

St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church

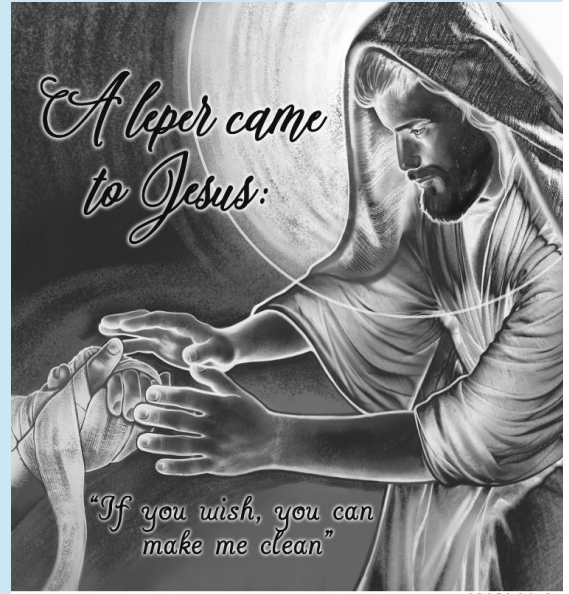
6425 West Metairie Avenue Metairie, Louisiana 70003

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

GIVE GOD THE GLORY

A curious feature of the first half of Mark's Gospel is the pattern of Jesus working a miracle, then telling the recipient of the miracle to keep still about it. Many theories have been offered: Mark is setting the stage for the great "secret" revealed when Peter will proclaim Jesus the Messiah at Caesarea Philippi; more skeptical commentators offer that Jesus, fully aware of human nature, knew that the way to spread the news was to tell people to keep it secret. The insight into this secret-keeping that serves us well, however, is that Jesus was initiating his public ministry according to the pattern that Paul describes. He was doing it for the glory of God—not for his own benefit, but for that of all. Paul would later write in Philippians that Jesus "humbled" himself to become like us. And we see this humility at work in today's healing of the leper. Jesus is trying to reveal the presence of God's reign among the people, not so that he himself might receive the glory, but so that God would be glorified through him. Imitating this pattern, which Paul encourages the Jewish and Greek Christian factions in Corinth to do, still serves us well today.

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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 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

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 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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Shari Mader & Caren Favaloro, Co-Directors

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, February 12

6:30 AM Living Intention for J.A.
8:30 AM Theodore Graham

Tuesday, February 13

6:30 AM Cindy Spence

Ash Wednesday, February 14

6:30 AM Ronco Family
8:30 AM Living Intention for Steve Scalise
7:00 PM Claire & George Cook, Sue Chandler

Thursday, February 15

6:30 AM J.C. Mixon
8:30 AM Jack Couch

Friday, February 16

6:30 AM Barbier, Blancher & Newell Families
8:30 AM Shirley Murphy

Saturday, February 17

8:00 AM Napoleon Sorto

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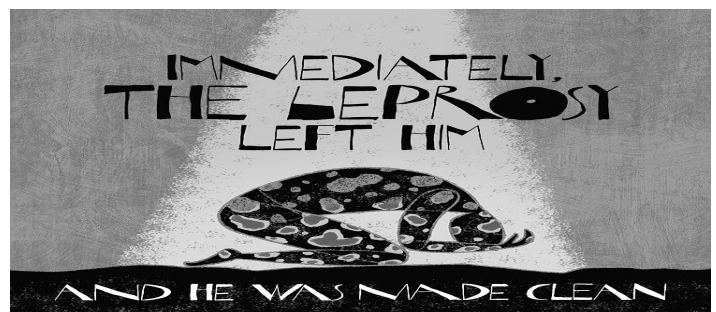
1st Sunday of Lent Vigil

4:00 PM Jack & Rosalie Couch, Aimee Marus,
Joe Paci, Kevin Reynolds, Norma &
Lance Hubble, Abadie Family, Floyd
Hyer, Dot Leonard, Joan Ferry, Maria
Berbusse, Larry Schmitt

Sunday, February 18

1st Sunday of Lent

8:00 AM Cindy Spence
9:30 AM SMM Parishioners
11:00 AM Fr. Michael Joseph Nguyen, Laura
Alphonse Barone
6:00 PM Catherine Wisecarver



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, Hector Benoit

FOSTERING STEWARDSHIP

In gratitude for God's gifts we gratefully appreciate:
Envelopes (1/28) \$ 5017.00
Loose Collection \$ 961.41
Total \$ 5978.41
2nd Collection-Catholic Schools \$ 2116.00
Thank you for your generosity!

CATHOLIC CHARITIES ANNUAL APPEAL
 The Annual Appeal for Catholic Charities will be held *NEXT* weekend, **February 17/18**. There will be a special collection taken at all Masses. Catholic Charities operates 60 programs in our Archdiocese, serving 60,000 people each year. For more than 250 years, the Archdiocese of New Orleans has reached out to the homeless, battered, neglected, hungry and hurting in our community. Please join together with Catholic Charities to help our sisters & brothers in need.

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

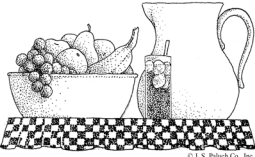
VOCATIONS

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.



BURIED IN CHRIST

*Gloria Heffner
 Sophie Rodriguez*



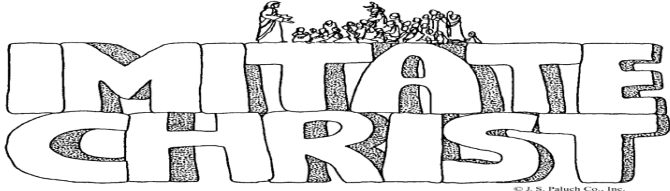
**6th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 February 11, 2018**
 Whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God.
 — 1 Corinthians 10:31

Prayer 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.

EVANGELIZATION

- 12 Tips for Effective Catholic Evangelization**
3. Become a person of welcome
- a. Practice becoming increasingly welcoming toward others, making every effort to avoid critical or judgmental thoughts, attitudes, and words, a sure deterrent for anyone considering Christ and His Church.
 - b. Encourage an attitude of welcome and acceptance in your community.

Readings for Sunday, February 18:
First Reading — God's covenant with Noah when he was delivered from the flood (Genesis 9:8-15).
Psalm — Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant (Psalm 25).
Second Reading — The water of the flood prefigured baptism, which saves you now (1 Peter 3:18-22).
Gospel — This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand (Mark 1:12-15).
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FOR THE CHILDREN

CELEBRATING CATHOLIC FAMILIES

Living the Word

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

When we feel bored or restless this week: Remember God knows what we need, so listen to what God is trying to suggest for us to do. Some possibilities are: a healthy snack, a rest, a hug, a walk outside, an opportunity for creative self expression through drawing or singing, etc. We all have an inner restlessness that comes from our need for the unconditional, never-ending love of 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

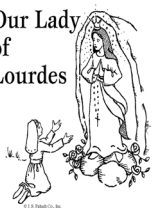
February

SMM 6th Grade students recently volunteered at Second Harvest Food Bank. The students packed several hundred pounds of food which will be distributed throughout our community.

SMM SCHOOL—COUGAR NEWS

We would like to thank the Lyons Club for providing our pk students with free eye exams through their Cub Site Program. New student registration continues for the 2018-2019 school year. Call for your private tour.

Our Lady
of
Lourdes



Mary appeared to a young girl named Bernadette at Lourdes, France. Many people visited this holy place and were healed after drinking the waters there. The Feast day of Our Lady of Lourdes is **February 11**.

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.

MARRIAGE & FAMILY LIFE

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Congratulations to the 10 couples who participated in the 2018 Wedding Anniversary Mass on February 4.

60th Anniversary: *Jake & Patricia Lowenhaupt, Norvin & Loyce Schexnaildre, Fred & Gillian Winingham*

50th Anniversary: *Vincent & Lillian Buffa, Rome & Barbara Evans, Robert & Susan Moreci, Charles & Margaret Zelenka*

40th Anniversary: *John & Caren Favaloro, Don & Babette Staunton*

25th Anniversary: *Kevin & Stephanie O'Callaghan*

What an inspiration of love and commitment they all are to our parish community! Many thanks to the Altar Society for their help with this special event.

GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

The Archdiocesan Golden Anniversary Celebration will take place on **Sunday, June 10, 2018** at 3:00 PM in St. Philip Neri Church, Metairie, for all couples married 50 years this year. This ceremony will be a Prayer Service, not a Mass. Attendance of Mass for Sunday obligation must be met within one's parish. To register call 733-8980 before **March 7**.

RESPECT LIFE

SAFE HAVEN SUNDAY

Equipping the Family, Safeguarding Children

The family home is to be a safe haven. But, the inappropriate use of technology in the home deprives it of this role and is the greatest threat to the sanctity of marriages and families today. Pornography and other online threats are often one click away, and parents can feel overwhelmed with not knowing how to best protect their children in our fast-paced digital world. Next weekend, **February 18-19**, the First Sunday of Lent, the Archdiocese of New Orleans is taking a bold step to help families by celebrating "Safe Haven Sunday." This awareness day will provide access to practical resources that any caring adult can use to protect themselves and our precious young people from online risks. Please join us with your prayers and presence as we prepare for this unique event. To learn more, please contact the Archdiocese of New Orleans Office of Marriage and Family Life at tmcaffery@arch-no.org or visit www.nolacatholic.com.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Monday, February 12-Lundi Gras

Rectory/Parish Offices CLOSED
NO Parish School of Religion Classes

Tuesday, February 13-Mardi Gras

Rectory/Parish Offices CLOSED

Wednesday, February 14-Valentine's Day

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

Thursday, February 15

Come, Lord Jesus in Convent Bldg 7:00 PM

Friday, February 16

KC Lenten Dinner in Massett Hall, 5:30-7:00 PM
Way of the Cross in Church 7:00 PM

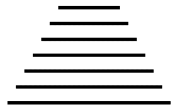
Saturday, February 17

Confessions in Church, 2:30-3:30 PM
2nd Collection - Catholic Charities

Sunday, February 18

2nd Collection - Catholic Charities
RCIA Rite of Sending at Mass 8:00 AM
Family Mass 9:30 AM
Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 12:15-1:15 PM
Baptisms in Church 12:15 PM

Fast And Abstinence



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Fasting is to be observed on Ash Wednesday by all Catholics who are 18 years of age but not yet 59. Those who are bound to fast may take only one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted if necessary to maintain strength according to each one's needs, but eating solid food between meals is not permitted. Abstinence from meat is to be observed by all Catholics 14 years or older on Ash Wednesday and all Fridays of Lent. The determination of certain days as obligatory days of penance should not be understood as limiting the occasions for Christian penance. The spirit of the season of Lent should be maintained throughout the weeks of Lent. The obligation to observe penitential days of the Church is serious. Failure to observe individual days of penance is not necessarily considered serious. People should seek to do more rather than less, since fast and abstinence on the days prescribed should be considered a minimal response to the Lord's call to penance and conversion of life. should be considered a minimal response to the Lord's call to penance and conversion of life.

SPECIAL PARISH EVENTS



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ASH WEDNESDAY

Wednesday, February 14

Mass with Distribution of Ashes
6:30 AM, 8:30 AM and 7:00 PM
Prayer with Distribution of Ashes
12:15 PM

LENT—A TIME FOR RECONCILIATION

Lent is, a time to concentrate on our faith in Jesus Christ, His life, sacrifice and relationship to us. It is also a consideration of our own lifestyles, which often blocks our vision of Christ, in our lives. Lent is a time of penance, change of habits, and atonement for our sins. It may also be a time to seek real growth through special prayer and particularly through works of charity. We are called, very clearly, to focus on **RECONCILIATION**. We are called to sacrifice our own self-will and stretch ourselves to forgiveness and peace with our own enemies... our own hurts. It requires great courage (self-sacrifice) to offer forgiveness and acceptance to those who have harmed us. It demands great open heartedness to accept forgiveness from those we ourselves have harmed. This work of forgiveness is only the first step - next comes true acceptance - finally comes peace and love. All of these words and the attitudes these words represent make up the sense of **RECONCILIATION**. In our contemporary church we suitably identify our Sacramental action of *Confession* as **THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**. Participation in that sacrament during **LENT** is most suitable. The efforts of Reconciliation with our neighbors and our own selves may be the most appropriate efforts we could make this Lent. God's grace is especially available for this work during Lent.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Lent, the Church's annual pre-baptismal retreat, prepares us to gather around the Easter font, renew our baptismal vows, and receive new life from the water as the elect are plunged into Christ's death and resurrection. This core meaning is more or less available, depending on whether we journey with catechumens in the parish and on the vigor of our liturgical celebration of the Triduum. Some persist in seeing Lent as a lonely journey in the wilderness; yet this week we enter the Lenten fast in solidarity with one another. The smudged foreheads you will spy throughout Ash Wednesday on buses, street corners, and supermarket aisles remind you that you are hardly alone in your desire to enact a spring cleaning regime for your spiritual life. Long ago, this kind of repentance was available to Christians only once. Ashes and sackcloth were not raiment for a day, but permanent habits for public sinners. Fasting became a way of life, and if they sinned severely again, there was no hope of restored communion. Happily, this system did not endure. It produced reluctant Christians who even held back from baptism, like St. Augustine did, out of fear. Today we have recovered an ancient tradition that conversion and repentance are constant themes on life's journey, and that Lent is an annual opportunity to revive our baptismal identity, both as individuals and communities.



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