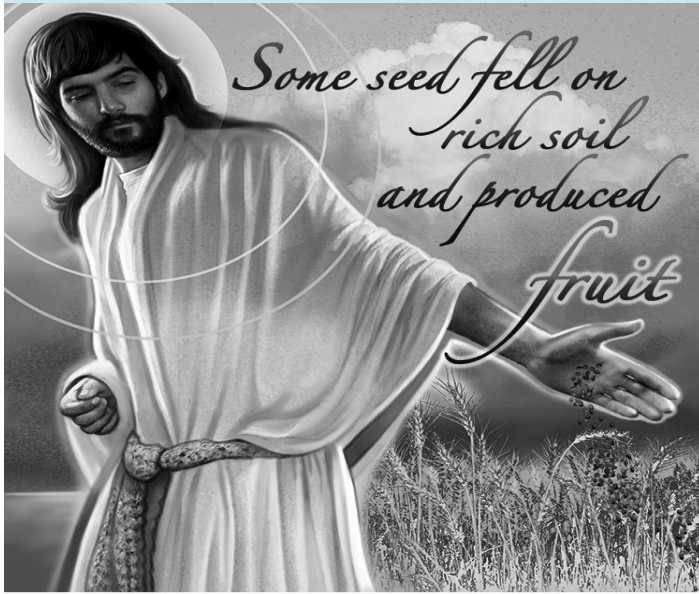


15th Sunday of Ordinary Time



FRUIT OF THE WORD

The seed is the word of God. The agricultural metaphors in all of today's readings give richness to the message that the word of God, cultivated in our hearts, bears much fruit in our lives. Creation itself awaits the redemption of all, even as our bodies await the resurrection. Just as we will rejoice in the fulfillment of God's word, so will all of creation sing for joy in the Reign of God. The word of God is effective and holy; it brings about exactly what it says. It is not futile or empty, but rich in meaning for those who hear and are healed. Those who hear the word of God and keep it will, with all creation, bear much fruit and sing for 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

6425 West Metairie Avenue Metairie, Louisiana 70003

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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

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BEFORE/AFTER SCHOOL CARE

Co-Directors...Caren Favoloro & 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/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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WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, July 17

6:30 AM Clare & George Cook, Sue Chandler
8:30 AM John Haggerty

Tuesday, July 18

6:30 AM Charles Cerise
8:30 AM Josie Murphy

Wednesday, July 19

6:30 AM David Beach, Sr.
8:30 AM Maxine Marrione

Thursday, July 20

6:30 AM Bill Fortenbery
8:30 AM Inez Taliancich

Friday, July 21

6:30 AM Gloria Jensen
8:30 AM Doris Radosti

Saturday, July 22

Feast of St. Mary Magdalen, Patroness

8:00 AM Peggy Hileman

Saturday, July 22

16th Sunday of Ordinary Time Vigil

4:00 PM Rosalie Couch, Dean D'Arcangelo,
 Aimee Marus, Vetter Amadeo Taylor,
 Kevin Reynolds, Jerry Hollingsworth,
 Deacon Angelas Robin, Maryann
 deLaneuville, Jackie Markey, Benny
 Hagstette, Claude Schexnayder,
 Living Intention for Mark Dyer

Sunday, July 23

16th Sunday of Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Cindy Spence
9:30 AM SMM Parishioners
11:00 AM Sarita Coughlin, Lorraine Beninato,
 Carol Aucoin, Renee Rangel, George
 O'Neil, Les Murray
6:00 PM Clare Cook



PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH

Teresa Lacour, Ryan Thiel, Gracelyn Chaplain, Dennis Coughlin, Jr., Kelly Fletcher Grawl, Kenneth & Kevin Teen, Ben Todd, Joe Giarratano, Luca Scozzari, Evelyn Olwell, Brian Dufour, Mary Ann Meaux, Dilly Surratt, Yvonne Troups, 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, Paul Powers, Rose Marie Curran, Anthony James Lapinto, Louise DeLuca, Mark Lucich, Willie Arnouville, Chad Costes, Sherry Gaffney, Ray Talbot, Dean Babin, Janet Kaleher, Norvin Schexnaldre, 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, Kristi LeBlanc, Tammy Graves Coen, Janice Childress, Nick Marzoni, Tina Guillot, Glen Buras, Joyce Chiusano, Richard LeBlanc, Marsha Robert, Rose Keller, Leah Conlin, Abigail Robinson, Austin deBlois, Patrick Mulhern



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

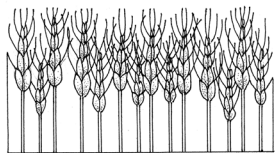
Living the Word

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

A good way for children to meditate on Scripture, particularly the parables, is by having them draw the story. This week's parable could be done as a small book, with one page for each of the four different places the seed was thrown. Don't worry about explaining the meaning, just let your children draw the story. **Discuss:** See who remembers what happened to the various seeds. Why would the sower throw seed so randomly?

CHILDREN'S CORNER

JULY: Month of St. Mary Magdalen, Patroness. **Prayer Center Theme is:** *St. Mary Magdalen you were a good friend to Jesus. Please help me to be more like you by.....* Put written intentions in prayer pig; they will be offered up at all Sunday Masses once a month.

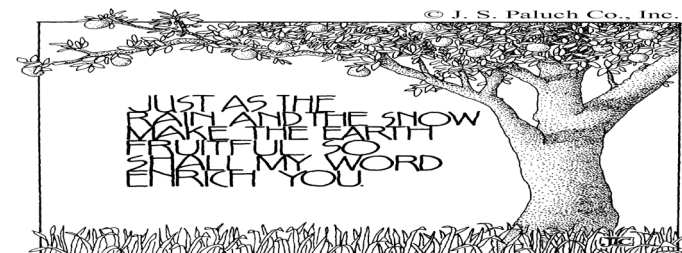


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You have crowned the year with your bounty, and your paths overflow with a rich harvest. — *Psalm 65:12*

SLW ADOPT-A-SISTER

The *Sisters of the Living Word*, who formerly staffed SMM School, invite you to Adopt-a-Sister by supporting her in ministry. What does this mean? You offer prayers and a financial gift to help support the Sister in her ministry this year. You choose from several options: you can request a specific Sister; they can assign one to you involved in the ministry of your choice; OR support all SLW in their ministries. You will be remembered by name in prayer each day & you will also be remembered at a monthly Mass. You can renew your commitment annually. SLW Core Values are: Life of Faith; Living the Gospel; Peace & Justice; Simplicity of Life & Care for Earth; and Respect. For more information or to donate visit www.slw.org or call 847-577-5972, ext. 226.



TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Two centuries ago, Archbishop John Carroll worried that Americans would not appreciate the linguistic veil over our worship, and asked that the liturgy in the new United States be in English, not Latin. How did our liturgy come to be in Latin in the first place? In the first century, the dominant language in the regions where the church first flourished was Greek. Today in much of the world, almost everyone speaks at least a bit of English. Recently, the European Union even considered making English its official language, a curious proposal since only two English-speaking countries are members. Just as English is a unifying language today, it was hard to function in the ancient world without a smattering of Greek. Even the word "Eucharist" comes from the Greek for "thanksgiving." For a long time, Greek was the language of worship, even in Rome. Slowly, society in the west shifted to a bias for Latin and against Greek. Latin first appeared in public prayer at the end of the second century, in the colonial outposts of North Africa. Soon, Latin became the language of culture, and so as fixed prayer forms were written, they were transmitted in Latin. From Rome and Africa, over the next four centuries, the new liturgical language of Latin spread north to Gaul and Britain. —Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION NEEDS INSTRUCTORS

SMM Parish School of Religion, which meets on Monday evenings from 6:45-8:00 PM is in need of religion instructors (grades 1—11). Qualifications for instructors: baptized, practicing Catholic willing to share their faith with our young people. If interested, please contact Mrs. Linda Earle, Director of Parish Religious Education at 733-8980 or at learle@smm.nocoxmail.com.

Readings for Sunday, July 23:

First Reading — You taught your people that those who are just must likewise be kind (Wisdom 12:13, 16-19). **Psalm** — Lord, you are good and forgiving (Psalm 86). **Second Reading** — The Spirit comes to aid us in our weakness (Romans 8:26-27). **Gospel** — Jesus proposes parables to the crowds, teaching them of the reign of God (Matthew 13:24-43 [24-30]).

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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 (7/02)	\$ 6747.00
Loose Collection	\$ 2402.73
Total	\$ 9149.73

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

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Pray 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.*

REDISCOVER JESUS: An Invitation

Join your fellow parishioners for a book study, discussion and faith sharing of Matthew Kelly's best seller. Continuing **Wednesday, July 19th** in Massett Hall @ 7pm. We will meet for six sessions. Can't make them all? No Problem! Make as many as you can. Need a ride? Babysitting? No problem! Look for the flyer in church. Call 504-733-8980 for more info. The 3rd session will be the Chapters 13-19.

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.



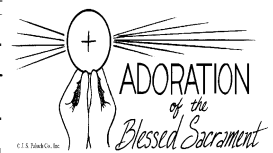
RCIA
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RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

Do you know someone who is interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith? Someone who has been thinking about converting to Catholicism, but has not taken the initial step? Someone who is already Catholic but feels that they have not progressed in or fully understand their faith and would like to pursue it further? 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.

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.



THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Monday, July 17

Tuesday, July 18

Wednesday, July 19

Social Services Building open from 5:30PM-6:30PM
Rediscover Jesus Group in Massett Hall 7:00 PM

Thursday, July 20

Friday, July 21

Saturday, July 22

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

Sunday, July 23

Family Mass 9:30 AM
SMM Feast Day Mass & Service Awards at 11AM
Mass followed by Jazz Brunch in Massett Hall
NO Adoration of Blessed Sacrament

WHY REGISTER AS A SMM PARISHIONER?

There are many who attend SMM Church regularly, but are not registered with us. You are invited to become an active member of the SMM family and let us know how we can best serve you. Please take a few minutes to either call the rectory at 733-0922 or go online to the parish website: www.stmarymagdalenchurch.com to register as a SMM parishioner.

SMM WEBSITE UPDATE

The SMM weekly bulletin, as well as parish events are posted & updated regularly on the parish website. Go to: www.stmarymagdalenchurch.com



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Saint Mary Magdalen FEAST DAY CELEBRATION Service Awards & Ministry Recognition Sunday, July 23, 2017 at 11:00 AM Mass



St.
Mary Magdalene

All involved in any Ministry at SMM are particularly invited to attend this Mass to be recognized for their generous contributions to our parish. Following Mass ALL are invited to attend a **JAZZ BRUNCH** in the cafeteria in honor of our Patroness and all SMM Volunteers. **Please join us for this special celebration!**

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.

SOCIAL APOSTOLATE NEWS

The Social Apostolate is deeply appreciative of all food & monetary donations they receive thru-out the year. They ask however, that any food donated NOT have an old expiration date—by law, they have to throw those donations away as they cannot be given to those in need.



SUMMER, VACATION TIME & MASS

Summer, with all of the extra family activities scheduled is not a time to “let up” on Mass attendance. Attendance at Mass is a life long commitment and takes no summer vacation. Please remember also that appropriate dress for Mass any time of year is strongly encouraged.

SMM SCHOOL—COUGAR NEWS

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