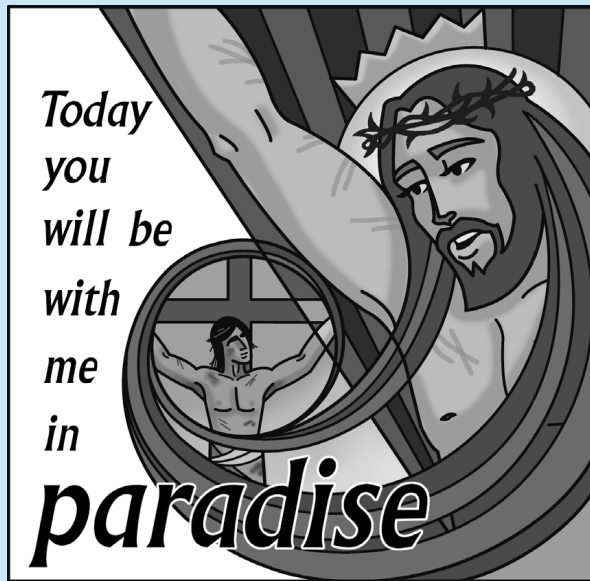


Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ the King of the Universe

KINGSHIP

The book of Samuel recounts for us today the anointing of David as king of Israel. It was the elders of Israel who declared David king that day, but it was God who called David to shepherd Israel. Thus mandated by the citizens of his kingdom and by his God, David took his place in a long line of kings. The apostle Paul speaks to us of kingship as well, but on a much higher plane: the kingship of Jesus our Lord. As great as David was, he and all earthly monarchs who came before and after him in their kingdoms around the world are minor kings by comparison to the true King. And lastly, we hear the story of that true King in perhaps his weakest moment: near death, hanging on a cross, taunted by a common criminal and by the world at large.

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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

PARISH OFFICE

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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

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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 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: \$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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Rev. Christian W. DeLerno, Jr.

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WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, November 21

6:30 AM Casey O'Dell
8:30 AM Carmela LeBlanc

Tuesday, November 22

6:30 AM Carolyn Mouton
8:30 AM Joy Morrison

Wednesday, November 23

6:30 AM Louis V. Levy
8:30 AM Paul Giambrone

Thursday, November 24

Thanksgiving Day

8:30 AM Schule & Escude Families

Friday, November 25

8:30 AM Cindy Spence

Saturday, November 26

8:00 AM Fr. Earl LaRose

Saturday, November 26

1st Sunday of Advent Vigil

4:00 PM Rosalie Couch, Tom Jeffers, Mary Frances Jeffers, Jay Patrick Jeffers, Dean D'Arcangelo, Doris Radosti, Julio Anleu, Gracia Anleu, Aimee Marus, Fr. Michael Joseph Nguyen, Jerry Puyau, Cindy Spence

Sunday, November 27

1st Sunday of Advent

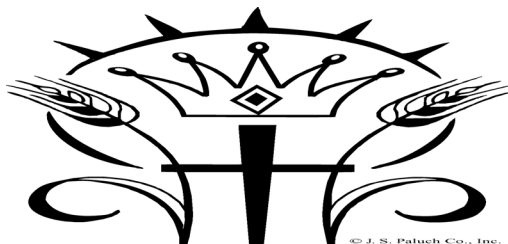
8:00 AM Edward & Edna Mae Hyde
9:30 AM SMM Parishioners
11:00 AM Carolyn Mouton, Catherine Barrett, Carol B. Hoffmann, Joyce Finicle, Hallie Espanan
6:00 PM Effie Sarti

PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH

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, Daphine 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, Chad Costes, Sherry Gaffney, Dean Babin, Janet Kaleher, Norvin Schexnaildre, 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, Carl Caffarel, Heidi Nuss, Luke Nuss, Donald Booth, Nicholas Galliano, Kristi LeBlanc, Tammy Graves Coen, Janice Childress



**Happy
Thanksgiving!!!**



CELEBRATING CATHOLIC FAMILIES

Living the Word

Solemnity of Christ the King

The Gospel reading recounts a story of mistaken identity. What the soldiers and the rulers saw was a criminal and they challenged Jesus to save himself. But for Jesus to save himself from the Cross was not God's plan. It was God's plan that Jesus would die and gain admittance to the Kingdom for all of us, forevermore.

CHILDREN'S CORNER

NOVEMBER: Month of the Saints & Giving Thanks! Prayer Center Theme is: *I am thankful for....* Put written intentions in pumpkin; they will be offered up at all Sunday Masses once a month.

SMM SCHOOL & PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION PROGRAMS

SMM students honored past and present veterans with a Flag Raising Ceremony and mass on November 9th. 5th grade students made prayer cards and a banner honoring our brave men and women in the military. The Parish School of Religion made prayer cars for our brave men and women in the military.

JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY

Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Jubilee Year Ends

Today Luke, evangelist and by tradition artist, sends us forth from this *Jubilee Year of Mercy* with an unforgettable portrait of Christ the King. The setting for Jesus' "royal portrait" is the cross. From this "throne," the crucified "crown prince" welcomes by "executive pardon" the kingdom of mercy's first citizen, a fellow criminal. The "Good Thief" requests neither deliverance nor salvation, or even forgiveness: "Remember me when . . ." (Luke 23:42). "Today you will be with me," King Jesus promises, "in paradise." (23:43). Paradise, even for non-believers, is an image of creation contentedly in harmony with self, fellow creatures, and Creator. Today, we "good thieves" beg Jesus to remember us. We promise to remember that, although Jesus' kingdom will be fulfilled only when Jesus' returns, that kingdom begins today in the paradise that will flower from this *Jubilee Year of Mercy*. We disciples, having been embraced unconditionally and undeservedly by Jesus' mercy, must now go forth to embrace all others, unconditionally, with that same unfailing mercy.—Peter Scagnelli, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.



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 into hell Satan and all evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.



WAYS TO CELEBRATE THANKSGIVING

The Family Life Apostolate offers these suggestions to help celebrate a meaningful Thanksgiving Day:

- * Attend the Thanksgiving liturgy as a family.
- * Plan a special ritual or blessing around the Thanksgiving Dinner.
- * Look through family photo albums and share stories about people you see there. Give special thanks for the lives of deceased family members.
- * Invite someone who cannot be with his or her own family to share your Thanksgiving celebration.
- * Call family members who cannot be with you.
- * Assemble a home altar that can be a center of worship in your home.

THANKSGIVING DAY TABLE BLESSING

Lord, we thank you for the goodness of our people and for the spirit of justice that fills this nation. We thank you for the beauty and the fullness of the land and the challenges of the cities. We thank you for our work and for our rest, for one another and for our homes. For all that we have spoken and for all that we keep in our hearts, accept our thanksgiving on this day. We pray and give thanks through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION



This might be a good time to stock our spiritual cupboard along with our kitchen cupboard in preparation for our celebration of Thanksgiving. Before there was a Thanksgiving Day, even before there were Pilgrims, the Roman Catholic Church celebrated Ember Days ("change-of-season days") as periods of thanksgiving for seasonal harvests. This means it is a customary Catholic way to give thanks to God through prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. In the 1969 reformed calendar it was left up to the national conferences of bishops to set dates for Ember Days. (The ones on the old calendar fit a Mediterranean climate, and on the new calendar it was imagined that each nation knew best when to schedule such seasonally oriented days.) The United States bishops have not yet resurrected Ember Days, Rogations Days, and other national days of prayer. However, tucked within *Catholic Household Blessings and Prayers* (a book published by the U. S. bishops) is a chapter on Ember Days that proposes, among others, the three days before Thanksgiving as days of prayer, charity, and fasting. Why wait for an official proclamation? Why not undertake to observe those three days in that way in your parish, or even in your family? What could be more natural at this time of year?

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Envelopes (11/06)	\$ 8370.00
Loose Collection	<u>\$ 2814.00</u>
Total	\$11,184.00
All Saints/Souls Day Collections	\$ 2284.00

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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Pray for Vocations



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.

Readings for Sunday, November 27:

First Reading — All the peoples shall stream toward the LORD's house (Isaiah 2:1-5). **Psalm** — Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord (Psalm 122). **Second Reading** — It is the hour to cast off the dark and clothe ourselves in the light (Romans 13:11-14). **Gospel** — Stay awake! Be prepared! The Son of Man will come when you least expect (Matthew 24:37-44).

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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

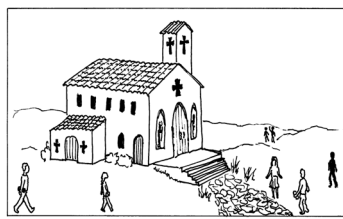
We pray for those in our parish who are fighting overseas for our country and against terrorism.

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. Christie, Sp. Serv., Brian Calvo, US Army; SPC Scott Hale



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.



Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe November 20, 2016

I rejoiced because they said to me, "We will go up to the house of the LORD."

- Psalm 122:1

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

According to tradition, Mary spent her life at the Temple from the time she was a little girl. Her parents, Joachim & Anne, presented their young daughter to the Temple for service and study, in thanksgiving for the great gift God had given them through her. This memorial celebrates this occasion. It also calls us to think about the ways we prepare and ready ourselves for Jesus Christ in our lives. Mary, conceived in grace, was prepared to carry the Son of God, but her time at the Temple helped form her mind and heart. Like wise, intentionally nurturing our relationship with God builds on the grace God offers each of us. The memorial of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary is celebrated on **November 21**.

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*Presentation
of the
Blessed
Virgin Mary*

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Monday, November 21

NO Parish School of Religion Classes

Tuesday, November 22

Wednesday, November 23

Social Services Building CLOSED

Thursday, November 24

Rectory/Parish Offices CLOSED

Friday, November 25

Rectory/Parish Offices CLOSED

Saturday, November 26

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

Gifts from the Angels Christmas Project at Mass

Sunday, November 27

Gifts from the Angels Christmas Project at Mass

Family Mass 9:30 AM

Outdoor Nativity Blessing/Pot-Luck in Massett Hall,
12Noon

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



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SOCIAL APOSTOLATE NOVEMBER FOOD DRIVE

Food Bank Throughout the month of November you are invited to participate in our Annual Food Drive to collect items that will be used to make Holiday Food Baskets for the needy of our parish. Here is a list of food items we could use: **Canned Items:** Sweet Potatoes, peas, green beans, carrots, cranberry sauce, applesauce, fruit, pumpkin. **Boxed items:** Stuffing, instant mash potatoes, cornbread mix, biscuit mix, jello, pudding mix, cake mix, cake icing. Please put your **UNEXPIRED** non-perishable food donations in plastic bins inside the Cardinal St. entrance. Your donations help feed many needy families within our parish. Thank you!!!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS 2017 KC Charity Calendar Sale

The 2017 KC Charity Calendars have arrived and will be available for sale after all Masses **Dec. 3/4** weekend. All proceeds go to charity.

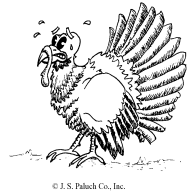
MINISTERS OF THE WORD (Lectors)

All Lectors & RCIA Instructors are asked to pick up their copy of the 2017 Lector Workbooks available in the Sacristy throughout the month of November.

IT'S TURKEY TIME!!!

*Celebrate the Thanksgiving with
a wonderful Fried Turkey!!*

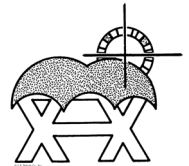
The SMM Men's Club will be frying turkeys for Thanksgiving. Only 130 turkeys (*14-16 pounds*) will be available, so order early. The cost is \$40 each. **Only prepaid orders will be accepted.** Orders will be taken this weekend after Sunday morning masses ONLY. Pickup day will be Wed., November 23rd from 12PM—5PM. Unclaimed turkeys will be donated to charity.



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OUTDOOR NATIVITY BLESSING & COVERED DISH DINNER

On **Sunday, November 27** after the 11AM Mass, the KC Ladies Auxiliary & the Knights invite all to a Blessing of the outdoor Nativity Set in front of rectory and a "Covered Dish Dinner" in Massett Hall. You may drop off your dish before Mass.



"Gifts from the Angels"

CHRISTMAS GIVING PROJECT

*A special project to help the Christmas
Season be a little brighter
for those less fortunate.*



NEXT weekend, you are invited to take one of the envelopes with small angel ornaments attached from the table by the main entrance of church.

We ask for gift certificates or monetary donations in any amount be placed in the envelope Please return the "**Angel**" tag & envelope attached in the collection basket on **Dec. 3 & 4**. The certificates will be distributed to needy families at a later date in December. Please consider bringing a little Christmas cheer to others by participating in this special project.

SMM SCHOOL—COUGAR NEWS

School is closed the week of November 21st for the Thanksgiving holidays. Pray for our 7th graders that they may be accepted to their high schools of choice. **iGive Catholic** is **Tuesday, November 29th**. Consider donating to SMM to help with technology improvements.