM - Adrienne Angele Matt

Lector: J. Louviere
Server: L. Brocato

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27

8:00AM - Ed and Valorie Clayton

Lector: G. Delaney
Server: B. Emereson

10:30AM - Austin Olivier, Jr.

Lector: B. Lowe
Server: A. Brundrett

5:00PM - Our Parish Family

Lector: J. Montalvo
Servers: V. Montalvo

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 28

7:00AM - Laura Gadel Jacob

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 29

7:00AM - Jacquelyn Brown

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 30

7:00AM - Raymond "Sonny" Tucker

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1

7:00AM - Alfred Mathews Sr., 92nd birthday
remembrance

SANCTUARY CANDLE BURNS THIS WEEK

IN LOVING MEMORY OF VIDAL FALCON

BY HIS DAUGHTER, MAGGIE AVANT

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.

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 RECENTLY DECEASED**

Kristian Edward Louviere

THOSE PREPARING FOR FIRST PENANCE

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

THOSE PREPARING FOR CONFIRMATION

Madeline Buller, Kennedy Daigrepont, Julia Loken, Casey Mallach

OCIA CANDIDATES

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

THOSE PREPARING FOR MATRIMONY

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

Christina Rubio and Chad Doyle - October 21, 2023

OUR SICK

Lynn Bawner, Mary Louise Bawner, Becky Blair, Kenny Blair, George Juan Burns, Rachal Burns, Richard Charon, Brian Dobard, Randy Francis, Keith Johnson, Betsy Lanclos, 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, 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.

STEWARDSHIP**OFFERTORY GIFTS - 11/13/2022**

Regular Collection	\$ 2,828.00
EFT Collection	\$ 2,415.00
Weekly Goal	\$ 6,530.00
Shortage	\$ 1,287.00

Goal for November (4 Sundays)	\$ 26,120.00
Received for November	\$ 13,851.00
Still needed for November	\$ 12,269.00

Maintenance and Repairs	\$ 40.00
All Souls' Day	\$ 185.00

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

FAITH FORMATION**YOUTH FRIENDSGIVING**

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20
6:00 P.M. - CHURCH HALL
GRADES 6-12
FOOD, FUN, AND GAMES



Gumbo will be provided. Y'all bring everything else for the feast. Bring a friend or two!!

ADULT FAITH FORMATION - ADVENT 2022

November 29, December 6, 13, 20

10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
 Facilitator: Dr. Mary DeVille

The Gospel of John

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION/CCD

GRADES PREK - 5

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

GRADES 6 - 12

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

FIRST PENANCE CLASS

November 20 - 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

OCIA

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 22
 5:30 p.m. - Church Hall

CHURCH NEWS**THANKSGIVING 2022**

Although there will be NO Mass on Thanksgiving Day, we will celebrate a vigil Mass.

Wednesday, November 23rd - 6:00PM

Please remember that the "cost" of admission are non-perishable foods to benefit Manna House. Please put your contributions in the containers at the foot of the altar. A monetary collection will be taken for the benefit of Manna House.

CHURCH OFFICE

The office will be closed on Thursday, November 24 and Friday, November 25 in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday.

ADVENT GIVING TREE

Our annual giving tree will be available in the narthex next weekend. Please take at least one tag and return the gifts to the church **no earlier** than the weekend of December 17 and 18.

White Envelopes

(Please put gift cards in the white envelopes)

Gift Cards for our Seminarians

Ornaments

(Place unwrapped gifts around the altar.)

Cenla Pregnancy Center

CHRISTMAS MEMORIAL FLOWER FUND

This fund enables us to decorate the Church during the Christmas season. The donors and those remembered will be listed in the bulletin the weekend of January 14-15, 2023. The suggested donation is \$10. An envelope for this purpose is in the pews and your monthly packet. You may use one of your own envelopes, as well. Remember to include on the envelope the name(s) of those to be remembered/honored.

MANNA HOUSE

During this month, we are be collecting non-perishable food products to benefit Manna House. Receptacles for the food are located in the narthex. Please place all monetary donations in the collection basket, in an appropriately labeled envelope.

LADIES' ROSARY MINISTRY

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

Our Lord Christ the King

2 Samuel 5:1-3
Ps 122:1-5
Colossians 1:12-20
Luke 23:35-43

Monday November 21
Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Revelation 14:1-3,4b-5
Ps 24:1b-6
Luke 21:1-4

Tuesday November 22
St. Cecilia
Revelation 14:14-19
Ps 96:10-13
Luke 21:5-11

Wednesday November 23
Revelation 15:1-4
Ps 98:1-3b,7-9
Luke 21:12-19

Thursday November 24
St. Andrew Dung-Lac & co.
Rev. 18:1-2,21-23;19:1-3,9a
Ps 100:1b-2,3,4,5
Luke 21:20-28

Friday November 25
Revelation 20:1-4,11--21:2
Ps 84:3-6a,8a
Luke 21:29-33

Saturday November 26
Revelation 22:1-7
Ps 95:1-7b
Luke 21:34-36

In the Gospel reading, one of the criminals hanging next to Jesus on the cross represents us. Jesus is our king and we want to spend eternity with him in his kingdom. As long as we have this attitude, there is no reason to doubt that when we die we will join Jesus in Paradise.

As the king of heaven, Jesus has the right and the authority to choose who is allowed into his kingdom. And as this Good Friday thief shows us, Jesus says, "Yes, come in, welcome!" to anyone who recognizes his authority.

Let's look at what the authority of Jesus is like. At the Last Supper, when he washed the feet of his disciples, he made it clear that the heavenly king exerts his authority by serving those who belong to his kingdom.

The next day, he took a crown of thorns instead of a crown of gold, because the glory of his kingship is not represented by earthly treasures but by riches that are given to others, the personal sacrifices that are motivated by love, even for those who don't deserve it.

After his resurrection, although he'd been healed from the destruction of death, his five crucifixion wounds were not healed. To this day, he still bears those wounds as a continual reminder to us that he does not



use his authority for his own benefit, but for ours. Earthly kings wear expensive rings on their hands; our heavenly king wears the marks of sacrifice.

We belong to God's kingdom when we lovingly serve others with Christ because we understand the glory of giving generously to others, of making personal sacrifices, and of loving those who don't deserve our love.

If we offer to Jesus our sufferings because we realize that they have value, we wear the five wounds of Jesus in our souls. Of course we will join Jesus in Paradise – we have already united ourselves to him!

Reflect & Discuss:

1. Reflect on a time when you submitted yourself to Christ's authority by obeying a difficult teaching of the Church or by doing something Christ-like that you didn't want to do. Did you feel loved by God? Did you feel served?
2. What will you do to become more aware of his service to you? What are you holding onto today that does not belong to his kingdom? What will you do this week to allow Jesus to be your king in every area of your life?
3. Name some of the ways that Jesus serves us. Does he do it directly to you or through other people in his kingdom? When you serve others, how is this a recognition of the kingship and authority of Christ?