

Easter Sunday of the Lord's Resurrection



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REJOICE AND BE GLAD

“This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad” (Psalm 118:24). Let us remember that these words of today’s responsorial psalm are not only sung from the hearts of those gathered in our parish. They are also sung by the poor in tiny barrios throughout Central and South America. They are sung by those denied religious freedom in our world; these Christians lift their voices in clandestine places of worship. These words are sung by people who have lost loved ones to acts of terrorism and war around the globe. Even in the midst of conflict and division, Christians still come together to declare that poverty, loneliness, violence, and division will never, ever have as much power as the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Indeed, let us rejoice this day and be glad!

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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

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.

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WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, April 17

6:30 AM Living Intention for J.A.
8:30 AM Michael Canizaro

Tuesday, April 18

6:30 AM Gloria Jensen
8:30 AM Fr. Michael Joseph Nguyen

Wednesday, April 19

6:30 AM Christine Aron
8:30 AM Living Intention for Donna & John King & Family

Thursday, April 20

6:30 AM Sr. Agnes Martinka
8:30 AM Jeffrey Rodriguez

Friday, April 21

6:30 AM Ann Flick
8:30 AM Petey Lang

Saturday, April 22

8:00 AM Stella Guzzardo

Saturday, April 22

2nd Sunday of Easter/Divine Mercy Vigil

4:00 PM Rosalie Couch, Dean D'Arcangelo, Jerry Puyau, Aimee Marcus, Norma & Lance Hubble, Vetter Amadeo Taylor, Jerry Hollingsworth, Kevin Reynolds, Jack McEllen, III, Richard Tarantino, Beth Smith, Ana Mae Haggerty, Living Intention for Irma & Bonnie

Sunday, April 23

2nd Sunday of Easter/Divine Mercy

8:00 AM Macaluso Family
9:30 AM SMM Parishioners
11:00 AM St. Jude Society Prayer List, Cindy Spence, Brandon Bartholomew, Walde Legaux, Ann Flick, Gloria Robles, Sarita Coughlin
6:00 PM Living Intention for Mary Dyer

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, 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, John Bartchy, Jr., Joyce Chiusano,



BURIED IN CHRIST

Richard F. Oeding





CELEBRATING CATHOLIC FAMILIES
Living the Word
Easter Sunday

Easter has come and our penitential time of Lent is over. Today at Mass we will sing “Alleluia” for the first time since Lent began and we will see fresh flowers and colors of white and gold. I wonder why we use these colors and fresh flowers for Easter Time. Let’s pay attention to these changes during Mass.

CHILDREN’S CORNER

APRIL: Month of EASTER. Prayer Center Theme is: *During this Easter Season please help me to grow in your love by...* Put written intentions in prayer pig; they will be offered up at all Masses every Sunday.



**SMM SCHOOL & PARISH SCHOOL
 OF RELIGION PROGRAMS**
April

During the Easter Season, we will be celebrating the Lord’s Resurrection.



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When Christ your life appears, then you too will appear with him in glory.

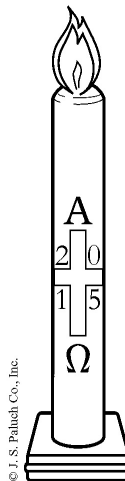
— Colossians 3:4

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.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Easter is nearly three weeks later this year than last. Why does the date wobble around the calendar so? The way of calculating the date was set by the Emperor Constantine in 325. The decision ended a very bitter controversy in the church. Some people wanted to synchronize the Pasch with Passover on the fourteenth day of the Jewish month Nissan, and their opponents wanted it after the Passover was complete, on the Sunday after the first full moon of springtime. The ecclesiastical rules do not exactly connect with the astronomical rules. The emperor squashed the hopes of the quartodecimans, as the fans of 14 Nissan were called, and chose Sunday. The traditional rule is that Easter is the first Sunday after the first ecclesiastical full moon that occurs on or after the vernal equinox, the fourteenth day of the new moon, and later than March 21. Thus, Easter wobbles between March 22 and April 25. The actual tables and methods for computing the date are extraordinarily detailed, with subtle variations and mind-bending exceptions and charts with “golden numbers,” “dominical letters,” and “epacts” measuring leap years. In 1954 and 1962 the ecclesiastical calculations actually overrode the astronomical new moons and bumped Easter back a month! Today, there is a movement in the World Council of Churches (Protestants and Orthodox) for all Christians to combine their celebrations, based on the star charts for the Jerusalem skies. In principle, the Catholic Church is open to an ecumenical agreement on a fixed date for Easter, but we desire a unanimous decision from the World Council.



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Readings for Sunday, April 23:

First Reading — All who believed were devoted to the teachings of the apostles, the communal life, the breaking of the bread, and prayer (Acts 2:42-47). **Psalm** — Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting (Psalm 118). **Second Reading** — God has given us an undiminished inheritance, safeguarded for us in heaven (1 Peter 1:3-9). **Gospel** — The risen Christ comes to his disciples with peace and the Spirit. The absent Thomas doubts (John 20:19-31).

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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 (4/02)	\$ 7683.00
Loose Collection	<u>\$ 2645.52</u>
Total	\$10,328.52

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.

Pray for Vocations



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.



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**DIVINE
MERCY
SUNDAY**

With the canonization of Saint Faustina, the Pope has declared that "the Second Sunday of Easter (APRIL 23), henceforth throughout the Church will also be called **Divine Mercy Sunday**." The Holy Father further enriched Mercy Sunday with a Plenary Indulgence. From the diary of Saint Faustina, Our Lord said, "*Whoever approaches the Fountain of Life (Holy Communion) on this day will be granted complete forgiveness of sins and punishment.* (300)." To receive this special grace of mercy on that day, the following things are required: Place complete **trust** in God's mercy; **Repent** of all your sins & go to **Confession** sometime during Lent; Celebrate God's mercy by **attending Mass** on the Sunday after Easter; Go to **Communion** (as always, while in a state of grace); **Venerate the Image**; **Be merciful** to others by actions, words or prayer.

EASTER PEOPLE

We are Easter people and Alleluia is our song! —St. Augustine



THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Monday, April 17

NO Parish School of Religion Classes

Tuesday, April 18

Wednesday, April 19

Social Services Building open from 5:30PM-6:30PM
2017 Class Confirmation Mass in Church 7:00 PM

Thursday, April 20

Friday, April 21

Saturday, April 22

Confessions in Church, 2:30-3:30 PM

Sunday, April 23

Family Mass/Scout Mass	9:30 AM
Adoration of Blessed Sacrament, 12:15-1:15 PM	
Baptisms in Church	12:15 PM

MEN'S CLUB ANNUAL CRAWFISHCOOKOFF SATURDAY, April 29, 2017

Doors Open at 5PM

Live Music Beer Soft Drinks

Pre-Sale Tickets by April 21: \$20 Adults, \$10 kids (7-12 yrs). **Tickets at the Door:** \$25 Adults; \$12 kids (7-12 yrs) - Kids 6 & under FREE. **Info for a Team:** 5 person team, \$300 per team, prepare to boil 4-5 sacks of crawfish. For more info contact Brett Lally (504) 261-4502 or brett.lally@cox.net or John Illg (504) 957-9970 or johnillgjr@aol.com.

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 **Tuesday** evenings, **April 25-May 30**. 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 for further information.



2017 CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES

St. Mary Magdalen Parish and St. Jerome Parish are pleased to announce that 54 Candidates will be confirmed in the Holy Spirit by the **Most Reverend Fernand J. Cheri, III, Auxiliary Bishop of New Orleans** on **Wednesday, April 19, 2017**. Their time of preparation included learning about the sacrament of Confirmation, witnessing to their faith in service projects, participating in the sacrament of Reconciliation, and taking part in a day of retreat. We congratulate them for taking this step in their faith journey and we pledge to support them with our prayers, encouragement, and Christian example.

St. Mary Magdalen Parish

Madison Elizabeth Adams
Brooke Christine Bagley
Kenneth Harris Barbier, Jr.
Sarah Jean Barbier
Jace Michael Barnewold
Jordan James Bates
Katherine Ann Bennett
Mallory Renee Benoit
Kaleb Michael Branch
Julia Elizabeth Buse
Dominic John Caravella
Madeline Rose Cavaliere
Daniel Alejandro Cobar
Courtney Marie Cochran
Michael A. D'Arcangelo
Catly (Maria) Dang
Bradley James Este
Benjamin T. Finicle, Jr.
Philip Ross Garrett
Darian Joseph Gaspard
Kelcey Elizabeth Glass
Salvador Joseph Hattier
Megan May Hingle
Justin John Hugger
Zachary Joseph Juneau
Jace Joseph Kelley
Leslie Marie Kennedy
Alexander Robert Klein
Ally Elizabeth Landry
Lane Barrett LeBlanc



Steven Thomas Mylie
Morgan Marie Nuss
Brooke Ashley Pelman
Jacob Anthony Porche
Sean Robinson Powell
Carlee Clare Rivera
Lauren Roslyn Rivera
Gabrielle Elizabeth Scaffidi
Jamie Lynn Silcio
Madison Christina Smith
Tailar Lyn Stein
Marcella Marie Tedesco
Matthew Nicholas Traub
Devin Cray Tubre
Kristen Gayle Wadenpfuhl
Catherine E. Wellborn
Taylor Marie Yuratich

St. Jerome Parish

Elian Avila
Brenda Fonseca
Brooklyn Comeaux
Miguel Sandino
Andrea Lobo
ADULTS:
Litzzy Gutierrez
Joselyn Posas
Rafael Rovelo
Juan Lopez
Jenrry Rodriguez
Angelita Merchan



SMM SCHOOL—COUGAR NEWS

Our Drama Club will perform a play this Friday at Metairie Manor. Call the school office at (504) 733-1433 to schedule a private tour or to receive registration information. Forms are also available on our website at: www.smmcougars.org