

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time



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INVITED

The Good News is that we have all been invited—invited to the Kingdom, invited to be disciples. It's a life-changing invitation, and like so many other such invitations, it requires a great deal of deliberation and discernment. Whether we choose marriage, ordination, single life, or community life, we know the serious planning and consideration that accompany these profound decisions. Like the tower-builder in the Gospel, we have weighed both the monetary and emotional cost. We have pondered and planned our lives in the direction to which we believe God has called us. And while we pray for guidance and acceptance of God's will, we often fail to understand so much. Like Solomon, we turn to God for wisdom and counsel in our life-changing decisions.

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September 4, 2016

St. Mary Magdalen Parish Mission Statement

St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church is called to foster a welcoming community, to form disciples for 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

SCHOOL OFFICE

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BEFORE/AFTER SCHOOL CARE

Co-Directors...Caren Favaloro & Shari Mader
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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: \$300; 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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Rev. Christian W. DeLerno, Jr.

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Rev. Vincent Phan

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, September 5

9:00 AM Doris Radosti

Tuesday, September 6

6:30 AM Mabel Billiot

8:30 AM Josephine & Natalie Cipriano

Wednesday, September 7

6:30 AM Bobbie Blackston

8:30 AM Anthony Bondio, Sr.

Thursday, September 8

Feast of Nativity of Blessed Virgin Mary

6:30 AM Gus Barbier

8:30 AM August Bondio, Jr.

Friday, September 9

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

8:30 AM Fr. Robert Allanack

Saturday, September 10

8:00 AM Blancher, Barbier & Newell Families

Saturday, September 10

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time Vigil

4:00 PM Rosalie Couch, Tom Jeffers, Mary Frances Jeffers, Jay Patrick Jeffers, Dean D'Arcangelo, Norma & Lance Hubble, Vetter Amadeo Taylor, Tony DiFranco, Aimee Marus, Fr. Michael Joseph Nguyen, Leon Molinaro, Doris Radosti, Mary Ann Schmitt, Floyd Hyer, Deacon Angelas Robin, Jerry Puyau, Toni Ancona, Earl & Lillian Dennies

Sunday, September 11

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Deceased Holy Name Society Members

9:30 AM SMM Parishioners

11:00 AM Dr. Gordon Landry, Madeline Landry, Harris Miller, Effie Sarti, Joseph Radosti, Hallie Espenan, Jerry Fulton, Lillie & Lloyd Savoy, Roy Hoffman, Jim Stroup

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, 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 Gaumont, 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

Betty Lacrouts Jenkins
Carol Hoffman
Reuben Arturo Arriaga

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

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Did you have to make any hard choices or decisions this week? How would a follower of Jesus choose? Consider the following decisions and respond now add your own. "When people try to get me in trouble." I will follow you Jesus....."When it's hard to be nice to someone else."I will follow you Jesus....." When I'm asked to do something that's difficult."I will follow you Jesus.....

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Fill us at daybreak with your kindness, that we may shout for joy and gladness all our days. — *Psalms 90:14*



JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY

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"If anyone comes to me without hating . . . father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, and even his [or her] own life" (Luke 14:26). Hating? Can anyone imagine a less appropriate Gospel for the *Jubilee Year of Mercy*?



But scholars call this Semitic hyperbole. Jesus exaggerates to jolt us into confronting life-changing challenges. Faced with conflicting loyalties, disciples must reorder priorities, even relationships, to give Jesus and the gospel's demands first place. Today's second reading presents a real-life example. Paul challenges his wealthy convert, Philemon, to welcome back Philemon's runaway slave, Onesimus, whom Paul has baptized in prison. Not only with unconditional forgiveness but with a counter-cultural, world-shattering change of status—as an equal. No, even more—a beloved brother in Christ. What in my life does the *Jubilee Year of Mercy* challenge me to "hate"—meaning reform, redo, even utterly revamp—so I can give everyone, no conditions, no exceptions, shockingly Christ-like love?

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Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary



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Exactly nine months after the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we come to a feast in honor of Mary's birth—**September 8**. Today we recall the greatness of Mary and her importance in all of salvation history, as we remember her humble and obedient "yes" to give birth to Jesus Christ, the Savior of the World. So on this day, we honor the life of this young woman, Mary Immaculate, called to be the Mother of God and our mother, queen of heaven and earth.

LABOR DAY BLESSING

God, our creator, we are the work of your hands. Guide us in our work, that we may do it, not for self alone, but for the common good. Make us alert to injustice, ready to stand in solidarity, that there may be dignity for all in labor and in labor's reward. Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

St. Joseph, patron of laborers, Pray for us.



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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Labor Day originated in 1882 in New York City under the aegis of the Knights of Labor. Congress made it a legal holiday in 1894. Observing it this week gives us a good opportunity to reflect on the Catholic Church's social teachings for the last century or so.

On May 15, 1891, Pope Leo XIII issued the encyclical *Rerum Novarum* on the condition of the working classes and labor. In doing so, he initiated a century in which Catholic teaching became more and more involved in the social issues of the day. Unfortunately relegated to the shadows while the bright lights of controversy shine on other issues, Catholic social teaching remains largely unknown to many Catholics. It is the Catholic Church that championed such notions as a fair day's pay for a fair day's work, and continues to uphold the dignity of the human person against attacks from governments and corporations. Nearly every pope since Leo XIII has issued teachings on the subject. Take some time this Labor Day to familiarize yourself with some aspect of the Church's social teachings. In doing so, you will be taking responsibility as a member of the Body of Christ to commit yourself to the care of your neighbor.

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Readings for Sunday, September 11:

First Reading — Because Moses interceded, the LORD relented and did not punish the people (Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14). **Psalm** — I will rise and go to my father (Psalm 51). **Second Reading** — Paul expresses his gratitude for being appointed to the ministry (1 Timothy 1:12-17). **Gospel** — There is great rejoicing in heaven when a sinner repents (Luke 15:1-32 [1-10]). 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 (8/21)	\$ 5878.00
Loose Collection	\$ 2229.80
Total	\$ 8107.80
Feast of the Assumption	\$ 681.00
2nd Collection-Missionaries of Faith	\$ 2945.00

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.

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 (topic: Sexuality, Marriage & LGBT), 13, 20 & 27, October 4 & 11.** All speakers are provided from the Archdiocese Respect Life Office.

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

As we mark the end of summer and celebrate the gift of labor, let us remember that more than 3,000 children each day are deprived of ever enjoying summer or making a contribution to society through their labor.

SPIRITUAL ADOPTION PROGRAM

THE FIRST MONTH AFTER CONCEPTION

Your spiritually adopted baby has been quite active over the past month. Already, your baby is 10,000 times bigger than at conception and has developed the foundations of his or her nervous system, including the brain and spinal cord, by the 20th day. During the first 4 weeks, the baby's organs are starting to form. Your baby is the most vulnerable during the next month to being aborted. Pray that the Lord of Life might move the heart of this baby's mother to give him or her the most precious gift — the gift of life.



THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Monday, September 5-Labor Day

Rectory/Parish Offices CLOSED

Tuesday, September 6

Wednesday, September 7

Social Services Building open from 5:30PM-6:30PM
Parents' Club Meeting in Cafeteria 7:30 PM

Thursday, September 8

Friday, September 9

Saturday, September 10

Confession every Saturday 2:30 PM to 3:30 PM
2nd Collection - Building & Maintenance Fund
Blessing of Grandparents at Mass

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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

2016 SEAFOOD FESTIVAL NEWS

The Fair Committee is currently seeking booth and stage sponsors, and donations of gift certificates and gift items. Please consider making a donation or asking friends and employers for their support. All donations are greatly appreciated and will help us reach our goals. Fair letters and donations forms with further info are located at all church entrances, or can be picked up at the rectory. For more info, 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. Tickets are \$1ea and come in a book of 30 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.

FAIR SET-UP DAYS

Saturdays, Oct. 1 & Oct. 8 at 8 AM

Fair Set-Up is a big job and we need all the help we can get. Please mark your calendars now!!!

END OF SUMMER MASS SCHEDULE CHANGE

Beginning on Tuesday, September 6, SMM will again celebrate the 8:30 AM Mass, Monday through Friday.



GRANDPARENT'S DAY

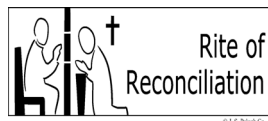
In recognition of our Grandparents, we will be honoring all our parish Grandparents at all Masses *NEXT* weekend.

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, at 733-8980 for further info about registering your child.

SPECIAL NIGHT OF RECONCILIATION

On **Wednesday, September 14** the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available from **5:00-6:30PM** in the Church. On this day, all Churches in the archdiocese will have a light on in the confessional as a sign that Christ is not only the light of the world but one who is eager to forgive and heal us. You are encouraged to take this opportunity to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation.



CHILDREN'S CORNER

SEPTEMBER: Month of Family. Prayer Center Theme is: *Thank you God for my family and please help me to be a more loving member of my family by...* Put written intentions in prayer pig; they will be offered up at all Masses every Sunday.

SMM SCHOOL—COUGAR NEWS

Parents' Club meeting on Wednesday, September 7 at 7:00 pm in the cafeteria. We are looking for two more prayer partners for our PK classes. Please contact the school if you are interested - vrodriguez@smmcougars.org