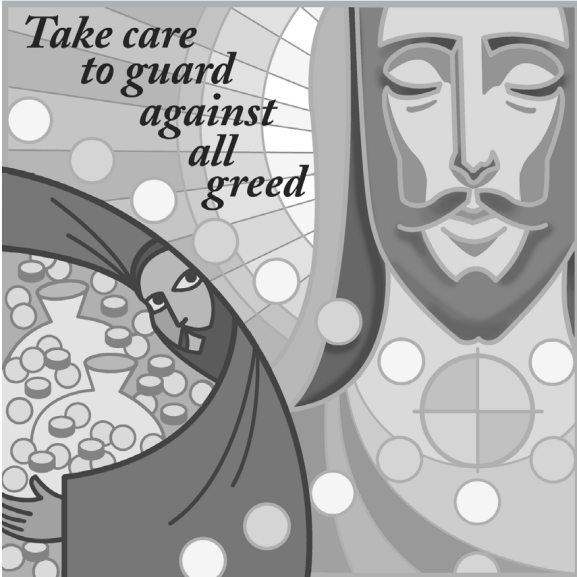


18th Sunday in Ordinary Time



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HITTING IT BIG

It seems to be commonly accepted nowadays that everyone wants to win the lottery, hit the slots big at the casino, or be a millionaire. This attitude is akin to what the first hearers of the parable of the successful farmer would have thought: Why, of course he'd want to find a way to preserve his good fortune for the future, to secure for himself a life of leisure, eating, drinking, and merriment. It's exactly the kind of life that the right ticket, hand of cards, or quiz show answer might bring us today. Being surrounded by this "common wisdom" makes the words of Qoheleth, the psalmist, Paul, and Jesus all that much harder to hear today. Perhaps good fortune will be ours, perhaps it will not be. But if we make that fortune or the quest for it the heart, the very center, of our lives, then we will live to regret it. We will not achieve the future security we pursue, and we will lose the present moment in the chase.

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St. Mary Magdalen Parish Mission Statement

The Parish of St. Mary Magdalen is a Roman Catholic Faith Community who, in the spirit of Jesus Christ through the Holy Spirit, welcomes all people, cherishes the Eucharist, fosters faith formation for all ages and serves our parish and the larger community in hope and charity.

Parish Weekly Bulletin

St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church

6425 West Metairie Avenue Metairie, Louisiana 70003

PARISH OFFICE

Pastor.....Rev. Christian DeLermo, 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
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Co-Directors...Caren Favaloro & Shari Mader
Phone.....(504) 733-4768

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 3rd Sunday of the month at 12:15PM. Baptism Seminars on 1st Monday at 7:00PM (NOTE new time) in Chapel. Baptism Seminar is mandatory for first child.

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 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: \$200; 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

PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH

Monday, August 1
6:30 AM Imbraguglio & Breathe Families

Tuesday, August 2
6:30 AM Gus Barbier

Wednesday, August 3
6:30 AM Frank Knecht, III

Thursday, August 4
6:30 AM Marie Papas Cusimano

Friday, August 5
6:30 AM Carolyn Mouton

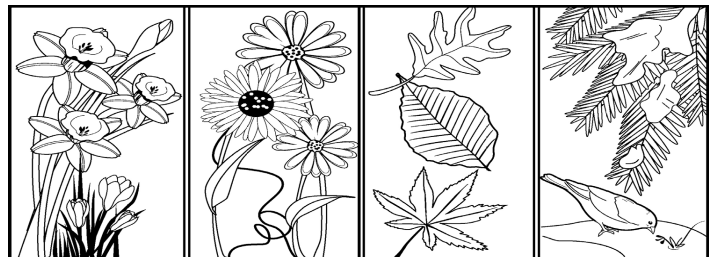
Saturday, August 6
Feast of Transfiguration of the Lord
8:00 AM Mabel Billiot

Saturday, August 6
19th Sunday in Ordinary Time Vigil
4:00 PM Rosalie Couch, Nicky Laurie, John & Clare McDermott, Hazel & Harold Howatt, Dee Broussard, Tom Jeffers, Mary Frances Jeffers, Jay Patrick Jeffers, Dean D'Arcangelo, Bob W. Hunley, Norma & Lance Hubble, Earl & Lillian Dennies, Doris Radosti, Rosemary & Wallace Bradford, Jr., Aimee Maurus, Mary Ann Schmitt, Deacon Angelas Robin, Jerry Puyau, Tony DiFranco, Marain Pizzalato, Diane Crespo, William Lagarde

Sunday, August 7
19th Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 AM Bertucci & Trapani Families
9:30 AM SMM Parishioners
11:00 AM Zenobia Drury, Hallie Espenan, Anne Bowman, Roy Hoffman, St. Jude Society Prayer List, Donald & David Feltey, Jeff Rodriguez, Jerry Fulton, Dean D'Arcangelo, Hal Balleva, Kathy Hayden, Jim Stroup, Living Intention for Joyce Reeser

6:00 PM Genevieve Ducote, Alice & Dewey Ponthier, Vernon Ducote, Hal Ducote

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, Ann Flick & Family, Rosemarie Entringer, Judge Thomas Wicker, Ivan Antunovic, Arianna Crawford, Claire Duplantier, Daphne Dufour, Gloria Robles, 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, Kathy Barbier, 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, Perry Juneau, Mark Lucich, Willie Arnouville, Earl Songy, Chad Costes, Sherry Gaffney, Dean Babin, Janet Kaleher, Norvin Schexnaldre, Dianne Seman, Matthew DiBuono Oliver Duplantier, David Williamson, Toni Landry, Musette Barrouquere, Riecke Gernon, Daniel Hereford, David Williamson, Katherine Sclafani, Catherine Carlin, Gerard Hollingsworth, Edie Dorion



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

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

What is the difference between needing something and wanting it? How often do you need the things that you want? How do we know when we have too much? What if we have little— does it mean God cares about us less?

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Teach us to number our days aright,
 that we may gain wisdom of heart.

— Psalm 90:12



JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

“You fool, this night your life will be demanded of you” (Luke 12:20). Hardly sounds like mercy!



Unlike some contemporary rich folks, there is no indication of lying, stealing, or cheating in Jesus’ parable. The rich man made a living, not a killing. Why does Jesus name him

“fool”? First, because of presumption. Five times in nine verses, the rich man declares, “I shall.” God’s not in charge here, I am! Second, selfishness—four times, “my/myself.” No God, no neighbor; he talks to himself, about himself: *my* possessions, *my* productivity, *my* plans! So, instead of chasing “treasure for ourselves,” Jesus and Pope Francis’ *Jubilee Year of Mercy* bid us grow “rich in what matters to God” (12:21), namely, the corporal and spiritual works of mercy. Give food, drink, clothing, and healing; visit the imprisoned; bury the dead. Heal with Jesus’ own gentleness the doubt, ignorance, and sins of others; comfort, forgive, be patient; and pray for the living and dead.

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Dear All,

No words can express the thrill, humility and gratitude I felt at your outpouring of love for my 50th Anniversary & Retirement!! THANK YOU!!!

Let us always give thanks to God who placed us in each other’s lives and continue to serve him together! Keep in touch!

Love, Fr. Bob

The Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord, celebrated on August 6, reminds us about the depth of



mystery that surrounded Jesus Christ—mystery in a sense that we can never exhaust who he really is or categorize him in any way. Fully human, he may indeed have needed a tent or a place to camp on the mountains, like Peter asked. But just when the Apostles may have been getting really comfortable with their understanding of Jesus as friend and teacher, they catch a glimpse of his heavenly glory, challenging them to remain open to Christ communicating to them who he is as Son of God. We have moments like the Apostles each time we encounter and grapple with a new and challenging image of God in the Scriptures. Remaining humble and open to revelatory action of God’s Word and Spirit is a way to enter ever more deeply into the mystery of who God is for us in Jesus Christ.

FRANK KELLY HEALING MASS & SERVICE

On **Thursday, August 18** there will be a Healing Mass & Service lead by Frank Kelly whose healing ministry is sanctioned by the Church. The Schedule is as follows: 6PM Confessions followed by Mass at 6:30 PM. Mr. Kelly will talk at 7PM and pray over the people at 7:30 PM. Additional Confessions will follow. All are invited!

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

Do you know someone who is interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith? Someone who has been thinking about converting to Catholicism? Our journey of faith will begin in August and continue through Easter. If you are interested in joining the **RCIA Program** or have further questions, please call Susie at 733-8980

Readings for Sunday, August 7:

First Reading — Your ancestors waited in faith and courage for God’s promised summons (Wisdom 18:6-9).

Psalm — Blessed the people the Lord has chosen to be his own (Psalm 33). **Second Reading** — Because of his faithful obedience to God’s call, Abraham’s descendants number as the stars (Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19 [1-2, 8-12]).

Gospel — Keep watch and be prepared, for you do not know the day or the hour when the Son of Man will appear (Luke 12:32-48 [35-40]).

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Prayer to Saint Michael, the Archangel

Holy Michael the 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 you, O Prince of the heavenly host, by the divine power thrust into hell Satan and all other evil spirits who wander through the world seeking the ruin of souls.

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Envelopes (7/17)	\$ 6378.00
Loose Collection	\$ 2390.56
Total	\$ 8768.56
2nd Collection-Black & Indian Missions	\$ 1877.00

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.

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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.

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 every Sunday.



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



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.

COMMENTS FROM THE NATIONAL RIGHT TO LIFE COMMITTEE

Simple facts of life and death: As a result of the Supreme Court's Roe v. Wade decision mandating that abortion be available all nine months of pregnancy, each year there are 1.3 million abortions in the United States with nearly 20,000 occurring after the 21st week of pregnancy. These figures are difficult for the mind to comprehend but we see the consequences of this society's embrace of the culture of death all around us. *The Catholic Light, 1/20/05*

GETTING THE MOST OUT OF SPIRITUAL DIRECTION

Join Sr. Noël Toomey, O.P., for three two hour sessions on the basics of spiritual direction. Monday, August 15, 22, 29, 2016, 7-9pm at the Archdiocesan Spirituality Center, 2501 Maine Avenue Metairie. The sessions will focus on the purpose of spiritual direction, its difference from pastoral counseling, catechesis, and faith companionship as well as guidance on how to prepare for spiritual direction. For those currently going to spiritual direction who want to review and renew their approach to this discernment conversation and those who are considering beginning a spiritual direction conversation. Cost \$40.00 (adjustments can be made). To register, contact the Archdiocesan Spirituality Center (504) 861-3254 email archspircrtr@arch-no.org or register on the web: <http://asc.arch-no.org>

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Monday, August 1

Baptism Seminar in Chapel 7:00 PM

Tuesday, August 2

Wednesday, August 3

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

Thursday, August 4

FOCCUS Survey for Engaged Couples, Rm28 7:00 PM

Friday, August 5

Saturday, August 6

Rosary after Mass in Chapel 8:30 AM

Confession every Saturday 2:30 PM to 3:30 PM

Sunday, August 7

Family Mass 9:30 AM

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

SMM SCHOOL-PARENT ORIENTATIONS

Thurs, Aug. 11 at 6:00 PM in Classrooms.....PreK3, PreK4 & Kinder

Thurs, Aug. 11 at 6:30 PM in Classrooms.....Grades 1-4

Thurs., Aug. 11 at 7:00 PM in Classrooms.....Grades 5-7

Note: Orientation meetings are vital for a good school year. Please do NOT bring the children. The Orientation Meetings are for parents or guardians *only* and there will be no child care available. All supplies may be dropped off the night of orientation.

SMM SCHOOL - OPENING SCHEDULE

Mon., Aug. 15 Grades PreK-K.....11AM Dismissal

Mon., Aug. 15 Grades 1-7.....Full Day

Tues., Aug. 16 ALL grades.....Full Day

Notes: Supervision & Carpool Line begins at 7:45 AM

School Hours: (Grades 1-7) 8:05 AM—3:10 PM

(Grades PK3-Kinder) 8:05 AM-2:55 PM

1st morning bell rings at 8:05 AM

Tardy Bell rings at 8:10 AM

Please NOTE: After-School Care is NOT available on early

SMM SCHOOL—COUGAR NEWS

On **Sunday, July 31st** there will be a SMM School Uniform Swap in the Cafeteria after the morning Masses. SMM School is accepting registrations for the 2016-2017 school year for students in Pre-K through 7th grade. Please call the school office at (504) 733-1433 for registration information.

HOLY LAND GIFT SALE

Volunteer members from the Roman Catholic Church in Bethlehem in the Holy Land, will be visiting our parish this weekend, **July 30/31**. They will speak to us about the Christian struggle in the Holy Land. They will also have available some beautiful Olive Wood carvings which are all handmade by the Christian people in Bethlehem. The purpose of this visit is to help maintain the existence of the Catholic people in the Holy Land. Catholic Christians were once the majority in that land but the percentage has now dropped to less than 1.5%. Please take time to look at the carvings, make a purchase and help this church maintain a presence in the very land where our Lord was born, where he preached the Good News and where his Kingdom was first established. These carvings make great sacramental and Christmas gifts that have an added special significance given where and why they were made.

REGISTRATION FOR PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION

Children, who have previously attended classes at SMM, will receive registration forms in the mail this week. Please complete and return registration forms along with registration fee to the rectory (Mon.-Thurs., 9am-4pm) OR on registration weekend. Registrations for Parish School of Religion (PSR) will be taken on the following dates:

August 20 from 4:00 pm to 5:30 pm

August 21 from 9:00 am to 12:15 pm

August 22 from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm

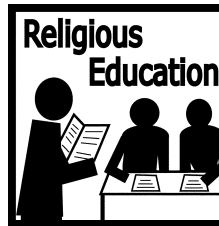
Registration packets for **NEW** students can be obtained and returned to the rectory along with a copy of their Baptismal Certificate. After registration weekend, forms may be returned to the rectory office.

REGISTRATION FEE FOR PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION STUDENTS, GRADES 1 – 12

\$40-one child; \$15-each additional child; \$60-maximum fee for any one family.

CLASSES

The Parish School of Religion Program is for students attending private or public school. Classes are held every Monday evening beginning **September 12, 2016** from 6:45 pm until 8:00 pm. Classes for students in grades 1 thru 3 are located in the “B” building; students in grades 4 thru 12 are located in the “A” building.



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