

St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church

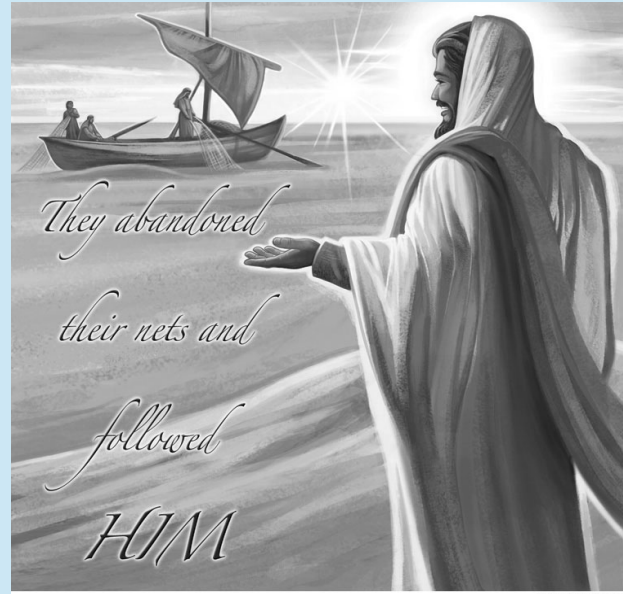
6425 West Metairie Avenue Metairie, Louisiana 70003

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

THE DEMANDS OF DISCIPLESHIP

Today we encounter readings that already have a Lenten feel about them. Nineveh undergoes a forty-day fast, the psalmist reminds us that God alone can show sinners the way, Paul shows us how fleeting the things and events of this world are, and Jesus cries out "Repent!" before he calls his new followers. "Come after me," Jesus says, but if we are to truly live out the commands and demands of our discipleship through baptism, we must first know our need for conversion, our repentance, our need to believe in the gospel fully. Today's Gospel opens with the stark reminder of what befell John the Baptist for completely living out his vocation as the herald of Christ and the gospel: he was arrested, imprisoned, and martyred. Though few of us will experience consequences that extreme, we must all be ready to risk some sort of rejection as, heeding the call of Jesus, we live out the kingdom of God at hand, repent of our sins, and believe in the good news of salvation.

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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 OFFICE

Parish Fax: (504) 733-0869

Parish Website:

www.stmarymagdalenchurch.com

Parish Email Address:

magdalen@smm.nocoxmail.com

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Thursday.....9:00AM - 4:00PM

Friday.....CLOSED

After hours by appointment only

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

In CHAPEL

Monday-Friday, 6:30 AM & 8:30AM

Saturday, 8:00 AM

CONFESSIONS

Saturdays, 2:30-3:30 PM

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil Mass - 4 PM

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

EXPOSITION OF BLESSED SACRAMENT:

Sundays, 12:15-1:15PM

1st Monday, 9:15-10:15AM (Sept-May)

In Church, be sure to visit:

RESPECT LIIFE 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

NEW Hours: Mon. & Fri.....1:00PM-5:00PM

Saturdays.....2:00PM-5:00PM

Sundays.....8:30AM-12:15PM

Phone:.....734-5833

Call Parish Office for further information

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/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 for further information.

WEDDINGS: Contact Parish priest at least 6 to 8 months prior to planned date of marriage. FOCCUS Survey by appointment only. Weddings 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.

PARISH WEEKLY BULLETIN
St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church
Metairie, Louisiana
January 21, 2018

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HOW CAN WE HELP YOU?

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Shari Mader & Caren Favaloro, Co-Directors

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, January 22

6:30 AM Nicholas Marino, Sr.
8:30 AM Jerry Puyau

Tuesday, January 23

6:30 AM Maria Pham
8:30 AM Living Intention for Steve Scalise

Wednesday, January 24

6:30 AM Living Intention for J.A.
8:30 AM Melissa Sanamo

Thursday, January 25

6:30 AM Lois Murphy
8:30 AM Mary Morgan

Friday, January 26

6:30 AM Fr. Earl LaRose
8:30 AM Christian DeLerno, Sr.

Saturday, January 27

8:00 AM Napoleon Sorto

Saturday, January 27

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time Vigil

4:00 PM Jack & Rosalie Couch, Joe Paci,
Kevin Reynolds, Mrs. Barbara P.
Chauvin, Norma & Lance Hubble,
Julio Anleu, Gracia Anleu, Dorothy
Leonard, Laura Baroni, Aimee Marus
Abadie Family, Gordon Mansfield,
Myrlene Pertuit

Sunday, January 28

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Joe Paci
9:30 AM SMM Parishioners
11:00 AM Mary Dyer, Joe & Nell Dewhirst,
Audrey Stolz Hinton, Fr. Michael
Joseph Nguyen
6:00 PM Anna Mae LaRocca



They
abandoned
their nets
and
followed him

PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH

Mark Lucich, Willie Arnouville, Sherry Gaffney, Ray Talbot, Norvin Schexnaildre, Joyce Chiusano, Richard LeBlanc, Marsha Robert, Rose Keller, Leah Conlin, Abigail Robertson, Patrick Mulhern, Marilyn Reynolds, Carole Coronna, George "Mickey" Krause, Tommy Keller, Julie Periou, Brenda Simon, Jena Serigne, Deborah Woodward, Kevin Pineo, Rosemarie Entringer, Teresa Lacour, Mary Ann Meaux, Gayle Songy, Jerry Fender, Jonathan Robertson, Judy Massa, Kevin & Kenneth Teen, Gracelynn Chaplain, Celine Wild, Carol P. Ramos, Dominic Manthey, Deavon Dill, Lauretta Erwin, Larry & Clara Leslie, Dennis Coughlin, Jr., Billie Surratt, Marilyn Rogers, Hector Benoit, Ronald Dufour

FOSTERING STEWARDSHIP

In gratitude for God's gifts we gratefully appreciate:
Envelopes (1/07) \$ 7809.00
Loose Collection \$ 2525.80
Total \$10,334.80

Thank you for your generosity!

2017 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

All contributing parishioners will be able to receive their 2017 statement of contributions to the Church by using one of three options: 1. Check the parish website on how to access your statement by MyOwnChurch. 2. Request statement via email & receive in the mail. 3. Call rectory office (733-0922) to request a statement be mailed to you.



PRAYER LIST FOR SERVICE MEN & WOMEN

We pray for those in our parish who are fighting overseas for our country and against terrorism.

Sp. Serv., Brian Calvo, US Army; PFC Scott Hale, USMC



BURIED IN CHRIST

*Gertrude Barbier Juneau
Elizabeth Bartholomew*



**3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 21, 2018**
 The kingdom of God is at hand.
 Repent, and believe in the gospel.
 — Mark 1:15

SUGGESTION BOX
What's the latest from our suggestion box?
Consider starting a social club for senior citizens.
This idea has been discussed during a recent evaluation of parish ministries & organizations. Will turn this over to the Discipleship Ministry who's mission is to develop new ministries.

Readings for Sunday, January 28:
First Reading — Moses spoke to all the people, saying: "A prophet like me will the LORD, your God, raise up for you" (Deuteronomy 18:15-20). **Psalm** — If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts (Psalm 95). **Second Reading** — Brothers and sisters: I should like you to be free of anxieties (1 Corinthians 7:32-35). **Gospel** — The people were astonished at Jesus' teaching (Mark 1:21-28).
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2ND COLLECTION FOR SMM SOCIAL APOSTOLATE

This weekend, January 20/21, the 2nd Collection will be for SMM Social Apostolate. Funds are needed to replenish the food bank supplies. Please be generous!

JANUARY: STEWARDSHIP MONTH

**To Be a Christian Steward
A Summary of the U.S. Bishops' Pastoral Letter on Stewardship**

STEWARDS OF CREATION
 The Bible contains a profound message about the stewardship of material creation: God created the world, but entrusts it to human beings. Caring for and cultivating the world involves the following: Joyful appreciation for the God-given beauty and wonder of nature; Protection and preservation of the environment, which would be the stewardship of ecological concern; Respect for human life—shielding life from threat and assault, doing everything that can be done to enhance this gift and make life flourish; and Development of this world through noble human effort—physical labor, the trades and professions, the arts and sciences. We call such effort "work." Work is a fulfilling human vocation. The Second Vatican Council points out that, through work, we build up not only our world but the Kingdom of God, already present among us. Work is a partnership with God—our share in a divine human collaboration in creation. It occupies a central place in our lives as Christian stewards.

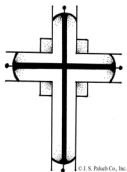
FOR THE CHILDREN

CELEBRATING CATHOLIC FAMILIES

Living the Word

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Christmas time is over, and now we have entered into Ordinary time, our time of growing in our everyday lives as Christians. The liturgical color for Ordinary time is green. I wonder why the color for this time would be green.



CHILDREN'S CORNER

JANUARY: Month of Remembering Baptism. Prayer Center Theme is: **The Sign of the Cross:** *In the name of the Father, and the Son and the Holy Spirit.*

Jesus as I say these words that were spoken as I was baptized, help me to.... 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

January

During this month, both religion programs will be focusing on our baptismal promises as we ask Jesus to help us understand and live them.

SMM SCHOOL—COUGAR NEWS

New student registration begins next week. Please call the school office for a private tour (733-1433) or visit our website at smmcougars.org for more information.

SMM PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION

Religion Classes for students attending public or private school are held every Monday evening from 6:45 PM -8:00 PM. Call Linda Earle, PCL at 733-8980 for further information about registering your child for these classes.

EVANGELIZATION

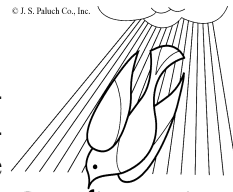
12 Tips for Effective Catholic Evangelization

1. **Witness of life:** a. Show signs of a faith that is alive, of a conviction that is real, of a love for God that is attractive. b. Ensure that your behavior and choices bespeak a life lived in accord with the Gospel values and the newness of life of the God you profess to believe in.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

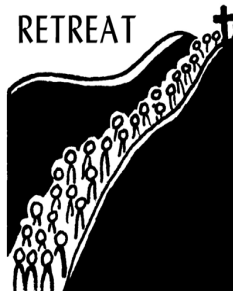
ADULT CONFIRMATION PROGRAM

This program is for Baptized, catechized Catholics who have received 1st Communion, but were never confirmed. For more call the Parish Religious Education Office at 733-8980.



Confirmation

RETREAT



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MEN'S EMMAUS RETREAT

Put aside the "hustle and bustle" of daily life and attend the men's Emmaus retreat the weekend of **January 19-21**. The retreat is held at Rosaryville Spirit Life Center and retreat house in beautiful, peaceful Ponchatoula, Louisiana. The retreat is based on the scripture passage "The appearance on the road to Emmaus" (Luke 24: 13-35) and is an uplifting experience that has a profound effect on men's lives. The retreat begins at 5:00 PM Friday and ends after the 5:30 PM mass on Sunday. Round trip transportation is provided from St. Dominic Church. Please don't ignore this opportunity but pray on it instead. Something special definitely awaits you at Rosaryville! Please contact the following men for additional information: Colin Taulli @ (504) 494-4511 or Rick Valadie @ (504) 655-8932 or Jim Musso @ (504) 231-5395

SPECIAL APPEAL

Dear St. Mary Magdalen Parishioners,
My name is Bradley Este and I am from Boy Scout Troop 490. I am working on my Eagle Scout Service Project and I am in need of everyone's support. My Eagle Scout Project will involve the collection of prescription eyeglasses during the month of January, and will then donate them to University Park Lions Club. The donated eyeglasses to the Lions Club allows them to help improve the quality of life for children and adults living in low and middle income communities around the world. Without donations like these it could not be possible. I will be placing collection boxes at all entrances of church to collect old unwanted eyeglasses that may be in the community. The boxes will be available until February 11th after 6:00 mass. Your old unwanted prescription eyeglass can be repurposed to change the lives and sight for people in need. Thank you for your support and generosity.
Bradley Este from Troop 490

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Monday, January 22

SMM School Living Rosary 2:30PM
Parish School of Religion Classes, 6:45PM-8:00 PM

Tuesday, January 23

Marian Servants® of Our Father's Love in Convent Bldg, 9:30AM-12Noon
Come, Lord Jesus in Convent Bldg 7:00 PM
KC Ladies Auxiliary Mtg in Ministries Bldg 7:00 PM

Wednesday, January 24

Social Services Building open from 5:30PM-6:30PM
Parish Pastoral Council Mtg in Convent Bldg 7:00 PM
St. Jude Society Meeting in Chapel 7:00 PM

Thursday, January 25

Come, Lord Jesus in Convent Bldg 7:00 PM

Friday, January 26

Saturday, January 27

Confessions in Church, 2:30-3:30 PM
2nd Collection - Catholic Schools
Blessing of Candles & Throats at Mass

Sunday, January 28

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

2nd Collection - Catholic Schools
Blessing of Candles & Throats at Masses
Family Mass 9:30 AM
Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 12:15-1:15 PM
CYO Meeting in Lodge 7:00 PM

SMM GUIDE BOOK & CHURCH DIRECTORY

We are in the process of updating our annual Guide Book and Directory for the Church. This book helps us all to know more about our Church. As last year, the book is being provided at no cost to our parishioners, including the mailing to each family and again it is being subsidized by local businesses who advertise in it. If you own or manage a business and would like advertising information, please call the rectory office at 733-0922, Mon-Thurs, 9AM-4PM. Recent survey results by Guide Book Publishing show that 92.1% of families would rather patronize businesses who advertise in the guide book. It "does pay" to advertise in our Guide Book and Directory.

SPECIAL PARISH EVENTS

PRESENTATION OF THE LORD FEAST

On Friday, February 2, we celebrate the Feast of the Presentation of Our Lord in the Temple. This feast is also called Candlemas, in which candles for home and Church use are blessed. We will keep this tradition by blessing candles at all Masses **January 27/28**. You may bring candles from home or purchase a candle at Church before all Masses (\$2.00/boxed set of 2).

FEAST OF ST. BLAISE THROAT BLESSING

(Actual St. Blaise Feast Day: February 3)

The protection of St. Blaise is sought with this blessing each winter. A general blessing of throats will be given on **January 27/28** at all weekend Masses.

DAY OF RETREAT

The Marian Servants® of Our Father's Love will be sponsoring a day of Retreat on **Tuesday, January 30, 2018** from 10AM to 2:30 PM in the SMM Chapel. It will be presented by Fr. Sydney Speaks. As lunch will be provided, reservations are necessary by email Patsy Ricau at pricau@cox.net, or call at 504-813-4327. A donation of \$10 is suggested.

PARISH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

Our parish will be honoring those parishioners who will be celebrating their 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, 70th, 75th, etc. wedding anniversary anytime during 2018. We will honor those couples at the **9:30 AM Mass on Sunday, February 4** followed by a breakfast reception in the Rectory. Please call 733-8980 **no later than Wed., Jan. 31**, if you wish to participate.

RESPECT LIFE

MARCH FOR LIFE "DIAPER DRIVE"

January 19 will be the 45th March for Life in Washington D.C. and it will be the largest Pro-Life rally in the world. To mark this special occasion at SMM the St. Mary Magdalen School's Liturgical Club is seeking donations of baby diapers and wipes to be donated to the ACCESS Pregnancy Center. ACCESS is most in need of the middle size diapers...for babies from 8 to 18 pounds. Diapers and wipes should be returned to church on **January 20th-21th before ALL Masses**. Please consider donating to help ACCESS and to encourage these SMM students to continue to be active in the Pro-Life movement.