

# 1st Sunday of Lent



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## STRENGTH AGAINST TEMPTATION

The first Sunday of the season of Lent always includes a Gospel account of the temptation of the Lord Jesus in the desert by the devil. This year, the story is set against the backdrop of the first reading from Genesis, which recounts the very first temptation by the devil. That story is set in a garden of delight. The Gospel story is set in the desert. As believers, we know that temptation comes our way in our own gardens of delight as well as the deserts of our lives. As Lent begins, our attention is drawn to that temptation within each of us to become like God—we want control, power, and answers to all of life's difficult questions. As communities of faith, we are given this season of repentance so that we can join our hearts with others on the difficult journey of conversion. We look to God and to one another for strength against temptation.

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## March 5, 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.  
 Parochial Vicar.....Rev. Vincent Phan  
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[magdalen@smm.nocoxmail.com](mailto:magdalen@smm.nocoxmail.com)

#### 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  
 Secretary.....Mrs. Dianne Hughes  
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 Co-Directors...Caren Favaloro & Shari Mader  
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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.

**PARISH WEEKLY BULLETIN**  
**St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church**  
**Metairie, Louisiana**  
**March 5, 2017**

Rev. Christian W. DeLerno, Jr.

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Rev. Vincent Phan

**WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS**

**Monday, March 6**

6:30 AM Ed & Molly Heughan  
8:30 AM Michael Canizaro

**Tuesday, March 7**

6:30 AM Ronco Family  
8:30 AM Brandon Bartholomew

**Wednesday, March 8**

6:30 AM Living Intention J.A.  
8:30 AM Ryan Dubuc

**Thursday, March 9**

6:30 AM Gloria Jensen  
8:30 AM Ana Delatorre

**Friday, March 10**

6:30 AM Sr. Agnes Martinka, SLW  
8:30 AM Poor Souls

**Saturday, March 11**

8:00 AM Fr. Martin Smullen

**Saturday, March 11**

***2nd Sunday of Lent Vigil***

4:00 PM Rosalie Couch, Dean D'Arcangelo,  
 Jerry Puyau, Aimee Marus, Vetter  
 Amadeo Taylor, Kevin Reynolds,  
 Melanie Donnelly, Jack McEllen

**Sunday, March 12**

***2nd Sunday of Lent***

8:00 AM Jud Mitchell & Lacinak Family  
9:30 AM SMM Parishioners  
11:00 AM Deceased Members of St. Jude  
 Society, Cindy Spence  
6:00 PM Cindy Scalia

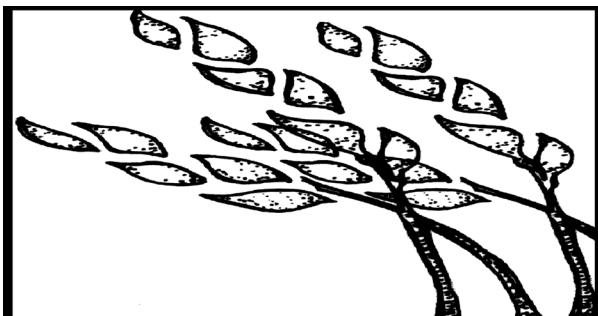
**PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH**

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, Mark Morice, Jessica LeBlanc, Viola Juneau, Betty Feltey, Barry Stephens, Lori Lambert, Kathryn Feltey, Frank Kent, Ray Groves, Michael Rodriguez, Kathleen E. Jones, Melanie Gaumont, Alice Rockvoan, Rose Marie Curran, Anthony James Lapinto, Louise DeLuca, Mark Lucich, Willie Arnouville, Chad Costes, Sherry Gaffney, Ray Talbot, Dean Babin, Janet Kaleher, Norvin Schexnaildre, Dianne Seman, Matthew DiBuono, Oliver Duplantier, David Williamson, Toni Landry, Musette Barrouquere, Daniel Hereford, David Williamson, Katherine Sclafani, Catherine Carlin, Edie Dorion, Carl Caffarel, Heidi Nuss, Luke Nuss, Donald Booth, Nicholas Galliano, Kristi LeBlanc, Tammy Graves Coen, Janice Childress, Nick Marzoni



**BURIED IN CHRIST**

*Jo Plaisance*



**CELEBRATING CATHOLIC FAMILIES**

*Living the Word*  
**1st Sunday of Lent**

Make your prayer table or prayer space reflect the Lenten season. Use a violet (purple) cloth or runner. Add some stones or bare branches, whatever might suggest a desert or barren place. Take some time at dinner or before bedtime to talk together about Lent as a time to strengthen our spirits. Are there some practices that you might do as a family?

**CHILDREN'S CORNER**

**MARCH:** Month of LENT. Prayer Center Theme is: *Jesus, you sacrificed your life to save us. During Lent, I will sacrifice 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**

**March**

During Lent, the children will participate in the **40 Days—40 Items** project. Each day of Lent, they are asked to remove 1 item of clothing from their closet that they no longer wear or need and put into the bag they were given. At the end of the 40 days, these items will be donated to a place that can share them with someone who can really use them. All families are asked to participate as well.



**First Sunday of Lent  
 March 5, 2017**

"The Lord, your God, shall you worship and him alone shall you serve."  
 — Matthew 4:10

**COME, LORD JESUS BIBLE STUDY GROUP**

The Come, Lord Jesus! Bible Study Group will offer a 6 week Lenten Journey to study & meditate upon the Sunday Gospels leading to the Resurrection of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Please consider meeting weekly with a small faith community group during this holy season. Contact Buzzy at (504) 628-7511 or buzaloni@cox.net for more information.

**LENTEN CONFESSION SCHEDULE:**

**Wednesdays, March 22, 29, April 5,  
 from 5-6:30 PM**

**Saturday, April 8 from 2:00-3:30PM**

**Wednesday, April 12 from 5-7 PM**

**NO Confessions on Good Friday  
 or Holy Saturday**

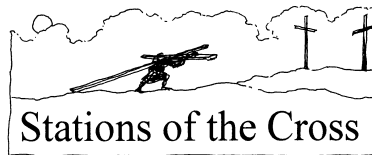
**CALL TO CONTINUING CONVERSION**



**RCIA**  
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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 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-Charles Singleton** has been experiencing our Catholic way of life. On **Sunday, March 5** he will take another important step on his 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 him 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 these individuals and we will accept God's call to us as their community of faith to support them with our prayers, example and shared faith. God is blessing us with new life...let us give Thanks!



**Stations of the Cross**  
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**Fridays in Lent  
 at 2:30PM  
 & 7:00 PM  
 in Church**

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**Readings for Sunday, March 12:**

**First Reading** — The LORD said to Abram: All the families of the earth shall find blessing in you (Genesis 12:1-4a) **Psalm** — Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you (Psalm 33). **Second Reading** — God has called us to a holy life, not because of our works but according to grace (2 Timothy 1:8b-10). **Gospel** — Atop a high mountain, Jesus was transfigured before Peter, James, and John. (Matthew 17:1-9).

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**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

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|-----------------------------------|-------------------|
| Envelopes (2/19)                  | \$ 6193.00        |
| Loose Collection                  | <u>\$ 1950.44</u> |
| <b>Total</b>                      | <b>\$ 8143.44</b> |
| <b>2nd Collection-Africa Fund</b> | <b>\$ 1761.00</b> |

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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.*

### SPECIAL NIGHTS OF RECONCILIATION

On Wednesdays, March 22, 29 & April 5 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.

### 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.

### TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

In recent years, there has been a resurgence of interest in various forms of adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Some people suggest that this recovers an ancient tradition in the church, when in fact the practice belongs to a later time. The custom of showing the consecrated host to the people, encased in a vessel called a monstrance, developed in a period of history when even very pious people received Communion only rarely. The opportunity to see the host raised high above the head of the priest at Mass, or to see the host exposed outside of Mass, was thought by many to be a form of spiritual Communion. Without question, our Catholic practice of reserving the consecrated host both for adoration and Communion of the sick and dying is a cherished tradition. Over the next few weeks, we'll look at how these traditions developed and how the Church envisions reservation and adoration today. We do this by the light of the liturgical reforms that have restored a heightened appreciation for how receiving the Body and Blood of Christ is central to our worship. "Perpetual Adoration," "Reservation," "Benediction," and "Reposition" are all part of the Catholic vocabulary. Often the terms are misused, and a tangled history—as well as widely varying practices in our parishes—adds to the confusion. Many Catholics today have never participated in Benediction, or even spent time in adoration on Holy Thursday night. There's plenty of interesting history, much of it surprising and challenging, and we will do our best to inform you along the way.



## THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

### Monday, March 6

SMM School Adoration, 9:15-10:15 AM  
Parish School of Religion Classes, 6:45PM-8:00 PM  
Men's Club Meeting in Massett Hall 7:00 PM

### Tuesday, March 7

### Wednesday, March 8

Social Services Building open from 5:30PM-6:30PM  
Parents' Club Meeting in Massett Hall 7:00 PM

### Thursday, March 9

Adult Lenten Program in Chapel 7:00 PM

### Friday, March 10

SMM School Rosary in Chapel 7:45 AM  
Daytime Way of the Cross in Church 2:30 PM  
Men's Club Lenten Fish Fry in Massett Hall, 6-8PM  
Way of the Cross in Church 7:00 PM

### Saturday, March 11

Confessions in Church, 2:30-3:30 PM  
2<sup>nd</sup> Collection - Catholic Charities

### Sunday, March 12

#### DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS

2<sup>nd</sup> Collection - Catholic Charities  
KC Hospitality Coffee in Massett Hall after AM Masses  
Holy Name Society Mtg in Ministries Bldg 9:00 AM  
Family Mass/KC Quarterly Mass 9:30 AM  
Adoration of Blessed Sacrament, 12:15-1:15 PM  
Confirmation Class (2018) Info Meeting in Massett Hall, 7:00PM

### ADULT LENTEN PROGRAM

A special Adult Lenten Program will be held on 3 consecutive Thursdays—**March 9, 16 & 23** in the Chapel from 7-8:30PM. The topic will be: *The Biblical Explanation of the Mass*. Please join us for these enlightening sessions.

### SMM SCHOOL—COUGAR NEWS

Please call the school office at (504) 733-1433 to schedule a private tour or to receive registration information. Forms are also available on our website at: [www.smmcougars.org](http://www.smmcougars.org)

### MEN'S CLUB LENTEN FISH FRY

Fridays, MARCH 10 & 24

6:00-8:00 PM

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.*



### KC HOSPITALITY BREAKFAST

The KCs invite you to a Hospitality Breakfast in Massett Hall after the Sunday morning Masses on **March 12**.

### ATTENTION ALL HIGH SCHOOL SOPHOMORES AND JUNIORS AND PARENTS

In order to be eligible to be confirmed in 2018, Candidates and Parents must attend a **MANDATORY** Meeting on **Sunday, MARCH 12, 2017** at 7:00 PM in Massett Hall. This meeting is **ONLY** open to interested, unconfirmed students who are **presently** in the 10<sup>th</sup> or 11<sup>th</sup> grades attending a Catholic High School or Catholic Parish High School of Religion Program for at least the last 2 years. Pre-registration is not required.

### SMM PARISH WORK DAY

Saturday, March 25,

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.

