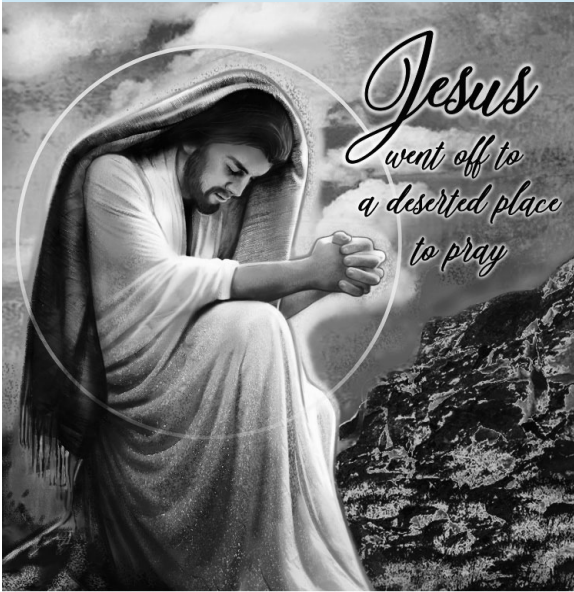


# St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church

6425 West Metairie Avenue Metairie, Louisiana 70003

## 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time



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### TIRELESS DISCIPLESHIP

The stories we've been hearing these weeks come from the very first chapter of Mark, and they show us the public ministry of Jesus in its infancy. Today's account shows some of the strain or adjustment of his new life of preaching the reign of God, healing the sick, and casting out demons. Notice that after sunset, when darkness ended the workday, people brought the sick and possessed to Jesus. The following day he rose before dawn to get away by himself to pray, but to no avail. Simon Peter and the others don't just look for him, they pursue him, filled with the fervor that his ministry has incited. With the self-sacrificing example he gave until the end of his earthly life, he tells his followers that this is his whole purpose. Through Mark, he is also telling the early church, and he is telling us, that this is our purpose, our vocation: to be tireless in our pursuit of proclaiming the Good News, and in bringing the healing, reconciling touch of Christ to the world.

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## February 4, 2018

### 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

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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/Policy](http://www.arch-no.org/HumanResources/Policies/Policy) on Infant Baptism 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 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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**HOW CAN WE HELP YOU?**

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**Shari Mader & Caren Favaloro, Co-Directors**

**WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS**

**Monday, February 5**

6:30 AM Living Intention for J.A.  
8:30 AM Living Intention for Steve Scalise

**Tuesday, February 6**

6:30 AM J.C. Mixon  
8:30 AM Cindy Spence

**Wednesday, February 7**

6:30 AM Gus Barbier  
8:30 AM Joe Paci

**Thursday, February 8**

6:30 AM Poor Souls  
8:30 AM Georgiann Ely

**Friday, February 9**

6:30 AM Fr. Earl LaRose  
8:30 AM Chip Antoine, Jr.

**Saturday, February 10**

8:00 AM Napoleon Sorto

**Saturday, February 10**

***6th Sunday in Ordinary Time Vigil***

4:00 PM Jack & Rosalie Couch, Joe Paci, Dot Leonard, Kevin Reynolds, Mrs. Joyce L. Pursell, Julio Anleu, Gracia Anleu, Abadie Family, Joan Ferry, Vetter Amadeo Taylor, Aimee Marus, Mary Kay Berbuesse, Imbrigulia Family

**Sunday, February 11**

***6th Sunday in Ordinary Time***

8:00 AM Jud Mitchell & Lacinak  
9:30 AM SMM Parishioners  
11:00 AM Mark Dyer, Dr. Gordon Landry, Madeleine Landry, Effie Sarti, Harris Miller, Peter Bonanno  
6:00 PM Hal Ducote, Richard & Genevieve Ducote



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**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, Dominic Manthey, Deavon Dill, Lauretta Erwin, Larry & Clara Leslie, Dennis Coughlin, Jr., Billie Surratt, Marilyn Rogers, Hector Benoit

**FOSTERING STEWARDSHIP**

*In gratitude for God's gifts we gratefully appreciate:*  
**Envelopes (1/21)** \$ 6132.50  
**Loose Collection** \$ 2018.74  
**Total** \$ 8151.24  
**2nd Collection—SMM Social Apostolate** \$ 2637.50  
*Thank you for your generosity!*

**STEWARDSHIP PRAYER**

Almighty and ever-faithful Lord, gratefully acknowledging Your mercy and humbly admitting our need, we pledge our trust in You and each other. Filled with desire, we respond to Your call for discipleship by shaping our lives in imitation of Christ. We profess that the call requires us to be stewards of Your gifts. As stewards, we receive Your gifts gratefully, cherish and tend them in a responsible manner, share them in practice and love with others, and return them with increase to the Lord.

We pledge to our ongoing formation as stewards and our responsibility to call others to that same endeavor. Almighty and ever-faithful God, it is our fervent hope and prayer that You who have begun this good work in us will bring it to fulfillment in Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

**VOCATIONS**

The Archdiocesan Mass for Vocations and *World Day for Consecrated Life* will be celebrated on **Sunday, February 4**. All are asked to pray for those who serve as priests, sisters and brothers in our archdiocese and throughout the world. Seminarians and religious in formation should also be remembered on this day. Let us pray for more laborers in the Lord's vineyard and let us also pray for one another.

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**Readings for Sunday, February 11:**  
**First Reading** — The leper will dwell apart, making an abode outside the camp (Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46).  
**Psalm** — I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation (Psalm 32).  
**Second Reading** — Do everything for the glory of God (1 Corinthians 10:31 — 11:1). **Gospel** — The leprosy left him immediately, and he was made clean (Mark 1:40-45).

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**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



**BURIED IN CHRIST**

*George Collet  
 Ronald Paul Dufour  
 Catherine Wisecarver  
 Marilyn Rogers*



**5th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**February 4, 2018**  
 [The LORD] tells the number of the stars and calls each by name.  
 — Psalm 147:4

**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 at SMM every Sunday from 12:15-1:15PM and the 1st Monday from 9:00-10:00AM.

**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.

## FOR THE CHILDREN

### CELEBRATING CATHOLIC FAMILIES

#### *Living the Word*

#### 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jesus' compassion for those who are ill and for those who love them is apparent in the gospel reading today. Let us show Jesus' compassion for those who are ill by visiting someone and by praying with them for healing, wholeness, peace and union with others and God.

### CHILDREN'S CORNER

**FEBRUARY:** Month of *Jesus loves me*. Prayer Center Theme is: *I can show Jesus how much I love Him 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

#### February

The SMM Liturgical Club thanks all who donated diapers for ACCESS Pregnancy Center. The 7th grade volunteered at Second Harvest last week. They served the community by packing food for people in need.

### SMM PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION

Religion Classes for students attending public or private school are held every Monday evening from 6:45 PM -8:00 PM. Call Linda Earle, PCL at 733-8980 for further information about registering your child for these classes.

### SMM SCHOOL—COUGAR NEWS

Please join us for adoration tomorrow, **Monday, February 5th** from 9:00-10:00 and for our Lady Bug Rosary this **Friday, February 9th** from 7:45-8:05. Both are held in the chapel. Private tours available - please call the school office.



## ADULT FAITH FORMATION

### ADULT CONFIRMATION PROGRAM

This program is for Baptized, catechized Catholics who have received 1st Communion, but were never confirmed. For more call the Parish Religious Education Office at 733-8980.

### COME, LORD JESUS PRAYER GROUPS

We are excited to have Come, Lord Jesus! Bible study groups within our church parish community. The groups gather weekly to study the upcoming Sunday Readings in a comfortable prayerful environment for an experience that will bless the life and revive the Catholic faith of its members. We are pleased to announce the formation of a new group that will meet on **Monday mornings** beginning with a 6-week Lenten Journey to study and meditate upon the Sunday Gospels leading to the resurrection of our Lord, Jesus Christ. There will be an informational meeting about the Come, Lord Jesus! Bible Study Program and the 6-week Lenten Journey on **Monday, February 5th** at 9:00 a.m. in the Convent Building. Please consider meeting weekly with a small faith community during this holy season For more information call Susan Gaillot @ 504-616-9609 or email to [dmsgaillot@gmail.com](mailto:dmsgaillot@gmail.com)

## EVANGELIZATION

### 12 Tips for Effective Catholic Evangelization

#### 2. *Include God in your vocabulary*

- Aware that it is not against the law to speak about God and His marvelous works in our daily lives, bring Him up in a casual way in your everyday conversations, acknowledging Him as the giver of all good gifts, as the One who answers prayers, as the One who directs the course of our lives when we submit to His all-loving plan.
- Meaning it from the heart and avoiding "fabricated speech". Letting those around you know that you believe in a God of love, mercy, and care, a God they too can and should draw near to in times of trouble – in deed, at any time.



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"The entire world is our mission field. We must love all people in order to do good to all."

*Venerable Mother Thecla Merlo*

## THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

### Monday, February 5

SMM School Adoration in Chapel 9:00 AM  
Come, Lord Jesus Info Meeting in Convent 9:00 AM  
Parish School of Religion Classes, 6:45PM-8:00 PM  
Men's Club Meeting in Massett Hall 7:00 PM

### Tuesday, February 6

Marian Servants® of Our Father's Love in Convent Bldg, 9:30AM-12Noon  
Come, Lord Jesus in Convent Bldg 7:00 PM  
KC Meeting in Massett Hall 7:00 PM

### Wednesday, February 7

Social Services Building open from 5:30PM-6:30PM  
Parents' Club Mtg in Massett Hall 7:00 PM

### Thursday, February 8

Come, Lord Jesus in Convent Bldg 7:00 PM

### Friday, February 9

### Saturday, February 10

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

### Sunday, February 11

Holy Name Society Mtg in Ministries Bldg 9:00 AM  
Family Mass 9:30 AM  
Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 12:15-1:15 PM

## RESPECT LIFE

### **SPIRITUAL ADOPTION PROGRAM**

#### **THE SIXTH MONTH AFTER CONCEPTION:**

Your spiritually adopted baby's development continues to be quite amazing. His or her weight is approaching 2 pounds. At this point, the baby's eyes are open and can respond to light; eyelashes, eyebrows, and fingernails have grown enough to be easily seen. Babies born prematurely at this time have a very good chance of surviving. The medical advances in caring for extremely small newborn infants are extraordinary indeed. Each passing year we witness medical advances that allow our medical professionals to save younger, premature infants. In just three short months, your spiritually adopted baby will be born. Please continue to remember him or her in your prayers.

## SPECIAL PARISH EVENTS

### LENTEN PRAYER SESSION

with a book study & DVD presentation

*"Meditation & Contemplation - An Ignatian Guide to praying with Scripture"* by Fr. Timothy M. Gallagher, OMV with assigned Scripture praying and sharing. This is an 8-week session to help deepen one's prayer life held on consecutive Wednesdays beginning **January 31** and ending **March 28** (*NO session on Ash Wednesday*). Two sessions are offered: Morning (9:30-11AM) or Evening (7-8:30PM) Books available for purchase at the first session for \$15 ea. For more info or to register, call 733-8980 or email name, contact info & which session you would like to attend to [ssullivan@smm.nocoxmail.com](mailto:ssullivan@smm.nocoxmail.com)

## SOCIAL JUSTICE

Catholic social teaching is a central and essential element of our faith. Its roots are in the Hebrew prophets who announced God's special love for the poor and called God's people to a covenant of love and justice. It is a teaching founded on the life and words of Jesus Christ, who came "to bring glad tidings to the poor . . . liberty to captives . . . recovery of sight to the blind"(Lk 4:18-19), and who identified himself with "the least of these," the hungry and the stranger (cf. Mt 25:45). Catholic social teaching is built on a commitment to the poor. This commitment arises from our experiences of Christ in the Eucharist.

## SPECIAL APPEAL

Dear St. Mary Magdalen Parishioners,  
My name is Bradley Este and I am from Boy Scout Troop 490. I am working on my Eagle Scout Service Project and I am in need of everyone's support. My Eagle Scout Project will involve the collection of prescription eyeglasses during the month of January, and will then donate them to University Park Lions Club. The donated eyeglasses to the Lions Club allows them to help improve the quality of life for children and adults living in low and middle income communities around the world. Without donations like these it could not be possible. I will be placing collection boxes at all entrances of church to collect old unwanted eyeglasses that may be in the community. The boxes will be available until February 11th after 6:00 mass. Your old unwanted prescription eyeglass can be repurposed to change the lives and sight for people in need. Thank you for your support and generosity.  
Bradley Este from Troop 490