

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 MAY 30, 2026

REG. COLLECTION: SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH

SATURDAY, MAY 30

4:00PM - Jacquelyn Brown, Gene Tucker, Mike Flynn

Lector: P. Gadel
Server: B. Gadel

SUNDAY, MAY 31

8:00AM - David Smith

Lector: G. Delaney
Server: M. Schexnyder

10:30AM - Papa Dee & Helen Smart, Deceased members of the Doiron Family

Lector: J. Antee
Server: B. Upton

5:00PM - For Our Parish Family

Lector: J. Reynolds
Server: H. Reynolds

MONDAY, JUNE 1

7:00AM - Zachary Veillon

TUESDAY, JUNE 2

7:00AM - Communion Service

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3

7:00AM - Communion Service

THURSDAY, JUNE 4

7:00AM - Communion Service

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

WEEK OF JUNE 6, 2026

REG. COLLECTION: SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH

SATURDAY, JUNE 6

4:00PM - Kristian Louviere, Billy Jean Pres-tidge, Felicité Moore, Stephen Rodeback birthday remembrance, Stanley Hromadka

Lector: G. Patty
Server: J. Louviere

SUNDAY, JUNE 7

8:00AM - Rita A. LaPalme 103rd birthday remembrance

Lector: J. Montalvo
Server: C. Lohman

10:30AM - Randy & Mallary Smith 1st Wedding Anniversary, Michael Olivier

Lector: J. Foote
Server: J. Moreau

5:00PM - For Our Parish Family

Lector: K. Bellard
Server: A. Byrd

MONDAY, JUNE 8

7:00AM - Zachary Veillon

TUESDAY, JUNE 9

7:00AM - Stanley Hromadka

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10

7:00AM - Robert Antoon

THURSDAY, JUNE 11

7:00AM - David Stephenson

SANCTUARY CANDLE BURNS THIS WEEK



**IN LOVING MEMORY OF STEPHEN RODEBACK
IN REMEMBRANCE OF HIS BIRTHDAY**

BY HIS WIFE, JUNE

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.

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

Brad Gadel

THOSE PREPARING FOR MATRIMONY

Abby Lebleu and Ronald Bass
June 12, 2026 - Mary, Mother of Jesus

Peyton J. Bellard and A'lysse M. Wallace
October 10, 2026 - St. Charles Borromeo

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.

Sara Andries, Kay Andries, Brian Dobard, Celia Halbert, Daniel Jones, Henry Jones, Deacon Doug Moreau, Sharman Steltenpohl, Jo Tassin, Tonya Wood

OUR HOMEBOUND

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

OUR NURSING HOME RESIDENTS

Cecilia "Tookie" Liotta, Adrienne Stevens, Donna White

OUR ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY

Luke Borrel, 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 - 05/23/2026**

Regular Collection	\$ 3,598.00
EFT Collection	\$ 2,434.00
Weekly Goal	\$ <u>6,925.00</u>
Shortage	\$ 893.00
Goal for May (4 Sundays)	\$ 34,625.00
Received for May	\$ <u>27,446.00</u>
Still Needed for May	\$ 7,179.00
Repairs and Maintenance	\$ 20.00
Mother's Day	\$ 20.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

MERCI BEAUCOUP!!

MMJ CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Parish Goal	\$ 1,000,000.00
Pledges Received (137 families)	\$ 1,000,300.00
Monies Received	\$ <u>728,849.00</u>
Over Goal	\$ 300.00

"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)

ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL (ADA)

Parish Goal 2026	\$ 23,732.00
Pledged (37 families)	\$ <u>19,279.00</u>
Balance Remaining	\$ 4,453.00

Thank you to everyone who made a pledge to the Annual Diocesan Appeal. If you have not had the opportunity to make your pledge to the ADA there are pledge envelopes available. Please take the time to make your commitment to the larger Church, knowing that your gift to the ADA makes a real difference to the lives of the laity of the Diocese.

FAITH FORMATION**CHILDREN'S CHURCH**

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

WE HOLD THESE TRUTHS

On June 11, 2026, as part of the celebration of the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, the U.S. bishops will consecrate the United States of America to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Parishes around the country are encouraged to join the bishops in celebrating the consecration of our nation to the Sacred Heart.

In response to the bishops' invitation, Mary, Mother of Jesus Church will be praying the Novena to the Sacred Heart of Jesus on June 3 & 4 and 8-11 following the 7:00a.m. Mass. For those who cannot attend, and for the days we don't celebrate 7:00a.m. Mass, copies of this novena are available on the bookcase and also online at www.usccb.org/weholdthesetruths. Each day reflects on the wisdom of saints and pontiffs on the Sacred Heart and offers opportunities for prayer and action, framed by Pope Francis' encyclical *Dilexit Nos* (He Loved Us) and Pope Leo XIV's apostolic exhortation *Dilexi Te* (I Have Loved You).

On Thursday, June 11, at 6:00p.m. we will consecrate our country to the Sacred Heart of Jesus with a prayer service including exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, benediction, scripture readings, and singing.

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**POPE LEO XIV's 2026 PRAYER INTENTION**

That everyone might have food:

Let us pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food, and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food.

CHURCH PARISH PICNIC

Sunday, June 7

11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Food - Games - Fun For All Ages

Everyone Is Welcome and Invited

Sponsored by MMJ Youth Ministries

CONSECRATION OF OUR COUNTRY

Thursday, June 11

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

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

If you are celebrating a 25, 40, 50, 60 or 70th or other significant anniversary in 2026, we would like to honor you on Saturday, February 13, 2027 at the 4:00 p.m. Mass and present you with a Papal Blessing in honor of your marriage. If you would like to participate, please call or email the church office. Deadline is Monday, August 31, 2026.

ROSARY MINISTRY

Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m. in the Hall.

ROMEOs

(Retired Old Men Enjoying Ourselves)

Wednesdays - 7:30 a.m. - Honee  Donuts

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

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

COMMUNITY REWARDS

Visit Kroger.com and sign up under Community at the bottom of their home page. Mary, Mother of Jesus 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 electronic contributions will arrive without delay. Visit our website: www.mmjchurch.org

Easter Flowers 2026In Loving Memory Of

M/M Keith Chapman	The Moore Family, The Chapman Family
M/M Gary Delaney	Souls in Purgatory
M/M L. D. Delaney	Rose & Luther Delaney, Frank & Theresa Smith, Mary Frances, Marilyn Smith, Frank & David Smith
Mary DeVille	Roy DeVille, Karen & Trevor From
Kim Duck	Ivey & Dorothy Guidry, Eric Duck, Rodney & Barbara Duck. In honor of R. J. & Barbara Guidry
M/M John Hughes	M/M John Hughes, Sr., M/M Rolley Person, Leighton Faul, Cord Person, M/M Andrew Gary & family, Edward Duhon
M/M Colt James	Percy Legendre, Jr., William Fielding James, Sr., Bridget Legendre Darlington, Nancy M. Legendre, Bill Hatler
Pattie Killen	Lloyd N. Killen, Charlie & Alma Gaiennie, Jacques & Patrick Matt
M/M Bruce Laborde	Carolyn Keely, Benton Laborde, Mary Ann Laborde
Marie Lachney	In Memory of Peyton Cunningham, Leroy Marler. In Honor of Eric & Mary Daniel, Brandon & Wendy Tran, Joseph Tran
M/M Dennis Little	Denise Bankovic, Frank & Elise Gremillion, Jack Little, Laura Little
M/M Kevin Lohman	Mathew & Janice Lohman
M/M Marshall Long	Deceased members of the Marshall O. Long Family & J. W. Roshto Family
M/M John Louviere	Kristian Louviere
M/M Tommy McBeth	Deceased members of the Lohman, Lemoine, McBeth, and Allen families
M/M Ronald Melder	Brenda & Jimmy Holloway
M/M Jerome Milano	Ernest Delanoix, Nicky Delanoix, Clara Milano
Dr. & Mrs Bernard Patty	Patty & Hromadka families
M/M Lyman Phillips	Roy & Shirley Ridgeway, Lyman & Elizabeth Phillips, Eli Bryant Shows, Sawyer Ridgeway
Mary Pringle	Earl & Mary Deselle, Doug & Frankie Pringle
Mary Reeves	Paul Reeves Family, L.J. Gaspar Family, Henry Klein Peter Family
June Rodeback	Stephen & Drew Rodeback, George & Henrietta Dauzat, Elaine Dauzat, All Souls
M/M Mike Stephenson	Charles Medica, Jerry (Steve) Stephenson, Shirley Stephenson, David Stephenson
M/M John L. Van Mol	Johnny Van Mol, William & Myrtle Nugent Crook, F.A. & Sadie Feduccia Van Mol, John & Ann Van Mol Mosley, Mark Mosley, Benjamin Louis Van Mol, William Crook, Jr., Robert Gunee Frankie Crooks, J.T. & Wanetta Lovell, Hoss & Vermal Lovell
M/M Brod Veillon	Zachary Veillon, Cheryl Arbour, Dewey LaFleur, M/M J. B. Veillon
M/M Claude Weatherford	Lloyd & Hilda Trahan, Inez Weatherford
John Williams & Paula Trudeau	JN & Obdulia Trudeau, Arthur & Alice Trudeau, Pat & Emily Williams, John & Louise Bast, Russell & Pauline Evert
Woodrow Young	Mary Virginia Young



May 31, 2026

Most Holy Trinity

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9 | 2 Cor 13:11-13 | Jn 3:16-18

GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

In today's first reading, we hear how Moses, obedient to God's command, ascends Mount Sinai early in the morning. Up at the summit, the Lord appears to Moses in a cloud and shares his name with Moses: "LORD" (in Hebrew, the tetragrammaton, the unspeakably holy divine name). But God doesn't only reveal the name that Moses should call him by; he also reveals what kind of God he is: "The Lord, a merciful and gracious God, slow to anger and rich in kindness and fidelity." Moses bows down in worship and entreats the Lord to "receive us as your own." Today's Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity reminds us that we have a God who wants us to not only know his name, but to know his inner self. The Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are – indeed – the God who is rich in mercy. And anyone who believes in this God will not perish but will have eternal life. May we bow our hearts in worship of the Lord this day, grateful for the gift we have of belonging to the people he calls his own.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Our second reading contains a detail that might come as a surprise to our 21st-century ears: "Greet one another with a holy kiss." This gesture in the New Testament era was an outward sign of the communion and love that existed in the early Church – a communion that we're also called to today. The communion that exists in the Church is meant to point the world back to its source: God himself. Part of the witness we're called to offer the world as Christian believers is the love we share among one another. The Church is to be a sacrament or "sign and instrument ... of ... union with God" and unity with "the whole human race." (*Lumen Gentium* 1) The bonds of love that exist among Christians is about more than just having a tight-knit community; it's about showing the world that we're called to a loving relationship with God and with one another.

WITNESS

This week, consider how you can strengthen the bonds of friendship you have with your fellow Christians, so that united together in love and peace, you can bear witness to the God who is Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Consider participating in a fellowship (social) event being put on by your parish or invite someone you see regularly at Church out for coffee or brunch after Mass.

By Max Flint - Dorethum, Public Domain

Public Notice – Action Required

Sexual Abuse Claims in the Diocese of Alexandria Bankruptcy

**Regardless of how old you are today or when the sexual abuse occurred,
you need to file your claim so that it is received by June 8, 2026.**

The Diocese of Alexandria (“Diocese” or “Debtor”) has filed bankruptcy to restructure its nonprofit organization and pay Putative Abuse Survivors. Please read this notice carefully as it may impact your rights against the Diocese and provides information about the case, *In re: Diocese of Alexandria*, Case No. 25-31257 (Bankr. W.D. La.). This notice is a short summary. For more detail, go to <https://cases.stretto.com/dioceseofalexandria> or call (855) 655-5795.

Who Should File a Putative Abuse Survivor Claim?

Anyone who alleges they were abused and believes the Diocese, or persons affiliated with the Diocese, may be responsible for the abuse must file a claim. This includes abuse in connection with any entity or activity associated with the Diocese, including schools, orphanages, parishes, or Catholic Charities. A list of such entities associated with the Diocese is available on the website or by calling the toll-free number listed below. If you have an abuse claim against any entity on that list, you may have a claim against the Diocese. Only the Diocese is in bankruptcy. If you have a claim against any entity on that list, you must take additional legal action to preserve and pursue your rights.

When and How Should I File a Putative Abuse Survivor Claim?

You should file a claim using the Putative Abuse Survivor Proof of Claim so that it is received by **June 8, 2026. If you do not file a timely Putative Abuse Survivor Claim, you may lose rights against the Diocese, including any right to compensation.**

Your information will be kept private. You can download and file a claim at the website or call the toll-free number listed below for help on how to file a claim by mail.

Your information will be kept private

<https://cases.stretto.com/dioceseofalexandria> and (855) 655-5795

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