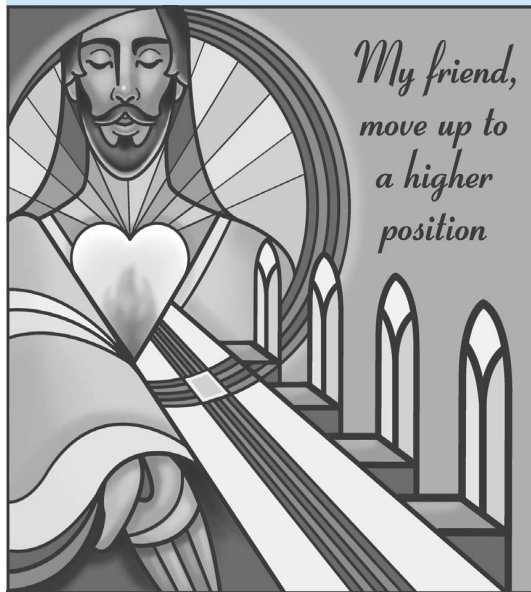


22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time



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HUMILITY

Have you ever been in a group of people—maybe on a tour, at a social gathering, or at church—and discovered that you have just been talking with a well-known author, corporate CEO, great scholar, or politician? Your first thought is the hope that you didn't say anything to embarrass yourself; but your second thought is how much they seemed like such "regular" folks. What is it that makes people seem so "regular"? Today's readings give us a clue when they stress the importance of humility. It is so hard for us not to tell the first person who will listen how busy we are, how hard we work, how much money we donate, and how important our job titles are. We think these accolades make a difference to people, and if we don't tell them, how will they ever know? But if our actions demonstrate our values, people will recognize our worth on their own. The words of Jesus show us how much better it is to let someone else recognize our worth than to be embarrassed because someone did not.

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St. Mary Magdalen Parish Mission Statement

St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church is called to foster a welcoming community, to form disciples of Jesus Christ and to joyfully evangelize. **Unifying Vision:** Walking together with Christ, igniting the Spirit within, living God's Call.

Parish Weekly Bulletin

St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church

6425 West Metairie Avenue Metairie, Louisiana 70003

PARISH OFFICE

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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

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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

Monday, August 29

6:30 AM Bonura & Harmon Families

Tuesday, August 30

6:30 AM Carolyn Mouton

Wednesday, August 31

6:30 AM Claire & George Cook, Sue Chandler

Thursday, September 1

6:30 AM Imbraguglio & Breath Families

Friday, September 2

6:30 AM Kenny Mayeur, Lena, Frank & Sal Bivalacqua

Saturday, September 3

8:00 AM Jeanette Songy

Saturday, September 4

Sunday in Ordinary Time Vigil

4:00 PM Rosalie Couch, Dee Broussard, John & Clare McDermott, Hazel & Harold Howat, Louise H. Blanchard, Bobb W. Hunley, Dean D'Arcangelo, Tom Jeffers, Mary Frances Jeffers, Jay Patrick Jeffers, Aimee Marus, Doris Radosti, Mary Ann Schmitt, Deacon Angelas Robin, Tony DiFranco, Jerry Puyau, William Lagarde, Toni Ancona

Sunday, September 5

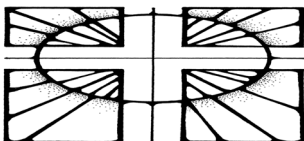
Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Prat Family

9:30 AM SMM Parishioners

11:00 AM Zenobia Drury, Hallie Espenan, Roy Hoffman, St. Jude Society Prayer List, Donald & David Feltey, Jerry Fulton, Carolyn Mouton, Jim Stroup, Catherine Barrett

6:00 PM Genevieve Ducote, Alice & Dewey Ponthier, Vernon Ducote, Hal Ducote



PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH

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, Daphine 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, Chad Costes, Sherry Gaffney, Dean Babin, Janet Kaleher, Norvin Schexnaildre, 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, Carl Caffarel, Heidi Nuss, Luke Nuss



BURIED IN CHRIST

John W. Palmer, III

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

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

At times we keep a mental balance sheet of who we feel owes us a visit, a favor, a dinner, a thank-you note. Jesus knows that since we are created in the divine image we are capable of so much more! The overabundant gifts God showers on us come from a divine heart that overflows with love. We have the ability to see and act with the mind of Christ. When we do not look for repayment, we are rewarded with a heart which burns with the love of Christ.



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You have approached Mount Zion and the city of the living God. — *Hebrews 12:22a*

JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY

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“Alms atone for sins” (Sirach 2:29). Alms are mercy translated into hands-on compassion. Jesus confirms Sirach’s wisdom, “Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy” (Matthew 5:7). “Conduct your affairs with humility” (Sirach 3:17). Humility: we’re all alike and special, for we’re children of God. Jesus confirms that wisdom, too: “Do not recline at table in the place of honor. Take the lowest place” (Luke 14:8, 10). In fact, “When you hold a lunch or a dinner, do not invite friends, relatives, wealthy neighbors. Invite the poor, crippled, lame, blind,” physically or figuratively, society’s most vulnerable and marginalized, “who cannot repay you” (see 14:12–14). Jesus seems to be telling us to prepare for eternity with God’s chosen by becoming their friend here and now. Mercy is measured not by our delight in welcoming those we like most or who can repay us best, but by sincerely embracing those we like least, who cannot repay us at all. Utter humility inspires pure mercy; pure mercy leads to eternal joy.



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RECTORY OFFICE REQUEST

If you are NOT currently using donation envelopes and you would like to request a box set for 2017 please call the rectory office by Aug. 31.

END OF SUMMER MASS SCHEDULE CHANGE

Beginning on Tuesday, September 6, SMM will again celebrate the 8:30 AM Mass, Mon. thru Fri.

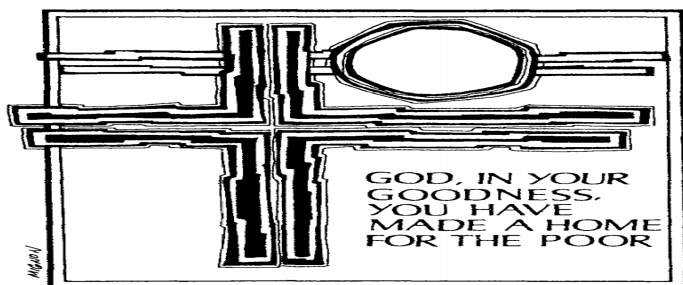
NEW & IMPROVED SMM PARISH WEBSITE

Check out our new parish website under construction: smarmagdalenchurch.com Let us know how you like it!

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Perhaps the most familiar traditional symbol that identifies bishops is the crozier that they carry. We see the shepherd’s staff and immediately rich images from scripture come to mind, as well as the recollection that the first to respond to Christ’s presence in our world were the shepherds. The staff is more than a walking stick; its crooked top is useful in snaring errant sheep but also in keeping the flock united. Bishops carry the curve outward, indicating their ministry to the wider flock, while abbots (and some abbesses, too) carry the crozier with the curve pointing in, indicating that their ministry is to the monastery alone. The crozier was once also carried by the pope, but was phased out centuries ago. You may recall that in pre-“popemobile” days, the pope was often carried around on a portable throne called a *sedes gestatoria*. Since he didn’t do much walking, the need for a crozier was minimal. Pope Paul VI introduced the innovation of a walking staff in the 1960s, and everyone remembers Pope John Paul II’s walking staff, not a crook, but a delicately sculptured crucifix. Thus, the pope carries a “pastoral staff” rather than a crozier. Precisely because the pope’s ministry is universal, to the whole world, popes will likely leave croziers in the hands of the bishops they commission for care of specific flocks.

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Readings for Sunday, September 4:

First Reading — Who can ever know God’s counsel unless God gives wisdom and sends the Holy Spirit from on high? (Wisdom 9:13-18b). **Psalm** — In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge (Psalm 90). **Second Reading** — Paul asks Philemon to accept back his slave Onesimus, not as a slave but as a brother (Philemon 9-10, 12-17). **Gospel** — To be a disciple of Jesus one must carry one’s own cross and renounce all possessions (Luke 14:25-33). The English translation of the Psalm Responses from *Lectionary for Mass* © 1969, 1981, 1997, International Commission on English in the Liturgy Corporation. All rights reserved.

Prayer to Saint Michael, the Archangel

St. Michael, 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 thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host cast into hell Satan and all evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Envelopes (8/14)	\$ 5324.00
Loose Collection	<u>\$ 2064.63</u>
Total	\$ 7388.63
2nd Collection-Bldg & Maintenance	\$ 3683.00

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 SMM weekly bulletin, as well as parish events are posted & updated regularly on the **NEW** 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.

Respect Life



COMMENTS FROM THE NATIONAL RIGHT TO LIFE COMMITTEE

Those who do not learn from history are doomed to repeat it. As the result of Roe v. Wade, the unborn baby is now the modern black slave. Like the slave in the Dred Scott decision, the unborn baby has no legal rights, is the property of the owner (the mother) and can be killed if the owner wishes (any time before birth).

SANCTITY OF LIFE SERIES

St. Edward the Confessor Church invites you to join them in a 6-week series entitled: *Sanctity of Life*. We all have the right & responsibility to know "What does our Church teach?" This series presented by Concerned Catholics for the Sanctity of Life will be offered from 7-9PM in St. Edward Church on the following dates: **September 6, 13, 20 & 27, October 4 & 11**. All speakers are provided from the Archdiocese Respect Life Office.

WOMEN'S NEW LIFE CENTER RAFFLE

The Women's New Life Center will be selling raffle tickets after all Masses this weekend at \$1 ea or \$30 per book.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Monday, August 29

Tuesday, August 30

Wednesday, August 31

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

Thursday, September 1

FOCCUS Survey for Engaged Couples, Rm 28 7:00 PM

Friday, September 2

Saturday, September 3

Rosary after Mass in Chapel 8:30 AM
Confession every Saturday 2:30 PM to 3:30 PM

Sunday, September 4

Family Mass 9:30 AM
Adoration of Blessed Sacrament, 12:15-1:15 PM

2016 SEAFOOD FESTIVAL NEWS

Planning is underway for the SMM Annual Seafood Festival which will be held **October 14th thru October 16th**. The Fair Committee is currently seeking booth and stage sponsors, and donations of gift certificates and gift items. All donations are greatly appreciated and will help us reach our goals. Fair letters and donation forms with further info are located at church entrances, or can be picked up at the rectory. For a copy of the letter/form or for more info, please contact Jennifer Edwards at 504-289-7047.

RAFFLE TICKETS

Raffle tickets for the SMM Fall Festival are available at all church entrances or at the Rectory Office. All families are asked to support the fair by picking up & selling raffle tickets. Returns can be put in an envelope and deposited in any regular Sunday collection or dropped off at the rectory. The fair is the major fundraiser for the parish, and we need your support to make this a successful event.

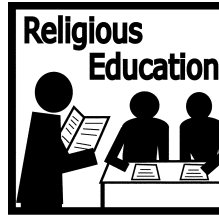
Please mark your calendars now with these important upcoming dates:

Fair Set-up Saturdays beginning at 8:30AM on backfield: October 1 & 8

Fair Clean-up Monday: October 17

ARE YOU EDUCATING YOUR CHILDREN IN THE CATHOLIC FAITH?

When a child is baptized into the Catholic Church, it is the parents' responsibility to raise and educate that child in the Catholic faith. In order to help parents with this education, each parish offers a *School of Religion Program* (Grades 1-12) for those children attending a public or private school. Religion classes for students are held every Monday evening beginning **September 12, 2016** from 6:45 PM - 8:00 PM. Registration Fee: \$40 - one child; \$15 - each additional child; \$60 - maximum fee for any one family attending either program. Call Linda Earle, CRE at 733-8980 for further info about registering your child for these classes.



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SPIRITUAL ADOPTION PROGRAM

Everyone loves the beauty and innocence of a baby. As an expression of that love, our parish announces an adoption program for young and old alike. The members of our parish family have the opportunity to “*spiritually*” adopt a child who is newly conceived this month. You see, not all newly conceived babies are allowed to be born. In fact almost 4000 babies lose their lives to abortion each day. It is these babies, who are in danger of having their lives ended before birth, that you are being asked to “adopt”. You may “spiritually adopt” a child on your own by naming the child for whom you will be praying, thereby giving the baby the humanity he or she deserves. You are also asked to pray for your unborn child and for all unborn children everyday, for the power of prayer is great. Beginning September 1, you will receive monthly reports in the bulletin describing your baby’s development and your child will be born in May. There are millions of unborn babies desperately in need of your prayers. Won’t you please ‘spiritually’ adopt one and share the love for life that God has given you?



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SMM SCHOOL—COUGAR NEWS

Thank you to everyone who helped to paint the school hallways and PK classroom (Men's Club, Faculty and staff members and their spouses, the Sumrall family, and alumni who came back for service hours)