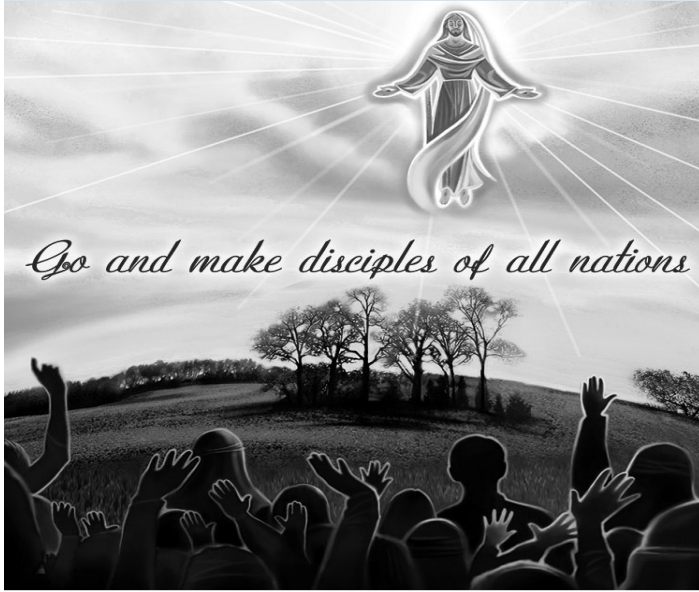


Feast of the Ascension of the Lord



Go and make disciples of all nations

© J.S. Paluch Co., Inc.

SHARE THE HOPE

The readings for today's celebration of the Ascension of the Lord once again remind us that as Christians we are people of hope. In the second reading Saint Paul eloquently exhorts the Ephesians to enlighten their hearts so that they will know the hope and glory that come from being people who place their trust in the Lord Jesus. In the story of the Ascension, recounted in the first reading, the Lord Jesus assures the disciples that the Holy Spirit's power will come upon them. Finally, in the Gospel, the Lord lets the disciples know that their mission is to spread the hope of the gospel to all the nations. This wonderful feast keeps our eyes focused on the hope in which we were grounded on the day of our baptism.

Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

May 28, 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
 In Residence..Rev. Bartholomew Chukwuma
 Deacon.....Chuck LeBlanc
 Parish Secretary.....Barbara Croy
 Parish Bookkeeper.....Cathleen Guidry
 Phone (504) 733-0922 Fax (504) 733-0869
 Parish Coordinator: Susie Sullivan.733-8980
 Parish Rel. Ed. Coord.: Linda Earle..733-8980
 Parish Website:

www.stmarymagdalenchurch.com

Parish Email Address:

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
 Office Phone.....(504) 733-1433
 Office Fax.....(504) 736-0727
 Cafeteria..... (504) 733-6580
BEFORE/AFTER SCHOOL CARE
 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 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.

PARISH WEEKLY BULLETIN
St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church
Metairie, Louisiana
May 28, 2017

Rev. Christian W. DeLerno, Jr.

Vol. XXXVI, No.23

Rev. Vincent Phan

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH

Monday, May 29
8:30 AM Sue Chandler

Tuesday, May 30
6:30 AM Mascari/Bertucci Families
8:30 AM Anthony "Bud" Pitalo

Wednesday, May 31
6:30 AM Irene Bartholomew
8:30 AM Jerry Puyau

Thursday, June 1
6:30 AM Ed & Molly Heughan
8:30 AM L.J. Falgout

Friday, June 2
6:30 AM Gus Barbier
8:30 AM Peggy Hileman

Saturday, June 3
8:00 AM Fr. Michael Joseph Nguyen

Saturday, June 3
Feast of Pentecost Vigil
4:00 PM Rosalie Couch, George C. Pursell, Jr.,
 Bobb W. Hunley, Dean D'Arcangelo,
 Jerry Puyau, Aimee Marus, John &
 Clare McDermott, Hazel & Harold
 Howat, Walter Howat, Jane & Bruce
 Voorhies, Dee Broussard, Kevin
 Reynolds, Tula & Harry Raphael,
 Elise Lumetta, Living Intentions for
 Mark Dyer, Marsha Robert & Bonnie
 Jean

Sunday, June 4
Feast of Pentecost
8:00 AM Prat Family
9:30 AM SMM Parishioners
11:00 AM Ursula Bonanno, Deceased Members
 of St. Jude Society, Cindy Spence,
 Gloria Robles, Sarita Coughlin, Jane
 Pugh, Living Intention for Marsha
 Robert

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, Rosemarie Entringer, Judge Thomas Wicker, Ivan
 Antunovic, Arianna Crawford, Claire Duplantier,
 Daphne Dufour, 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,
 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, Richard
 LeBlanc, Marsha Robert, Rose Keller, Leah Conlin



BURIED IN CHRIST

Carol Aucoin



CELEBRATING CATHOLIC FAMILIES

Living the Word

Feast of Ascension of the Lord

Before Jesus ascended into heaven, he spoke this, the “great commission.” His last words to his disciples are words of mission: spread the Good News, heal the sick, conquer evil, and bring new life to the world. This challenge is for the whole world and every creature. Are we bringing the Gospel with us, wherever we go and in whatever we do? Are we living like Jesus and inviting others to a life of forgiveness, peace, unity, and love for others?

CHILDREN’S CORNER

MAY: Month of Mary. Prayer Center Theme is: *Mary, Queen of Peace, help me to bring peace to others 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

Our 7th grade students recently completed the Theology of the Body course. They have made a commitment to stay close to God and to follow Him by being chaste, pure and receiving the sacraments. Congratulations!

The Ascension of the Lord May 28, 2017



He was lifted up, and a cloud took him from their sight. — Acts 1:9



Readings for Sunday, June 4:

First Reading — Filled with the Holy Spirit, the apostles begin to speak in tongues (Acts 2:1-11). **Psalm** — Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth (Psalm 104). **Second Reading** — In one Spirit we are baptized into one body and given to drink of one Spirit (1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13). **Gospel** — Jesus Christ appears to the disciples and sends them on their mission with the power to forgive or retain sins through the Holy Spirit (John 20:19-23). The English translation of the Psalm Responses from *Lectionary for Mass* © 1969, 1981, 1997, International Commission on English in the Liturgy Corporation. All rights reserved.

FEAST OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

As the liturgical year unfolds, we reflect on what Jesus’ ascension meant for the first disciples and means now for us. Stay in Jerusalem, Jesus had instructed, awaiting “the promise of the Father. In a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit. You will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, throughout Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth” (Acts 1:4–5, 8). Despite Jesus’ absence, they wait “with great joy . . . continually in the temple praising God” (Luke 24:52–53). But as we join them, waiting and worshiping, the enduring challenge—theirs and ours—is delivered by “two men in white” (Acts 1:10). In every age, disciples must stop looking at the sky, head down the mountain, and go back into the world, “commissioned,” says Pope Francis, “to announce the mercy of God, the beating heart of the Gospel,” inviting everyone to find “in our parishes, communities, associations and movements . . . wherever there are Christians . . . an oasis of mercy” (*Misericordiae Vultus*, 12).



—Peter Scagnelli, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.
Papal quotes Copyright © 2015, *Libreria Editrice Vaticana*. Used with permission.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

If you could somehow transport a third-century Christian into your twenty-first-century Sunday Mass, once the initial shock wore off he or she would be more or less at home with the structure of the first part of the liturgy, the Word. The second part might be more difficult to comprehend. The stumbling block would be the book. We have a book, a missal that is set down on the altar with a very precisely prescribed set of words for the priest to say and the people to sing at the Eucharistic Prayer. In the early days of the church, there were no set “formulas” for this prayer. The ancients would have raised eyebrows at our “bookishness” since they preferred to let the prayers roll forth from a gifted leader of prayer. There was a basic shape to the prayer of thanksgiving, and almost general agreement that the words of Christ at the Last Supper ought to be included. By the second century, Justin Martyr wrote that the presider “gives thanks at some length . . . and when he has finished the prayers and the thanksgiving, all the people present give their assent by saying ‘Amen.’” In the world before books, people could memorize long passages of prose and poetry, and so it is easy to see how particular phrases or expressions passed from church to church.

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 (5/14) | \$ 5504.00 |
| Loose Collection | <u>\$ 2732.52</u> |
| Total | \$ 8236.52 |
| 2nd Collection-National Basilica | \$ 1753.00 |

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.

Prayer for Vocations

© I.S. Pahch Co., Inc.



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.

PERPETUAL ADORATION CHAPEL NEWS

You are invited to spend 1 hour in prayer at the Perpetual Adoration Chapel located at OLDP Parish (sponsored by parishioners of SMM & OLDP Parishes). Contact David Clarkson for further information (919-9407). Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is also available every Sunday from 12:15 -1:15PM in SMM Chapel.

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.

1st SATURDAY DEVOTION SERVICE-JUNE 3

The Prayer Warriors of St. Joan of Arc invites everyone every 1st Saturday of the month from 10AM-12Noon in SMM Church for a special program praying for the conversion of Greater New Orleans, our Country & our world to our Lord Jesus Christ. The service will consist of Eucharistic Devotion, Confessions, Holy Rosary, devotional prayers requested by Our Lady of Fatima, Holy Mass, Chaplet of Divine Mercy and other intercessory prayers. Fr. Chris is the group's spiritual director and will be the Celebrant of the mass. For more information please contact Cindy Hemelt (883-5783) or Marylyn Comesana (559-0965).

BEGINNING EXPERIENCE WEEKEND

Lost your spouse? By either death or separation/divorce? Beginning Experience Weekend, sponsored by the Archdiocese of New Orleans Family Life Apostolate, can give you a new start! For information contact: Jeani (985) 640-8505 or Genevieve (504) 236-1052.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Monday, May 29—Memorial Day

Rectory/Parish Offices CLOSED

Tuesday, May 30

Wednesday, May 31

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

Thursday, June 1

FOCCUS Survey for Engaged Couples, Rm28 7:00 PM

Friday, June 2

Saturday, June 3

Rosary after Mass in Chapel 8:30 AM
St. Joan of Arc Prayer Warriors Service in Church,
10AM-12PM

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

2nd Collection - Peter's Pence, Works of Holy Father

Sunday, June 4

2nd Collection - Peter's Pence, Works of Holy Father
Family Mass 9:30 AM
Adoration of Blessed Sacrament, 12:15-1:15 PM

NINE DAY DEVOTION TO ST. JUDE

The St. Jude Society will be holding their semi-annual devotion to St. Jude at SMM from **Monday, June 5** and ending **Tuesday, June 13**. The celebrant will be *Fr. James Ward*. His homilies will ease you through these nine special days and we promise you a renewed strength and peace in your life.

St. Jude Novena Schedule

Weekdays, Monday thru Friday:

12:15 PM - Devotion ONLY; 6:30 PM - Mass & Devotion

Saturday: 12:15 PM - Devotion ONLY

4 PM - Mass & Devotion

Sunday: 11:00 AM - Mass & Devotion

6:00 PM - Mass & Devotion

"Remember, All Things Are Possible Through St. Jude."

START YOUR SUMMER VACATION WITH A BANG!

Put aside the funds to fill your weekly offering envelopes for every week that you will be away this summer. You'll feel great knowing you included God and your Church in your vacation plans. Thank You! God Bless You and Yours with a Happy, Safe Summer Vacation!



MEMORIAL DAY PRAYER

We remember with love and respect all who have died in the service of our country. We pray for those who suffer most from war: that the homeless, the orphaned, the hungry and the innocent may challenge us to turn away from warlike ways and accept God's gift of peace. Amen.



© J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

The only Mass celebrated on Memorial Day, **Monday, May 29** will be at 8:30 AM. The Rectory/Parish Offices will be **CLOSED** in observance of this federal holiday.

TERESIAN SISTER ROCK-N-BOWL

IT'S THAT TIME AGAIN. Hope you can join us for the annual Teresian Sisters fundraiser to be held on **Sunday, June 4th** at Rock N Bowl, 3000 S. Carrollton Avenue, New Orleans from 6:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. Tickets are \$30.00. Send your check made payable to Teresian Sisters to 800 Oriole Street, Metairie, LA 70003. Sr. Gina will be with us this year and she is looking forward to seeing all of us. She tells me that Father Chris would like to see a large group from SMM attend. If you have any questions please call Loretta Keane at 812-5400.

COLLECTION FOR PETER'S PENCE FOR THE WORKS OF THE HOLY FATHER

NEXT weekend, **June 3 & 4**, our parish participates in the *Peter's Pence Collection for the Works of the Holy Father*. Each year the Holy Father asks us to help him to respond to requests for emergency funds from the most needy throughout the world. Join the Holy Father in this act of justice and kindness to our brothers and sisters in need. Please pray for the Holy Father and give generously to this special appeal.

SMM SCHOOL—COUGAR NEWS

Congratulations to our 7th Grade Graduates! Hope to see you become active members of our CYO! St. Mary Magdalen School is accepting registrations for the 2017-2018 school year for students in Pre-K through 7th grade. 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