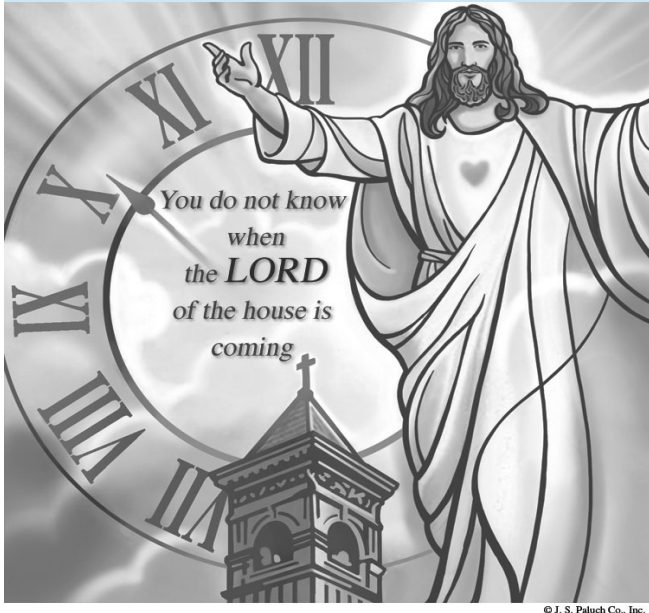


St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church

6425 West Metairie Avenue Metairie, Louisiana 70003

First Sunday of Advent



GOD HAS A DIFFERENT PLAN

We begin the season of Advent with a heartfelt call for our own repentance. We remember God's faithful love for us, and call upon God to help us to turn back. For "behold, you are angry, and we are sinful" (Isaiah 64:4). In the first reading and in the psalm, we recall God's promises and lament our unfaithfulness and our guilt. We call upon God's might and power in order to save us. With Isaiah, we ask God to "rend the heavens and come down, / with the mountains quaking before you" (Isaiah 63:19). Yes, God is faithful to us, because we are the work of God's hands. God is the potter, we are the clay. And yet, our concept of how God will come to save us is rooted in our own expectations of a warrior God who crushes mountains and thunders into our lives with great noise and glory. But God has a different plan: the Incarnation.

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December 3, 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 OFFICE

Parish Website:

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Thursday.....9:00AM - 4:00PM

Friday.....CLOSED

After hours by appointment only

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

In CHAPEL

Monday-Friday, 6:30 AM & 8:30AM

Saturday, 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

EXPOSITION OF BLESSED SACRAMENT:

Sundays, 12:15-1:15PM

1st Monday, 9:15-10:15AM (Sept-May)

In Church, be sure to visit:

RESPECT LIIFE 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

NEW Hours: Mon. & Fri.....1:00PM-5:00PM

Saturdays.....2:00PM-5:00PM

Sundays.....8:30AM-12:15PM

Phone:.....734-5833

Call Parish Office for further information

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/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 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.

PARISH WEEKLY BULLETIN
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WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, December 4

Ed & Molly Heughan

Bell & Mary Dendinger

Tuesday, December 5

Barbier, Blancher & Newell Families

Christian DeLerno, Sr.

Wednesday, December 6

Feast of St. Nicholas

Charlotte & Jacob Roth

June Tracy

Thursday, December 7

Kathy Ann Bartholomew

Chuck deBlois

Thursday, December 7

Feast of Immaculate Conception Vigil

Colleen Graham

Friday, December 8

Feast of Immaculate Conception of BVM

Andree Forbes

Rosalie Couch

Sr. Theresa Fletchinger, SSND

Saturday, December 9

Mazzola/Lovecchio Families

Saturday, December 9

2nd Sunday of Advent Vigil

Jack & Rosalie Couch, Aimee Marus,

Kevin Reynolds, Barbie Abry, Jerry

Hollingsworth, Dean D'Arcangelo,

Joe Paci, Laura Baroni, Patrick Ruth,

Vilma Bolanos, Lillian Knecht, Eloise

Abadie

Sunday, December 10

2nd Sunday of Advent

Macaluso Family

SMM Parishioners

Dr. Gordon Landry, Harris Miller,

Effie Sarti, Madeleine Landry, Cindy

Spence, Mark Dyer, Ellen Bell

Tula & Harry Raphael

6:30 AM

8:30 AM

6:30 AM

8:30 AM

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6:30 AM

8:30 AM

6:00 PM

6:30 AM

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4:00 PM

8:00 AM

9:30 AM

11:00 AM

6:00 PM

PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH

Mark Lucich, Willie Arnouville, Sherry Gaffney, Ray Talbot, Norvin Schexnaildre, Paul Powers, 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, Rosemarie Entringer, Teresa Lacour, Mary Ann Meaux, Gayle Songy, Jerry Fender, Jonathan Robertson, Judy Massa

FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
 (Holy Day of Obligation)
Friday, December 8
 6:00 PM Vigil Mass
 6:30 AM, 8:30 AM & 6:00 PM



FOSTERING STEWARDSHIP

In gratitude for God's gifts we gratefully appreciate:

Envelopes (11/19)	\$ 5346.00
Loose Collection	\$ 2182.61
Total	\$ 7528.61
2nd Collection-Human Development	\$ 1929.00

Thank you for your generosity!

PRAYER LIST FOR SERVICE MEN & WOMEN
We pray for those in our parish who are fighting overseas for our country and against terrorism.
 Sp. Serv., Brian Calvo, US Army; PFC Scott Hale, USMC

CHANGES RE: BULLETIN PRAYER LISTS

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 put back on these lists, 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!

2018 DONATION ENVELOPE BOXES AVAILABLE IN CHURCH

Donation envelope box sets are now available for pickup by those parishioners who requested them. The envelope boxes may be found in church on tables near Mary's Alcove beginning last weekend. All boxes will have a label with each parishioners name, address & current account number - please make sure to take your own!. This box will include your regular weekly/monthly offering envelopes, feast day envelopes and all special collection envelopes.

BURIED IN CHRIST

*Karen Marie McGlothlin
 Dorothy Breaux Leonard
 Napoleon Sorto*

ALTAR SOCIETY CHRISTMAS COLLECTION

There is an extra envelope in your monthly envelope packet for **Christmas Flower Donations**. The Altar Society is asking that you consider giving a contribution in order to help defray the added expenses that are incurred for the flowers and decorations during the Christmas Season. Please put your donation into any collection during the month of December.



**First Sunday of Advent
 December 3, 2017**
 Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come.
 — Mark 13:33



Readings for Sunday, December 10:
First Reading — The rugged land shall be made a plain; the rough country, a broad valley (Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11). **Psalm** — Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation (Psalm 85). **Second Reading** — Conduct yourselves in holiness, hastening the coming of the day of God (2 Peter 3:8-14). **Gospel** — I have baptized you with water; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit (Mark 1:1-8).

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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:
***Plan monthly get-togethers in Massett Hall, such as: Movie Night or Sports Night on TV: watch a game** *Ideas have been submitted to Parish Unity Committee*

FOR THE CHILDREN



PRAYER FOR THE FIRST WEEK OF ADVENT

Dearest Jesus, It is Advent. The world is preparing to celebrate your birthday with tinsel, toys, and twinkling lights. May the brightest light that shines this season be the light of your love that warms my heart. And may I learn to share that light and love with everyone I meet, for you are truly the Light of the world. Amen.

CELEBRATING CATHOLIC FAMILIES

Living the Word

1st Sunday of Advent

During Advent, we try to prepare our hearts in prayer in order to celebrate the Christ child's birth on Christmas. To help families during the Advent season, in the Children's Corner activities will be available to help us prepare our hearts in prayer.

Advent candle color sheet & Prayer Card for every week of advent: can be used as our personal advent wreath.

SMM SCHOOL & PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION PROGRAMS

December

The Traveling Crucifix is now at SMM! Each month a different grade level will have the Crucifix in the classroom. The students will pray for vocations that month. Thank you to the Serra Club for donating Vocation Worksheets for the students.

CHILDREN'S CORNER

DECEMBER: Month of *Advent & Christmas* Prayer Center Theme is: *I am getting ready to celebrate Jesus' birthday by...* Put written intentions in gift box; they will be offered up at all Sunday Masses once a month.

LIKE A CHILD

One who aspires to the grace of God must be pure, with a heart as innocent as a child's. —*St. Nicholas; Feast Day: Dec. 6*



SMM SCHOOL—COUGAR NEWS

We're looking forward to a visit by St. Nicholas on his feast day: **December 6**. We will participating in the Archdiocesan "*Keep Christ in Christmas*" Program again this year.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Advent is a time rich in family traditions. Many of them have been so effectively absorbed into our culture that their religious origins are hidden. Some of us will set candles in our windows tonight. The custom began in Ireland during the so-called "penal" days, extending from 1691 to the "Catholic Emancipation" in 1829 and beyond. There were harsh penalties and fines for not attending the government church. Priests were forced into hiding, but people were resourceful and determined in guarding their faith. At Christmas, Irish families, particularly in the countryside, placed a lighted candle in the cottage window and left the door unlatched, hoping that a priest might come by and celebrate the Christmas Mass for them. The possibility of the Mass coming into the family home gave rise to other Irish customs at the beginning of Advent. The cottage received a fresh coat of white-wash, the threshold was swept especially clean, and fresh curtains were hung in the windows. The house was scrubbed until it gleamed, including all the pots and pans, and all garments and table linens were laundered. The custom of the Irish window candle was so admired in Catholic Europe that it was widely copied there, and now finds a welcome in households that may not exactly expect a priest to wander in!



—Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

RESPECT LIFE

SPIRITUAL ADOPTION PROGRAM THE FOURTH MONTH OF CONCEPTION

Well, your baby now weighs about 5 ounces and is between 6 and 7 inches long. He or she has developing fingernails and eyelashes, and already has unique fingerprints which will remain the same for the rest of the baby's life. The taste buds are now working, and the sense of hearing is present and developing at 14 weeks. Growth at this time is very rapid. Your spiritually adopted baby is well formed internally and externally. All that is needed now is time to mature, gain weight, and grow stronger. Please remember to keep this baby and his or her mother in your daily prayers.

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, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Monday, December 4

SMM School Adoration in Chapel 9:00AM
Parish School of Religion Classes, 6:45PM-8:00 PM
Men's Club Meeting in Massett Hall 7:00 PM
KC Ladies Auxiliary Mtg in Ministries Bldg 7:00 PM

Tuesday, December 5

Come, Lord Jesus in Convent Bldg 7:00 PM

Wednesday, December 6

St. Nick to visit SMM School
Advent "Prayer" Series in Convent Bldg 9:45 AM
Social Services Building open from 5:30PM-6:30PM
Advent "Prayer" Series in Convent Bldg 7:00 PM
Parents' Club Meeting in Massett Hall 7:00 PM

Thursday, December 7

Come, Lord Jesus in Convent Bldg 7:00 PM

Friday, December 8

Rectory/Parish Offices CLOSED
Marian Servants in Chapel 11:00 AM

Saturday, December 9

Confessions in Church, 2:30-3:30 PM
2nd Collection - Retired Religious
"Christmas for Angels" gift card return at Mass

Sunday, December 10

2nd Collection - Retired Religious
"Christmas for Angels" gift card return at Mass
Holy Name Society Mtg in Ministries Bldg 9:00 AM
Family Mass/Scout Mass 9:30 AM
KC Poster Judging in Massett Hall 10:00 AM
Pictures w/Santa in Massett Hall, 9:30AM-12Noon
Adoration of Blessed Sacrament, 12:15-1:15 PM
KC Ladies Santa's Workshop in Massett Hall, 1-3PM

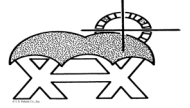
SACRISTY DOOR TO REMAIN CLOSED

Please help us to maintain the spirit of reverence & quiet meditation before Mass and refrain from visiting in the Sacristy. Celebrants, Deacons, Acolyte & Altar Servers should be the only people to enter and remain there. Commentators ONLY should enter to check on Celebrants & Deacons assigned to Mass & then leave immediately. EMC/Lector Sign-In, Homebound Ministry Communion cards & Usher Collection baskets/bags may now be found on a table OUTSIDE Sacristy. Thank you for your cooperation.

SPECIAL PARISH EVENTS

OUTDOOR NATIVITY BLESSING & COVERED DISH DINNER

On Sunday, December 3 after the 11AM Mass, the KC Ladies Auxiliary & the Knights of Columbus invite all to a Blessing of the outdoor Nativity Set in front of rectory and a "Covered Dish Dinner" in Massett Hall. You may drop off your dish before Mass.



SANTA PICTURES & BREAKFAST

Ho Ho Ho! Come on over to Massett Hall on Sunday, December 10 for a visit with Santa and to have your picture taken. Cost: 5x7 - \$4 each or 3 for \$10. Email is also an option: 2 5x7 with pictures emailed to you. Thanks to the KC Knights, a "free" continental breakfast will be served. Please stop by for fellowship and meet a fellow parishioner.

SANTA'S WORKSHOP

Come join the KC Ladies Auxiliary and Elves on Sunday December 10 for a Santa Workshop! 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm, in Massett Hall. They'll be busy assisting children of ALL AGES to make some homemade Christmas crafts, 5 in all. It's an opportunity to share quality time with Family or Friends and to give back. The cost to participate is a Non-Perishable Food item that the KC Ladies Auxiliary will give to our Food Pantry. We want to make sure we have enough supplies, so PLEASE CALL and REGISTER! Email: smmladiesaux@cox.net or call Lynette 887-6251. You will need to bring a Passport Size Photo (2" x 2") of yourself.

SOCIAL JUSTICE



"Gifts from the Angels" CHRISTMAS GIVING PROJECT

*A special project to help the
Christmas Season be a little brighter
for those less fortunate.*

This weekend, you are invited to take one of the envelopes with small angel ornaments attached from the table by the main entrance of church. We ask for gift certificates or monetary donations in any amount be placed in the envelope. Please return the "Angel" tag & envelope attached in the collection basket on Dec. 9 & 10. The certificates will be distributed to needy families at a later date in December. Please consider bringing a little Christmas cheer to others by participating in this special project.