

# 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 APRIL 5, 2025

REG. COLLECTION: SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH

#### SATURDAY, APRIL 5

4:00PM - Lynn Richey, Janet Lamkin, Kristian Louviere, Sherman Williamson

Lector: P. Gadel  
Server: L. Brocato

#### SUNDAY, APRIL 6

8:00AM - Lillian Villemetz

Lector: D. Bess  
Server: J. Schexnyder

10:30AM - Barbara Rigby

Lector: J. Leglue  
Server: J. Moreau

5:00PM - For Our Parish Family

Lector: J. Montalvo  
Server: B. Winegeart

#### MONDAY, APRIL 7

7:00AM - Zachary Veillon

#### TUESDAY, APRIL 8

7:00PM - PFC Justin Troy Gadel Sanders

#### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9

7:00AM - Elizabeth Parker

#### THURSDAY, APRIL 10

7:00AM - Raymond "Sonny" Tucker

### WEEK OF APRIL 12, 2025

REG. COLLECTION: SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH

#### SATURDAY, APRIL 12

4:00PM - Bessie Dee Williamson

Lectors: B. Patty, G. Patty  
Servers: J. Schexnyder, A. Schexnyder  
B. Gadel

#### SUNDAY, APRIL 13

8:00AM - Lillian Villemetz

Lectors: G. Delaney, E. Lohman  
Server: C. Lohman

10:30AM - Janet and Donald Normand

Lectors: M. Brundrett, J. Foote  
Server: A. Brundrett

5:00PM - For Our Parish Family

Lectors: J. Montalvo, J. Reynolds  
Server: H. Reynolds

#### MONDAY, APRIL 14

7:00AM - Zachary Veillon

#### TUESDAY, APRIL 15

7:00AM - Irma "Tookie" Cospelich

#### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16

7:00AM - Ernestine A. Moras 53<sup>rd</sup> anniv.

#### THURSDAY, APRIL 17

6:00PM - For Our Parish Family

Lector: P. Gadel  
Servers: B. Gadel, B. Upton

#### FRIDAY, APRIL 18

3:00PM - Commemoration of the Lord's Passion

Lector: E. Lohman, P. Gadel  
Servers: B. Gadel, C. Lohman, A. Brundrett

6:00PM - Stations of the Cross

### SANCTUARY CANDLE BURNS THIS WEEK



#### IN LOVING MEMORY OF OUR DECEASED PARISHIONERS AND BENEFACTORS

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](http://www.diocesealex.org)

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER****OUR PERMANENT DEACON CANDIDATE**

Brad Gadel

**THOSE PREPARING FOR MATRIMONY**

Randy L. Smith and Mallary A. Soileau  
June 7, 2025 - St. Francis Xavier Cathedral

**PREPARING FOR FIRST EUCHARIST**

Mary Frances Brundrett, Ava Ingo, Ashton Landry,  
Amy Long, , Sawyer Zhao

**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.*

Alfred Cook III, Brian Dobard, Celia Halbert,  
Thomas Hickman, Annie Johnson, Daniel Jones,  
Brad Kohler, Pearl LaFleur, Deacon Doug Moreau,  
James Moser, Laura Strange, Jo Tassin, Tonya Wood

**OUR HOMEBOUND**

Faye Connella, Butch Doiron, Cecilia "Tookie" Liotta,  
Joan McLure, Richard Milano, Sr., Beverly Jane Richey,  
Joe & Irene Thompson, Constance Weil

**OUR NURSING HOME RESIDENTS**

Michael Flynn, LaVerne Fortenberry, Adrienne Stevens,  
Donna White

**OUR ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY**

Parker Barrett, Brandon Coreil, Dustin Guillory,  
Daniel Keely, Kelley Perry, Robin Perry, Chuck Williams



*Please inform us if you know of anyone who should be included or removed. You may also use a pew envelope for this purpose.*

**"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)**

**STEWARDSHIP****OFFERTORY GIFTS - 03/29/2025**

|                            |                    |
|----------------------------|--------------------|
| Regular Collection         | \$ 2,602.00        |
| EFT Collection             | \$ 2,469.00        |
| Weekly Goal                | \$ 6,925.00        |
| <b>Shortage</b>            | <b>\$ 1,854.00</b> |
| Goal for March (5 Sundays) | \$ 34,625.00       |
| Received for March         | \$ 31,593.00       |
| <b>Shortage for March</b>  | <b>\$ 3,032.00</b> |
| Easter Flowers             | \$ 205.00          |
| Repairs and Maintenance    | \$ 20.00           |
| Catholic Charities         | \$ 671.00          |

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!****MERCI BEAUCOUP!!****MMJ CAPITAL CAMPAIGN**

|                                 |                 |
|---------------------------------|-----------------|
| Parish Goal                     | \$ 1,000,000.00 |
| Pledges Received (113 families) | \$ 893,161.00   |
| Monies Received                 | \$ 368,248.00   |
| Balance Remaining               | \$ 106,839.00   |

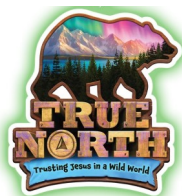
**ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL (ADA)**

Parish Goal 2025 \$ 22,506.00

Today the Diocese of Alexandria begins its 2025 Annual Diocesan Appeal. This year's theme is "God's Gift, Our Response" and is an opportunity for us to unite with all Catholics in the Diocese and the universal church to share our blessings and to show our concern for one another. The ADA lets us act together as a family and to support programs and services no single individual or parish can offer alone. Your gift is very important, regardless of size, and is vital to the success of the Appeal. Every registered household in the diocese will receive a letter and brochure from Bishop Marshall. Please take time to prayerfully consider what you are able to give in support of our diocesan Church.

**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](http://www.mmjchurch.org)

**FAITH FORMATION****VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2025****JUNE 9 - JUNE 13**

8:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Early drop off begins at 7:30 a.m.

**Register online under the Faith Formation Tab.**

Volunteers are always welcome and needed! Please contact Katie Upton if you would like to volunteer. Various opportunities are available

**GRADES PRE K - 2**

Wednesday, April 9

5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. - Church Hall

**GRADE 4**

Wednesday, April 9

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

**GRADES 3 & 5**

Wednesday, April 9

5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. - Church Hall

**GRADES 6 - 12**

Wednesday, April 9

6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. - Church Hall

**FIRST COMMUNION CLASS**

Sunday, April 6

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

**CHILDREN'S CHURCH**

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

**LENTEN ADULT FAITH FORMATION****10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.****April 8:**

The Ontological Hierarchy and human nature: can the Beatitudes be lived out in today's society? The Beatitudes as the means of change in our world view, relationship to Jesus Christ, and to each other.

**CHURCH NEWS****LENTEN COLLECTION**

To put into practice the Lenten discipline of almsgiving, we will have a second collection at all Sunday Masses, during the season, for the benefit of Catholic Charities Cenla. They provide many and various services for our sisters and brothers. May our generosity assist them in continuing their ministry.

**CAPITAL CAMPAIGN**

If you have not yet returned your pledge card, please do so as soon as possible. Should you need a pledge card, please speak with Fr. Paul or one of our sacristans after Mass. In this way we can track our success as we move through the future. If you are having trouble setting up online giving, call Cindy at the office.

**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.

**FORMED**

This online platform subscription service offers access to the best Catholic digital content producers - studies, films, audio, and eBooks. All parishioners of every age can access this great Catholic material. Go to **www.formed.org**, select Mary, Mother of Jesus Church, and complete the simple registration.

**SANCTUARY CANDLE**

The sanctuary candle is available to burn weekly for any intentions for the living, the deceased, in thanksgiving, in need, etc. The suggested donation is \$7.00. Please call Cindy at the church office.

**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.

## LENTEN NEWS



As is our Lenten tradition, there will be no music, bells, or the St. Michael the Archangel prayer at the end of weekend Masses. Also, the weekend homilies will be brief enough to allow time for meditation and reflection.

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence. This means that we do not eat meat and we have only one full meal. The other Fridays of the season of Lent are days of abstinence from meat. The obligation to abstain from meat binds Catholics 14 years of age and older. The obligation to fast, limiting oneself to one full meal and two lighter meals in the course of the day, binds Catholics from the age of 18 to 59. Those who are younger or older may freely embrace these disciplines. But Lenten disciplines should never endanger your health. It is obvious that abstaining from meat is meaningless for vegetarians, who must choose some other form of abstinence. It is equally obvious that replacing meat with a gourmet seafood meal is not in keeping with the spirit of Lent.

### EASTER MEMORIAL FLOWER FUND

This fund enables us to decorate the Church during the 50 days of the Easter season. The donors and those to be remembered will be listed in the June 14-15 bulletin. The suggested donation is \$10. An envelope for this purpose is in the pews, your monthly packet, or one of your own. Don't forget to include on the envelope the name(s) of your loved one(s) to be remembered/honored.

### WAY OF THE CROSS

Fridays - 6:00PM

### MEN OF MMJ - FRIDAY FISH FRY

April 4  
Serving begins at 5:00 p.m.  
\$9.00 per plate  
Eat in or take out.

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### PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION



Saturday, April 12 – 4:00 p.m.  
Mass will begin in the Hall

Sunday, April 13  
8:00 a.m. - Mass will be celebrated in the Church  
10:30 a.m. - Mass will begin in the Hall  
5:00 p.m. - Mass will be celebrated in the Church

### COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICE

Wednesday, April 16, 2025 - 6:00 p.m.  
There will be 4 priests to celebrate individual Sacrament of Reconciliation/Confession.

### MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Thursday, April 17, 2025 - 6:00 p.m.

### GOOD FRIDAY - APRIL 18, 2025

The Lord's Passion - 3:00 p.m.  
The Way of the Cross - 6:00 p.m.

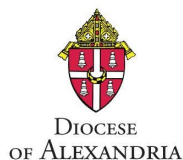
### EASTER VIGIL - APRIL 19, 2025

8:00 p.m.

### EASTER SUNDAY - APRIL 20, 2025

8:00 a.m. - Mass  
9:00 a.m. - Breakfast with the Easter Bunny  
9:45 a.m. - Easter Egg Hunt  
10:30 a.m. - Mass

**No 5:00 p.m. Mass Easter Sunday**



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Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

As we walk together as one church, as “Pilgrims of Hope” in this Jubilee Year of 2025, we do so among signs of spiritual renewal. At the same time, we must confront significant economic challenges and commit ourselves to healing and reconciliation for the sins of the past. This dichotomy is not new. Some combination of blessings and challenges is characteristic of the Church’s experience throughout the centuries. In the First Century, Saint Paul told the Church in Rome that they should, “Rejoice in hope, endure in affliction, and persevere in prayer.” (Romans 12:12). Twenty centuries later, Saint Paul’s words still ring true in our times.

Signs of hope abound in our diocese. Many of us are participating in our diocesan Jubilee Pilgrimage, visiting our eight pilgrimage sites and enjoying the beauty and diversity of our diocese. We have asked every parish and mission to promote and support religious vocations by forming parish vocations committees and 19 of our parishes have made that commitment. And we are engaged in a pastoral planning process entitled “Together as One Church: Embracing a Future of Hope,” helping us to focus on discipleship in vibrant, mission-driven parishes rather than seeking to maintain buildings and ministry models that do not reflect current needs. All of these undertakings and more should cause us to “rejoice in hope” that our ever-ancient faith will once again be “ever-new.”

At the same time, our diocese and each of our parishes were confronted last year with dramatically increased insurance costs, and I am sure that you have been similarly impacted in your homes and businesses. Thank you for coming to the aid of your parish and for helping us to “endure in affliction” through your continued support of our diocese.

With renewed vigor, we must also confront the sins of the past. While we have made great strides in establishing safe environment protocols in every church, school, and ministry location, there are still many people who were subjected to abuse in prior decades and for whom the suffering continues. We are not exempt from this history. Over the past year, our diocese has been named in over 30 lawsuits alleging sexual abuse perpetrated by clergy, religious, and lay employees of our Church. None of the alleged perpetrators are still alive. As a diocese we are exploring all options to ensure that we respond with compassion, fairness and justice, seeking healing for all involved. This effort will require us to “persevere in prayer.”

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Each year, we seek your financial support for our diocesan ministries through the Annual Diocesan Appeal. Indeed, these contributions truly equip our diocese to fully rejoice, endure, and persevere together as one church. In 2025, contributions to the ADA will:

Provide for vital ministries such as Seminarian Education, Religious Vocations Awareness;  
Encourage Spiritual Renewal through the work of Maryhill Renewal Center;  
Aid our parishes through Lifelong Faith Formation and Religious Education;  
Care for the health and retirement benefits for our aging priests; and  
Embrace our future of hope in our Youth, Young Adult, Campus, and Hispanic Ministries.

These ministries are carried out by the diocese in cooperation with and for the benefit of our parishes because they are broader than the boundaries of any one parish. Your gift to the Annual Diocesan Appeal will be used for the above-listed ministries and for no other purpose. Thank you to all of those who have contributed to the ADA in the past. We ask for your continued support. If you have not been a contributor to the ADA before, we ask you to look at the five ministry areas listed above and prayerfully consider whether you can join us in supporting these ministries as fellow disciples of the Lord. In this Jubilee Year, may we indeed give glory to the kingdom by rejoicing in hope, enduring in affliction, and persevering in prayer.

*Live Jesus in our hearts,*

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Robert W. Marshall, Jr.", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Most Reverend Robert W. Marshall, Jr.  
Bishop of Alexandria

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