

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 OCTOBER 7, 2023

REG. COLLECTION: SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7

4:00PM - Kristian Louviere

Lector: J. Louviere

Server: L. Brocato

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8

8:00AM - Mary Virginia Young

Lector: R. Normand

Server: A. Schexnyder

10:30AM - Owen Scott Garrity 2nd anniv., The Brundrett Family in thanksgiving

Lector: B. Lowe

Server: C. Mathews, J. Malone

5:00PM - For Our Parish Family

Lector: R. Mallach

Server: L. Brouillette

MONDAY, OCTOBER 9

7:00AM - Laura Gadel Jacob

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10

7:00AM - Betty Jones

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11

7:00AM - Jacquelyn Brown

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12

7:00AM - Shirley and Rickey Sayes

WEEK OF OCTOBER 14, 2023

REG. COLLECTION: SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH
ADD'L COLLECTION: CATHOLIC CHARITIES CENLA

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14

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

Lector: M. Leleux

Server: A. Byrd

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15

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

Lector: E. Lohman

Server: A. Daigrepoint

10:30AM - Stephen Rodeback, Helen Mathews Smart

Lector: T. Reynolds

Server: A. Brundrett

5:00PM - For Our Parish Family

Lector: J. Montalvo

Server: V. Montalvo

MONDAY, OCTOBER 16

7:00AM - Shirley Sayes

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17

7:00AM - Zachary Veillon

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18

7:00AM - Rose Gerchow

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19

7:00AM - Billy Jean Prestidge

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 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 BAPTIZED**

Nicholas Felix Hickman

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 FIRST PENANCE CANDIDATES**

Emma Brundrett, Jude Flook, Eric Lohman, Landry Mitten, Stevie Patin, Reed Ponthier, Miles Schexndyer, Collin Stewart, Lillie Stewart, Abigail Upton, Isabella Winegeart, Wyatt Winegeart

OUR CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES

Izzie Antee, Hannah Daigrepont, Donald Ducote, Jadyn Foote, Cayden Mathews, Vivian Montalvo, Alexander Rubio

OUR OCIA CANDIDATES

Garrett Francis, Madeline Francis, Sarah Francis

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, Daniel Jones, Linda Kelly, Debbie Duck Lyles, Jacques Matt, Debbie Setliff, Dawin "Dee" Smart, Jo Tassin, John Upton, Donna White

OUR HOMEBOUND

Evelyn Bartow, Faye Connella, Butch Doiron, Janet Lamkin, Cecile Liotta, Janet Normand, Jane Richey, Mike Stevens, 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

STEWARDSHIP**OFFERTORY GIFTS - 10/01/2023**

Regular Collection	\$ 4,593.00
EFT Collection	\$ 2,140.00
Weekly Goal	\$ 6,530.00
Overage	\$ 203.00

Goal for October (5 Sundays)	\$ 32,650.00
Received for October	\$ 6,733.00
Still Needed for October	\$ 25,917.00

Maintenance and Repairs	\$ 20.00
Garage Sale	\$ 2,330.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!**MERCI BEAUCOUP!!****ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL (ADA)**

Parish Goal 2023	\$ 21,256.00
Pledged	\$ 32,039.00
Over Goal	\$ 10,783.00

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, October 11
5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

GRADES 6 - 12

Wednesday, October 11
6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION CLASS

Wednesday, October 11
6:00 p.m. - Church

FIRST PENANCE PREPARATION CLASS

Tuesday, October 24
5:30p.m. - Church Hall

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

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

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?

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

Monday, October 9 - 5:30 p.m.
Church Hall

CHURCH NEWS**SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND**

Catholic Charities CENLA

Celebrating one year of services, CCCL has helped hundreds of people in need by providing Mental Health Services, Disaster Response, and Basic Needs Assistance. Their efforts have impacted over 500 individuals and families across the four deaneries of the diocese. Interns and volunteers give their time and talent; however, this work requires funds to address the physical needs of residents. To learn more visit www.cccenla.org Be assured that all monies raised and donated are used exclusively for the people of CENLA.

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.

CHRISTUS HOSPICE FRIDAY NIGHT BINGO

October 6 - 6:00 p.m.
MMJ Church Hall

CCD LIVING ROSARY

Wednesday, October 11 - 5:30p.m.
MMJ Church Hall
All are invited to join our children in prayer.

OUTDOOR PRAISE & WORSHIP CONCERT

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

MUG AND MUFFIN

Thursday, October 19
9:30 a.m. - Church Hall
All Ladies Are Invited To Join Us.

PRE-ADVENT MISSION

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

Good News

INSPIRATION FOR DAILY LIFE

27th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Sunday October 8

Isaiah 5:1-7
Ps 80:9,12-16,19-20
Philippians 4:6-9
Matthew 21:33-43

Monday October 9

Jonah 1:1 – 2:1-2,11
Jonah 2:3-5,8
Luke 10:25-37

Tuesday October 10

Jonah 3:1-10
Ps 130:1b-4b,7-8
Luke 10:38-42

Wednesday October 11

Jonah 4:1-11
Ps 86:3-6,9-10
Luke 11:1-4

Thursday October 12

Malachi 3:13-20b
Ps 1:1-4,6
Luke 11:5-13

Friday October 13

Joel 1:13-15;2:1-2
Ps 9:2-3,6,8-9,16
Luke 11:15-26

Saturday October 14

Joel 4:12-21
Ps 97:1-2,5-6,11-12
Luke 11:27-28

"The kingdom of God is given to those who produce its fruit." That's the moral of the story that Jesus gives us in this Sunday's Gospel reading.

And what is this kingdom of God, given to us while we're still on earth? What are its fruits, which we produce during our earthly lives?

Anything we do in imitation of Christ is a fruit that has grown while we're following Christ on our journey toward Heaven. If we love as he loves, forgive as he forgives, minister to others, teach the truth, and heal the hurting, we are living in the kingdom of God now.

When I ask Catholics if they believe they're going to Heaven, most feel very uncertain, either because they're afraid they might lose their salvation

through some future grave sin, or because they're afraid it's not humble enough to answer with a firm "yes."

Granted, we do not imitate Christ perfectly. Most of us will need to spend time in Purgatory being purged of whatever is unheavenly about us, but when the purging is finished, we'll be fully alive in the wonderfulness of God.

If we make it to Purgatory, of course we'll reach the glories of Heaven. And if our desire to be Christ-like is genuine, Jesus



will help make sure that our sins will never be so "grave" that we turn completely away from Heaven. We'll gladly embrace him when he comes for us at the moment of our death.

Whatever you do because of Christ and out of love for Christ, this is evidence that you are living in and will eternally live in God's kingdom.

Reflect & Discuss:

- † What good fruits are you producing in your life now? List them; get out a pen and start writing them down. During the week, as you think of more good fruits, add those to the list.
- † Look at the list you produced for the above question. How do these fruits give evidence of God's goodness within you?
- † How do they provide the kingdom of God for the benefit of others?
- † How do they assure you that you are truly a Heaven-bound follower of Christ?

OUTDOOR PRAISE & WORSHIP CONCERT

Sponsored by Mary, Mother of Jesus Church and the Men of MMJ



THE JOSH BLAKESLEY BAND

Saturday, October 14, 2023

5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

9323 Highway 165, Woodworth, LA

Come join us as we pray through
contemporary Christian music!

Free chili dogs! All are welcome!

Bring your lawn chairs, ice chests, and food.

October

MMJ Youth Events

OCTOBER 11

LIVING ROSARY

PreK-12th grade CCD students will meet in the church hall from 5:30 to 6:30 to pray the rosary. Parents and family are welcome.

Light refreshments will be served. This will take the place of regular CCD class.

OCTOBER 14

OUTDOOR PRAISE & WORSHIP CONCERT

All MMJ families are invited to watch the Josh Blakesly Band perform in the church parking lot.

The concert is from 5:30 to 8:30 pm. Free chili dogs will be served!

OCTOBER 18

HANGOUT NIGHT

There will be no CCD class as it's the start of Fall Break; however, the youth room will be open for our October Hangout. This is open to 6th through 12th grade. It will be from 7-9pm in the church hall.

Bring a friend!

OCTOBER 25

TRUNK OR TREAT

This will take the place of our CCD class. It's from 5:30 to 6:30pm and open to all MMJ families. Come dressed in your favorite costume and trick or treat through the parking lot!

6-12 grade will serve food!

Text Mrs. Katie at (318)308-9991 to have your vehicle participate.

Our Church Directory is Online!

View our church directory online or via the **FREE** mobile app today.

To view the directory online, go to members.InstantChurchDirectory.com and follow the prompts under “Sign In” to “Create a login now.” Please remember, you must confirm your email address before you can sign in.

There is also a free mobile app available for download at the Apple® App store in iTunes®, Google Play™ store and the Amazon Fire App Store. Simply search for “[Instant Church Directory](#)” to get the download.

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