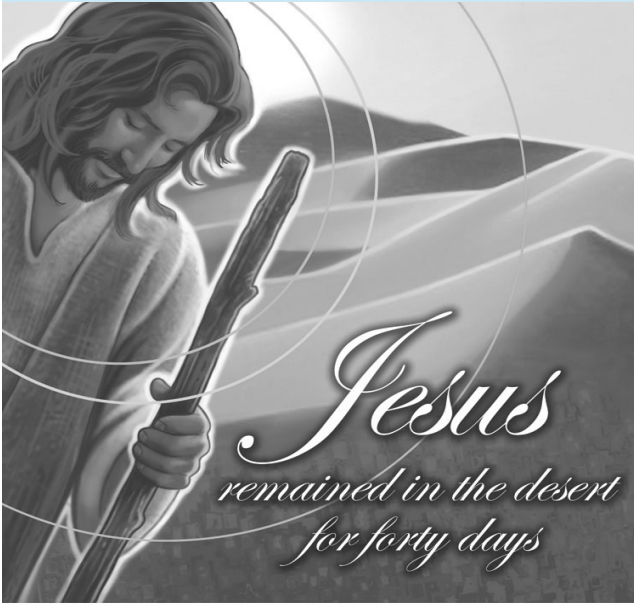


St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church

6425 West Metairie Avenue Metairie, Louisiana 70003

1st Sunday of Lent



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PEOPLE OF THE COVENANT

If there is one word that stands out in today's readings, it is "covenant." God's faithfulness and goodness serve as examples to us of how to live. Genesis tells the story of Noah and of God's covenant not only with all people, but with all of nature. Never will the cleansing waters of the flood bring their destructive power to all the earth again. The sign, the reminder to both God and nature, is the rainbow in the heavens. The psalm reminds us of this compassion of God, and begs God to remember us, not because of our goodness, but because of God's goodness and fidelity to the promise. God shows us how to be good, not by decree, but by example.

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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

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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 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

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/PolicyonInfantBaptism 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 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.

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WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, February 19

6:30 AM James Michael Whalen
8:30 AM In Thanksgiving for Favors Granted

Tuesday, February 20

6:30 AM Gus Barbier
8:30 AM Delores Ann Restivo

Wednesday, February 21

6:30 AM Living Intention for J.A.
8:30 AM Joe Paci

Thursday, February 22

Feast of the Chair of St. Peter the Apostle

6:30 AM J.C. Mixon
8:30 AM Living Intention for Steve Scalise

Friday, February 23

6:30 AM Patrick Croy
8:30 AM George Collet

Saturday, February 24

8:00 AM Napoleon Sorto

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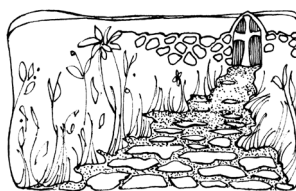
2nd Sunday of Lent Vigil

4:00 PM Jack & Rosalie Couch, Aimee Marus,
Joe Paci, Kevin Reynolds, Joan Ferry,
Julio Anleu, Gracia Anleu, Abadie
Family, Dot Leonard, Larry Schmitt,
Maria Berbusse, Dean D'Arcangelo

Sunday, February 25

2nd Sunday of Lent

8:00 AM Joe Paci
9:30 AM SMM Parishioners
11:00 AM Laura Alphonse Barrone, Gayle
Young, JoAnn Henry
6:00 PM Cindy Spence



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Your ways, O LORD, make known
to me; teach me your paths.

— Psalm 25:4

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 Corona, 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, Hector Benoit, Kevin Colton

FOSTERING STEWARDSHIP

In gratitude for God's gifts we gratefully appreciate:
Envelopes (2/04) \$ 6650.00
Loose Collection \$ 2366.95
Total \$ 9016.95
2nd Collection-Bldg & Maintenance \$ 3536.00
Thank you for your generosity!

EVANGELIZATION

12 Tips for Effective Catholic Evangelization

4. *Develop relationships of care and trust*
- a. Ask the Lord to instill within your heart His own sentiments and care for the people in your life with whom He would like you to share about His salvation and plan for their lives.
 - b. Begin to develop or deepen a relationship of friendship and trust with the person or persons whom God and life's circumstances place on your heart and in your life, and as the level of trust and care for one another develops be ready to share with them what Christ and His Church have come to mean in your life and to Christians across the globe down through the centuries.

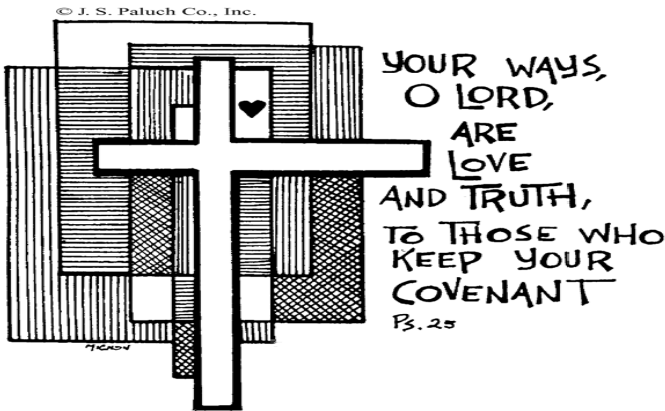
PRAYER LIST FOR SERVICE MEN & WOMEN
We pray for those in our parish who are fighting overseas for our country and against terrorism.
 PFC Scott Hale, USMC

NEW BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY

At our recent Parish Ministries Fair, several people expressed an interest in starting up a Bereavement Ministry at SMM. Jim Heneghan, our Acolyte has volunteered to lead an evening of discussion about the possible formation of this new ministry on **Monday, February 26** from 7-9PM in the Convent Building. All are invited to participate.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

LENT †
 By the First Sunday of Lent, many people have given up on "giving up." Yet experiencing hunger for favorite things is a sign of a desire to face our deepest hungers. We do not embrace fasting as individuals, but rather as the community's way of life in this season. Sometimes it helps to see Sunday as an oasis in the Lenten desert, a place where fasting is not as strictly observed. If we count the days of the Lenten calendar, starting backward from the end of Lent on Holy Thursday, it is difficult to measure the forty days. Many are surprised to learn that the Sundays are counted as part of Lent, but are not counted in tallying the forty days of the Lenten fast. For that, we count the fast backward into last week, beginning on Ash Wednesday. So, until today we have been in the Lenten fast, days that function as a kind of overture to a symphony of conversion. Today Lent solemnly begins, marked in many places by the sending of catechumens and candidates to the bishop for the call to the Easter sacraments. Tomorrow with them, we embrace the Lenten fast again. Today we are exactly forty days from the opening of the Paschal Triduum on Holy Thursday.



Readings for Sunday, February 25:
First Reading — The sacrifice of Abraham, our father in faith (Genesis 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18).
Psalm — I walk before the Lord, in the land of the living (Psalm 116). **Second Reading** — God did not spare his own Son (Romans 8:31b-34). **Gospel** — This is my beloved Son (Mark 9:2-10).

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FOR THE CHILDREN

CELEBRATING CATHOLIC FAMILIES

Living the Word

1st Sunday of Lent

Today is the First Sunday of Lent. What do you know about Lent? What looks different in the church today. What do the colors and symbols in the church teach us about Lent? What can I do this Lent to help me to be closer to God.



CHILDREN'S CORNER

FEBRUARY: Month of *Jesus loves me*. Prayer Center Theme is: *I can show Jesus how much I love Him 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

February

SMM Catholic Schools Weeks activities encouraged students to value their Catholic education. The Student Council officers attended the Archdiocesan Catholic Schools Week mass at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton. During "Soup"er Bowl Week SMM students participated in a food drive to benefit our Social Services Ministry.

SMM SCHOOL—COUGAR NEWS

Pray for our 5th grade students as they visit Second Harvesters this week to provide service to our community. Thank you to Cravin' Donuts for providing our donuts for Buddy Breakfast.

MARRIAGE & FAMILY LIFE

GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

The Archdiocesan Golden Anniversary Celebration will take place on **Sunday, June 10, 2018** at 3:00 PM in St. Philip Neri Church, Metairie, for all couples married 50 years this year. This ceremony will be a Prayer Service, not a Mass. Attendance of Mass for Sunday obligation must be met within one's parish. To register call 733-8980 by March 7.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

CALL TO CONTINUING CONVERSION

The season of Lent invites all of us to enter into a time of prayer, fasting and almsgiving so that we will be ready to celebrate the most important feast of the



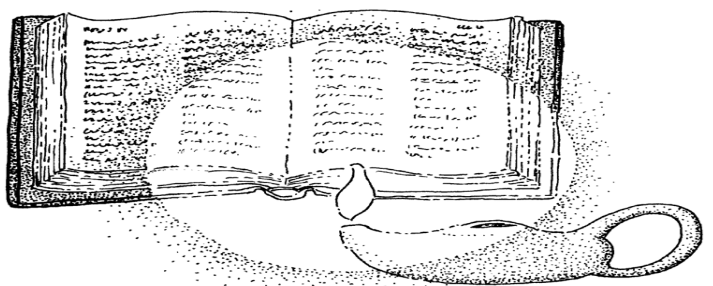
RCIA

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Church year: **Easter**. Some among us enter this season of Lent with the special purpose of preparing to receive the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist or Reception into Full Communion with the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil. For some time, **CANDIDATE-Gayle Regel** has been experiencing our Catholic way of life. On **Sunday, February 18** she will take another important step on her journey of faith. After celebrating the **Rite of Sending** at the 8 AM Mass at SMM, the Candidate will go to St. Joseph Church to meet with Archbishop Gregory Aymond who will invite her to begin an intense and prayerful preparation for the Sacraments of Initiation. At the **Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion**, we will celebrate God's choice of this individual and we will accept God's call to us as her community of faith to support her with our prayers, example and shared faith. God is blessing us with new life...let us give thanks!

MEN'S MORNING OF SPIRITUALITY

The 2018 Men's Morning of Spirituality is coming up! Each year some of the best, well-known, local Catholics share their witness of faith, and hundreds of men attend and take advantage of Confession, Adoration, and Mass with Archbishop Aymond (not to mention plenty of coffee and donuts!). This year, we are really excited to have Fr. Michael Champagne, CJC, one of the an inspiring preacher in Louisiana, and Grant Aasan, who left a promising career on the Georgia Tech football team to enter seminary and study for the priesthood. The event will take place at St. Anthony of Padua Church on Canal St. from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM on **Saturday, February 24, 2018**.



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THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Monday, February 19-*Presidents Day*

Come, Lord Jesus in Convent Bldg 9:00 AM
Parish School of Religion Classes, 6:45PM-8:00 PM

Tuesday, February 20

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

Wednesday, February 21

Social Services Building open from 5:30PM-6:30PM
Lenten Prayer Series in Convent Bldg, 9:30-11 AM & 7-8:30 PM

Thursday, February 22

Come, Lord Jesus in Convent Bldg 7:00 PM

Friday, February 23

Way of the Cross in Church 2:30 PM & 700 PM
Men's Club Lenten Fish Fry in Massett Hall, 6PM-8PM

Saturday, February 24

SPRING CLEANING of the CHURCH, 8:30AM-12Noon
Confessions in Church, 2:30-3:30 PM
2nd Collection - Central & Eastern Europe Churches

Sunday, February 25

2nd Collection - Central & Eastern Europe Churches
Family Mass/Scout Mass 9:30 AM
Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 12:15-1:15 PM
Confirmation Class (2018) in Massett Hall 7:00 PM



Fridays in Lent
at 2:30 PM & 7 PM in Church

LENTEN NIGHTS OF RECONCILIATION

On **Wednesdays, March 7, 14 & 21** the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available from **5:00-6:30 PM** in the Church. On these days, 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.

SPECIAL PARISH EVENTS

MEN'S CLUB LENTEN FISH FRY

Fridays, February 23 & March 9
6:00-8:00 PM



FISH FRY

Stop by for a "bite" at this great event in Massett Hall and support the parish!
Soft Drinks and beer will also be available. To-Go and Drive-Thru (Cardinal Street & Horseshoe lots) orders also available.



SMM PARISH WORK DAY

Saturday, February 24
8:30AM-12Noon

Calling all Parishioners!!!

On Saturday, **March 25** beginning at 8:30AM, you are invited to come help with the annual **SPRING CLEANING** of the church & chapel. Bring rubber gloves (if you use them), a small wisk broom or pastry brush and soft rags for polishing. Parish Organizations, Ministries and Scouts are invited to send a group and High school students looking for service hours are especially welcome!!! In order to plan how many work crews we can form, please call the rectory office (733-0922) if you plan to help.

RESPECT LIFE

SAFE HAVEN SUNDAY

Equipping the Family, Safeguarding Children

The Archdiocese of New Orleans is setting aside this weekend, **February 18-19** as "Safe Haven Sunday" in order to give focused time and resources to address the harmfulness of pornography and other online threats in marriages, family life and culture. Today's awareness day is celebrated through prayer and a reflection within the context of the Mass. After Mass, each individual and family will be given Covenant Eyes' most recent book, *Equipped: Smart Catholic Parenting in a Sexualized Culture*. This book includes a unique seven-day text-to-opt-in program: **The Equipped 7-Day Challenge**. This Challenge provides practical tips any caring adult can take to create safer digital environments for themselves and our young people. Thank you for celebrating with us! If you have any questions about this awareness weekend, please contact the Archdiocese of New Orleans Office of Marriage and Family Life at tmcaffery@arch-no.org or visit www.nolacatholic.com.