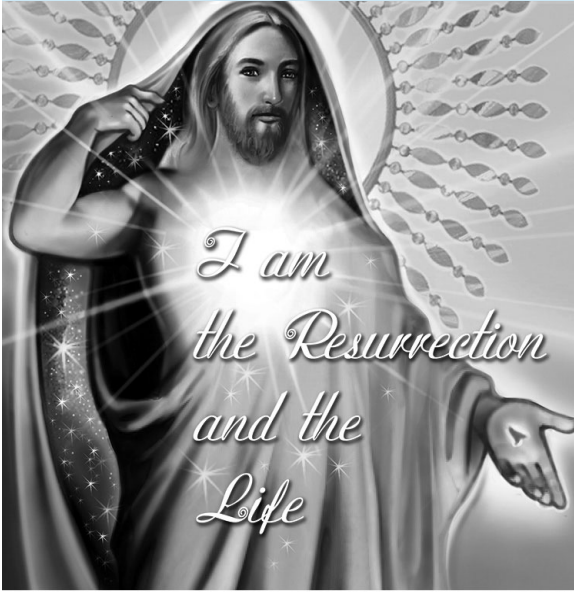


5th Sunday of Lent



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JESUS' MINISTRY SUMMARIZED

The story of the raising of Lazarus from the dead is the single longest story (apart from the Passion) in the Gospel of John. In it we find a summary of most of Jesus' ministry. We see his very human nature as he is moved by Martha and Mary's sorrows and as he himself weeps at the tomb of Lazarus. He is the wisdom of God's Word made flesh as he explains to his followers that the death of Lazarus will serve as a sign of the glory of God. He crowns the miracles he works in John's Gospel (which began with the most "human" miracle of making new wine at Cana's wedding) by raising Lazarus from the dead—a "preview," if you will, of his own death and resurrection to come. This portrait of Jesus reminds us, as we near the end of our Lenten journey, that he is with us, knows us, understands us in every moment of our lives. He knows the joy of our human feasting, he knows the sorrow of our weeping. As we prepare to walk with him through the days of Holy Week, we are filled with faith that—through Christ—God's glory will be with us in every moment of our lives and—with Christ—in our life everlasting.

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April 2, 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

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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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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
St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church
Metairie, Louisiana
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Rev. Christian W. DeLerno, Jr.

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WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, April 3

6:30 AM Ed & Molly Heughan
8:30 AM Michael Canizaro

Tuesday, April 4

6:30 AM Theodora Graham
8:30 AM George Cook

Wednesday, April 5

6:30 AM Mabel Billiot
8:30 AM Dan Croy

Thursday, April 6

6:30 AM Edmond C. Loustaunau
8:30 AM Petey Lang

Friday, April 7

6:30 AM Gus Barbier
8:30 AM Charles Staunton

Saturday, April 8

8:00 AM Ruth Marilee Beaud

Saturday, April 8

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion Vigil

4:00 PM Rosalie Couch, Dean D'Arcangelo,
 Jerry Puyau, Aimee Marus, Kevin
 Reynolds, James Lachney, Floyd
 Hyer, Jack McEllen, III, James
 Lachney, Ronald Romagossa

Sunday, April 9

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

8:00 AM Jud Mitchell & Lacinak Family
9:30 AM SMM Parishioners
11:00 AM Dr. Gordon Landry, Ann Flick, Effie
 Sarti, Madeleine Landry, Harris
 Miller, Walde Legaux, Cindy Spence,
 Gloria R. Pappe
6:00 PM Ronald Krummel

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, 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, 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, Mark Lucich,
 Willie Arnouville, Chad Costes, Sherry Gaffney, Ray
 Talbot, Dean Babin, Janet Kaleher, Norvin Schexnaildre,
 Dianne Seman, Matthew DiBuono, Oliver Duplantier,
 David Williamson, Toni Landry, Musette Barrouquere,
 Daniel Hereford, David Williamson, Katherine Sclafani,
 Catherine Carlin, Edie Dorion, Carl Caffarel, Heidi
 Nuss, Luke Nuss, Donald Booth, Nicholas Galliano,
 Kristi LeBlanc, Tammy Graves Coen, Janice Childress,
 Nick Marzoni, Tina Guillot, Glen Buras, Joyce
 Chiusano, John Bartchy, Jr.



BURIED IN CHRIST

Elsie Lumetta
Clifford Bruce Taylor



CELEBRATING CATHOLIC FAMILIES

Living the Word 5th Sunday of Lent

We all participate in the cycle of life—death—new life. Sometimes for new life to break through, something must die. Plants a few fast-growing seeds (grass or wheat seeds, for examples). Notice how the seed must be buried in the dirt. Then, watch over the next week for the new green to sprout.

CHILDREN'S CORNER

APRIL: Month of LENT. Prayer Center Theme is: *Jesus, you sacrificed your life to save us. During Lent, I will sacrifice by....* 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

April

This year's Lenten theme is the Fruits of the Spirit. This week the students are focusing on Faithfulness & Gentleness. Even in this season of Lent it is possible to find love and be joyful in Christ's sacrifice of the Cross.

Fifth Sunday of Lent April 2, 2017

Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD; LORD, hear my voice!

— Psalm 130:1



SMM PARISH LENDING LIBRARY

All are invited to visit our Parish Lending Library located in the Pro-Life corner of the church. Seventy new books were recently added to the library and you can view them (plus much of the original collection) online at LibraryThing. The URL is <http://www.librarything.com/catalog/smmchurchlibrary/yourlibrary>. Take a few minutes to browse through our selections. Donations of religious or spiritual books, videos, CDs & DVDs for the library are always welcome and may be dropped off to the rectory office during regular business hours.

LETS 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. Thanks!

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

As we approach Holy Week, the creative juices of the ancient church of Jerusalem begin to shape our journey. In old Jerusalem at this season of the year, the attempt was made to recall the events leading up to Christ's passion. Those attempts were based not only on time, with celebrations of events as close to the day and hour as possible, but also on people's best guesses as to the actual place of these events. Vast numbers of pilgrims flooded the city during the forty days of Lent, many of them catechumens in their last stages of preparation for initiation. The fourth-century Spanish nun Egeria wrote a delightfully detailed diary of her experience of this lively and aerobic liturgy, which involved hearty singing, strong preaching, and nimble processions across vast and arduous terrain. Much of this energy was lost over the centuries, with the procession of palms a noteworthy exception. Northern climates had to reinterpret this Jerusalem liturgy, using forsythia, willow, or olive branches, but to this day the entry into Holy Week by a community on the move accompanied by joyful song hearkens back to a venerable tradition. Egeria's letters were rediscovered a little more than a hundred years ago, but they reveal a pattern of prayer: full, conscious, active participation, to which we have a right and a duty.

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Readings for Sunday, April 9:

Gospel at the Procession with Palms — Jesus' entry into Jerusalem (Matthew 21:1-11).

First Reading — In spite of my sufferings I am not disgraced. I am not put to shame (Isaiah 50:4-7).

Psalm — My God, my God, why have you abandoned me? (Psalm 22)

Second Reading — Christ emptied himself, and God filled this emptiness with exaltation (Philippians 2:6-11).

Gospel — The account of Christ's passion according to Matthew (Matthew 26:14 — 27:66 [27:11-54]).

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

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Envelopes (3/19)	\$ 6267.00
Loose Collection	<u>\$ 1955.87</u>
Total	\$ 8222.87

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

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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.

VOCATIONS

Christ spoke of the talents each one of us has, talents which must not be buried. Our calling is to take those talents, develop them fully, and then use them in establishing His kingdom on earth. Are you using your talents to fulfill your vocation to service? Are you an active Christian in the parish, at your workplace, and in the home? Take some time today to reflect on how you might use your special talents in the service of the Kingdom.

Serra for priestly and religious vocations

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; SPC Scott Hale, 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.

COME, LORD JESUS BIBLE STUDY GROUP

Come, Lord Jesus! (a Bible Study and so much more) is a program committed to forming small Catholic faith communities. The program centers around four basic elements—**PRAYER, SCRIPTURE, EUCHARIST & COMMUNITY**—inspired by the Holy Spirit and practiced in the early Church (Acts 2:42). There is a group currently active in SMM Parish and they are interested in developing other prayer groups. Contact Buzzy at (504) 628-7511 or buzaloni@cox.net for more information about joining a Come, Lord Jesus! Prayer group.

EASTER FLOWER COLLECTION



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There is a special envelope in your box set of envelopes for Easter Flower Donations. The Altar Society is asking that you consider giving a contribution in order to help defray the added expenses that are incurred for the flowers and decorations of Holy Week and Easter Sunday. Please put your donation into any collection during April.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Monday, April 3

Parish School of Religion Classes, 6:45PM-8:00 PM
Men's Club Meeting in Massett Hall 7:30 PM

Tuesday, April 4

Wednesday, April 5

Daytime Way of the Cross in Church 2:30 PM
Parish Confessions in Church, 5:00-6:30 PM
Cleaning of Palms in Rectory Garage, 5:00-7:00 PM
Social Services Building open from 5:30PM-6:30PM
Parents' Club Meeting in Massett Hall 7:00 PM

Thursday, April 6

FOCCUS Survey for Engaged Couples, Rm28 7:00 PM

Friday, April 7

CYO Living Way of the Cross in Church 8:00 PM

Saturday, April 8

Extended Confessions in Church, 2:00-3:30 PM
2nd Collection - Building & Maintenance Fund

Sunday, April 9

2nd Collection - Building & Maintenance Fund
Holy Name Society Mtg in Ministries Bldg 9:00 AM
Family Mass 9:30 AM
CYO Easter Egg Hunt on Backfield 10:30 AM
Adoration of Blessed Sacrament, 12:15-1:15 PM
Confirmation Class 2017 Mass & Rehearsal in Church, 2-4PM

LENTEN CONFESSION SCHEDULE:

Wednesday, April 5 from 5-6:30 PM

Saturday, April 8 from 2:00-3:30PM

Wednesday, April 12 from 5-7 PM

**NO Confessions on Good Friday
or Holy Saturday**

PALMS & HELPERS NEEDED!

We are in need of live palms, in good condition, for Palm Sunday. Please drop palms off on the side of the Rectory garage near back door between **APRIL 3rd-5th ONLY**. *ALSO*, helpers are needed to help clean the palms on **Wednesday, April 5 at 5:00 PM** in the rectory garage.



CYO LIVING WAY OF THE CROSS

The SMM-CYO will be performing a *Living Way of the Cross* on **Friday, April 7 at 8:00 PM** in the Church. All are invited to attend this beautiful and dramatic portrayal of our Lord's suffering and death by the young people of our parish.

CYO EASTER EGG HUNT

**Sunday, April 9
after 9:30AM Mass
on the backfield**



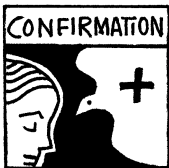
All children ages 2-7 are invited to participate and should bring an Easter basket or bag to collect their eggs. KC Ladies will have "Easter Bunny" pictures with your child in the Lodge available. Package info: 1- 5 x 7 \$5.00, 3/\$12.00 or 2 -5 x 7's & digital \$12.00 The Easter Bunny will be available for pictures 8:30 – 11:30AM.

GOOD FRIDAY NINE CHURCH PILGRIMAGE

You are invited to join other parishioners in making a traditional East Jefferson 9 Church Pilgrimage on **Good Friday, April 14**. Plan to meet in Airline Park Lot at 8:15AM with departure at 8:30AM. Contact Loretta Keane at 812-5400 for more info.

SMM SCHOOL—COUGAR NEWS

Please pray for our 3rd-6th grade students as they take their standardized tests this week. Raising Cane's Fund Raiser on April 5th, from 4-8pm. Mention SMM! Also, Parents' Club meeting on April 5 at 7:00pm. SMM City Park night will be Saturday, April 8th. Call the school office for more info.



ADULT CONFIRMATION CLASSES

SMM will conduct classes for adult Catholics (18 & over) who wish to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Classes will be held on **Tuesdays, April 25-May 30**, from **7:00-8:00PM**. The celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation for adult Catholics will be held at the St. Louis Cathedral on **Pentecost Sunday, June 4** at 3:00 PM. *PRE-Registration is required*. Please call 733-8980 by Wed. April 12.

