

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion



SEEING CHRIST CLEARLY

We start today looking through the portals of Jerusalem, seeing crowds of people, cheering and waving palm branches in the air. The whole atmosphere is one of joy, triumph, and celebration. We can get distracted or enthralled by the scene, and not see clearly the features of Jesus as he enters. But our readings from Isaiah and Paul's letter to the Philippians clarify his features for us. He is the Suffering Servant, meek and mute before his captors and persecutors; he is the very image of the unseen God, yet will not clutch at equality with God before he endures his final confrontation in humility. Isaiah and Paul help us "behold the Lamb of God" before we hear the story of his final and greatest confrontation. It is important that we see Christ clearly before we hear the account of his passion, for we—his Body through baptism, the church—now bear his face. We must, with him, enter into this time of trial so we can, also with him, enter into his final triumph.

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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 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

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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 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.

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Rev. Vincent Phan

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, April 10

6:30 AM Barbier, Blancher & Newell Families
8:30 AM Michael Canizaro

Tuesday, April 11

6:30 AM Ronco Family
8:30 AM Petey Lang

Wednesday, April 12

6:30 AM Louis V. Levy, Tyler Levy
8:30 AM Fr. Michael Joseph Nguyen

Holy Thursday, April 13

No morning Masses

7:00 PM Mass of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday, April 14

No morning Masses

3:00 PM Solemn Service

Holy Saturday, April 15

No morning Masses

Saturday, April 15

Easter Sunday of the Lord's Resurrection Vigil

8:00 PM Deceased Family of SMM Parishioners

Sunday, April 16

Easter Sunday of the Lord's Resurrection

8:00 AM Deceased Family of SMM Parishioners

9:30 AM Deceased Family of SMM Parishioners

11:00 AM Deceased Family of SMM Parishioners

6:00 PM SMM Parishioners

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

Margaret McDonough
Sheron St. Amant

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God greatly exalted [Christ] and bestowed on him the name which is above every name.

— Philippians 2:9



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HOLY WEEK SERVICES PALM SUNDAY, April 9

Solemn Blessing of Palms on Saturday, April 8 at the 4 PM Vigil Mass. Simple blessing & distribution of palms at other Masses.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12
Confessions from 5:00-7:00 PM

HOLY THURSDAY, April 13
(No morning Masses)

Mass of The Lord's Supper - 7:00 PM

[Readings for Holy Thursday: *Exodus 12:1-8, 11-14; Psalm 116:12-13, 15-18; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26; John 13:1-15*]

1st Communion Class participates. The Washing of the Feet. Procession to Repository (The Chapel). Visitation of the Most Blessed Sacrament in the Chapel until 11PM.

GOOD FRIDAY, April 14
(No morning Masses)

Solemn Service at 3:00 PM

[Readings for Good Friday Service: *Isaiah 52:13-53:12; Psalm 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-17, 25; Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9; John 18:1-19:42*]

Reading of the Passion, Veneration of the Cross and Communion. Way of the Cross at 7:00 PM.

Holy Land Collection

Your help is needed to protect Sacred Regions of the Holy Land. On Good Friday, this annual collection will be taken up so that we may help preserve the Holy Land for generations to come.

HOLY SATURDAY, April 15

(No 8:00 AM Mass, Confessions or 4:00 PM Vigil Mass)

A Solemn Easter Vigil Mass at **8:00 PM**, including the Blessing of the New Fire and New Holy Water; Renewal of our Baptismal Promises; Initiation Rite of Confirmation; and Celebrate the Lord's Resurrection.

EASTER SUNDAY, April 16

8:00, 9:30 & 11:00 AM; 6:00 PM Masses

Easter favors given to the children.

[Readings for Easter Sunday: *Acts of the Apostles 10:34, 37-43; Psalm 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Colossians 3:1-4; Jn 20:1-9*]

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Is today "Palm Sunday" or "Passion Sunday"? Though now known officially as Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord, confusion is understandable, since before the 1969 reform of the calendar two separate Sundays bore these titles. Passion Sunday was a week before Palm Sunday. To add to the confusion, the Gospel accounts of the Passion of the Lord were not read on Passion Sunday, but on Palm Sunday! On Passion Sunday, the cross and statues were veiled in full purple drapes. The organ had fallen silent at the beginning of Lent, and now the sanctuary bells were replaced by wooden clappers. The introit (opening chant) for the old Mass of Passion Sunday hints at a reason for reform: "Do me justice, O God, and fight my fight against a faithless people" (Psalm 42). This liturgy was laden with references to the "infidelity" of the Jews, a theme that gave rise to inflammatory preaching and, in some places, attacks against the persons and property of the Jewish people. This does not stand as a "treasure" of any sort in our tradition. Our authentic tradition, rather, is the ability to reflect and repent and to seek reconciliation with the Jews, our brothers and sisters in the love and service of God.

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



Readings for Easter Sunday, April 16:

First Reading — Peter is an eyewitness: The Lord is risen (Acts 10:34a, 37-43). **Psalm** — This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad (Psalm 118). **(1) Second Reading** — All who are baptized, set your hearts in heaven (Colossians 3:1-4) *or* **(2) Second Reading** — Christ our Passover is sacrificed; therefore let us celebrate (1 Corinthians 5:6b-8). **Gospel** — Three witnesses, Mary, Peter, and John; each responds to the empty tomb (John 20:1-9) *or* Luke 24:1-12 *(or, at an afternoon or evening Mass, Luke 24:13-35)*.

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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 (3/26)	\$ 6426.00
Loose Collection	<u>\$ 2795.54</u>
Total	\$ 9221.54
2nd Collection-Catholic Relief Services	\$ 1817.00

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.

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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.

EASTER FLOWER COLLECTION

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.

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

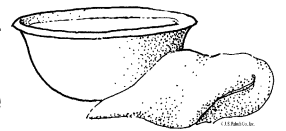


Prayer for our Men and Women in Military Service

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.

HOLY WEEK AND THE PASCHAL TRIDUUM Sunday, April 9 - Sunday, April 16, 2017

"The days of Jesus' life-giving death and glorious resurrection are approaching, the hour he triumphed over Satan's pride, the time we celebrate the great event of our redemption" (Preface of the Lord's Passion II, *Sacramentary*). Thus the Church begins the one week of the year that we formally designate as "Holy." Simple rituals can link the domestic church to parish church and Church universal. Enthroned Sunday's palms where you pray, behind the family crucifix, even as part of front door decorations: "Christ reigns here," they proclaim; "all are welcome!" During the first three days of Holy Week, ready Easter clothes, prepare festal foods, clean the house, beautify the yard. Late Holy Thursday afternoon, share Lent's final meal before the Lord's Supper Mass. Pitcher, bowl, and towel make a fitting centerpiece; perhaps conclude the meal by washing each other's feet. On Good Friday, observe the paschal fast from food—from TV and computer, too! Then come to Holy Saturday's Vigil with mind clear, stomach empty, and heart full of "holy anticipation" that bursts into living flame when the new fire is kindled.



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THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Monday, April 10

Parish School of Religion Classes, 6:45PM-8:00 PM
St. Joseph/St. Jude Day of Prayer in Church, 10AM-6PM

Tuesday, April 11

KC Meeting in Ministries Bldg 7:00 PM

Wednesday, April 12

Social Services Building open from 5:30PM-6:30PM
Confessions in Church, 5-7PM

Thursday, April 13

Friday, April 14

Way of the Cross in Church 7:00 PM

Saturday, April 15

2nd Collection - Easter

Sunday, April 16

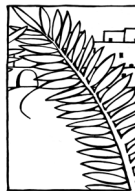
2nd Collection - Easter
Family Mass 9:30 AM
NO Adoration of Blessed Sacrament

CELEBRATING CATHOLIC FAMILIES

Living the Word

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

Place the palms in the prayer space. Notice that we began Lent by receiving ashes (which were last year's palm branches burned into ash), and now we receive palms. Although this is a solemn week as we journey with Jesus through his Last Supper and his agony and Death on the Cross, we can begin to prepare for Easter by cleaning our homes and planning our Easter celebration.



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

During Holy Week, we will meditate on the Lord's death and Resurrection.

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.

ST. JOSEPH and ST. JUDE DAY OF DEVOTION Monday, April 10

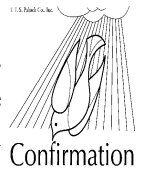
The Service will open with Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at 10:00 AM, followed by prayers to St. Joseph and St. Jude every hour on the hour thereafter until 5:00 PM. The opening prayers to St. Joseph & St. Jude will be followed by the Memorare, Rosary, quiet time for meditation and a rest period. The day will close with Benediction followed by Mass at 6:00 PM which will complete the Nine-Hour Day of Devotion and Adoration. What a wonderful day to re-commit yourself to our Lord for your own personal intentions. All are invited to participate. If you plan to spend the day, please bring your brown-bag lunch. Refreshments will be served after each service.

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.

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.



SMM SCHOOL—COUGAR NEWS

Thank you to the Knights of Columbus for their donation for a storage shed for our Garden Club! Summer Camp registration is on going. Please call the school office for more details.