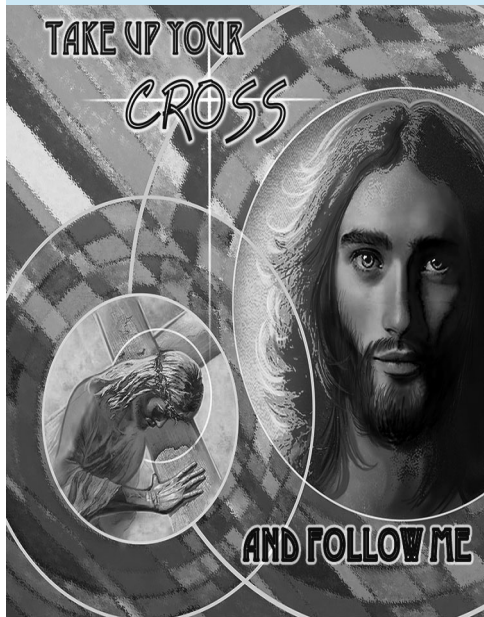


# 22nd Sunday of Ordinary Time



## FOLLOWING CHRIST

If you've ever had an unpleasant but somewhat amusing practical joke played on you, then you have some understanding of how Jeremiah feels today when he tells God "good one—you duped me." We can almost see him shaking his head with a bit of a rueful smile, but an angry undertone in his voice. In similar fashion, Peter thinks Jesus is "duping" him when Jesus starts to explain that being Messiah means suffering and dying, and being a follower of the Messiah means taking up a cross and doing the same. Jeremiah tries to deny God's will for him by trying to shut up; Peter—who has just been made the foundation of the church—out and out denies the teaching of Jesus, for which he is named "Satan" today. Fortunately for us, Jeremiah comes to realize that to have the word of God placed in your heart means that it will be futile to try and keep silent, even if it means scorn and derision from those around you. Luckily Peter ultimately returned to the faith he professed in last week's Gospel, and came to understand our need as baptized followers of Christ to follow in his way, even when it means following him to our very death.

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## September 3, 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

Principal.....Mrs. Valerie Rodriguez  
 Religion Coordinator.Mrs. Melanie Gaumont  
 Secretaries.....Mrs. Dianne Hughes  
 Mrs. Caren Favaloro  
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 Cafeteria..... (504) 733-6580  
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#### BEFORE/AFTER SCHOOL CARE

Co-Directors...Caren Favaloro & Shari Mader  
 Phone.....(504) 733-4768  
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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.

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**WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS**

**Monday, September 4**

8:30 AM Jeanette Songy

**Tuesday, September 5**

6:30 AM Ed & Molly Heughan

8:30 AM Lorraine Dermody

**Wednesday, September 6**

6:30 AM Mabel Billiot

8:30 AM Peggy Hileman

**Thursday, September 7**

6:30 AM Barbier, Blancher & Newell Families

8:30 AM Bobbie Blackston

**Friday, September 8**

*Feast of Nativity of Blessed Virgin Mary*

6:30 AM Ronco Family

8:30 AM David Harrison Revolta

**Saturday, September 9**

8:00 AM Lillian Lytell & Armand

**Saturday, September 9**

*23rd Sunday of Ordinary Time Vigil*

4:00 PM Rosalie Couch, Aimee Marus, Kevin Reynolds, Floyd Hyer, Jr., Joe Paci, Billy Ryan, Jackie Markey, Chris DeLerno, Sr., Dean D'Arcangelo

**Sunday, September 10**

*23rd Sunday of Ordinary Time*

8:00 AM Audrey Forbes

9:30 AM SMM Parishioners

11:00 AM Dr. Gordon Landry, Effie Sarti, Harris Miller, Madeleine Landry, Cindy Spence, Lillie & Lloyd Savoy, Joseph Radosti, Lorraine Beninato

6:00 PM Tula & Harry Raphiel

**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, Daphine 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 Schexnaldre, 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, Julie Periou, Brenda Simon

**BURIED IN CHRIST**

*Joseph Thomas Loyacano*

**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.*

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## CELEBRATING CATHOLIC FAMILIES

### *Living the Word*

#### 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time



What are some of the things that are hard for you to do? When we face these crosses, carry them, and do it bravely, then we are following in Jesus' footsteps. Jesus promises that when we do these hard things for God, we will be filled with energy and new life because God is right there with us. Remember to pray and ask Jesus for help when you need it.

### CHILDREN'S CORNER

**SEPTEMBER:** Month of Family.

Prayer Center Theme is: *Thank you God for my family and please help me to be a more loving member of my family by...*



Put written intentions in prayer pig; they will be offered up at all Masses once a month.

### SMM SCHOOL & PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION PROGRAMS

#### September

During this month, both religion programs will be focusing on the parts of the mass, vestments, and the Liturgical Year. The students will tour the church and the Sacristy.



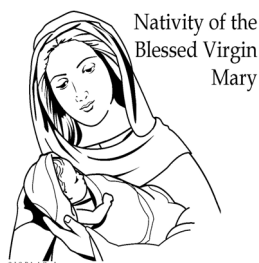
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Be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and pleasing and perfect.

— Romans 12:2

Exactly nine months after the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Dec. 8), we come to a feast in honor of Mary's birth. On **September 8** we recall the greatness on Mary and her importance in all of salvation history, as we remember her humble and obedient yes to give birth to Jesus Christ, the Savior of the World. So on this day, we honor the life of Mary Immaculate, called to be the Mother of God and our mother, queen of heaven and earth.

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Nativity of the  
Blessed Virgin  
Mary

## TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

It's interesting to imagine the scene when the changes in our liturgy were first tested. Choices for prayer texts were one thing, but responses from the people were another. In early 1967, secret test-drives of the new Mass were conducted in the Vatican. Pope Paul VI was present, and there was a handful of bishops, priests, a few laypeople and two sisters making up the assembly. Everyone had a booklet with every word of the songs, rubrics, and prayers, blank paper, and a pencil for notes. After each Mass, the ordained men in the group met in the pope's library to share their experiences. The laypeople and sisters met separately. Over a week's time they tested what they called a "read Mass with singing," a "Mass entirely recited," and a "Sung Mass." While the ordained were generally in favor, the lay comments were very clear and insightful, and had great impact on the final result. This was a brilliant plan on the part of the pope, who got to see how the reform was going, and to recognize in this small trial run a growing consensus that reform was needed and welcome. Based on his observation, Pope Paul VI called for specific innovations, such as beginning the Mass with the sign of the cross. It's amazing that some of our most familiar rites are really quite new treasures of our tradition!

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### Readings for Sunday, September 10:

**First Reading** — Warn the wicked, trying to turn them from their ways (Ezekiel 33:7-9). **Psalm** — If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts (Psalm 95). **Second Reading** — Owe nothing to anyone, except mutual love (Romans 13:8-10).

**Gospel** — If two agree about anything for which they pray, it shall be granted to them (Matthew 18:15-20). The English translation of the Psalm Responses from *Lectionary for Mass* © 1969, 1981, 1997, International Commission on English in the Liturgy Corporation. All rights reserved.

### 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 (8/20)                   | \$ 5321.00        |
| Loose Collection                   | <u>\$ 1645.93</u> |
| <b>Total</b>                       | <b>\$ 6966.93</b> |
| Feast of Assumption (8/15)         | \$ 1282.00        |
| 2nd Collection-Diocese of Catarman | \$ 3973.00        |

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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

*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.*

### DARRO CARAVAN RAFFLE

#### *Help us help the Mentally Challenged*

Darro Caravan #29 of the Order of Alhambra will be selling raffle tickets next weekend for a framed Duece McAllister signed jersey to raise funds for our quarterly dinner dances and our annual Picnic at City Park. These activities are held for our Mentally Challenged at no cost to them. Please help us help God's Special Children. Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5. Thank you.

### 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.

### SPIRITUAL ADOPTION PROGRAM

#### THE FIRST MONTH AFTER CONCEPTION

Your spiritually adopted baby has been quite active over the past month. Already, your baby is 10,000 times bigger than at conception and has developed the foundations of his or her nervous system, including the brain and spinal cord, by the 20th day. During the first 4 weeks, the baby's organs are starting to form. Your baby is the most vulnerable during the next month to being aborted. Pray that the Lord of Life might move the heart of this baby's mother to give him or her the most precious gift — the gift of life.

### SPECIAL NIGHT OF RECONCILIATION

On **Wednesday, September 13** the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available from **5:00-6:30PM**



in the Church. On this day, all Churches in the archdiocese will have a light on in the confessional as a sign that Christ is

not only the light of the world but one who is eager to forgive and heal us. You are encouraged to take this opportunity to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

## THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

### Monday, September 4-Labor Day

Rectory/Parish Offices CLOSED

### Tuesday, September 5

SMM School Adoration in Chapel, 9:15-10:15 AM

Men's Club Meeting in Massett Hall 7:00 PM

Come, Lord Jesus in Convent Bldg 7:00 PM

### Wednesday, September 6

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

Parents' Club Meeting in Massett Hall 7:00 PM

Follow Me: Gospel of John Discussion Group in Convent Bldg, 7-8:30 PM

### Thursday, September 7

Come, Lord Jesus in Convent Bldg 7:00 PM

Safe Environment Training in "A" Bldg 7:00 PM

### Friday, September 8

SMM School Rosary in Chapel 7:45 AM

### Saturday, September 9

SMM 7th grade Car Wash in Airline Lot, 9AM-1PM

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

2<sup>nd</sup> Collection - Building & Maintenance Fund

Grandparents Day Blessing at Mass

DARRO Caravan Raffle after Mass

### Sunday, September 10

2<sup>nd</sup> Collection - Building & Maintenance Fund

Grandparents Day Blessing at Masses

DARRO Caravan Raffle after morning Masses

KC Hospitality in Massett Hall after morning Masses

Holy Name Society Mtg in Ministries Bldg 9:00 AM

Family Mass 9:30 AM

Adoration of Blessed Sacrament, 12:15-1:15 PM

## 2017 SEAFOOD FESTIVAL NEWS

October 13, 14 & 15

The Festival is **THE PARISH'S MAJOR FUND-RAISER** and we need your support to make this a successful event! The Fair Committee is currently seeking booth & stage sponsors, as well as donations of gift certificates & gift items. SMM Fall Festival Raffle tickets are available at all church entrances or at Rectory Office.

## LABOR DAY BLESSING

God, our creator, we are the work of your hands. Guide us in our work, that we may do it, not for self alone, but for the common good. Make us alert to injustice, ready to stand in solidarity, that there may be dignity for all in labor and in labor's reward. Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

*St. Joseph, patron of laborers, Pray for us.*



## TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Labor Day originated in 1882 in New York City under the aegis of the Knights of Labor. Congress made it a legal holiday in 1894. Observing it this week gives us a good opportunity to reflect on the Catholic Church's social teachings for the last century or so. On May 15, 1891, Pope Leo XIII issued the encyclical *Rerum Novarum* on the condition of the working classes and labor. In doing so, he initiated a century in which Catholic teaching became more and more involved in the social issues of the day. Unfortunately relegated to the shadows while the bright lights of controversy shine on other issues, Catholic social teaching remains largely unknown to many Catholics. It is the Catholic Church that championed such notions as a fair day's pay for a fair day's work, and continues to uphold the dignity of the human person against attacks from governments and corporations. Nearly every pope since Leo XIII has issued teachings on the subject. Take some time this Labor Day to familiarize yourself with some aspect of the Church's social teachings. In doing so, you will be taking responsibility as a member of the Body of Christ to commit yourself to the care of your neighbor.

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## GRANDPARENT'S DAY

In recognition of our Grandparents, we will be honoring all our parish Grandparents at all Masses **NEXT** weekend.

## KC HOSPITALITY BREAKFAST

All are invited to join the KCs on **Sunday, September 10** in Massett Hall after all morning Masses for a hospitality breakfast. **NEW** Parishioners are particularly invited!

## SMM SCHOOL—COUGAR NEWS

Safe Environment Training **Thursday, September 7th** at 7:00pm. in "A" Bldg. Open to anyone needing training in order to be involved with children of the parish or school. All are invited to stop by on **Saturday, September 9th** to get your car washed by our 7th grade students who are raising funds for their Washington, DC trip.