

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 JULY 29, 2023

REG. COLLECTION: SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH

SATURDAY, JULY 29

4:00PM - Alma Reitzell

Lector: P. Gadel

Server: B. Gadel

SUNDAY, JULY 30

8:00AM - Betty Jones

Lector: R. Normand

Server: A. Schexnyder

10:30AM - Richard Kelly

Lector: J. Foote

Server: C. Mathews

5:00PM - For Our Parish Family

Lector: J. Reynolds

Server: V. Montalvo

MONDAY, JULY 31

7:00AM - Emile Gadel

TUESDAY, AUGUST 1

7:00AM - Leonie Gadel

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 2

7:00AM - Adrien, Lena, Marty, Larry, Jim Doiron

THURSDAY, AUGUST 3

7:00AM - Chris Jardoin 50th birthday
remembrance

WEEK OF AUGUST 5, 2023

REG. COLLECTION: SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH

SATURDAY, AUGUST 5

4:00PM - Kristian Louviere

Lector: J. Louviere

Server: A. Byrd

SUNDAY, AUGUST 6

8:00AM - Mary Virginia Young

Lector: E. Lohman

Server: A. Schexnyder

10:30AM - Stephen Rodeback

Lector: M. Brundrett

Server: A. Brundrett

5:00PM - For Our Parish Family

Lector: R. Mallach

Server: H. Reynolds

MONDAY, AUGUST 7

7:00AM - Shirley Sayes

TUESDAY, AUGUST 8

7:00AM - Eric Duck

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 9

7:00AM - Betty Jones

THURSDAY, AUGUST 10

7:00AM - Irma Cospelich

SANCTUARY CANDLE BURNS THIS WEEK



IN HONOR OF THE ELDERLY AND OUR GRANDPARENTS LIVING AND DECEASED

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 PERMANENT DEACON CANDIDATE**

Brad Gadel

THOSE PREPARING FOR MATRIMONYChristina Rubio and Chad Doyle
October 21, 2023Alexandra Rollins and Thomas Roberts
December 15, 2023Sara Richard and Cody Fitzgerald
November 16, 2024**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.

Rochelle Brasseaux, Brian Dobard, Rhonda Earhart,
David Harvey, Daniel Jones, Linda Kelly, Debbie
Duck Lyles, Jacques Matt, Terry Melançon, Jo Tassin,
John Upton, Donna White**OUR HOMEBOUND**Evelyn Bartow, Faye Connella, Butch Doiron, Janet
Lamkin, Janet Normand, Jane Richey, Joe & Irene
Thompson**OUR NURSING HOME RESIDENTS**

Patricia "Patty" Mahone, Adrienne Stevens

OUR ACTIVE DUTY MILITARYKory Butler, Brandon Coreil, 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 - 07/23/2023**

Regular Collection	\$ 4,310.00
EFT Collection	\$ 1,750.00
Weekly Goal	\$ 6,530.00
Shortage	\$ 470.00
Goal for July (5 Sundays)	\$ 32,650.00
Received for July	\$ 25,340.00
Still Needed for July	\$ 7,310.00
Maintenance and Repairs	\$ 20.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!
MERCI BEAUCOUP!!

ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL (ADA)

Parish Goal 2023	\$ 21,256.00
Pledged	\$ 28,864.00
Over Goal	\$ 7,608.00

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

"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)

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. Adult children no longer living at home and recently married couples are especially encouraged to register.

FAITH FORMATION**GRADES PREK - 5**

Wednesday, August 23
5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.
Parents and Students

GRADES 6 - 12

Wednesday, August 23
6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
Parents and Students



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



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.

CHURCH NEWS**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.
Coffee, biscuits, conversation - Church Hall

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.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

If you are celebrating a 25, 40, 50, 60 or 70th or other significant anniversary in 2023, we would like to honor you on Saturday, February 10, 2024 at the 4:00 p.m. Mass and present you with a Papal Blessing in honor of your marriage. If you would like to participate, please call or email the church office. Deadline is Thursday, August 31, 2023.

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.

**GARAGE SALE DROP OFF**

Thursday, September 14: 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Friday, September 15: 1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

MMJ GARAGE SALE

Saturday, September 16
7:00 a.m. to Noon

No clothes or shoes, please. Clean Items Only!!

OUTDOOR DINNER/PRAISE AND WORSHIP CONCERT

Saturday, October 14: 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Artists: Josh Blakesley Band

PRE-ADVENT MISSION

Monday, November 27 - Wednesday, November 29
Morning and Evening Sessions - Live Streamed
Presenter: Fr. Keith Pellerin (Lake Charles Diocese)

MMJ YOUTH OUTING TO INDIAN CREEK

Calling All Youth Grades 6th Through 12th!

Come join us at Indian Creek Beach Area
Saturday, August 5th from 10am to 2pm.

We will be boating, tubing, kayaking, corn hole,
grilling, and playing on the beach!

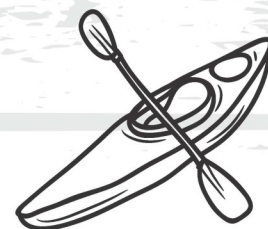
Parents are welcome too!

Hot dogs and hamburgers will be provided!

Bring your bathing suit and towel!

RSVP to Katie Upton (318)308-9991

\$7 Park Entry Fee Per Vehicle



Good News

INSPIRATION FOR DAILY LIFE

17th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Sunday July 30

1 Kings 3:5,7-12
Ps 119:57,72,76-77,
127-130(97a)
Romans 8:28-30
Matthew 13:44-52

Monday July 31

St. Ignatius of Loyola

Ex 32:15-24,30-34
Ps 106:19-23
Matthew 13:31-35

Tuesday Aug 1

St. Alphonsus Liguori

Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9,28
Ps 103:6-13
Matthew 13:36-43

Wednesday Aug 2

Ex 34:29-35
Ps 99:5-7,9
Matthew 13:44-46

Thursday Aug 3

Ex 40:16-21,34-38
Ps 84:3-6a,8a,11
Matthew 13:47-53

Friday Aug 4

St. John Vianney

Leviticus 23:1,4-11,
15-16,27,34b-37
Ps 81:3-6,10-11b
Matthew 13:54-58

Saturday Aug 5

Leviticus 25:1,8-17
Ps 67:2-3,5,7-8
Matthew 14:1-12

Jesus tells us that the kingdom of God is like a buried treasure, a pearl purchased at all cost, and a net from which the bad catch of fish will be tossed away and the good catch will be valued.

In other words, our Christian lives are a huge cache of valuables. If our treasure chest has any worthless trash, the garbage needs to be tossed away to

make room for more valuables. Some of our treasures have only temporary, earthly value, and ultimately they will be worthless unless they're used for the kingdom of God.

The reading from Romans tells us that all things work together for the good of those who love God. As we purge our lives of false pearls and dead fish, we become more like our Lord. We become more useful to the kingdom of God. Even the bad things that happen to us, under the creative hand of our all-powerful, mercifully loving God, get put to good use as polishing cloths that brighten our pearls and bring out from us a better shine.

the wisest king on earth spread throughout the known world *and* he accumulated great wealth.

This is meant to teach us that when we seek first the treasures of God's

kingdom, then we can safely use the treasures of the earth, because God's wisdom guides us in using them for the benefit of his kingdom. The more we love



Christ and follow his ways, the easier it is to identify what's really valuable, separate out the junk that does not belong to God, and use everything else for his purposes.

Reflect & Discuss:

- † What treasures are buried within you? What pearls of wisdom have you gained, and what did it cost you to learn these?
- † Write a list of your many good qualities. How do they prove that the Lord's presence is within you?
- † Choose one treasure, gift, or pearl that God has given to you – something that reveals the kingdom of God. How did you discover it or gain it?
- † What effect does this pearl have on others?

In the first reading, Solomon could have asked God for great wealth and he would have received it, but he asked for an understanding heart so that he'd have wisdom to rule the nation well. Even though he ruled imperfectly, his reputation as



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Religious Education Registration Form – 2023 - 2024

Family Information:

Are you a Parishioner:	Yes	No
Father's Name:		Religion:
Mother's Name:		Religion:
Legal Guardian if different:		Cell:
Father's Cell:		Mother's Cell:
Email Address(es):		
Home Address:		City: State: Zip:
Child resides with:	Both parents:	Mother: Father: Other:

Student(s) Information:

Name(s) First & Last	DOB	Grade	Baptism (Church)	Eucharist (Church)
1.				
2.				
3.				
4.				
5.				



Allergies or other medical conditions: _____

Emergency contact (**other than parent**): _____

Phone: _____ Relationship to child: _____

Registration Fee: 1 Child -	\$25.00
2 Children -	\$40.00
3 or more Children -	\$50.00

For Office Use Only:

Total Amount of pymt: _____ Check# _____ OR Cash _____

Date Received: _____ By: _____



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Religious Education Registration Information for Parents/Guardians

By registering my child(ren) for our program of Religious Education for 2023/2024, I agree to the following:

1. I will see to it that my child(ren) attend Mass regularly on weekends and on Holy Days of Obligation.
2. I will observe the class attendance policy of not missing more than two (2) classes per year. If my child needs to be absent, I will inform the staff by email or phone.
3. I will have my child(ren) to class on time and prepared.
4. I will notify the staff in writing (either by email or note), in advance, if people other than parent/guardian will be transporting my child home from class.
5. I will observe parking lot etiquette. Students will be playing on the playground at times. You are not to go past the cones. If children are playing when I pick up, I must get them from a teacher. If they dismiss from the hall, I must come to the walkway and you will send them out to me. Children will NOT be allowed to go to a vehicle without an adult coming to get them.
6. Should discipline problems arise I will work with the director and Religious Education staff to solve them.
7. I will read all letters, memos and emails sent by the Religious Education director and staff regarding my child's Religious Education Program. I will inform the director of any changes in contact information, including email address changes.
8. I will provide the staff with required sacramental paperwork on time.

All students meet on Wednesday evenings
PreK - 5 will begin promptly at 5:30pm and end at 6:30pm
Jr High and High School Youth will meet from 6:30pm – 8:00pm

Promotional Release

I also consent to the use of photographs and/or videos in which my child may appear by the Diocese of Alexandria and/or the MMJ parish. I understand that these materials are being used for the promotion of the MMJ parish Religious Education program and/or activities, which may include recruitment and fundraising efforts.

Parent/guardian

Signature: _____

Student(s) Names:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____