

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 10, 2026

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

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10

4:00PM - Stanley Hromadka, Mary Virginia
Young, Sharman Steltenpohl Month's
Mind Mass, Kathi Burns, Irma
"Tookie" Cospelich, Owen Gerrity 5th
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Lector: P. Gadel
Server: B. Gadel

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11

8:00AM - Frank Smith, III

Lector: D. Bess
Server: J. Schexnyder

10:30AM - The Deceased Members of the Olivier
Family

Lector: J. Foote
Server: A. Brundrett

5:00PM - For Our Parish Family

Lector: J. Montalvo
Server: L. Brocato

MONDAY, OCTOBER 12

7:00AM - Zachary Veillon

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13

7:00AM - Mary Virginia Young

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14

7:00AM - Donna Watts

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15

7:00AM - Bernadine Lachney

WEEK OF OCTOBER 17, 2026

REG. COLLECTION: SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17

4:00PM - Stanley Hromadka, Kathi Burns,
Leonard Herbez, Ben Van Mol

Lector: G. Patty
Server: J. Louviere

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18

8:00AM - James Trotter

Lector: K. Bellard
Server: C. Lohman

10:30AM - Helen Mathews Smart, Austin Olivier

Lector: J. Leglue
Server: B. Upton

5:00PM - For Our Parish Family

Lector: M. Leleux
Server: A. Byrd

MONDAY, OCTOBER 19

7:00AM - Keith Chapman

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20

7:00AM - Bernadine Lachney

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21

7:00AM - Zachary Veillon

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22

NO MASS

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

SANCTUARY CANDLE BURNS THIS WEEK



IN LOVING MEMORY OF KEITH CHAPMAN

BY LARRY & LINDA AMBERG

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 RECENTLY MARRIED**

Mr. and Mrs. Peyton and A'lysse (Wallace) Bellard

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.

Kay Andries, Brian Dobard, Lori Doiron, Fr. James Foster, Kyle Gleich, Daniel Jones, Henry Jones, Marshall Long, Fr. Kenneth Michiels, Fr. Craig Scott, Jo Tassin, Tonya Wood

OUR HOMEBOUND

Faye Connella, Butch Doiron, Marshall Long, 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

STEWARDSHIP**OFFERTORY GIFTS - 10/04/2026**

Regular Collection	\$ 7,971.00
EFT Collection	\$ 2,175.00
Weekly Goal	\$ 6,925.00
Overage	\$ 3,221.00

Goal for October (4 Sundays)	\$ 27,700.00
Received for October	\$ 10,146.00
Still Needed for October	\$ 17,554.00

Catholic Charities	\$ 100.00
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THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!
MERCI BEAUCOUP!!

MMJ CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Parish Goal	\$ 1,000,000.00
Pledges Received (139 families)	\$ 1,017,373.00
Monies Received	\$ 843,992.00
Over Goal	\$ 17,373.00

"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)

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.

FAITH FORMATION**GRADES PRE K - 5**

Wednesday, October 14
5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. - Church Hall

GRADES 6 - 12

Wednesday, October 14
6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. - Youth Center

CONFIRMATION CLASS

Wednesday, October 14
Church Hall: Fr. Paul's Office

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

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

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 Penance Class: Sunday, October 18
9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. - Church Hall

OCIA

Who is **OCIA** for?

- ⇒ **Unbaptized...** Persons (7 years and older) who want to follow in Jesus' footsteps and become members of the Catholic Church;
- ⇒ **Baptized in Another Christian Church...** Those members from a different Christian community other than Catholic who are seeking full initiation in the Catholic Church;
- ⇒ **Baptized but no previous Religious Education...** persons who were baptized as babies in the Catholic Church but have not had any Religious Education within the Catholic Tradition. Have you celebrated all of your sacraments of Communion and Confirmation?

Tuesday, October 13
5:30 p.m. Youth Center

CHURCH NEWS**POPE LEO XIV's 2026 PRAYER INTENTION****For mental health ministry**

Let us pray that the mental health ministry be established throughout the Church, helping to overcome the stigma and discrimination of persons with mental illnesses.

PROLIFE AND MUG AND MUFFIN

Thursday, October 15 - 9:30 a.m.
At the home of Delores Landreneau

ROSARY MINISTRY

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

ROMEOs

(Retired Old Men Enjoying Ourselves)
Wednesdays - 7:30 a.m. - Youth Center

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

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

COMMUNITY REWARDS

Visit www.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

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.

WORLD WIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Looking for a way to increase the love and romance in your marriage? Do you need time just for the two of you? Worldwide Marriage Encounter is the largest pro-marriage organization in the world and promotes weekend experiences for couples who want to make their good marriage even better. For more information log onto wwme.org.



October 11, 2026

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 25:6-10a | Phil 4:12-14, 19-20 | Mt 22:1-14

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

Today's Gospel comes from the latter chapters of Matthew, in which Jesus repeatedly speaks about our readiness for the end times and the coming judgment. This parable concludes with the striking image of a man being thrown out of the king's feast because he was not dressed in a proper wedding garment. While Tradition has often used this passage to communicate the importance of being properly disposed when approaching holy Communion, we ought not forget its other sense. To find a place at both the *earthly* and the *heavenly* wedding feast of the Lamb, we must strive to clothe ourselves with righteous deeds (see Rev. 19:7-9), cooperating with the grace the Lord has given us in baptism.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Our readings today reveal God's astonishing invitation to all humanity. Isaiah tells us that God "will provide for all peoples a feast of rich food and choice wines." The king in Jesus' parable announces this same divine invitation: "Behold, I have prepared my banquet, my calves and fattened cattle are killed, and everything is ready; come to the feast." In his letter *Desiderio desideravi*, Pope Francis wrote: "The world still does not know it, but everyone is *invited to the supper of the wedding of the Lamb* (Re: 19:9)." (5) As disciples of Jesus, our task is to be like the servants of the king in today's Gospel. So, too, the Lord sends us out to bring whomever we find to the feast. And, as Pope Francis said, "We must not allow ourselves even a moment of rest, knowing that still not everyone has received an invitation to this Supper or knowing that others have forgotten or have got lost along the way." (5)

PRAY

Immediately following baptism, infants, children, and adults are clothed in a white garment as an outward sign of the grace just received in the sacrament. In the prayer that accompanies this part of the baptismal rite, the celebrant exhorts the newly baptized to bring this garment unstained before the judgment seat of Christ. Take a moment this day to pray for all the newly baptized in your community, and indeed, for all the baptized – that together, we may strive for the holiness that is fitting for those who have "put on Christ" (Gal 3:27) and so come to share in his heavenly feast.