

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 APRIL 19, 2025

REG. COLLECTION: SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH
ADD'L COLLECTION: INFIRM PRIESTS OF OUR DIOCESE

SATURDAY, APRIL 19

8:00PM - For Our Parish Family

*Lectors: B. Patty, G. Patty, J. Montalvo
P. Gadel, S. Cranford, E. Lohman
Servers: B. Gadel, C. Lohman, V. Montalvo*

SUNDAY, APRIL 20

8:00AM - For Our Parish Family

*Lector: J. Reynolds
Server: H. Reynolds*

10:30AM - For Our Parish Family

*Lector: B. Lowe
Server: A. Byrd*

5:00PM - **NO MASS**

MONDAY, APRIL 21

7:00AM - **NO MASS**

TUESDAY, APRIL 22

7:00PM - Stephen Rodeback

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 23

7:00AM - David Foshee, Sr.

THURSDAY, APRIL 24

7:00AM - Albert J. "Chris" Navarro

WEEK OF APRIL 26, 2025

REG. COLLECTION: SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH
2ND COLLECTION: CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS

SATURDAY, APRIL 26

4:00PM - Lynn Richey, Janet Lamkin

*Lector: P. Gadel
Server: L. Brocato*

SUNDAY, APRIL 27

8:00AM - For Our Parish Family

*Lector: K. Bellard
Server: C. Lohman*

10:30AM - Janet and Donald Normand, Shirley
Allemand Olivier

*Lector: J. Antee
Server: B. Upton*

5:00PM - Lucy Whitley

*Lectors: J. Reynolds
Server: H. Reynolds*

MONDAY, APRIL 28

7:00AM - Zachary Veillon

TUESDAY, APRIL 29

7:00AM - Richard Gadel

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30

7:00AM - Laura Gadel Jacob

THURSDAY, MAY 1

7:00AM - Guy Navarro

SANCTUARY CANDLE BURNS THIS WEEK



FOR THE HEALING OF NANCY LOWERY BY A FRIEND

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 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

Saturday, May 3, 2025 - 10:00 a.m.

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.

STEWARDSHIP**OFFERTORY GIFTS - 04/12/2025**

Regular Collection	\$ 4,483.00
EFT Collection	\$ 1,630.00
Weekly Goal	\$ 6,925.00
Shortage	\$ 812.00
Goal for April (4 Sundays)	\$ 27,700.00
Received for April	\$ 13,035.00
Still Needed for April	\$ 14,665.00
Easter Flowers	\$ 185.00
Repairs and Maintenance	\$ 20.00
Catholic Charities	\$ 60.00
Catholic Home Missions	\$ 10.00
Holy Land	\$ 10.00
Infirm Priests	\$ 10.00
Mothers' Day	\$ 10.00

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

Parish Goal	\$ 1,000,000.00
Pledges Received (120 families)	\$ 906,511.00
Monies Received	\$ 392,932.00
Balance Remaining	\$ 93,489.00

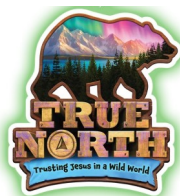
ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL (ADA)

Parish Goal 2025 \$ 22,506.00

Jesus didn't do it alone. He called disciples to assist him in his mission. Jesus challenged and supported his disciples — at times gently chiding them, or reaching out a hand to help, and at times demanding a lot from them. Our Lord walks with us but he also challenges us to be good disciples by supporting the universal Church. Do we ask ourselves are we imitators of Christ by giving freely of ourselves — our time, talent and financial resources? Are our gifts to our parish acceptable? Are our gifts to the local Church through the Annual Diocesan Appeal acceptable?

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

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

FIRST COMMUNION CLASS

Sunday, April 27

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



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.

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.

CHURCH NEWS**ADDITIONAL COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND**

A portion of our monthly obligations to the diocese of Alexandria includes \$250 (\$3,000 annual) to support the infirmed priests of our diocese. This weekend, there will be a second collection to help our parish defray these costs. All funds collected will be directly applied to this \$3,000 budget item.

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**HOLY WATER BOTTLES**

A basket containing bottles of water blessed at the Easter Vigil is near the baptismal font. Every family is invited to take one with you for use at home.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY - NEXT WEEKEND

As the concluding rite to the 10:30AM Mass, we have exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and pray the chaplet of the Divine Mercy followed by Benediction. Everyone is encouraged to join us as we thank God through Jesus Christ for the gifts of his mercy and compassion lavishly poured out upon us, his sons and daughters.

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.

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