

Feast of the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God



THE BLESSING WE RECEIVE

The blessing we experience in Christ Jesus is proclaimed in Numbers as the special blessing for the people of Israel. They and we are to be blessed by the invocation of God's loving kindness, the shining glory of God's face turned toward us in love, not away from us in anger. We are blessed by God's own peace! Our wish and our hope are fulfilled in this blessing, which is made visible in the coming of Jesus. In Jesus, the image of the invisible God, God's face is shown to us and God's presence is made known to us in faithful and loving kindness.

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January 1, 2017

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

Pastor.....Rev. Christian DeLerno, Jr.
 Parochial Vicar.....Rev. Vincent Phan
 In Residence..Rev. Bartholomew Chukwuma
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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
 Religion Coordinator.Mrs. Melanie Gaumont
 Secretary.....Mrs. Dianne Hughes
 Office Phone.....(504) 733-1433
 Office Fax.....(504) 736-0727
 Cafeteria.....(504) 733-6580
BEFORE/AFTER SCHOOL CARE
 Co-Directors...Caren Favaloro & Shari Mader
 Phone.....(504) 733-4768

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 2nd Sunday before/during 11AM Mass & 3rd Sunday at 12:15PM. Pre-Registration for Baptism Seminars is now required by calling 733-8980.

Archdiocesan Policy on Infant Baptism:

[www.arch-no.org/Human Resources/Policies/Policy on Infant Baptism OR](http://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.

PARISH WEEKLY BULLETIN
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Metairie, Louisiana
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Rev. Christian W. DeLerno, Jr.

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Rev. Vincent Phan

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, January 2

6:30 AM Ed & Molly Heughan

8:30 AM Mike Canizaro

Tuesday, January 3

6:30 AM Gus Barbier

8:30 AM Isabella Timmreck

Wednesday, January 4

6:30 AM Barbier, Blancher & Newell Families

8:30 AM Alton Richard

Thursday, January 5

6:30 AM Ronco Family

8:30 AM Trinidad Mares

Friday, January 6

6:30 AM Paul Giambrone

8:30 AM Ralph Croy

Saturday, January 7

8:00 AM Audree Forbes

Saturday, January 7

Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord Vigil

4:00 PM Rosalie Couch, Bobb W, Hunley,
 Dean D'Arcangelo, Hazel & Harold
 Howat, Jerry Puyau, Aimee Marus,
 John & Clare McDermott, Walter
 Howat, Dee Broussard, Janet Russo,
 Lillian Lytell, Kayla Lytell, Living
 Intention for Louis & Gloria Scimeca

Sunday, January 8

Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord

8:00 AM Jud Mitchell & Lacinak Family

9:30 AM SMM Parishioners

11:00 AM Roy & Carol Hoffmann, Jane Pugh,
 Joyce Finicle, Dr. Gordon Landry,
 Madeline Landry, Effie Sarti, Harris
 Miller, Cindy Spence, Joseph
 Centanni, Janet Russo

6:00 PM Fr. Earl LaRose

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, Mark Morice, 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, Donald Booth, Nicholas Galliano, Kristi LeBlanc, Tammy Graves Coen, Janice Childress



BURIED IN CHRIST

Deborah Pellegrin Masilla



Mary, the Holy Mother of God
January 1, 2017

Mary kept all these things, reflecting
 on them in her heart. — Luke 2:19



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CELEBRATING CATHOLIC FAMILIES

Living the Word

Feast of Solemnity of Mary

Today's solemnity honors Mary, the Holy Mother of God. Mary set a perfect example for us of putting complete faith and trust in God, and how to accept God's blessings and use them to give glory to God. Mary and Joseph named the baby Jesus, just as the angel Gabriel instructed them. *Do you know how you were named? Have your parents told you the story behind your name: did they hear of it and like it? Did they name you after a family member?*

CHILDREN'S CORNER

JANUARY: Month of Remembering Baptism. Prayer Center Theme is: **The Sign of the Cross: In the name of the Father, and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Jesus as I say these words that were spoken as I was baptized, help me to...** Put written intentions in prayer pig; they will be offered up at all Sunday Masses once a month.

SMM SCHOOL & PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION PROGRAMS

January

During this month, both religion programs will be focusing on becoming more prayerful at school & at home as we remember the importance of our baptism.

BAPTISM SEMINAR POLICY CHANGE

As of January 1, 2017, SMM will institute new changes regarding the monthly Baptism Seminars. If possible, Parents/Godparents are encouraged to attend a seminar **BEFORE** the birth of the baby and **PRE-REGISTRATION** will now be required by calling the Parish Office of Religious Education at 733-8980. Also, Baptisms will now be offered the 2nd Sunday* before & during the 11AM Mass AND the 3rd Sunday* after the 11AM Mass every month (*exceptions due to parish special events).

Readings for Sunday, January 8:

First Reading — Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! The Lord shines upon you and the glory of the Lord appears over you (Isaiah 60:1-6). **Psalm** — Lord, every nation on earth will adore you (Psalm 72). **Second Reading** — The Gentiles are coheirs, copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus (Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6). **Gospel** — Magi from the east arrive looking for the newborn king of the Jews (Matthew 2:1-12). 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.

Feast of the Solemnity of Mary

Sunday, January 1, 2017

4PM Vigil Mass; 8AM, 9:30AM, 11AM & 6PM

On this feast, we can see how devotion to Mary, Mother of God has been a beacon of hope to the sick throughout history. In the new cathedral of Los Angeles, the faithful enter through a single door topped by a striking sculpture of Mary with arms stretched down in compassion. Sculpted into the massive bronze doors are the titles of Mary most treasured by various cultures. Many of them speak of how the sick are consoled by a sense of Mary's presence. In praying the rosary and savoring the stories of Mary's steadfast love in the face of all suffering, the sick are strengthened by one of our tradition's most shining treasures, and the whole Church is enriched.

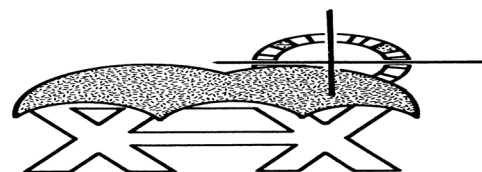
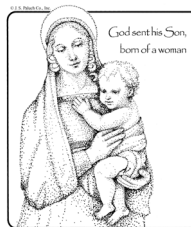


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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

"Octave" comes from the Latin word for "eight," and since eight is one step beyond seven, the number of days in a week, it has long been seen as a symbol of perfection, completion, and new beginnings. Early Christians called Sunday the "eighth day," since it was the day after the Sabbath and a day of resurrected life, the Lord's Day. By the seventh century, people regarded the eight days after Easter Sunday as one great day, an octave, one glorious feast when people were forbidden to fast or kneel. In the seventh century, Pentecost acquired an Octave, too. Christmas didn't claim the honor of a continuous feast, but it did get an Octave Day. January 1 is the oldest Marian feast, the Octave of Christmas. It was originally a feast of the motherhood of Mary, although for centuries until 1969 it was called the Feast of the Circumcision. Our reformed calendar follows the earlier tradition of celebrating Mary as Mother of God.

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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, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Envelopes (12/18)	\$10,250.00
Loose Collection	\$ 1839.00
Total	\$12,089.69

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.

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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.

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.



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; PFC Scott Hale, USMC



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.

CHRISTMAS THANK YOU!

We are grateful to all who attended and enriched our Christmas Masses. A hearty thanks to the Organists & Cantors under the direction of Carol Temes, who enhanced our Masses with song; the SMM Chorus & Chorale under the direction of Mark Schluter who helped us enter into the spirit of the season; Lorraine Mylie & adult assistants who directed the Annual Instant Christmas Play. A big thanks to our gifted Altar Society for a truly outstanding job in decorating the entire Church. Your many hours of labor truly helped provide a welcoming atmosphere to greet the birth of our Savior. Thanks also to the Ushers, Lectors, EMCs, Altar Servers and ALL who helped to make our Christmas Celebrations meaningful.



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 • Our **Special Thanks** to all the generous and thoughtful parishioners and friends who have stopped by the Rectory with **Holiday Goodies** and made a donation to our growing waistlines.
 • **Fr. Chris, Fr. Vincent & Fr. Bartholomew**
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THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Monday, January 2

Rectory/Parish Offices CLOSED
Parish School of Religion Classes, 6:45PM-8:00 PM

Tuesday, January 3

Wednesday, January 4

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

Thursday, January 5

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

Friday, January 6

Saturday, January 7

Rosary after Mass in Chapel 8:30 AM
Confessions in Church, 2:30-3:30 PM
2nd Collection - Building & Maintenance Fund
KC Charity Calendar Sale after Mass

Sunday, January 8

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KC Charity Calendar Sale after Masses
Holy Name Society Mtg in Ministries Bldg 9:00 AM
King Cake Breakfast in Massett Hall after AM Masses
Family Mass 9:30 AM
Adoration of Blessed Sacrament, 12:15-1:15 PM

SMM GUIDE BOOK & CHURCH DIRECTORY

We are in the process of updating our annual Guide Book and Directory for the Church. This book helps us all to know more about our Church. As last year, the book is being provided at no cost to our parishioners, including the mailing to each family and again it is being subsidized by local businesses who advertise in it. If you own or manage a business and would like advertising information, please call the rectory office at 733-0922, Monday-Thursday, 9AM-4PM. Recent survey results by Guide Book Publishing show that 92.1% of families would rather patronize businesses who advertise in the guide book. It "does pay" to advertise in our Guide Book & Directory.

KC CHARITY CALENDAR SALE

NEXT weekend, the KCs will be selling their charity calendars again after all Masses.



ANNUAL PARISH KING CAKE BREAKFAST
NEXT Sunday, January 8 on the *Feast of the Epiphany*, the Men's Club will host the **Annual Parish King Cake Breakfast** in Massett Hall after the Sunday AM Masses. All are invited!

SMM PARISH WORK DAY

Saturday, January 14, 8:30AM-12Noon
Calling all Parishioners!!!

Haven't decided on that New Year's resolution yet??? Here's your chance to start the new year on a positive note!!!

We need help with some outdoor gardening & yardwork projects around the parish campus. Several areas need attention: digging up some bushes in the horseshoe parking lot, trimming bushes around the Ministries Building, removing bushes, railroad ties and ivy on wall behind rectory, etc. As you can see we will need lots of help! Plan to bring your own gloves, saws, clippers, hand shovels, long-handled digging shovels & other gardening tools. Parish Organizations, Ministries and Scouts are invited to send a group and High school students looking for service hours are especially welcome!!! In order to plan how many work crews we can form, please call the rectory office (733-0922) if you plan to help.

2016 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

All contributing parishioners will now automatically receive their 2016 statement of contributions to the Church in January 2017. In order to be cost effective, you are asked to send your email address to: magdalen@smm.nocoxmail.com so a statement can be emailed to you.

2017 SMM CHURCH DONATION ENVELOPES

SMM parishioners may now pick up their church donation envelope box sets for 2017 at the rectory office during regular business hours.