

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 OCTOBER 18, 2025

REG. COLLECTION: SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH
2ND COLLECTION: WORLD MISSIONS

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18

4:00PM - Leonard Herbez

Lector: S. Cranford
Server: J. Louviere

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19

8:00AM - David Smith

Lector: D. Bess
Server: J. Schexnyder

10:30AM - Helen Mathews Smart

Lector: J. Leglue
Server: J. Moreau

5:00PM - For Our Parish Family

Lector: J. Montalvo
Server: B. Winegeart

MONDAY, OCTOBER 20

7:00AM - Zachary Veillon

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21

7:00AM - Vincent Luccioni

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 22

7:00AM - Mervin Gadel

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 23

7:00AM - Adrien Doiron

WEEK OF OCTOBER 25, 2025

REG. COLLECTION: SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25

4:00PM - Kathi Burns

Lector: S. Cranford
Server: B. Gadel

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26

8:00AM - Addie Cook

Lector: G. Delaney
Server: E. Lohman

10:30AM - Helen Mathews Smart, Shirley
Allemand Olivier

Lector: B. Lowe
Server: B. Upton

5:00PM - For Our Parish Family

Lectors: J. Reynolds
Server: H. Reynolds

MONDAY, OCTOBER 27

7:00AM - Zachary Veillon

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 28

7:00AM - Cheryl Armour

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 29

7:00AM - Mary Virginia Young

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 30

7:00AM - Terry Kohler 4th anniv.

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

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER**OUR RECENTLY DECEASED**

Kathi Burns

OUR FIRST PENANCE CANDIDATES

Ethan DeVille, Lucy Lamkin, Harper Landry, Oliver Lopez, Ashtyn Moreau, James Roberson, Lawson Roberson, Cali Williams, James Michael Upton

OUR CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES

Georgia Buller, Ayden Byrd, Isaac Delaney, Andrew Lohman, Marcie Loken, Maya Reynolds

OUR PERMANENT DEACON CANDIDATE

Brad Gadel

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, Rachel Ellington, Robert Gates, Celia Halbert, Daniel Jones, Curtis Meaux, Terry Melancon, Deacon Doug Moreau, Joel Petrus, Jo Tassin, Tonya Wood

OUR HOMEBOUND

Faye Connella, Butch Doiron, Joan McLure, Richard Milano, Sr., Irene Thompson, Constance Weil

OUR NURSING HOME RESIDENTS

Michael Flynn, LaVerne Fortenberry, Cecilia "Tookie" Liotta, Adrienne Stevens, Donna White

OUR ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY

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 - 10/11/2025**

Regular Collection	\$ 4,459.00
EFT Collection	\$ 2,333.00
Weekly Goal	\$ <u>6,925.00</u>
Shortage	\$ 133.00

Goal for October (4 Sundays)	\$ 27,700.00
Received for October	\$ <u>11,842.00</u>
Still Needed for October	\$ 15,858.00

Repairs and Maintenance	\$ 41.00
Catholic Charities	\$ 100.00

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

Parish Goal	\$ 1,000,000.00
Pledges Received (134 families)	\$ 962,396.00
Monies Received	\$ <u>543,019.00</u>
Balance Remaining	\$ 37,604.00

UPDATE by Fr. Paul

The projected start date for renovation was October 20. However, due to a delay from the Chancery regarding the bishop signing the necessary resolution for our building mortgage, the projected start date is now October 27, with an expected completion of 8 and 10 months. The final cost for Bayou Rapides Corporation is \$1,094,915, and the cost of pew renovation/new pew construction is \$80,000, making the total cost of this renovation project \$1,174,915. This amount is inclusive of all items on our renovation list, e.g., new ceiling, new side windows, new flooring, etc.

While I understand we have exceeded our original goal by \$175,000, the finance council and capital campaign members agreed with me that it was best to complete the entire project as planned, relying on the guidance of the Holy Spirit and the traditional generosity of the parishioners of Mary, Mother of Jesus Church. As always, any and all questions should be directed to me by phone or email.

ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL (ADA)

Parish Goal 2025	\$ 22,506.00
Pledged (43 families)	\$ <u>20,555.00</u>
Balance Remaining	\$ 1,951.00

FAITH FORMATION**CHILDREN'S CHURCH**

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

GRADES 7 - 8

Meets weekly on Wednesday evenings in the **youth center** from 6:00–7:15 PM. The format will include lessons, small group discussion, and videos from current Catholic speakers.

HIGH SCHOOL (GRADES 9 - 12)

Meets on Wednesday evenings in the **church hall** from 6:00–7:15 PM. The format will include lessons, discussion, and opportunities for faith-sharing.

PREK - 6TH GRADE

A home-based program using God's Plan in Scripture from Ascension Press. Each week focuses on the same Bible story for the whole family, with age-specific workbooks for each child. The church will provide all materials, and support you with weekly emails, reminder texts. Katie is available for any questions or guidance.

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.

***First Class: October 19, 2005
9:00a.m. to 10:15a.m.
Youth Center***

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

Halloween is the result of Christians claiming a pagan festival and giving it a Christian meaning - the night of All Hallow's (All Saints') Eve being used to dress up like evil spirits in order to poke fun at them, because they have been defeated by the victory of Christ.

So, feel free to celebrate Halloween without feeling like you are going to turn your child into a devil worshiper. Use the day to teach your kids about the victory of Christ. And don't forget to celebrate All Hallow's Day (All Saints' Day) at Mass the next day!

PRO LIFE MINISTRIES

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

TRUNK OR TREAT

Sunday, October 26 - 6:00 p.m.

Everyone is invited to decorate their trunks and may include a simple carnival-style game. Those who plan to set up a trunk should text Katie Upton and arrive before Mass or by 5:30 p.m. Free hot dogs, chips, and drinks will be provided.

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.
Sweet Delta Bakery and Coffee Shop

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

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

LIVE STREAMING

For the benefit of our homebound and/or sick parishioners, we livestream the 4:00 p.m. Saturday Mass and the 10:30 a.m. Sunday Mass each week. To watch it anytime on You Tube, search for MMJ Woodworth.