

# 5th Sunday of Easter

## MOTHER'S DAY



### THE WAY

Today we sense the apostles' trepidation as they begin to realize that the Lord would soon be leaving them. In their fear, they ask, "Master, we do not know where you are going; how can we know the way?" (John 14:5). Jesus tells them that *he* is the way. The Easter season has been a time of growing in Easter faith so that we, too, may learn to know that Jesus is the way. We can take comfort in the Lord's promise that he is going to his Father's house to prepare a place for us, his chosen people who have been called out of darkness into God's wonderful light. As the paschal candle continues to burn during this holy season, let us remember that in baptism we were given the light of Christ. With Christ our light as the beacon lighting our way, let us march toward the glory of Pentecost.

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May 14, 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.  
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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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 Secretary.....Mrs. Dianne Hughes  
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#### In Church, be sure to visit:

**PRO-LIFE CORNER; ADULT PARISH  
 LENDING LIBRARY; CHILDREN'S  
 CORNER/LIBRARY/PRAYER CENTER**

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#### 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**  
**May 14, 2017**

*Rev. Christian W. DeLerno, Jr.*

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*Rev. Vincent Phan*

**WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS**

**Monday, May 15**

6:30 AM Gloria Jensen  
8:30 AM Ann Flick

**Tuesday, May 16**

6:30 AM Tyler Levy  
8:30 AM Beryl Paulin Chaix

**Wednesday, May 17**

6:30 AM Living Intention for J.A.  
8:30 AM Fr. Michael Joseph Nguyen

**Thursday, May 18**

6:30 AM Joseph Gigliotta  
8:30 AM Ursula Bonanno

**Friday, May 19**

6:30 AM David Beach, Sr.  
8:30 AM Anthony "Bud" Pitalo

**Saturday, May 20**

8:00 AM Louis Kuntz, III

**Saturday, May 20**

**6th Sunday of Easter Vigil**

4:00 PM Rosalie Couch, Dean D'Arcangelo,  
Casey G. Pursell, Jerry Puyau, Aimee  
Marus, Floyd Hyer, Vetter Amadeo  
Taylor, Kevin Reynolds, Deacon  
Angelas Robin, Peggy Hileman,  
Maryann deLaneuville, Living  
Intention for Mark Dyer

**Sunday, May 20**

**6th Sunday of Easter**

8:00 AM Bertucci Family  
9:30 AM SMM Parishioners  
11:00 AM St. Jude Society Prayer List, Cindy  
Spence, Jerry Thibodeaux, Gloria R.  
Pappe, John R. Smestad, Sr., Doris  
Radosti, Jane Pugh, JoAnn Hirstius,  
Living Intention for Marsha Robert,  
Sarita Coughlin  
6:00 PM Tony Di Franco



**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, 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, Laretta 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, 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, Richard LeBlanc, Marsha Robert



**BURIED IN CHRIST**

*Richard Ducote*



**CELEBRATING CATHOLIC FAMILIES**

*Living the Word*

**5th Sunday of Easter**



We are still in the Easter season. While Easter baskets may have been put away, try to keep some visible reminder in your prayer space or on the table. Continue to sing Alleluia with the grace before dinner.

**CHILDREN'S CORNER**

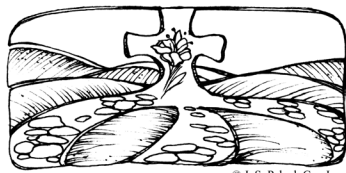
**MAY:** Month of Mary. Prayer Center Theme is: *Mary, Queen of Peace, help me to bring peace to others by....* Put written intentions in prayer pig; they will be offered up at all Sunday Masses once a month.



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

**May**

Many thanks to our students in the SMM Liturgical Club. These students have lead the rosary and sponsored mass throughout the school year. Congratulations to: Dwight Alexander III, Theresa Nguyen, Valeria Garza, Tori Register and Angelique Stierwald.



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"I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."  
— John 14:6



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**Readings for Sunday, May 21:**

**First Reading** — The people of Samaria accepted the word of God preached by Philip; they received the Holy Spirit (Acts 8:5-8, 14-17). **Psalm** — Let all the earth cry out to God with joy (Psalm 66). **Second Reading** — Act with gentleness and reverence toward all, so that when you are maligned those who defame you will be the ones put to shame (1 Peter 3:15-18) or 1 Peter 4:13-16. **Gospel** — I will not leave you orphans, but will come to you (John 14:15-21) or John 17:1-11a.

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**SPECIAL MOTHER'S DAY BLESSING & SPIRITUAL BOUQUETS**



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This weekend SMM Parish will acknowledge and honor all of our mothers with a special blessing AND names of mothers enrolled in a Spiritual Bouquet will be remembered at all Masses.

**PARISH MAY CROWNING**

On **Sunday, May 14** at the 9:30 AM Family Mass, the Blessed Mother will be crowned by the Dwayne Schilling Family.



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**IN CELEBRATION OF MOTHERS**

A little boy asked his mother "Why are you crying?" "Because I'm a woman", she told him. "I don't understand", he said. His mom just hugged him and said, "And you never will." Later the little boy asked his father, "Why does mother seem to cry for no reason?" "All women cry for no reason", was all his dad could say. The little boy grew up and became a man, still wondering why women cry. Finally he put a call into God; and when God got on the phone, he asked, "God, why do women cry so easily?" God said: "When I made woman, she had to be special. I made her shoulders strong enough to carry the weight of the world; yet gentle enough to give comfort. I gave her an inner strength to endure childbirth and the rejection that many times comes from her children. I gave her a hardness that allows her to keep going when everyone else gives up, and take care of her family through sickness and fatigue without complaining. I gave her the sensitivity to love her children under any and all circumstances, even when her child has hurt her very badly. I gave her strength to carry her husband through his faults and fashioned her from his rib to protect his heart. I gave her wisdom to know that a good husband never hurts his wife, but sometimes tests her strengths and her resolve to stand beside him unflinchingly. And finally, I gave her a tear to shed. This is hers exclusively to use whenever it is needed." "You see: The beauty of a woman is not in the clothes she wears, the figure that she carries or the way she combs her hair. The beauty of a woman must be seen in her eyes, because that is the doorway to her heart - the place where love resides."

**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 (4/30)	\$ 5232.00
Loose Collection	<u>\$ 2021.62</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 7253.62</b>
<b>2nd Collection-Catholic Home Missions</b>	<b>\$ 2046.00</b>
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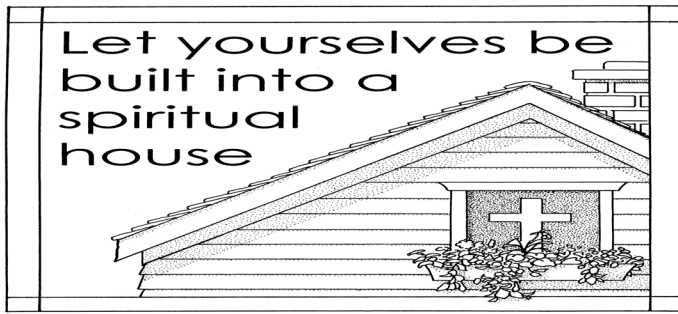
### LET'S PRAY FOR OUR SEMINARIANS

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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**Pray 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.*



### 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.

### VISIT SMM PRAYER GARDEN & GIFT SHOP

Our Gift Shop is open 2 days during the week (Tuesdays & Fridays) AND before and after all weekend Masses (except 6PM). We offer a beautiful assortment of cards & gifts for Baptism, 1<sup>st</sup> Communion, Confirmation, Weddings and all occasions. Also available - prayer cards, candles for all Saints to light in our Prayer Garden or take home with you. We invite you to visit our beautiful Prayer Garden & Gift Shop today.

### 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.



## THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

### Monday, May 15

Parish School of Religion Classes, 6:45PM-8:00 PM  
SMM School Guitar Concert in Church 7:00 PM

### Tuesday, May 16

### Wednesday, May 17

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

### Thursday, May 18

### Friday, May 19

PreK & Kinder Promotion Ceremonies in Church,  
9AM-11AM

### Saturday, May 20

Confessions in Church, 2:30-3:30 PM  
2<sup>nd</sup> Collection - Building & Maintenance Fund

### Sunday, May 21

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Family Mass/Scout Mass 9:30 AM  
Adoration of Blessed Sacrament, 12:15-1:15 PM  
Baptisms in Church 12:15 PM  
KC Ladies Sit & Paint in Massett Hall, 1-3:30 PM  
Altar Server Banquet in Massett Hall 7:00 PM

### 2017 SEAFOOD FESTIVAL INFORMATION



Save the dates: The Seafood Festival is **October 13 – 15, 2017**. As the Festival Committee continues plan-

ning, we ask Parishioners to participate with submitting Theme and Art for the Festival and T-Shirts. There are forms at the entrances to the Church. Please take one & submit your entry to the Committee by May 17, 2017. You may send it in thru the school or the Rectory Office. General Festival Meeting, **Wednesday, May 24** at 7 PM in the D-Building (old Convent). All welcome to come & contribute to the planning.

### SMM SCHOOL—COUGAR NEWS

All are invited to the School Guitar Concert on **Monday, May 15th** at 7PM. PK & Kindergarten Programs will have their Promotion Ceremonies on **Friday, May 19th**.

### TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

In many parish churches, more rarely in monastery churches and cathedrals, the tabernacle with the Blessed Sacrament is visible from a doorway or aisle in the church. Normally, a person is to give the proper sign of reverence, a genuflection, when passing in proximity to the tabernacle. The word “genuflect” comes from Latin roots meaning bending (or flexing) the knee. A common-sense exception to the rule is for a sacristan who is taking care of the church and can’t be genuflecting every thirty seconds during a vacuum run. Also excepted are persons in procession entrusted with important symbols of the Lord’s presence. So, a crossbearer or a minister carrying the Gospel book, or ministers on their way to their Communion stations do not genuflect. For everyone else, the usual sign of reverence for the Lord’s presence in the Blessed Sacrament is to genuflect on the right knee. The oldest form of reverence during prayer in our tradition is standing; kneeling or genuflecting is a sign borrowed from old civic practice. The posture of kneeling, even on one knee, is a sign of submission. Servants would take this position before their masters in the ancient world. It said: I’m not running away, I’m yours, I’m here for you. This is what your genuflection says when you enter a Catholic church where the place of reservation of the Blessed Sacrament is visible to you: I’m yours.



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### ORDER OF ST. LOUIS AWARD

On Sunday, May 7, Archbishop Gregory Aymond presented the *Order of St. Louis Award* to **Marilyn Choppin** and **Mike & Cindy Bowman** from SMM Parish at a special ceremony at St. Joseph Church. Marilyn, Mike & Cindy were selected for this honor for their many years of service to our parish community. To show our appreciation for their dedication to our parish, special recognition and a blessing was given to them on May 7 at the 9:30 AM Mass here at SMM. A breakfast followed for 2017 award recipients & their families, as well as past recipients of this special honor. *Congratulations* and *Thank You* to Marilyn, Mike & Cindy!!!