

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 JANUARY 11, 2025

REG. COLLECTION: SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH
2ND COLLECTION: THE CHURCH TODAY

SATURDAY, JANUARY 11

4:00PM - Lynn Richey, Janet Lamkin, Max Kroll

Lector: P. Gadel
Server: L. Brocato

SUNDAY, JANUARY 12

8:00AM - Brenda Holloway

Lector: G. Delaney
Server: J. Schexnyder

10:30AM - Noah Upton 5th birthday, deceased members of the Roshto family

Lector: J. Leglue
Server: B. Upton

5:00PM - For Our Parish Family

Lector: J. Montalvo
Server: A. Byrd

MONDAY, JANUARY 13

7:00AM - Zachary Veillon

TUESDAY, JANUARY 14

7:00PM - Healing and Peace for the John Upton Family

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15

7:00AM - Janet Normand

THURSDAY, JANUARY 16

7:00AM - Irma Cospelich

WEEK OF JANUARY 18, 2025

REG. COLLECTION: SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH

SATURDAY, JANUARY 18

4:00PM - PFC Justin Troy Gadel Sanders, Nancy Cazes, Virginia Kroll

Lector: B. Patty
Server: A. Schexnyder

SUNDAY, JANUARY 19

8:00AM - Mary Virginia Young

Lector: E. Lohman
Server: C. Lohman

10:30AM - Grady Sayes 19th anniv., Stephen Rodeback

Lector: J. Foote
Server: V. Montalvo

5:00PM - For Our Parish Family

Lector: J. Reynolds
Server: H. Reynolds

MONDAY, JANUARY 20

7:00AM - Zachary Veillon

TUESDAY, JANUARY 21

7:00AM - Cheryl Armour

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22

7:00AM - Elizabeth Parker

THURSDAY, JANUARY 23

7:00AM - Russell Cospelich

SANCTUARY CANDLE BURNS THIS WEEK



IN LOVING MEMORY OF JANET LAMKIN
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 suggested donation 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**

Shirley Olivier

OUR PERMANENT DEACON CANDIDATE

Brad Gadel

THOSE PREPARING FOR MATRIMONY

Kent T. Milton and Grace E. Knott

February 22, 2025 - St. Francis Xavier Cathedral

Randy L. Smith and Mallary A. Soileau
June 7, 2025 - St. Francis Xavier Cathedral**PREPARING FOR SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION**Mary Frances Brundrett, Ava Ingo, Ashton Landry,
Rylie Landry, Amy Long, Garrison Mott, Kyleigh
Mott, Sawyer Zhao**OUR SICK, RECOVERING, CONVALESCING***After two weeks names are removed unless notification to
retain someone is received in the collection, at secre-
tary@mmjchurch.org, calling 487-9894x1200 or by mail. Ex-
ceptions can be made, of course.*Alfred Cook III, Brian Dobard, Frances Dunn, C. J.
Fuqua, Celia Halbert, Thomas Hickman, Annie
Johnson, Daniel Jones, Brad Kohler, Deacon Doug
Moreau, Laura Strange, Jo Tassin, John Upton,
Charles Waller, Tonya Wood**OUR HOMEBOUND**Faye Connella, Butch Doiron, Cecilia "Tookie" Liot-
ta, Joan McLure, Richard Milano, Sr., Beverly Jane
Richey, Joe & Irene Thompson, Constance Weil**OUR NURSING HOME RESIDENTS**Michael Flynn, LaVerne Fortenberry, Adrienne Ste-
vens, Donna White**OUR ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY**Parker Barrett, Brandon Coreil, Dustin Guillory,
Daniel Keely, Kelley Perry, Robin Perry, Chuck Wil-
liams*Please inform us if you know of anyone who should be in-
cluded or removed. You may also use a pew envelope for this
purpose.***STEWARDSHIP****OFFERTORY GIFTS - 01/05/2025**

Regular Collection	\$ 4,062.00
EFT Collection	\$ 2,709.00
Weekly Goal	\$ 6,925.00
Shortage	\$ 154.00
Goal for January (4 Sundays)	\$ 27,700.00
Received for January	\$ 6,771.00
Still Needed for January	\$ 20,929.00
Repairs and Maintenance	\$ 20.00
Church in Latin America	\$ 25.00
Church Today	\$ 25.00
January 1	\$ 1,296.00

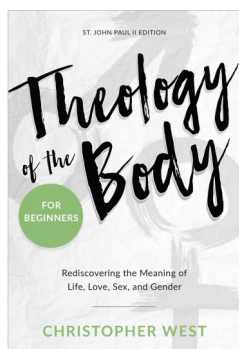
THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!**MERCI BEAUCOUP!!****"Remember that when you leave this earth, you
take with you nothing that you have received on-
ly what you have been given: A full heart en-
riched by honest service, love, sacrifice and cour-
age." (St. Francis of Assisi)****REGISTRATION/CENSUS**Do 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 online at www.mmjchurch.org, under the
"parish forms" tab. Adult children no longer living
at home and recently married couples are especially
encouraged to register.**COMMUNITY REWARDS**Visit Kroger.com and sign up under Community at
the bottom of their home page. Mary, Mother of Je-
sus will receive a percentage of your purchases.
There is no charge to the shopper.**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 electron-
ic contributions will arrive without delay. Visit our
website: www.mmjchurch.org

FAITH FORMATION**GRADES PRE K - 12****“Ask Father Paul”**

Wednesday, January 15
5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.
Church



Every Sunday - 10:30 a.m. Mass
During the Liturgy of the Word
Ages 3 - 7 - Youth Center

THEOLOGY OF THE BODY FOR BEGINNERS***Day of Retreat Follow-Up*****2025 Reading Plan**

Church Hall - 9:00 a.m. to 10:15 a.m.

January 26 Chapters 2, 3 & 4
March 23 Chapters 5 & 6
May 18 Chapters 7, 8, Conclusion

Join us as we read Christopher West's popular book for understanding the basics of St. John Paul II's *Theology of the Body*. We join together for discussions over coffee and doughnuts. Childcare will be provided. For questions or further information, please text Katie Upton at (318) 308-9991.

LIVE STREAMING

For the benefit of our homebound and/or sick parishioners, we livestream the 4:00 p.m. Saturday Mass each week. To watch it anytime on You Tube, search for MMJ Woodworth.

CHURCH NEWS**SECOND SUNDAY COFFEE AND DOUGHNUTS**

January 12

Immediately following the 8:00 a.m. Mass.
Hosted by MMJ Pro Life Ministries

MUG AND MUFFIN

Thursday, January 16
9:30 a.m. - Church Hall

PRO LIFE MINISTRIES

Monday, January 20
5:00 p.m. - Church Hall

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

Saturday, February 8th - 4:00 p.m. Mass
World Marriage Sunday

Papal blessings will be presented and vows reaffirmed for parishioners who previously notified us of their 2024 “milestone” anniversary: Lynn & Beverly Jane Richey (65), Derwood & Carolyn Delaney (65), Bobbie & Marshall Long (60), Jennifer & Joshua Foote (25).

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.

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.

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2024



Kim Aponas	Elizabeth Aponas, M/M John L. Verzwylt, M/M John A. Aponas, Hank Verzwylt
Maggie Avant	Vidal & Mary Falcon
Skip & Karen Barth	Wade & Daisy Aymond, Carl & Helen Barth
Jayne Blackman	Gerald Leglue, Sr., Parker Leglue
Keith and Beth Chapman	Moore Family, Chapman Family
Carolyn & Derwood Delaney	Deceased Members of the Delaney & Smith Families
Mr & Mrs Gary Delaney	Souls in Purgatory
Brinda & Russ Edwards, Audrey Ellington	Deceased members of the Ellington, Brown, and Edwards Families
Charlie Holloway	Brenda Holloway, James Holloway
Colt James	William Fielding James, Sr. Percy Joseph Legendre, Jr.
Melou James	In Memory of Kathryn & Henry DeBlieux, Annette Stepp, Vera Hughes Brown, Bill Hatter
Lance Jordan	Deceased Family Members
M/M Bryan Kelly	John Kelly, Don Sanders, Loretta Sanders, Rita Kelly
Linda Kelly	Richard Kelly, Dianna Mayeaux, Tanner Kelly
Pattie Killen	Lloyd N. Killen, Charlie & Alma Gaiennie, Lloyd E. & Eola Killen, Jacques, Patrick, Angele, C. Nicholas & John Matt, Jr.
Glynn Kohler	Deceased Members of the Kohler & West Families
Bruce & Rebecca Laborde	Carolyn Keely, Benton Laborde, Mary Ann Laborde
MG & Mrs. Bennett Landreneau	Our Parents: Audley & Audrey Landreneau, Abbie & Ella Fontenot
Mr & Mrs Mike Leleux	Terry Kohler
Lisa & Dennis Little	Dianna Mayeaux, Denise Bankovic, Laura & Jack Little
Kevin & Colleen Lohman	Mathew & Janice Lohman
Cora Lohman	Nancy Cazes
Marshall & Bobbie Long	Deceased Members of the Marshall O. Long Family & the J.W. Roshto Family, Taylor Romines, Jim Montrose, Blake Smith



Barbara & John Louviere	Kristian Louviere
Tommy & Debbie McBeth	Deceased members of the Lohman, Lemoine, Allen, & McBeth Families
Milano/Delanoix Family	Ernest "Pop" Delanoix, Duchess Francis, Nicky Delanoix, William Mark Day, David James Francis
Frances Ogaard	Clayton Family, Ogaard Family
Lyman & Jackie Phillips	Roy & Shirley Ridgeway, Lyman & Elizabeth Phillips, Eli Bryant Shows
James & Mary Pringle	Earl & Mary Deselle, Doug & Frankie Pringle
Beverly Richey & Faye Connella	Janet Lamkin, Lynn Richey, Deceased Members of the Connella, DeWitt, Lamkin, & Richey Families
June Rodeback	Stephen R. & Drew Rodeback, Elaine, Henrietta, & George Dautat, Anna & Jessie Walker, Rex, Evelyn, & Dean Rodeback, All Souls. In honor of Chris Cornwell & all sick & in need of prayers
M/M Donnie Robichaux	M/M Gerald Robichaux, Sr. Bonnie Gatlin, Lucy Ray Gaudet
Vi Ruemker	Robert M. Ruemker
Mike & Sherri Stephenson	Charles Medica, Jerry (Steve) Stephenson, Shirley Stephenson, Mark Stephenson
Michael & Adrienne Stevens	Deceased family members
Brod & Angie Veillon	Zachary Veillon, M/M J.B. Veillon, Dewey LaFleur, Cheryl Arbour
Bill Verzwylvelt	John L. & Agnes Verzwylvelt, Elizabeth Aponas, Anthony Verzwylvelt
Jennifer & Claude Weatherford	In honor of Fr. Paul
The White Family	Bryan White, Jane White, Joe Deville, Jim Crocker
John Williams & Paula Trudeau	In Memory of Obdulia Delany Trudeau, Pauline Ochs Evert, Alice Aldrich Trudeau. In Honor of Kathleen Williams, Alexander Boyer, Stephanie Boyer
Woody Young	Mary Virginia Young

What Is Ordinary Time?

Kristopher W. Seaman

One of my former professors, in anticipation for the next class session, said we would begin to look at the liturgical calendar—the way the Church tells time. The first topic would be Ordinary Time. Then he said something that would change the way I view, celebrate, and prepare for Ordinary Time. With excitement, he exclaimed, “There is nothing ordinary about Ordinary Time!” At the time, I was quite perplexed. What does he mean that Ordinary Time isn’t ordinary? Then why call it ordinary? This confused undergraduate walked back to his dorm room and began feverishly reading for the next class on Ordinary Time.

When we hear the word “ordinary,” we tend to think, “common,” everyday, or mundane. In other words, if something is ordinary it isn’t special. Ordinary from its Latin root means “order.” When we order something, we arrange in a sequence. That is, it is numbered. It is ordinal. This same professor suggested that Ordinary Time is Ordinal Time. It is counted time. We now know why it is called Ordinary Time, but how is it differentiated from other liturgical seasons and feasts?

The liturgical year is the calendar the Church uses for seasons, feasts, and solemnities. Various calendars are used for various reasons: civil, school year, lunar (for example, for calculating Chinese New Year or Jewish holy days), etc. The liturgical year basically celebrates one thing: The Paschal Mystery. The Paschal Mystery is Jesus Christ’s birth, life, Passion, death, Resurrection, Ascension, and subsequent sending of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit, promised by Jesus to the apostles, is the One who brings us into relationship—into communion—with Christ’s death and Resurrection. This death and Resurrection is the saving event that frees us from sin and death. The Father’s raising of Jesus from the dead transcends all time, because the Spirit—whom Jesus said the Father would send—invites us into this saving Paschal Mystery.



That means, we are always invited by our Triune God to enter into the depths of the Paschal Mystery. What does the Paschal Mystery have to do with Ordinary Time?

The Paschal Mystery is so big, so deep, so vast, that we journey through this mystery for a whole year: the liturgical year. Sundays in Ordinary Time, as the official document on the liturgical year the *General Norms for the Liturgical Year and the Calendar* states, “are devoted to the mystery of Christ in all its aspects” (43). Other liturgical seasons focus on one aspect. For instance, during Lent we focus on turning away from sin in order for our Triune God to transform us into more faithful disciples. Feasts for saints celebrate the exemplary life of a saint who witnessed to

Christ’s Paschal Mystery in his or her very life, sometimes unto death. The 33 or 34 weeks in Ordinary Time then celebrate the whole Paschal Mystery on each Sunday. According to the *General Norms for the Liturgical Year and the Calendar*, “Ordinary Time begins on the Monday after the Sunday following 6 January and continues until Tuesday before Ash Wednesday inclusive. It begins again on Monday after Pentecost and ends before evening prayer I of the First Sunday of Advent” (44). Therefore, Ordinary Time is segmented into two parts, with Lent-Holy Week-Easter-Pentecost being in the middle.

My former professor was indeed right; there is nothing ordinary about Ordinary Time. Rather, we count the Sundays and the weeks as we celebrate the mystery of Jesus Christ who calls us into communion with himself as he leads us through the power of the Holy Spirit to the Father.

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