

2nd Sunday of Easter/Divine Mercy

A SEASON OF JOY

“They devoted themselves to the teaching of the apostles and to the communal life, to the breaking of bread and to the prayers” (Acts 2:42). This first line of today’s first reading sets the tone as this fifty-day celebration of Easter opens before us. Today we listen to the teachings of three apostles—Luke, Peter, and John—who remind us that even though we have not seen Christ, we nonetheless are filled with joy as we place our belief in his saving death and resurrection. Each week during the Easter season we will gather as a community of faith to find strength and support from our God and from one another. Each week we will gather to break bread and offer the great prayer of thanksgiving, actions that will manifest the very presence of the risen Christ in our midst. Let us be open to the wonders of this season of joy.

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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

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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 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](http://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 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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Metairie, Louisiana
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Rev. Christian W. DeLerno, Jr.

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WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, April 24

6:30 AM Living Intention for J.A.
8:30 AM Michael Canizaro

Tuesday, April 25

Feast of St. Mark, Evangelist

6:30 AM Gloria Jensen
8:30 AM Petey Lang

Wednesday, April 26

6:30 AM Sr. Agnes Martinka
8:30 AM Fr. Michael Joseph Nguyen

Thursday, April 27

6:30 AM Christine Aron
8:30 AM Bobby Drude

Friday, April 28

6:30 AM Ann Flick
8:30 AM Living Intention for Mark Dyer

Saturday, April 29

8:00 AM Alma Aucoin

Saturday, April 29

3rd Sunday of Easter Vigil

4:00 PM Rosalie Couch, Dean D'Arcangelo,
 Jerry Puyau, Aimee Marus, Julio
 Anleu, Gracia Anleu, Kevin Reynolds
 Jack McEllen, III, Deacon Angelas
 Robin, Ana Mae Haggerty, Colleen
 Graham, Peggy Hileman

Sunday, April 30

3rd Sunday of Easter

8:00 AM Cindy Spence
9:30 AM SMM Parishioners
11:00 AM Zenobia Drury, Ann Flick, Gloria
 Robles, Sarita Coughlin
6:00 PM George & Clare Cook

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, 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, Mark Morice, 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, Mark Lucich, Willie Arnouville, Chad Costes, Sherry Gaffney, Ray Talbot, Dean Babin, Janet Kaleher, Norvin Schexnaildre, Dianne Seman, Matthew DiBuono, 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, Tina Guillot, Glen Buras, John Bartchy, Jr., Joyce Chiusano



BURIED IN CHRIST

Tula Raphiel



CELEBRATING CATHOLIC FAMILIES

Living the Word

2nd Sunday of Easter/Divine Mercy

Second Sunday of Easter/Sunday of Divine Mercy. Continue to sign Alleluia and Easter hymns as you prayer before or after dinner. Keep fresh flowers on the table or in your prayer space. Young children enjoy arranging flowers, so give them this task.

CHILDREN'S CORNER

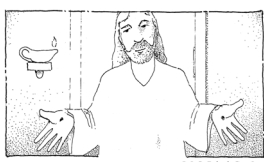
APRIL: Month of EASTER. Prayer Center Theme is: *During this Easter Season please help me to grow in your love by...* Put written intentions in prayer pig; they will be offered up at all Masses every Sunday.



SMM SCHOOL & PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION PROGRAMS

April

During the Easter Season, we will be celebrating the Lord's Resurrection.



Second Sunday of Easter (or Sunday of Divine Mercy) April 23, 2017

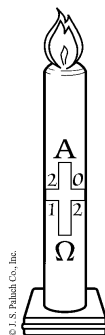
"Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed." — John 20:29b

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

With the canonization of Saint Faustina, the Pope has declared that "the Second Sunday of Easter, henceforth throughout the Church will also be called **Divine Mercy Sunday**." The Holy Father further enriched Mercy Sunday with a Plenary Indulgence. From the diary of Saint Faustina, Our Lord said, "*Whoever approaches the Fountain of Life (Holy Communion) on this day will be granted complete forgiveness of sins and punishment.*(300)." This year, Divine Mercy Sunday is **April 27**. To receive this special grace of mercy on that day, the following things are required: Place complete **trust** in God's mercy; **Repent** of all your sins & go to **Confession** sometime during Lent; Celebrate God's mercy by **attending Mass** on the Sunday after Easter; Go to **Communion** (as always, while in a state of grace); **Venerate the Image**; **Be merciful** to others by actions, words or prayer.



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NEW CATHOLIC FAMILY MEMBERS

Charles Singelton has been preparing for some time to enter the Church and the Grand Event happened at the Easter Vigil this year. What a glorious celebration it was as we joined with him to prepare for the Lord's Resurrection and to anticipate our own resurrection. Please continue to keep him in your prayers as they continues to travel on him faith journey.



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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

The origins of the custom of burning a lamp before the tabernacle are in Jewish worship, where a lamp called *ner tamid* or "eternal flame" burns before the ark in every synagogue. The ark contains the sacred scrolls of the Torah. The flame represents the menorah in the Temple, and therefore is never extinguished. In fact, the word "tabernacle" itself is derived from Hebrew, as *taber* is the Hebrew word for "tent," and hearkens back to the forty years of wandering in the desert. The pilgrim people were sustained in hope by an awareness that God was not only in the pillar of cloud by day and the pillar of fire by night, but had quite literally "pitched his tent with them" in the shelter for the Ark of the Covenant. Some artisans have used this theme of "ark" or "tent" to design a tabernacle for the Blessed Sacrament. In Christian practice, Anglicans and Catholics use a sanctuary lamp to point toward the presence of the reserved sacrament, and Lutherans use it as a sign of God's presence in the house of worship, but not necessarily as a clue that the Eucharist is reserved. Why, even in an age of electric light, is the sanctuary lamp an oil light or candle? Perhaps not only to point to Christ, the light of the world, but also to point to sacrifice. For the light to exist, there must be sacrifice. The oil or wax is transformed into light, just as those who pray here, or who will receive viaticum from here, are called to transformation in Christ.

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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

Envelopes (4/09)	\$ 7552.50
Loose Collection	<u>\$ 2500.88</u>
Total	\$10,053.38
2nd Collection-Bldg & Maintenance	\$ 4232.50

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.

HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS

World Day of Prayer for Vocations

Sunday, May 7th

12:15pm in SMM Chapel
Established Program
devoted to the
need for vocations

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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. 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.

Readings for Sunday, April 30:

First Reading — God has raised the crucified Jesus, who now pours forth the Holy Spirit upon us (Acts 2:14, 22-33). **Psalm** — Lord, you will show us the path of life (Psalm 16). **Second Reading** — Our faith and hope are in God who raised Jesus from the dead (1 Peter 1:17-21). **Gospel** — Through his words and in the breaking of the bread, the risen Christ made himself known to two disciples on their way to Emmaus (Luke 24:13-35).

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SPIRITUAL ADOPTION PROGRAM THE EIGHTH MONTH AFTER CONCEPTION

You're in the homestretch with your spiritually adopted baby. All of the organs that were developed by the 8th week are now basically completely formed. The baby is just gaining weight and making the mother uncomfortable with his or her size. An interesting detail about this time of development is that the eyes are usually blue, regardless of the permanent color. The final formation of eye pigment or color usually happens a few weeks after birth. In a short time the baby will be born. The mother has planned to bring him or her home or place the baby up for adoption. Either way, she knows she can receive the assistance she needs from the Catholic Church and from the crisis pregnancy centers. The prayers you have said for this baby and his or her mother have certainly been appreciated and helpful. It hasn't been easy, but your prayers have given the baby's mother the grace to seek the help she has needed throughout the pregnancy.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Monday, April 24

Parish School of Religion Classes, 6:45PM-8:00 PM

Tuesday, April 25

KC Ladies Auxiliary Mtg in Ministries Bldg 7:00 PM

Wednesday, April 26

Social Services Building open from 5:30PM-6:30PM
St. Jude Society Meeting in Chapel 7:00 PM

Thursday, April 27

Friday, April 28

1st Communion Retreat in Church, 8:30AM-3PM

Saturday, April 29

1st Communion Mass in Church 10:00 AM
Confessions in Church, 2:30-3:30 PM
2nd Collection - Catholic Home Missions
Men's Club Annual Crawfish Cook-Off

Sunday, April 30

2nd Collection - Catholic Home Missions
Family Mass 9:30 AM
Farewell Reception for Deacon Henry in Massett Hall, 10:30 AM
Adoration of Blessed Sacrament, 12:15-1:15 PM
CYO Meeting in Lodge 7:00 PM

MEN'S CLUB ANNUAL CRAWFISH COOKOFF SATURDAY, April 29, 2017

Doors Open at 5PM

Live Music Beer Soft Drinks

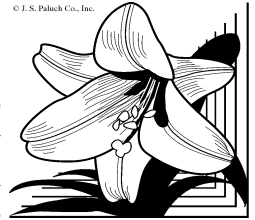
Tickets at the Door: \$25 Adults; \$12 kids (7-12 yrs)
- Kids 6 & under FREE. **Info for a Team:** 5 person team, \$300 per team, prepare to boil 4-5 sacks of crawfish. For more info contact Brett Lally (504) 261-4502 or brett.lally@cox.net or John Illg (504) 957-9970 or johnillgjr@aol.com.

BSA COURT OF HONOR

Congratulations to Justin Conrad and Tyler Oliva of Boy Scout Troop 490, who recently earned the rank of Eagle Scout, Boy Scouting's highest honor. They were recognized for their accomplishments on March 18 during a Court of Honor at SMM.

HOLY WEEK & EASTER THANK YOU

We are grateful to all who attended and enriched our Holy Week & Easter Services. A hearty thanks to Parish Music Director/Organist Carol Temes & our Cantors who enhanced our Masses and special events with song. A big thank you to our gifted Altar Society for a truly outstanding job in decorating the entire Church. Your many hours of labor truly helped provide a welcoming atmosphere to celebrate the resurrection of our Savior! Thanks also to the 1st Communion Class and their teachers, the "12 Apostles", Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Ushers, Altar Servers and ALL who helped to make our Holy Week & Easter Celebrations meaningful. Last but not least, thanks to all who contributed to the Holy Land Fund & Easter Collections. We are most grateful to all who made our Easter at St. Mary Magdalen so very special this year.



**DEACON HENRY NUSS
RETIREMENT RECEPTION**
Sunday, April 30, 2017
after 9:30 AM Mass in Massett Hall
All are invited!!!

KC BABY SHOWER

The weekend of May 6/7, the KCs will hold a Baby Shower to benefit ACCESS. Unwrapped gifts should be returned to church and deposited in marked boxes before Mass or to the rectory office by May 5. Suggested items (for health reasons, only NEW items please): onesies, children's clothing or disposable diapers up to size 3, wipes, baby bath towels & face cloths, receiving blankets/baby blankets, baby bottles, infant socks, pacifiers, baby wash, lotion & shampoo, Desitin ointment OR... "Precious feet" lapel pins available for cash donations (suggested donation \$2). Please consider donating a gift for a newly born baby.



SMM SCHOOL—COUGAR NEWS

Please pray for our 2nd grade class as they receive their Sacrament of First Communion on Saturday, **April 29th**. SMM night at Deanie's Seafood on Lake Ave on **May 1st**. Have to mention SMM so school receives its percentage.