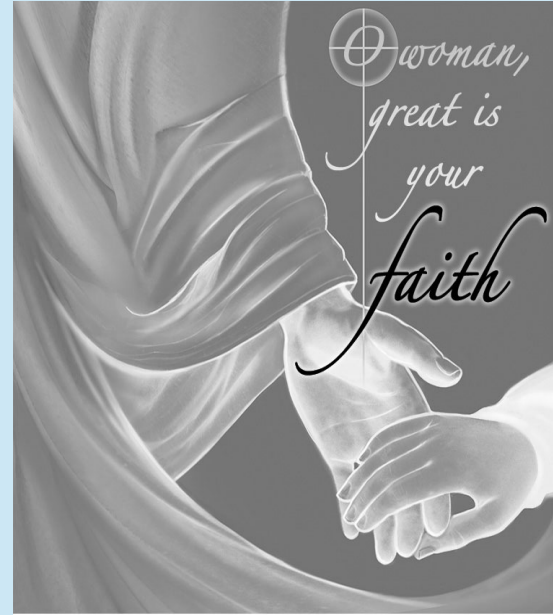


20th Sunday of Ordinary Time

CALLED TO ACT IN GOD'S NAME

"Let all the nations praise you!" (Psalm 67:4) today's psalm response exclaims. In the psalms and other Hebrew scriptures, this kind of invocation is actually an invitation to God to act, to intervene in human lives in a manner that will cause everyone—not just the Chosen People—to give praise. Stated a bit more strongly, it is something of a "put up or shut up" challenge to God, the sort of strong statement the psalmists of Israel, trusting in their intimate and loving relationship with God, were not afraid to make. The Gospel has its own exclamation, announcing the appearance of the Canaanite woman with "Behold!" (Matthew 15:22) "Behold!" is a scriptural flag that tells us that God is about to act or announce something through an individual or a situation. In the case of Jesus, God was going to act through this woman, whom nobody among Jesus' followers would have believed to be an agent of the divine will. Like the psalmists, we might passively inform or perhaps even actively challenge God to do something so that everyone will come to belief, but God will always turn the tables on us. It becomes our calling, our duty (as it was for Jesus) to behold the situations and persons of our daily lives so that God can act through us, so the Kingdom can be announced through our living.

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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

6425 West Metairie Avenue Metairie, Louisiana 70003

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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](http://www.arch-no.org/Human_Resources/Policies/Policy_on_Infant_Baptism) OR 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, August 21

6:30 AM Mary "Mimi" Cerise

8:30 AM Lorraine Dermody

Tuesday, August 22

Feast of Queenship of Blessed Virgin Mary

6:30 AM Nancy Carlson

8:30 AM Anne Frantz

Wednesday, August 23

6:30 AM Mary Cerise

8:30 AM Peggy Hileman

Thursday, August 24

Feast of St. Bartholomew, Apostle

6:30 AM David Beach, Sr.

8:30 AM Gayle Rodriguez

Friday, August 25

6:30 AM Gloria Jensen

8:30 AM David Harrison Revolta

Saturday, August 26

8:00 AM Christian DeLerno, Sr.

Saturday, August 26

21st Sunday of Ordinary Time Vigil

4:00 PM Rosalie Couch, Aimee Marus, Julio Anleu, Kevin Reynolds, Floyd Hyer, Dean D'Arcangelo, Gracia Anleu, Joe Paci, Billy Ryan, Jackie Markey

Sunday, August 27

21st Sunday of Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Cindy Spence

9:30 AM SMM Parishioners

11:00 AM Zenobia Drury, Al Talbot, David H. Revolta

6:00 PM Richard Ducote, Sr.

PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH

Teresa Lacour, Ryan Thiel, Gracelyn Chaplain, Dennis Coughlin, Jr., Kelly Fletcher Grawl, Kenneth & Kevin Teen, Ben Todd, Joe Giarratano, Luca Scozzari, Evelyn Olwell, Brian Dufour, Mary Ann Meaux, Dilly Surratt, Yvonne Troups, 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, 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, Paul Powers, 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, Kristi LeBlanc, Tammy Graves Coen, Janice Childress, Nick Marzoni, Tina Guillot, Glen Buras, Joyce Chiusano, Richard LeBlanc, Marsha Robert, Rose Keller, Leah Conlin, Abigail Robertson, Austin deBlois, Patrick Mulhern, Marilyn Reynolds, Carole Corona, George "Mickey" Krause, Tommy Keller

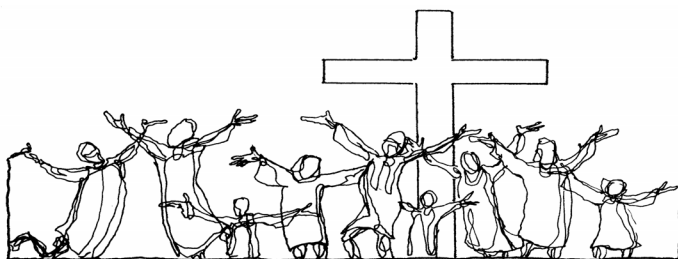
BURIED IN CHRIST

Christian W. DeLerno, Sr.

Jennie DiGiacomo

PRAYER DURING HURRICANE SEASON

"Through the intercession of Our Lady of Prompt Succor, may we be spared all loss of life and property during this hurricane season, we pray to the Lord."
Hurricane season began June 1.



CELEBRATING CATHOLIC FAMILIES

Living the Word

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Think of individuals or groups of people who are suffering, whether from illness, war, or poverty. Be intentional about praying for them. If there is some other way in which you can be helpful to them, try to do it this week.

CHILDREN'S CORNER

AUGUST: Month of **FAITH.** Prayer Center Theme is: *I will keep my heart close to Jesus by...* Put written intentions in prayer pig; they will be offered up at all Masses once a month.

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time August 20, 2017



Observe what is right, do what is just; for my salvation is about to come, my justice, about to be revealed.
— Isaiah 56:1

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 hrs.



Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

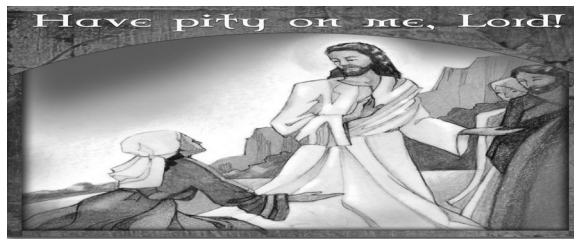
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Mary is truly the “favored One of God.” Her relationship with Jesus Christ was like no other, and God filled her with grace from beginning to end because of her Son. On August 22 we celebrate her at her Son’s side in heaven. As Christ reigns in heaven, tradition teaches that God continues to favor the Mother of God, crowning her queen alongside her Son. Even in heaven, her relationship with Jesus Christ fills Mary’s life with grace. On this memorial we rejoice in the fullness of hope and promise God shows us in Mary’s life. She is Queen in Heaven, as God hold nothing back from her glory of heaven. Mary’s joy is our hope as she lovingly guides us to join her at the side of her Son in eternity. *Sourcebook for Sundays, Seasons & Weekdays 2017; The Almanac for Pastoral Liturgy © 2016 Archdiocese of Chicago Liturgy Training Publications*

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Once the way was cleared for additional Eucharistic Prayers, those who were appointed to compose them had to look deep within the tradition for sources. One of the prescriptions for new prayers was that they be “unencumbered by useless repetition.” From the start, therefore, the writers knew that the old Roman Canon, which had the priest bowing and crossing himself many times in a long, complex prayer, was not a model of simplicity. Aside from the prayers treasured by Eastern Christians, there is an obvious model from ancient Rome. For about a hundred years now, the historical text “Apostolic Tradition” has shed some light for us on the shadowy shape of worship in the early church. In it, its author, Hippolytus, took care to record the actual texts of worship used at the time. He himself has a shadow side, since he was so ardently conservative in his tastes that he broke ties with the Bishop of Rome and became first in the line of history’s anti-popes. At the eleventh hour, however, he reconciled with his enemies and actually died a martyr. In fact, he was shipped off to the Sardinian mines as a slave with the true pope as his companion in chains. Because his tussle with the pope was over theological innovations and not liturgical texts, we are sure that his account of the style of Eucharistic Prayer in the third century is accurate. It forms the core of today’s Eucharistic Prayer II.

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Readings for Sunday, August 27:

First Reading — Eliakim is destined by God to be a father to those who live in Jerusalem (Isaiah 22:19-23). **Psalm** — Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands (Psalm 138). **Second Reading** — How deep are the riches and the wisdom and the knowledge of God! (Romans 11:33-36). **Gospel** — Jesus asked the disciples, “Who do you say that I am?” (Matthew 16:13-20).

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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 (8/06)	\$ 8724.00
Loose Collection	<u>\$ 2049.80</u>
Total	\$10,773.80

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.



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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.

SLW ADOPT-A-SISTER

The Sisters of the Living Word, who formerly staffed SMM School, invite you to Adopt-a-Sister by supporting her in ministry. What does this mean? You offer prayers and a financial gift to help support the Sister in her ministry this year. You choose from several options: you can request a specific Sister; they can assign one to you involved in the ministry of your choice; OR support all SLW in their ministries. You will be remembered by name in prayer each day & you will also be remembered at a monthly Mass. You can renew your commitment annually. SLW Core Values are: Life of Faith; Living the Gospel; Peace & Justice; Simplicity of Life & Care for Earth; and Respect. For more information or to donate visit www.slw.org or call 847-577-5972, ext. 226.

*Sr. Angela Ashbey, SLW (a former SMM Faculty member) will be celebrating her 50th Anniversary of taking her final vows, but has actually spent 60 years in community. On **August 26** at the 5PM Mass, she invites you to join her as she celebrates this special anniversary at Visitation Church, 3500 Ames Blvd/Marrero 70072 (347-2203).*

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Monday, August 21

PSR Registration in Massett Hall, 6:30-8:00 PM

Tuesday, August 22

KC Ladies Auxiliary Mtg in Ministries Bldg 7:00 PM
Come, Lord Jesus in Convent Bldg 7:00 PM

Wednesday, August 23

Social Services Building open from 5:30PM-6:30PM
St. Jude Society Meeting in Chapel 7:00 PM

Thursday, August 24

Come, Lord Jesus in Convent Bldg 7:00 PM

Friday, August 25

KC Cruise Night on Backfield & SMM Drive-In
Movie Night in Courtyard, 6:00-9:00PM

Saturday, August 26

Confessions in Church, 2:30-3:30 PM
Blessing of Students at Mass

Sunday, August 27

Blessing of Students at Masses
Family Mass/Scout Mass 9:30 AM
KC Ladies Auxiliary Ice Cream Social in Massett
Hall after 11AM Mass
Adoration of Blessed Sacrament, 12:15-1:15 PM
CYO Meeting in Lodge 7:00 PM

BLESSING OF STUDENTS

It is most fitting to call upon God's help as the opening of a new school year draws near. There will be a special blessing given to all students at all Masses NEXT weekend.



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BACK-TO-SCHOOL SUNDAE SUNDAY AUGUST 27

Come and cool off with a tasty ice cream sundae. Create your own, one of a kind sundae with a variety of toppings - sprinkles, M&M's, cookies, nuts, chocolate syrup and whipped cream. This **FREE** event is hosted by the K.C. Ladies Auxiliary after the 11:00AM mass in Massett Hall.

REGISTRATION FOR PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION

Children, who have previously attended classes at SMM, should have received registration forms in the mail. Please complete and return all documents along with registration fee (\$40-one child; \$15-each additional child; \$60-maximum fee for any one family) on one of the registration dates: **August 21** or **August 28**, from 6:30-8:00 PM in Massett Hall (cafeteria). If you cannot attend registration on one of these dates, return completed forms to the rectory office (Monday-Thursday, 9AM-4PM). After office hours or on the weekend, put packet thru the mail slot in the front door of the rectory - please do not ring doorbell.

New Student REGISTRATION DATES: August 21 & 28, 6:30-8PM in Massett Hall. Please bring a copy of baptismal certificate.

First day of class will be **Monday, September 11, 2017**. Please drop your child/children at their respective classroom by 6:45 pm. On **Monday, September 18, 2017**, the Parish School of Religion (grades 1-12) will officially begin the year with a Mass for students & parents at 7:00 pm in the church. All students should report to their classrooms at 6:45PM, while parents are asked to go directly to church. After Mass, the students will return to class with their teachers & the parents are asked to remain in church for a mandatory parent meeting.

FOLLOW ME:

Meeting Jesus in the Gospel of John

You are invited to participate in an 8-part Bible DVD Study featuring Dr. Edward Sri. The study begins on **Wednesday, August 30** and continues for 8 consecutive Wednesdays from 7-8:30 PM in the old convent building. Cost of the course is \$20 for class materials and you **MUST** Pre-register. For more information or to register, call the Parish Office of Religious Education at 733-8980 no later than August 20.

RECTORY OFFICE REQUEST

If you are **NOT** currently using donation envelopes and you would like to request a box set for **2018** please call the rectory office by **Aug. 31**.

SMM SCHOOL—COUGAR NEWS

Please join us for SMM Cruise Night this Friday, **August 25th**. Our SMM Parents' Club will serve popcorn to the children at the "drive in" movie the courtyard.