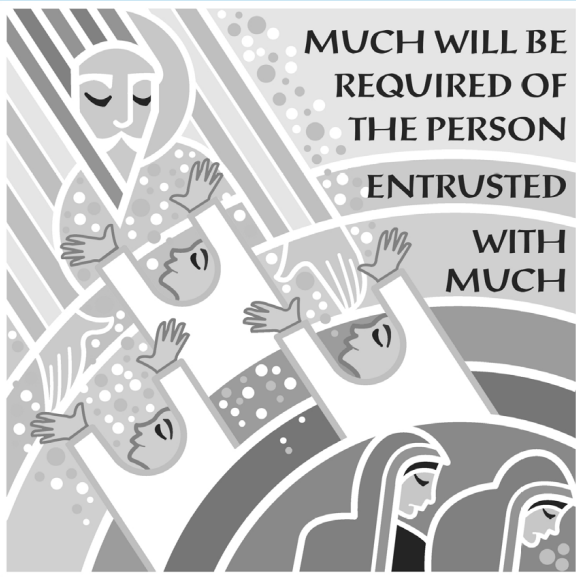


19th Sunday in Ordinary Time



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OUR FATHER IN FAITH

The Letter to the Hebrews today sings a hymn of praise to Abraham and to his faith, upon which are founded the religions of Judaism, Christianity, and Islam. Abraham is called "father" in faith by more people on earth than anybody else, numerous as the sands of the seashore or the stars of the heavens. Hebrews tells us it was this foundational faith that led Abraham to obey God's call when he heard it, though he was called to journey to a land he did not know and told he would father a mighty race through a marriage he thought was barren. But Abraham's faith, the author of Hebrews tells us, was his realization of what he hoped for, and the evidence of what he could not see. How often are we, in simple daily events of our own Christian vocation, called to an unfamiliar place or told we are to do something we do not believe we can? How fortunate we are to have Father Abraham as our guide and example!

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St. Mary Magdalen Parish Mission Statement

The Parish of St. Mary Magdalen is a Roman Catholic Faith Community who, in the spirit of Jesus Christ through the Holy Spirit, welcomes all people, cherishes the Eucharist, fosters faith formation for all ages and serves our parish and the larger community in hope and charity.

Parish Weekly Bulletin

St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church

6425 West Metairie Avenue Metairie, Louisiana 70003

PARISH OFFICE

Pastor.....Rev. Christian DeLermo, Jr.
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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Thursday.....9:00AM - 4:00PM
 After hours by appointment only

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Mon.- Fri., 6:30 AM & 8:30AM; Sat., 8:00 AM

CONFESSIONS

Saturdays, 2:30-3:30 PM

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil Mass - 4:00 PM
 Sunday Masses - 8:00, 9:30 & 11:00 AM
 6:00 PM

SCHOOL OFFICE

Principal.....Mrs. Valerie Rodriguez
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In Church, be sure to visit:

**PRO-LIFE CORNER; ADULT PARISH
 LENDING LIBRARY; CHILDREN'S
 CORNER/LIBRARY/PRAYER CENTER**

SOCIAL APOSTOLATE MINISTRY

Hours: Wednesdays, 5:30PM-6:30PM
 Facility Entrance on W. Metairie Ave. to right
 of church.....734-5833

GIFT SHOP & PRAYER GARDEN

Hours: Tues. & Fri.....1:00PM-5:00PM
 Saturdays.....2:00PM-5:00PM
 Sundays.....8:30AM-12:15PM
 Phone:.....734-5833

BAPTISMS: Every 3rd Sunday of the month at 12:15PM. Baptism Seminars on 1st Monday at 7:00PM (NOTE new time) in Chapel. Baptism Seminar is mandatory for first child. **Archdiocesan Policy on Infant Baptism:** www.arch-no.org/HumanResources/Policies/PolicyonInfantBaptismOR may be found on the Parish website.

FIRST RECONCILIATION/COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION: Must have 2 consecutive years of Catholic religious instruction prior to reception of these sacraments. Contact Parish Religious Education Coordinator for further information.

WEDDINGS: Contact Parish priest at least 6 to 8 months prior to planned date of marriage. Celebrated Friday evenings; Saturday mornings, early afternoons or evenings. Church Fee: \$200; Chapel Fee: \$100.

FUNERALS: You are encouraged to celebrate funerals in our Church or Chapel. Wakes & visitation also possible.

CARE OF THE SICK: Communion brought to Homebound weekly by Extraordinary Ministers of Communion. Anointing of Sick available on individual basis by appointment.

CARE OF THE NEEDY: See Social Apostolate Ministry.

EXPOSITION OF BLESSED SACRAMENT:
 Sundays, 12:15-1:15PM

Call Parish Office for further information.

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WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH

Monday, August 8

6:30 AM Joseph Radosti

Tuesday, August 9

6:30 AM Carolyn Mouton

Wednesday, August 10

6:30 AM Gladys Barbier

Thursday, August 11

6:30 AM Bertha Naccari

Friday, August 12

6:30 AM Claire & George Cook, Sue Chandler

Saturday, August 13

8:00 AM Oscar & Tenie Blancher, Gus Barbier

Saturday, August 13

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time Vigil

4:00 PM Rosalie Couch, Frank Tornabene, Sr., Tom Jeffers, Mary Frances Jeffers, Jay Patrick Jeffers, Dorothea Lane, Dean D'Arcangelo, Vetter Amadeo Taylor, Aimee Marus, Fr. Michael Joseph Nguyen, Doris Radosti, Mary Ann Schmitt, Earl & Lillian Dennies, Deacon Angelas Robin, Jerry Puyau, Marian Pizzalato, Tony DiFranco, Diana Crespo, William Large, Toni Ancona

Sunday, August 14

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Henrietta & Albert Levy

9:30 AM SMM Parishioners

11:00 AM Dr. Goddon Landry, Harris Miller, Madeline Landry, Effie Sarti, Hallie Espenan, Lillian Lytell, Jerry Fulton, Nell Dewhirst, Anna Bowman, Roy Hoffman, Hal Ballina, Jim Stroup, Living Intention for Joyce Reeser

6:00 PM Ronco Family

Jackie Markey, Teresa Lacour, Ryan Thiel, Gracelyn Chaplain, Dennis Coughlin, Jr., Kelly Fletcher Growl, Kenneth & Kevin Teen, Ben Todd, Joe Giarratano, Luca Scozzari, Evelyn Olwell, Brian Dufour, Mary Ann Meaux, Dilly Surratt, Yvonne Toups, Ryan Songy, Gayle Songy, Nathan Lopiccolo, Linda Nicholls, Sherry St. Pe, Ann Flick & Family, Rosemarie Entringer, Judge Thomas Wicker, Ivan Antunovic, Arianna Crawford, Claire Duplantier, Daphne Dufour, Gloria Robles, Melissa Glueck, Danny Adams, Allison Daigre, Olivia Sumrall, Michael Borne, Bob & Linda Veitinger, Elise Ramcourt, Jeanene Moran, Kelly Nagy, Cindy Hogman, Addison Couvillion, Jerry Fender, Linda Conran, Kayla Pelman, Nick Doize, Marcia Graff, David Robins, Ashley Clement, Wanda Adams, Jenny Mayeur, Judith Massa, Carol P. Ramos, Rosemary Pizza, Julianne Andressen, Lauretta Erwin, Ryan Olwell, Judy Copping, Kathy Barbier, Jessica LeBlanc, Viola Juneau, Betty Feltey, Barry Stephens, Lori Lambert, Kathryn Feltey, Frank Kent, Ray Groves, Michael Rodriguez, Kathleen E. Jones, Melanie Gaumond, Alice Rockvoan, Rose Marie Curran, Anthony James Lapinto, Louise DeLuca, Perry Juneau, Mark Lucich, Willie Arnouville, Earl Songy, Chad Costes, Sherry Gaffney, Dean Babin, Janet Kaleher, Norvin Schexnaldre, Dianne Seman, Matthew DiBuono Oliver Duplantier, David Williamson, Toni Landry, Musette Barrouquere, Riecke Gernon, Daniel Hereford, David Williamson, Katherine Sclafani, Catherine Carlin, Gerard Hollingsworth, Edie Dorion

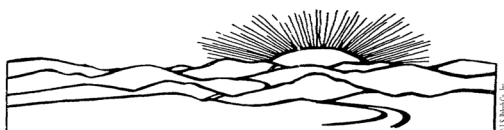
God has prepared



PRAYER DURING HURRICANE SEASON

"Through the intercession of Our Lady of Prompt Succor, may we be spared all loss of life and property during this hurricane season, we pray to the Lord."

Hurricane season began June 1.



CELEBRATING CATHOLIC FAMILIES

Living the Word

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

How wondrous to live in a time when Christ has redeemed the world. We can own a copy of Old and New Testament Scriptures translated from the original languages and the Church offers us the grace of the sacraments. Certainly, much has been entrusted to us! Our Lord asks only that we prepare to welcome him when he returns at his second coming. We do that by doing his will and letting go of whatever keeps us from him.



Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time August 7, 2016

Our soul waits for the LORD, who is our help and our shield. — *Psalm 33:20*

JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Last Sunday's "Parable of the rich fool" delivered a compelling reason to do the right thing—now: "You fool, this night your life will be demanded of you" (Luke



12:20). Today, Jesus warns us: "You also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come" (12:40). Though we do *not*

know when our Master will come, we *do* know what our Master expects to find. Jesus expects us to be vigilant (12:37) and diligent (12:42) in our work for the kingdom, but also filled with reverent mercy toward our fellow servants and ourselves. Hopefully, Jesus' warning not to get drunk and beat each other up (12:45) does not apply to us literally! But what changes do I need to make, right now, so that the many people outside "the Master's house" will want to come inside to experience the healing comfort of Jesus' own mercy in the compassion of Jesus' modern-day disciples?—Peter Scagnelli, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

ST. ANTHONY NURSING HOME VOLUNTEERS

This ministry meets every Friday morning at the nursing home to bring spiritual comfort to the residents living there. One of our parish priests celebrates Mass one Friday of the month for the residents with the assistance of the Volunteers. On the alternating Fridays, a team of Extraordinary Ministers of Communion and Volunteers hold a Rosary and Communion Service. Their generous dedication of ministering to this particular and sometimes forgotten group in our community is greatly appreciated by the residents and their families. There is a great need for EMC's to assist with distribution of communion. If you are interested in helping in this ministry, please call the rectory for further information.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Last week's "Treasure" noted that the official headgear of the pope, the tiara, has been set aside in favor of the miter. Although Pope Paul VI had a coronation in 1963 to begin his ministry as pope, he later gave his tiara away to the Catholics of the United States as a stimulus to end poverty. He took care to say that he was not abolishing the tradition of coronation, but his successor, Pope John Paul I, decided to have an inauguration to begin his tragically short term. His successors have chosen inauguration as well. Pope John Paul II felt that a return to the coronation custom would be inappropriate since the Church was mourning the sudden death of a man already nicknamed "The Laughing Pope." So the end of coronations came about not because Paul VI gave the crown away. There are more than twenty tiaras on hand at the Vatican. One is used every year to crown the famous statue of St. Peter, whose sandaled foot has been eroded to a bright shine by the hands of millions of pilgrims. Today, it is left to the individual pope to decide whether he will begin his formal reign with a coronation or an inauguration. Pope Benedict chose an inauguration, as did Pope Francis.

—Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

SOCIAL APOSTOLATE NEWS

The Social Apostolate is deeply appreciative of all food & monetary donations they receive thru-out the year. They ask however, that any food donated NOT have an old expiration date—by law, they have to throw those donations away as they cannot be given to those in need.

LET'S KEEP OUR CHURCH CLEAN

Let's have pride in our church and help keep it beautiful! Please return all missalettes to their places after Mass and take with you any bulletins, papers, flyers or pamphlets you may have picked up. Thank you!!

Readings for Sunday, August 14:

First Reading — They took Jeremiah and threw him into the cistern (Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10). **Psalm** — Lord, come to my aid! (Psalm 40). **Second Reading** — Let us keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, the leader and perfecter of faith (Hebrews 12:1-4). **Gospel** — I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing (Luke 12:49-53).

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Prayer to Saint Michael, the Archangel

Holy Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do you, O Prince of the heavenly host, by the divine power thrust into hell Satan and all other evil spirits who wander through the world seeking the ruin of souls.


WEEKLY COLLECTION

Envelopes (7/24)	\$ 5557.00
Loose Collection	\$ 2093.07
Total	\$ 7650.07

LET'S PRAY FOR OUR SEMINARIANS

In order to support vocations in our diocese, you are asked to add a special prayer for seminarians to your daily prayers. The best way to encourage and support our seminarians is to pray for them.

Prayer for Vocations

 Loving God, How awesome are your ways! Through your abundant love you bless us with gifts that can make our world holy and just.

Dwell deep in our hearts that we may know how to share these gifts. Inspire many to respond generously to your call to service in the Church. May the fire of your love direct us on our journey that we may act justly, love tenderly and walk humbly with you. We give you the praise and honor now and forever. Amen.

CHILDREN'S CORNER

AUGUST: Month of **FAITH**

Prayer Center Theme is: *I will keep my heart close to Jesus by...*



Put written intentions in prayer pig; they will be offered up at all Masses every Sunday.

SMM WEBSITE UPDATE

The weekly bulletin, as well as parish events are also posted on the parish website. Go to: www.stmarymagdalenchurch.com

A PRAYER FOR EVERY FAMILY

by St. John Paul II

God, from whom all fatherhood in heaven and earth descends, Father, who are Love and Life, ensure that every human family on earth shall become, through Your Son, Jesus Christ, "born of woman," and through the Holy Spirit, the source of divine charity, a true shrine of life and love for the generations which are always renewing themselves. Ensure that Your grace shall guide the thoughts and the works of spouses toward the good of their families and of all families in the world. Ensure that the young generations shall find firm support in the family for their humanity and their growth in truth and love. Ensure the love, reinforced by the grace of the Sacrament of Matrimony shall show itself to be stronger than any weakness and every crisis through which our families pass at times. Amen.

PRAYER LIST FOR SERVICE MEN & WOMEN

We pray for those in our parish who are fighting overseas for our country and against terrorism.

SPC Donald Monteleone, Jr., Air National Guard; Sgt. Brian Lane, Lt. Col. Jason E. Burkett, USMC; Matthew J. Scott, USN; Seth Restivo, Evan Lina; PFC Kenny Grunberg; Lt. Spencer Farmer, Army Rangers; PFC Matthew Ballard; Lt. Joseph Bush, US Army; GySgt Albert Latour Jr., USMC; Maj. Ignacio Assasf, USANG; Sgt. Matt Llewelan, USANG; SPC Derek Vial, US Army; MN3 Ethen Meyers, Michael J. Cristie, Sp. Serv., Brian Calvo, US Army



Prayer for our Men and Women in Military Service

O Prince of Peace, we humbly ask Your protection for all our men and women in military service. Give them unflinching courage to defend with honor, dignity and devotion the rights of all who are imperiled by injustice and evil. Guard our churches, our homes, our schools, our hospitals, our factories, our buildings and all those within from harm and peril. Protect our land and its peoples from enemies within and without. Grant an early peace with victory founded upon justice. Instill in the hearts and minds of men and women everywhere a firm purpose to live forever in peace and good will toward all. Amen.

COMMENTS FROM THE NATIONAL RIGHT TO LIFE COMMITTEE

Researchers at St. Elizabeth's Medical Center in Boston have identified adult stem cells that may have the capacity to repair and regenerate into most tissue types in the body. "This is a very unique property that until this time had only been found in embryonic stem cells," commented the head of the research team whose findings were published in the February 1 issue of Clinical Investigation.

Catholic News Service

GETTING THE MOST OUT OF SPIRITUAL DIRECTION

Join Sr. Noël Toomey, O.P., for three two hour sessions on the basics of spiritual direction. **Mondays, August 15, 22, 29, 2016**, 7-9pm at the Archdiocesan Spirituality Center, 2501 Maine Avenue Metairie. The sessions will focus on the purpose of spiritual direction, its difference from pastoral counseling, catechesis, and faith companionship as well as guidance on how to prepare for spiritual direction. For those currently going to spiritual direction who want to review and renew their approach to this discernment conversation and those who are considering beginning a spiritual direction conversation. Cost \$40.00 (adjustments can be made). To register, contact the Archdiocesan Spirituality Center (504) 861-3254 email arch-spirctr@arch-no.org or register on the web: <http://asc.arch-no.org>

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Monday, August 8

Tuesday, August 9

KC Meeting in Ministries Bldg 7:00 PM

Wednesday, August 10

Social Services Building open from 5:30PM-6:30PM

Thursday, August 11

Friday, August 12

Saturday, August 13

Confession every Saturday 2:30 PM to 3:30 PM
2nd Collection - Building & Maintenance Fund

Sunday, August 14

2nd Collection - Building & Maintenance Fund
Holy Name Society Mtg in Ministries Bldg 9:00 AM
Family Mass 9:30 AM
Adoration of Blessed Sacrament, 12:15-1:15 PM

SMM SCHOOL-PARENT ORIENTATIONS

Thurs, Aug. 11 at 6:00 PM in Classrooms.....PreK3, PreK4 & Kinder
Thurs, Aug. 11 at 6:30 PM in Classrooms.....Grades 1-4
Thurs., Aug.11 at 7:00 PM in Classrooms.....Grades 5-7
Note: Orientation meetings are vital for a good school year. Please do NOT bring the children. The Orientation Meetings are for parents or guardians *only* and there will be no child care available. All supplies may be dropped off the night of orientation.

SMM SCHOOL - OPENING SCHEDULE

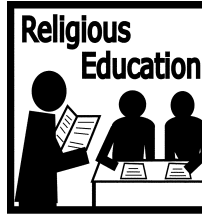
Mon., Aug. 15 Grades PreK-K.....11AM Dismissal
Mon., Aug. 15 Grades 1-7.....Full Day
Tues., Aug. 16 ALL grades.....Full Day
Notes: Supervision & Carpool Line begins at 7:45 AM
School Hours: (Grades 1-7) 8:05 AM—3:10 PM
(Grades PK3-Kinder) 8:05 AM-2:55 PM
1st morning bell rings at 8:05 AM
Tardy Bell rings at 8:10 AM
Please NOTE: After-School Care is NOT available on early

SMM SCHOOL—COUGAR NEWS

St. Mary Magdalen School is accepting registrations for the 2016-2017 school year for students in Pre-K through 7th grade. Please call the school office at (504) 733-1433 to schedule a private tour or to receive registration information. Forms are also available on our website at: www.smmcougars.org

REGISTRATION FOR PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION

Children, who have previously attended classes at SMM, will receive registration forms in the mail this week. Please complete and return registration forms along with registration fee to the rectory (Mon.-Thurs., 9am-4pm) OR on registration weekend. Registrations for Parish School of Religion (PSR) will be taken on the following dates:



August 20 from 4:00 pm to 5:30 pm

August 21 from 9:00 am to 12:15 pm

August 22 from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm

Registration packets for **NEW** students can be obtained and returned to the rectory along with a copy of their Baptismal Certificate. After registration weekend, forms may be returned to the rectory office.

REGISTRATION FEE FOR PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION STUDENTS, GRADES 1 – 12

\$40-one child; \$15-each additional child; \$60-maximum fee for any one family.

CLASSES

The Parish School of Religion Program is for students attending private or public school. Classes are held every Monday evening beginning **September 12, 2016** from 6:45 pm until 8:00 pm. Classes for students in grades 1 thru 3 are located in the “B” building; students in grades 4 thru 12 are located in the “A” building.

PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION NEEDS INSTRUCTORS

SMM Parish School of Religion, which meets on Monday evenings from 6:45-8:00 PM is in need of religion instructors (grades 1—11). Qualifications for instructors: baptized, practicing Catholic willing to share their faith with our young people. If interested, please contact Mrs. Linda Earle, Director of Parish Religious Education at 733-8980 or at learle@smm.nocoxmail.com.

FRANK KELLY HEALING MASS & SERVICE

On **Thursday, August 18** there will be a Healing Mass & Service lead by Frank Kelly whose healing ministry is sanctioned by the Church. The Schedule is as follows: 6PM Confessions followed by Mass at 6:30 PM. Mr. Kelly will talk at 7PM and pray over the people at 7:30 PM. Additional Confessions will follow. All are invited!