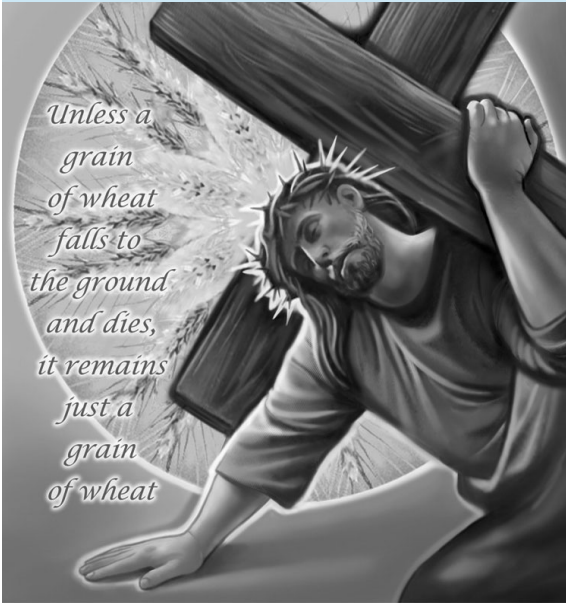


St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church

6425 West Metairie Avenue Metairie, Louisiana 70003

5th Sunday of Lent



SAVED BY GOD'S LOVE

Because the people broke the old covenant, God promised a new covenant, not in the blood of oxen and other animals, but in the blood of the Son, Jesus Christ. This new covenant, foreseen from afar by Jeremiah and the prophets, was not to be engraved on stone, or written on paper, but carved on our hearts, so that we might know God intimately. Not by keeping many laws are we to be saved, but by the love of God, living and real in our hearts through the sacrifice of Christ. Our Eucharist is the pledge of that indwelling of Christ, and of our response of praise and thanksgiving to God for the mercy, love, and kindness shown to us in forgiving our sins and cleansing our hearts of everything evil. God issues this invitation to intimacy by offering us the chance to have our sufferings transformed into the perfect love of the Savior, who first loved us.

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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

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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.....1:00PM-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.

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WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, March 19

Feast of St. Joseph

Living Intention for J.A.

Living Intention for Steve Scalise

Tuesday, March 20

Jonathan Lumpkin

Josefina Gonzalez

Wednesday, March 21

Barbier, Blancher & Newell Families

JoAnn Henry

Thursday, March 22

Lori Lambert

George Collet

Friday, March 23

Simon L. Brandt

JoAnn Henry

Saturday, March 24

Stanley Millet

Saturday, March 24

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion Vigil

4:00 PM

Jack & Rosalie Couch, Joan Ferry,
Joe Paci, Kevin Reynolds , Norma &
Lance Hubble, Julio Anleu, Gracia
Anleu, Floyd Hyer, Aimee Marus,
Dot Leonard, Elizabeth Fabregas,
Dean D'Arcangelo, Larry Schmitt,
Lori Lambert

Sunday, March 25

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

8:00 AM

Jud Mitchell & Lacinak Family

9:30 AM

SMM Parishioners

11:00 AM

Bennie Handford

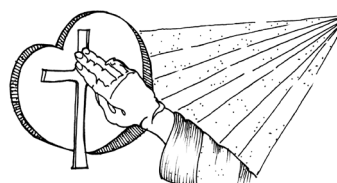
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Cindy Spence

5th Sunday of Lent

March 18, 2018

I will place my law within them
and write it upon their hearts; I
will be their God, and they shall
be my people. — *Jeremiah 31:33*



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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., Hector Benoit, Kevin Colton, Gail LeJeune, Russell Palmer, Nancy Fitzsimmons

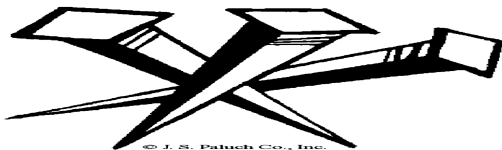


BURIED IN CHRIST

James Gregory Maunoir

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

The Parish Pastoral Council will hold their next meeting on **Wednesday, April 18 at 7:00 PM** in the Convent Bldg. Meetings are open to all parishioners, however, parishioners who wish to address the Council must submit, in writing, the topic of discussion along with their name and telephone number. This information should be submitted to the Council Chairperson, c/o the Rectory, at least 15 days prior to the meeting. Minutes of all meetings are available for review at the rectory.



Readings for Sunday, March 25:

Gospel at the Procession with Palms — Jesus' entry into Jerusalem (Mark 11:1-10 or John 12:12-16). **First Reading** — In spite of my sufferings I am not disgraced. I am not put to shame (Isaiah 50:4-7).

Psalm — My God, my God, why have you abandoned me? (Psalm 22). **Second Reading** — Christ emptied himself, and God filled this emptiness with exaltation (Philippians 2:6-11). **Gospel** — The account of Christ's passion according to Mark (Mark 14:1 — 15:47 [15:1-39]).

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FOSTERING STEWARDSHIP

In gratitude for God's gifts we gratefully appreciate:

Envelopes (3/04)	\$ 7403.00
Loose Collection	<u>\$ 2101.42</u>
Total	<u>\$ 9504.42</u>
2nd Collection-Bldg & Maintenance	\$ 4112.00

Thank you for your generosity!



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EASTER FLOWER COLLECTION

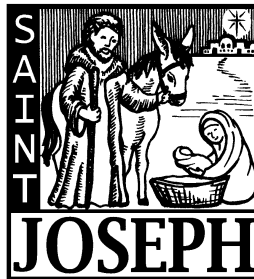
There is a special envelope in your box set of envelopes for Easter Flower Donations. The Altar Society is asking that you consider giving a contribution in order to help defray the added expenses that are incurred for the flowers and decorations of Holy Week and Easter Sunday. Please put your donation into any collection during March.

MARRIAGE & FAMILY LIFE

SAINT JOSEPH

HUSBAND OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Feast Day: March 19



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Joseph, someone once joked, was indeed the perfect husband: the only major character in Jesus' story who never utters a word! But the Gospel recounts and the liturgy celebrates his silent witness of faith-filled deeds: "With a husband's love he cherished Mary, the Virgin Mother of God; with fatherly care he watched over Jesus" (Preface of Saint Joseph, *Sacramentary*). Catholic devotion, therefore, hails him as patron-protector of the universal Church. Some cultures set a festive "Saint Joseph's Table," welcoming the poor and strangers to feast with family and friends. Tradition keeps today as the anniversary of his death, which we presume was peaceful, with Jesus and Mary present. Thus, Catholics invoke Joseph as "patron of a happy death." Descended from David's house, which God finished "building" through Joseph's provision of a home for Mary and Jesus, he was, fittingly, a carpenter by trade; thus, patron of workers. Spring, nature's rebirth, begins between his feast and Annunciation (March 25), appropriately, since Joseph's silent obedience and Mary's "Let it be done to me according to your word" (Luke 1:38) usher in humanity's spiritual rebirth.

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FOR THE CHILDREN

CELEBRATING CATHOLIC FAMILIES

Living the Word 5th Sunday of Lent

We all participate in the cycle of life–death–new life. Sometimes for new life to break through, something must die. Plants a few fast-growing seeds (grass or wheat seeds, for examples). Notice how the seed must be buried in the dirt. Then, watch over the next week for the new green to sprout.

CHILDREN'S CORNER

MARCH: Month of LENT. Prayer Center Theme is: *Jesus, you sacrificed your life to save us. During Lent, I will sacrifice 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 March

On Holy Thursday, March 29, our 7th grade class will present Jesus' Seder Meal at 9AM & Passion Play at 11AM in the church. Please join us as we recall Christ's suffering & death in anticipation of His glorious Resurrection at Easter.

SMM SCHOOL—COUGAR NEWS

Visit our SMM Book Fair this week Monday - Wednesday from 9:00-12:00. See the main office for details.



SMM SCHOOL BOOK FAIR

SMM School will hold its annual BOOK FAIR on **Monday, March 19th -Wednesday, March 21st** in the morning in the Lodge. All parishioners are invited to visit the book fair and shop for some great books. All proceeds are used to purchase software and new books for the library.



ADULT FAITH FORMATION

LEARN ABOUT SOCIAL MORALITY AND CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING

SMM is hosting a 10-hour theology course on **Social Morality and Catholic Social Teaching**, on **Monday March 26 & April 9, 23 & 30 from 3:30 – 6:00 PM.** *“The most basic principle of the Christian moral life is the awareness that every person bears the dignity of being made in the image of God.”*

-excerpted from the United States Catholic Catechism for Adults

This awareness of each person's dignity encourages and enables us to consider how we use our freedom for our own good. This course will include a reflection on natural law, conscience, virtue, and the elements of the moral act. It will explore the seven principles of Catholic Social Teaching as outlined by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, the complementarity of charity and justice and contemporary issues of peace and justice. Catholic school teachers, Parish School of Religion catechists, and catechetical leaders can earn Office of Religious Education basic certification credit for completing this course, however, the course is open to anyone seeking to learn more about their Catholic faith. The cost of the course is \$10. To register, visit www.nolaore.org or call 861-6302 for more info.

ADULT CONFIRMATION PROGRAM

SMM will conduct classes for adult Catholics (18 & over) who wish to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. Classes will be held on **Tuesdays, April 10-May 15**, from **7:00-8:00PM**. The celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation for adult Catholics will be held at the St. Louis Cathedral on **Pentecost Sunday, May 20** at 3:00 PM. **PRE-Registration is required.** Please call 733-8980 by Wed. April 4.

EVANGELIZATION

- 12 Tips for Effective Catholic Evangelization**
- 8. Present the “Christ-event” or kerygma without fear or hesitation, and with great love and humility**
- Discern your listener's openness to hearing the Good News of God's plan of salvation for mankind, and respectfully present the core of the Gospel message or “kerygma” in a clear, concise, and convincing manner, one that touches the heart and mind of your listener and disposes the person to want to know Jesus Christ personally.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Monday, March 19

Come, Lord Jesus in Convent Bldg 9:00 AM
Parish Unity Ministry Mtg in Convent Bldg 6:30 PM
Parish School of Religion Classes, 6:45PM-8:00 PM

Tuesday, March 20

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

Wednesday, March 21

Lenten Prayer Series in Convent Bldg, 9:30-11 AM & 7-8:30 PM
Parish Confessions in Church 5:00-6:30 PM
Social Services Building open from 5:30PM-6:30PM

Thursday, March 22

Come, Lord Jesus in Convent Bldg 7:00 PM

Friday, March 23

CYO Living Way of the Cross in Church 8:00 PM

Saturday, March 24

Confessions in Church, 2:30-3:30 PM
Men's Club Crawfish Cookoff Ticket Sale after Mass

Sunday, March 25

Men's Club Crawfish Cookoff Ticket Sale after Masses
Family Mass 9:30 AM
CYO Easter Egg Hunt on Backfield 10:30 AM
Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 12:15-1:15 PM

SPECIAL PARISH EVENTS

LENTEN CONFESSION SCHEDULE:

Wednesday, March 21 from 5-6:30 PM

Saturday, March 24 from 2:00-3:30PM

Wednesday, March 28 from 5-7 PM

NO Confessions on Good Friday or Holy Saturday

PALMS UPDATE

Due to the recent winter freezes, many palm trees in our area have been severely damaged, so we will **NOT** be accepting any palms donations from parishioners for use on Palm Sunday this year. The KCs have generously offered to purchase the reed palms for our use. If however you would like to bring your own personal palm to Mass on Palm Sunday, you are certainly welcome to do so. So again, please **DO NOT** drop off any palms for use on Palm Sunday.



CYO LIVING WAY OF THE CROSS

The SMM CYO will be performing a *Living Way of the Cross* on **Friday, March 23 at 8:00 PM** in the Church. All are invited to attend this beautiful and dramatic portrayal of our Lord's suffering and death by the young people of our parish.

CYO EASTER EGG HUNT

**Sunday, March 25
after 9:30AM Mass
on the backfield**



All children ages 2-7 are invited to participate and should bring an Easter basket or bag to collect their eggs. KC Ladies will have "Easter Bunny" pictures with your child in the Lodge available. Package info: 1- 5 x 7 \$6.00, 3/\$15.00 or 2 -5 x 7's & email pictures to you \$15.00 The Easter Bunny will be available for pictures 9:30AM-12:30PM.

GOOD FRIDAY NINE CHURCH PILGRIMAGE

You are invited to join other parishioners in making a traditional East Jefferson 9 Church Pilgrimage on **Good Friday, March 30**. Plan to meet in Airline Park Lot at 8:15AM with departure at 8:30AM. Contact Loretta Keane at 812-5400 for more info.

YOUNG ADULT CONFIRMATION

ATTENTION ALL HIGH SCHOOL SOPHOMORES AND JUNIORS AND PARENTS

In order to be eligible to be confirmed in 2019, Candidates and Parents must attend a **MANDATORY** Meeting on **Sunday, MARCH 18, 2018** at 7:00 PM in Massett Hall. This meeting is **ONLY** open to interested, unconfirmed students who are **presently** in the 10th or 11th grades attending a Catholic High School or Catholic Parish High School of Religion Program for at least the last 2 years. Pre-registration is not required.