

# St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church

6425 West Metairie Avenue Metairie, Louisiana 70003

## 3rd Sunday of Advent



### REJOICE

Isaiah proclaims truly good news to us! God's coming brings not sadness, guilt, fear, wrath, or condemnation. No, God's coming is a source of comfort and joy. Saying it once is not enough, for today's readings are full of joy. Mary's Magnificat substitutes for our psalm today, and our second reading encourages us to rejoice, to give thanks and praise. This is the root meaning of the Greek word for eucharist. We are urged to rejoice and give thanks, because the coming of the Lord brings joy, healing, liberty, release, vindication. It makes the very earth spring up with new life! Good tidings!

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## December 17, 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 Fax: (504) 733-0869

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 PM

Sunday Masses - 8, 9:30 & 11AM; 6PM

#### 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

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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

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/PolicyonInfantBaptismOR](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. FOCCUS Survey by appointment only. Weddings 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**  
**St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church**  
**Metairie, Louisiana**  
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**WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS**

**Monday, December 18**

6:30 AM

David Beach, Sr.

8:30 AM

Sr. Therese Fletchinger, SSND

**Tuesday, December 19**

6:30 AM

Antoinette Centanni

8:30 AM

Claire & George Cook, Sue Chandler

**Wednesday, December 20**

6:30 AM

Leon Loustaunau

8:30 AM

Joe Paci

**Thursday, December 21**

6:30 AM

Daniel W. Huth

8:30 AM

Donald Gilmore

**Friday, December 22**

6:30 AM

Mimi Cerise

8:30 AM

Christian DeLerno, Sr.

**Saturday, December 23**

8:00 AM

Louis V. Levy & Tyler Levy

**Saturday, December 23**

***4th Sunday in Advent Vigil***

4:00 PM

Rosalie Couch, Aimee Marus, Norma & Lance Hubble, Kevin Reynolds, Vetter Amadeo Taylor, Floyd Hyer, Frank Tornabene, Sr., Betty Smith, Joe Paci, Dean D'Arcangelo, Deacon Angelas Robin, Dorothy Suhor

**Sunday, December 24**

***4th Sunday in Advent***

8:00 AM

Cindy Spence

9:30 AM

SMM Parishioners

11:00 AM

Ronald Krummel, Sr., Floyd Hyer, Jr., Mark Dyer, Ellen Bell

**Sunday, December 24**

***Christmas Eve—Vigil Masses***

4:00 PM

All SMM Deceased Parishioners

6:00 PM

All SMM Deceased Parishioners



**PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH**

Mark Lucich, Willie Arnouville, Sherry Gaffney, Ray Talbot, Norvin Schexnaildre, 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, Kevin & Kenneth Teen, Gracelynn Chaplain, Celine Wild, Carol P. Ramos

**FOSTERING STEWARDSHIP**

*In gratitude for God's gifts we gratefully appreciate:*  
**Envelopes (12/03)** \$ 7505.00  
**Loose Collection** \$ 2124.94  
**Total** \$ 9629.94  
**2nd Collection—Bldg & Maintenance** \$ 3556.00  
*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

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**CHANGES RE: BULLETIN PRAYER LISTS**

In an effort to improve the parish bulletin, the current Prayer Lists have been purged. If you would like to have a name put on these lists, please email info to [ssullivan@smm.nocoxmail.com](mailto:ssullivan@smm.nocoxmail.com) OR call 733-8980. If you have to leave a message, please say & spell name clearly. Thanks!

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**BURIED IN CHRIST**

*Mary Woodruff  
 Richard Charbonnet*



**Third Sunday of Advent  
 December 17, 2017**  
 Rejoice always. Pray without

ceasing. — 1 Thessalonians 5:16-17  
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**Readings for Sunday, December 24:**  
**First Reading** — I will fix a place for my people. I will plant them so that they may dwell in their place without further disturbance (2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16). **Psalm** — For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord (Psalm 89). **Second Reading** — To the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, be glory forever and ever (Romans 16:25-27). **Gospel** — Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word (Luke 1:26-38).

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**2018 DONATION ENVELOPE BOXES AVAILABLE IN CHURCH**

Donation envelope box sets are available for pickup by those parishioners who requested them. The envelope boxes may be found in church on tables near Mary's Alcove. All boxes will have a label with each parishioner's 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. You are asked to make an effort to pick up your envelope box as soon as possible.

**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.

**PARISH SUGGESTION BOX**

**What's the latest from our suggestion box?**  
 \* **Move statue of Mary in church out of alcove to Sanctuary**

*Liturgy Committee Discussion Result: statue can not be placed in a church sanctuary; we have no appropriate place to move her close to this area; there is already a very nice designated area devoted to Mary; statue must remain where she is.*



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## FOR THE CHILDREN



### PRAYER FOR THE THIRD WEEK OF ADVENT

*Loving God, soon it will be time to celebrate the birth of your Son into our world. Thank you for sending him to be our Light. Please help us to find ways to be light for others. Show us our way to you as Jesus has shown us your love.*

### CELEBRATING CATHOLIC FAMILIES

#### *Living the Word*

#### 3rd Sunday of Advent

During this week encourage each family member to perform a random act of kindness for someone. Give each child a dollar and instruct them to patiently find a chance to make that dollar work to help another person. At the end of the week discuss how each child help another person with their dollar.

### 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.



### SMM SCHOOL & PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION PROGRAMS

#### December

For **Advent**, SMM School & Parish School of Religion students are preparing for Jesus' birthday by remembering and respecting the gift of life. The students invite you to continue to pray with them throughout the Advent season.

### SMM SCHOOL—COUGAR NEWS

Please join SMM's Chorus/Chorale, Band and Guitar for their parish concert tomorrow night, **Monday, December 18th** at 7:00pm.

## RESPECT LIFE

Respect Life on the radio...Catch **monthly Respect Life updates** on **Catholic Community Radio's Wake Up show** every first Wednesday at 7:35am. Learn more about Catholic Community Radio here...  
<http://www.catholiccommunityradio.org>

## ADULT FAITH FORMATION

### MARIAN SERVANTS®

The Marian Servants® is a community based Public Association of the Christian Faithful. The founding community formed in 1987 in Clearwater, FL, with our local community established in 2007. Our Mission is to bring Catholic Christians to a deeper understanding of their vocation and mission in Christ, in the Church, and in the world. Our spirituality is Marian—seeking to emulate Mary's virtues of holiness, obedience, and service; it is also charismatic—with a special devotion to the Holy Spirit, with openness to His gifts. Membership is open to Catholics in good standing with the Catholic Church. The chapter located at SMM is the Marian Servants® of Our Father's Love which meets on Tuesdays from 9:30AM-12Noon. Anyone interested in learning more about the Marian Servants® may contact Patsy Ricau @ (504)813-4327.

## MARRIAGE & FAMILY LIFE

### PARISH FAMILY CHRISTMAS TREE

Our Parish Family Christmas Tree has been placed inside the main entrance to the Church for the 3rd Sunday of Advent. Families are encouraged to continue to add their own home-made ornaments.

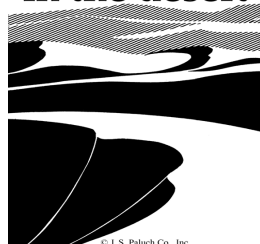
### BLESSING OF THE CHRISTMAS TREE

*God of Adam and Eve, God of all our ancestors, we praise You for this Christmas tree. It stirs in us a memory of paradise, and it opens a window into heaven. Send Your Son, Jesus, the shoot sprung from the root of Jesse, to restore the earth to the goodness of Eden. On the day of His coming, every tree of the forest will clap its hands in joy, and all creation will sing to You perched on these shining branches: Glory!*



## EVANGELIZATION

**I am a voice  
crying out  
in the desert**



Let us pray for our parish, that we might be transformed through our encounter with Jesus Christ and be compelled to share the Gospel with others and that we might become a community of discipleship, outreach, and charity...**WE PRAY TO THE LORD.**

## THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

### Monday, December 18

NO Parish School of Religion Classes  
SMM School Band/Chorus Concert in Church 7:00 PM

### Tuesday, December 19

Marian Servants® of Our Father's Love in Convent Bldg, 9:30AM-12Noon  
Come, Lord Jesus in Convent Bldg 7:00 PM  
Advent Evening of Reconciliation in Chapel 7:00 PM

### Wednesday, December 20

Social Services Building open from 5:30PM-6:30PM  
Parish Christmas Concert in Church 7:00 PM

### Thursday, December 21

Come, Lord Jesus in Convent Bldg 7:00 PM

### Friday, December 22

### Saturday, December 23

Extended Hours of Confessions , 1:30-3:30 PM

### Sunday, December 24

Family Mass 9:30 AM  
NO Adoration of Blessed Sacrament

### Sunday, December 24-Christmas Eve

Christmas Vigil Masses at 4:00 PM & 6:00 PM

### 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 the Sacristy. Thank you for your cooperation.



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## SPECIAL PARISH EVENTS

### CHRISTMAS MUSIC PRESENTATIONS SMM SCHOOL BAND/CHORUS CONCERT

On **Monday, December 18**, from 7:00-8:00PM in the church, all are invited to a **FREE** Christmas Concert.



### CANTORS IN CONCERT

On **Wednesday, December 20** from 7:00-8:00PM in the church, all are invited to a **FREE** Christmas Concert of traditional Christmas music provided by our parish cantors & organist. After the concert all are invited to the Prayer Garden for refreshments.

### ADVENT EVENING OF REFLECTION & RECONCILIATION

All are invited to a special evening of reflection & reconciliation **Tuesday, December 19** from 7:00-8:00 PM in the Chapel followed by individual confessions.



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### RECONCILIATION SERVICE & CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Tuesday before Christmas—December 19

7:00 PM in Chapel & Church

Saturday before Christmas—December 23

**EXTENDED CONFESSION HOURS**

**1:30 to 3:30 PM**

**NO CONFESSIONS ON CHRISTMAS EVE**

### Christmas Mass Schedule

**Vigil Masses on December 24:** 4:00PM & 6:00PM

**Midnight Mass:** (Music begins ½ hour before Mass)

**Feast Day Masses on December 25:**

8:00 AM & 10:00 AM

### Feast of the Solemnity of Mary

(NOT a Holy Day of Obligation)

January 1, 2018

8:30AM ONLY

### PARISH MINISTRIES FAIR

January 6 & 7, 2018

after all Masses in Massett Hall

Come One!!! Come All!!! Now is the time to learn about the ministries & organizations in SMM Parish. We Want You!!! We Need You!!! New members and new ideas are needed to make our parish a true community.