

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 SEPTEMBER 9, 2023

REG. COLLECTION: SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

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

Lector: M. Leleux

Server: A. Schexnyder

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

8:00AM - Betty Jones

Lector: E. Lohman

Server: B. Emerson

10:30AM - Stephen Rodeback, John Upton for the
gifts of healing and peace

Lector: J. Foote

Server: C. Mathews

5:00PM - For Our Parish Family

Lector: J. Montalvo

Server: L. Brouillette

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

7:00AM - Eric Duck

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

7:00AM - Cayman Jardell

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

7:00AM - Wayne Cox

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

7:00AM - Glenda, Billy, Kevin Jardell for
healing and peace

WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 16, 2023

REG. COLLECTION: SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH
2ND COLLECTION: RETIRED PRIESTS OF OUR DIOCESE

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

4:00PM - Irma Cospelich

Lector: B. Patty

Server: J. Schexnyder

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

8:00AM - Gerald and Mary Lee Robichaux, Sr.

Lector: B. Edwards

Server: A. Daigrepont

10:30AM - The Brundrett Family in thanksgiving

Lector: M. Brundrett

Server: A. Brundrett

5:00PM - For Our Parish Family

Lector: R. Mallach

Server: A. Byrd

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

7:00AM - Shirley Sayes

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

7:00AM - Neil Kavanagh 4th anniv.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

7:00AM - Robert Ruemker

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

7:00AM - Eric Duck

SANCTUARY CANDLE BURNS THIS WEEK



IN LOVING MEMORY OF ROBERT RUEMKER
BY HIS WIFE, VIOLA

If you would like to have a loved one or special
intention remembered by providing for the sanctu-
ary 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 for-
mal complaint of abuse to the diocese, arrange a
personal meeting with the bishop or his representa-
tive, 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 availa-
ble in the narthex bookcase. Both the Diocesan Pol-
icy for the Protection of Minors, and the Diocesan
Code of Pastoral Conduct are in the safe environ-
ment 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, Gaynell Byrd, Brian Dobard, Rhonda Earhart, David Harvey, Carol Hatchett, Daniel Jones, Linda Kelly, Debbie Duck Lyles, Jacques Matt, Terry Melançon, Philip Monk, Renie Saucier, Dawin "Dee" Smart, 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 MILITARY

Kory 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

STEWARDSHIP**OFFERTORY GIFTS - 09/03/2023**

Regular Collection	\$ 6,299.00
EFT Collection	\$ 1,690.00
Weekly Goal	\$ 6,530.00
Overage	\$ 1,459.00
Goal for September (4 Sundays)	\$ 26,120.00
Received for September	\$ 7,989.00
Still Needed for September	\$ 18,259.00
Maintenance and Repairs	\$ 75.00
Catholic University	\$ 150.00
Retired Priests	\$ 80.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!
MERCI BEAUCOUP!!

ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL (ADA)

Parish Goal 2023	\$ 21,256.00
Pledged	\$ 31,024.00
Over Goal	\$ 9,768.00

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, September 13
5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

GRADES 6 - 12

Wednesday, September 13
6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

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

FIRST PENANCE & FIRST EUCHARIST

If you have a child who is or will be 7 years old in the Fall and is expecting to celebrate their first Penance and receive their first Eucharist in the Spring of the next year, the following conditions must be met: Attend separate class; one year previous religious education, either CCD or Catholic School; complete and submit a religious education/CCD registration form.

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION

If you have a child who will be entering 11th grade in the Fall and is expecting to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation in the Spring, the following conditions must be met: A letter, handwritten by the candidate, submitted to the Pastor by October 1 requesting the Sacrament; submit a completed and signed Sponsor eligibility form; one year previous religious education, either CCD or Catholic School; attend Sacramental Preparation Classes.

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.

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

Monday, September 11 - 5:30 p.m.
Church Hall

CHURCH NEWS**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.

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

MMJ GARAGE SALE

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

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

Next week, September 18-21, our Secretary/Bookkeeper Cindy Campbell will be taking a well-deserved vacation!!

ADDITIONAL COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND

A portion of our monthly obligations to the Diocese of Alexandria includes \$375 (\$4,500 annual) to support the retired priests of our diocese. There will be a separate second collection to help our parish defray these costs. All funds collected will be directly applied to this \$4,500 budget item.

PROLIFE MINISTRIES

September 18, 2023
5:00 p.m. - Church Hall

Everyone is welcome to join us.

MUG AND MUFFIN

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

If you are a woman over 60, you are invited to join our gatherings on the 3rd Thursday of every month.

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

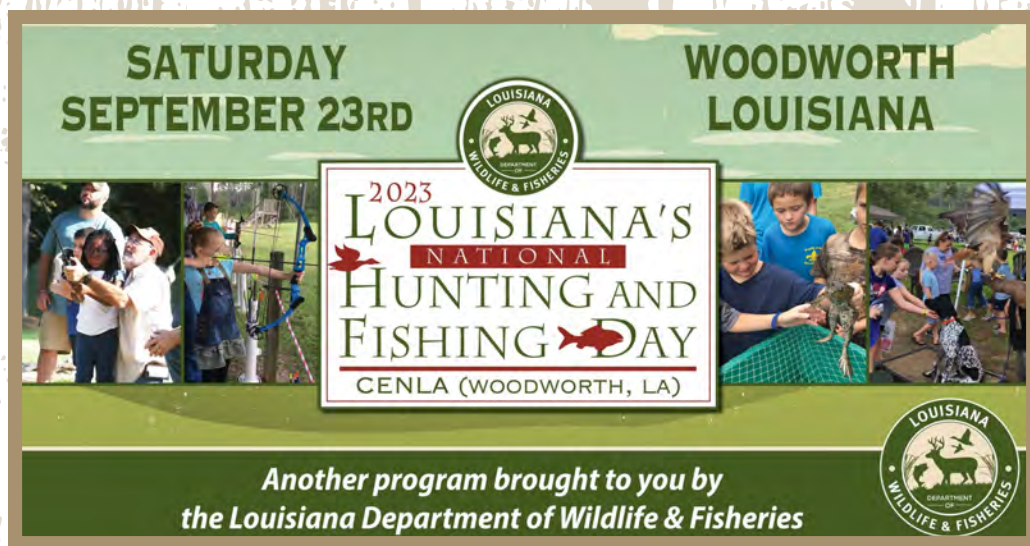
Wednesdays beginning at 9:00 a.m.
Call Brenda Mathews (318) 730-8123

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Thursdays - 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

MMJ YOUTH GROUP EVENT

Youth in grades 6th through 12th, along with their families, are invited to join us Saturday, September 23rd at Louisiana's National Hunting and Fishing Day.



Meet us at the front gate of the Woodworth Shooting Range (661 Robinson Bridge Rd.) at 9am. Due to the high volume of people attending, this is a whole family event – please don't drop your child off and leave. Stay as long as you like and participate in all the fun activities provided!

RSVP to Mrs. Katie (318)308-9991



*Wishing you a blessed
October 1st, the feast of
St. Thérèse, the Little Flower!*

2023 is the 150th Anniversary of the
birth of St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus!



Learn more about this Doctor of the
Church and the Discalced Carmelites
(St. Thérèse's religious order) by
scanning the QR code below:

*Free magazine subscription, vocation information
(Friars, Nuns, & Seculars), and more!*



From the Alexandria, LA
community of the
Secular Order of
Discalced Carmelites

tinyurl.com/ConnectOCD

23rd Sunday of Ordinary Time

Sunday September 10

Ezra 33:7-9
Ps 95:1-2,6-9
Romans 13:8-10
Matthew 18:15-20

Monday September 11

Colossians 1:24-2:3
Ps 62:6-7,9
Luke 6:6-11

Tuesday September 12

Colossians 2:6-15
Ps 145:1b-2,8-11
Luke 6:12-19

Wednesday September 13

St. John Chrysostom, Bp, Dr
Colossians 3:1-11
Ps 145:2-3,10-13b
Luke 6:20-26

Thursday September 14

Exaltation of the Holy Cross
Numbers 21:4b-9
Ps 78:1b-2,34-38
Philippians 2:6-11
John 3:13-17

Friday September 15

Our Lady of Sorrows
1 Timothy 1:1-2,12-14
Ps 16:1b-2a,5,7-8,11
John 19:25-27 or Luke 2:33-35

Saturday September 16

**St. Cornelius, Pope and
St. Cyprian, Bishop**
1 Timothy 1:15-17
Ps 113:1b-7
Luke 6:43-49

This Sunday's readings all speak of the need to stand up for what is holy and right and true in a way that invites others to turn away from sin. If we don't, we indirectly play a part in the sins he or she commits, and we will be held accountable (see the first reading).

If we do take a stand against sin but without compassion and mercy and unconditional love, that, too, is a sin (the second reading).

Jesus shows us in the Gospel reading that in our efforts to stop a fellow Christian from sinning, it's important to rely on our Christian community for advocacy and prayer support. How?

First, we speak to the sinner. When we know that someone is harming himself and others (all sins are harmful even when we can't see the harm), if we don't try to impart this knowledge to him or her at least once, our silence is unloving and uncaring.

Once we've shared the truth, even if the sinner does not change, we're free of any guilt. But we must not stop trying, and so we take one or two others with us in a

stronger effort to help the sinner understand and repent.

And if that fails, we try again with still more backing.



When every attempt to help someone has failed, only then do we quit. In reality, it's not us who's walking away. The sinner is the one who has chosen the path of separation. However, remember how Jesus treated the Gentiles and tax collectors (i.e., the outsiders, the separated ones): He never stopped loving them. He still chose to die for them.

Reflect & Discuss:

- † Whose sins have greatly disturbed you lately?
- † What have you done about it? How loving and caring have you been while handling it?
- † What bothers you about the way some people have pointed out your sins or the sins of others? How could they have been more compassionate?
- † Share the story of a time when someone successfully led another into repentance and growth. Explain why the effort was effective.