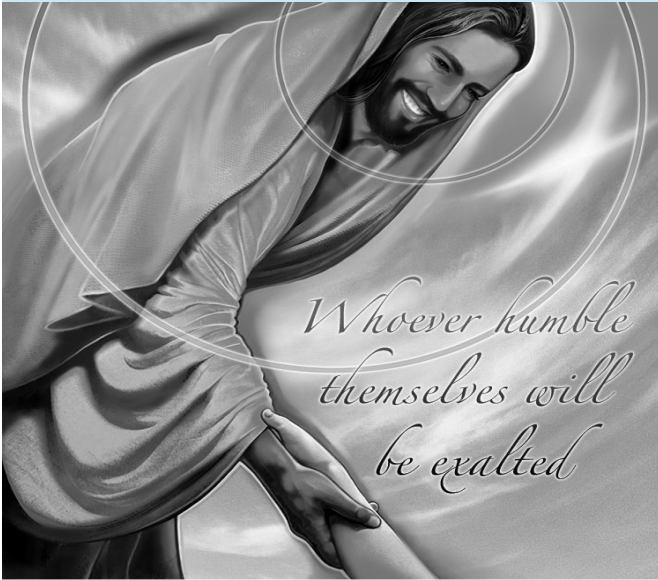


# 31st Sunday of Ordinary Time

## VOCATIONS AWARENESS WEEK



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### THE GREATEST AMONG US

Whom do you admire? Is it the President of the United States or a movie star or a billionaire? These are people whom the world exalts as great. Like the Pharisees in today's Gospel, they have places of honor wherever they go. Would you like to follow in their footsteps? The scriptures for today offer different examples for us to follow. Jesus tells us that the greatest among us are the servants. These are the people we are to honor and imitate. We are called to be like Paul, who worked hard to serve the needs of his communities, and Jesus, who gave his life in service to the world.

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## November 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

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#### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Thursday.....9:00AM - 4:00PM  
 After hours by appointment only

#### WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE in Chapel

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  
 Secretaries.....Mrs. Dianne Hughes  
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#### BEFORE/AFTER SCHOOL CARE

Co-Directors...Caren Favalaro & Shari Mader  
 Phone.....(504) 733-4768  
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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

**NEW** Hours: Mon.& 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**  
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**WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS**

**Monday, November 6**

6:30 AM Ed & Molly Heughan  
8:30 AM Ignatius Dan Phan

**Tuesday, November 7**

6:30 AM Ronco Family  
8:30 AM Joe Paci

**Wednesday, November 8**

6:30 AM David Beach, Sr.  
8:30 AM Christian DeLerno, Sr.

**Thursday, November 9**

***Feast of Dedication of Lateran Basilica***

6:30 AM Mary Cerise  
8:30 AM Christian DeLerno, Sr.

**Friday, November 10**

6:30 AM Oscar Blancher, Sr.  
8:30 AM Chuck Byrne

**Saturday, November 11**

8:00 AM Reine Loustaunau

**Saturday, November 11**

***32nd Sunday of Ordinary Time Vigil***

4:00 PM Jack & Rosalie Couch, Aimee Marus,  
 Janet Russo, Kevin Reynolds, Dean  
 D'Arcangelo, Joe Paci, Christian  
 DeLerno, Sr., Jerry Hollingsworth,  
 Floyd Hyer, Jr., Mildred Vazquez,  
 Patricia Monie, Patrick Ruth, Donald  
 Gilmore

**Sunday, November 12**

***32nd Sunday of Ordinary Time***

8:00 AM Audrey Forbes  
9:30 AM SMM Parishioners  
11:00 AM Dr. Gordon Landry, Effie Sarti, Harris  
 Miller, Madeleine Landry, Cindy  
 Spence, Mark Dyer, Vincent Falcone,  
 Ellen Bell, Vincent Bevon

**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, Heidi Nuss, Luke Nuss, Kristi LeBlanc, Tammy Graves Coen, Janice Childress, Nick Marzoni, Tina Guillot, Glen Buras, Joyce Chiusano, Richard LeBlanc, Marsha Robert, Rose Keller, Leah Conlin, Abigail Robertson, Patrick Mulhern, Marilyn Reynolds, Carole Corona, George "Mickey" Krause, Tommy Keller, Julie Periou, Brenda Simon, Jena Serigne, Deborah Woodward, Kevin Pineo



**BURIED IN CHRIST**

*Maria Mercedes Mahia Lopez*

**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*

**31st Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Who is the greatest person you know? Jesus thinks the greatest person is one who serves others, one who puts other people first. Always make sure your actions match your words. Try to think of how others feel.

**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**  
**November**

During this month, both religion programs will be focusing on VOCATIONS. There will be a Vocations Prayer contest, Prayer Service & Presentation by Seminarian Andrew Gutierrez, Rosary for Vocations and Religion Classes focusing on Vocations all week.

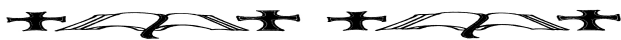


**31st Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**November 5, 2017**

The greatest among you must be your servant. — *Matthew 23:11*

**SMM PARISH LENDING LIBRARY**

All are invited to visit our Parish Lending Library located in the Pro-Life corner of the church. Seventy new books were recently added to the library and you can view them (plus much of the original collection) online at LibraryThing. The URL is <http://www.librarything.com/catalog/smmchurchlibrary/yourlibrary>. Take a few minutes to browse through our selections. Donations of religious or spiritual books, videos, CDs & DVDs for the library are always welcome and may be dropped off to the rectory office during regular business hours.



**The word of God is at work in you**



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**HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS**  
**Sunday, November 5<sup>th</sup>**  
**12:15pm in SMM Chapel**  
**Established Program devoted to the need for vocations**

National Church Vocation Awareness Week will be celebrated this week, **November 5-11 2017**. The focus of this observance is the vocational call of all Christians & it is particularly a time to pray for vocations to religious life.

There are all sorts and kinds of birthday parties. Church buildings, as well as the people who use them, have anniversaries for their beginnings. On **November 9th**, it is for Our Savior's Basilica and Saint John's Baptistery, the pope's cathedral as bishop of the people of Rome. We belong to the "Roman family" in the church, so it is our feast too. Celebrate the Lord's coming! God's people are truly the place of Christ's presence in this world. We would all do well to celebrate the birthday of our own church or parish or community of faith and acknowledge Christ's presence with thanks.



The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica



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**Readings for Sunday, November 12:**

**First Reading** — Wisdom is easily discerned by those who love her (Wisdom 6:12-16). **Psalm** — My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God (Psalm 63). **Second Reading** — Since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died (1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 [13-14]). **Gospel** — Stay awake! You know neither the day nor the hour (Matthew 25:1-13). 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.

**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 (10/22)	\$ 5894.00
Loose Collection	\$ 2619.49
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 8513.49</b>
2nd Collection-World Missions	\$ 1893.00

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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

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*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.*

### MEMORIAL MASS FOR DECEASED PARISHIONERS

A special memorial mass was held on November 1, the Feast of All Saints, to remember those in our parish who died during this past year. Due to the publishing deadline, some names did not appear in the bulletin at that time. We would like to remember them in print now: *Maria Mercedes Mahia Lopez*

### 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.

### SPIRITUAL ADOPTION PROGRAM

#### THE THIRD MONTH AFTER CONCEPTION

Our baby is quite active in the womb now, although the mother won't feel his or her movements for another couple months. If the mother's womb had a window, you could watch your spiritually adopted baby squint, swallow, and move his or her tongue. Vocal cords are now present, but sound can't be produced yet because of the watery environment. The baby can make a fist if you touch his or her palm, as the skin is very sensitive and reflexes are developing. It is also now distinguishable whether the baby is a boy or a girl, though it's usually a few more weeks before a doctor can determine this with an ultrasound image. The baby is breathing fluid, which will continue until birth. The needed oxygen is obtained through the umbilical cord. The baby you are praying for now weighs about 1 ounce. What a miracle this baby is!

### MINISTERS OF THE WORD (Lectors)

All Lectors & RCIA Instructors are asked to pick up their copy of the 2018 Lector Workbooks available in the Sacristy throughout the month of November.

## THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

### Monday, November 6

Parish School of Religion Classes, 6:45PM-8:00 PM  
Men's Club Meeting in Massett Hall 7:00 PM

### Tuesday, November 7

SMM School Adoration in Chapel, 9AM-10AM  
Marian Servants of Our Father's Love in Convent Bldg, 9:30AM-12Noon  
Come, Lord Jesus in Convent Bldg 7:00 PM

### Wednesday, November 8

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

### Thursday, November 9

Come, Lord Jesus in Convent Bldg 7:00 PM

### Friday, November 10

### Saturday, November 11—*Veterans Day*

Confessions in Church, 2:30-3:30 PM  
2<sup>nd</sup> Collection - Building & Maintenance Fund  
Veterans Day Blessing at Mass  
Men's Club Thanksgiving turkey orders after Mass

### Sunday, November 12

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Veterans Day Blessing at Masses  
Men's Club Thanksgiving turkey orders after Masses  
Holy Name Society Mtg in Ministries Bldg 9:00 AM  
Family Mass 9:30 AM  
Adoration of Blessed Sacrament, 12:15-1:15 PM  
KC Ladies Sit-n-Paint in Massett Hall 1:00 PM  
Confirmation Class (2018) in Massett Hall 7:00 PM

### BULLETIN PRAYER LIST

In an effort to improve the parish bulletin, beginning the 1st Sunday in Advent (December 2/3) weekend, the current Prayer Lists will be purged. If you would like to have a name remain on these lists beginning that date, please email info to ssullivan@smm.nocoxmail.com OR call 733-8980. If you have to leave a message please say & spell name clearly. Thanks!

### SMM SCHOOL—COUGAR NEWS

School is **CLOSED** on **Monday, November 6** for an Archdiocesan Faculty In-Service Day.



### SOCIAL APOSTOLATE

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!!!

### CHRISTMAS SIT-N-PAINT

The KC Ladies Aux. invite you to their Christmas Sit-n-Paint, **Sunday, November 12**, 1pm-3pm, in Massett Hall. No talent required to paint your own Christmas Angel or Teddy Bear on a pre sketched canvas. All ages are welcomed for FUN & FELLOWSHIP! Reservations required, no tickets sold on day of event. Cost: Angel - \$20 Teddy Bear - \$15. Call Lynette -887-6251, Loretta - 733-7436, or Carolyn - 666-9400 to make your reservations. Check our FB page.

### 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. NEXT weekend, the Men's Club will be taking orders outside of church after all Masses. **Only prepaid orders will be accepted.** Orders will be taken after masses this weekend. Pickup day will be Wed., November 22nd from 12PM—5PM. Unclaimed turkeys will be donated to charity.

### PARISH SUGGESTION BOX

We would like to hear the desires of all in our faith community so we are soliciting your help. Here are some suggestions & responses:

**\*Online giving options re: church donations**

*Finance/Stewardship Committee approved; in progress*

**\*Plan more family activities: picnic, dinners, games, etc.**

*Parish Picnic planned for April 15, 2018*