

# St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church

6425 West Metairie Avenue Metairie, Louisiana 70003

## 3rd Sunday of Easter



### BELIEVING IN JESUS CHRIST

Throughout the Easter season, all three of the Sunday readings are taken from the New Testament—the Christian scriptures. Together they explore what it means to believe in Jesus as the Christ, the One who fulfilled the prophecies of the Jewish scriptures. Today's selections refer to our human weakness, yet they emphasize the forgiveness and peace that are available to those who put their faith in "Jesus Christ the righteous one" (1 John 2:2). In the Acts of the Apostles Peter invites everyone to "repent, therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be wiped away" (Acts 3:19). The First Letter of John calls Jesus Christ "expiation for our sins" (1 John 2:2). Finally, in the Gospel Jesus greets the disciples with "Peace" and urges them to preach "repentance, for the forgiveness of sins" (Luke 24:47).

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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

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.....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/PolicyonInfantBaptism](http://www.arch-no.org/HumanResources/Policies/PolicyonInfantBaptism) 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, April 16**

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

**Tuesday, April 17**

6:30 AM Elise P. Wheeler  
8:30 AM Jack Couch

**Wednesday, April 18**

6:30 AM Barbier, Blancher & Newell Families  
8:30 AM Joe Paci

**Thursday, April 19**

6:30 AM Shannon Cronin  
8:30 AM Living Intention for Donna & John King Family

**Friday, April 20**

6:30 AM Simon L. & Ada H. Brandt  
8:30 AM Jeff Rodriguez

**Saturday, April 21**

8:00 AM Stanley Millet

**Saturday, April 21**

**4th Sunday of Easter Vigil**

4:00 PM Jack & Rosalie Couch, Joan Ferry, Joe Paci, Kevin Reynolds, Norma & Lance Hubble, Floyd Hyer, Vetter Amadeo Taylor, Aimee Marus, Dot Leonard, Elizabeth Fabregas, Dean D'Arcangelo, Larry Schmitt, James Maunoir, Lori Lambert, Mary Floyd, Bob Legendre

**Sunday, April 22**

**4th Sunday of Easter**

8:00 AM Joe Paci  
9:30 AM SMM Parishioners  
11:00 AM Fr. Michael Joseph Nguyen, Felicie Borne, Ian Racine  
6:00 PM Bonura & Harmon Families

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You alone, O LORD, bring security to my dwelling. — Psalm 4:9



**PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH**

Mark Lucich, Willie Arnouville, Sherry Gaffney, Ray Talbot, Norvin Schexnauldre, Joyce Chiusano, Richard LeBlanc, Marsha Robert, Rose Keller, Leah Conlin, Abigail Robertson, Patrick Mulhern, Marilyn Reynolds, 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, Loretta Erwin, Larry & Clara Leslie, Dennis Coughlin, Jr., Hector Benoit, Kevin Colton, Gail LeJeune, Russell Palmer, Ann Robert, Nancy Fitzsimmons, Gaynell Robin, Linda Speciale, Rose Mary Pizza

**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 every Sunday from 12:15 -1:15PM in SMM Chapel.

**EVANGELIZATION**

**12 Tips for Effective Catholic Evangelization**

- 11. Do not condemn**
- a. Jesus did not condemn those who, despite being open to hearing His message, had nonetheless honest and heartfelt objections or simply had questions. Nor did he condemn those who were far from God and His plan of salvation – the "irreligious" or "sinners"; simply rather He welcomed them with love and mercy, and drew them to His Kingdom by means of a compassionate proclamation of salvation and holiness of life – and prayer!
  - b. Imitate our Lord's own compassion and merciful love, and associate with those whose lives may not be all that God desires of them and with those who may have questions and even objections about the faith; and pray that the Holy Spirit continues to work in their hearts as He has done in yours, while you humbly acknowledge that we ourselves have not merited the Faith we profess but have received it purely as a gift from our merciful Lord.

**FOSTERING STEWARDSHIP**

*In gratitude for God's gifts we gratefully appreciate:*

<b>Envelopes (4/01)</b>	<b>\$ 6190.00</b>
<b>Loose Collection</b>	<b>\$ 3113.63</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 9303.63</b>
<b>Holy Land Collection</b>	<b>\$ 4809.00</b>
<b>2nd Collection—Easter</b>	<b>\$ 1268.00</b>

*Thank you for your generosity!*

**RESPECT LIFE**

**PEOPLE OF LIFE**

In his well-known pro-life encyclical, *The Gospel of Life (Evangelium Vitae. . .)*, Blessed Pope John Paul II called us to be "people of life and for life." Drawing its name from the Holy Father's invitation, the campaign spreads the good news about the bishops' efforts to teach respect for all human life from the moment of conception until natural death. shares the signs of hope about the growth of a new culture that welcomes, respects, and protects life. The campaign affirms our responsibility to love God and others and to protect the most vulnerable among us: the unborn, the elderly, and all whose lives are threatened.



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**Readings for Sunday, April 22:**

**First Reading** — There is no other name under heaven by which we are to be saved than the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene (Acts 4:8-12). **Psalm** — The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone (Psalm 118). **Second Reading** — See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God (1 John 3:1-2). **Gospel** — I am the good shepherd. A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep (John 10:11-18).

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## FOR THE CHILDREN



### CELEBRATING CATHOLIC FAMILIES *Living the Word* 3rd Sunday of Easter

Share a meal with friends or relatives and enjoy the company. Talk about why it is important to break bread together.

### CHILDREN'S CORNER

**APRIL:** Month of EASTER. Prayer Center Theme is: *During this Easter Season please help me to grow in your love by...* Put written intentions in prayer pig; they will be offered up at all Masses every Sunday.



### SMM PARISH 1st COMMUNICANTS - 2018

The following students received their First Communion on **Saturday, April 14**. Please keep them in your prayers.

Sophia Badeaux  
Ella Beaudean  
Michael Blanchard  
Alex Blanke  
Jackson Bowman  
Sage Bowman  
Zoe Bush  
Macie Chinchilla  
Brody Cochran  
Lucy Cox  
Reid Daigle  
Madelyn Denton  
Graci Dillenkoffer  
Konner Dillenkoffer  
Sophia Diaz  
Erin Glass

Savannah Hastings  
Brianna Kahoe  
Joshua Lawson  
Nathan Leece  
Elijah McAcy  
Madison Naquin  
Athena Nguyen  
Cayden Pecoraro  
Aidan Rabalais  
Synai Reeves  
Marigny Richards  
Michael Rosario  
Drew Spell  
Adrianna Street  
Emma Stuart

***Congratulations 1st Communicants!!!***



*Everything written  
about me  
must be fulfilled*

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## 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

### A PRAYER FOR EVERY FAMILY

by St. John Paul II

God, from whom all fatherhood in heaven and earth descends, Father, who are Love and Life, ensure that every human family on earth shall become, through Your Son, Jesus Christ, "born of woman," and through the Holy Spirit, the source of divine charity, a true shrine of life and love for the generations which are always renewing themselves. Ensure that Your grace shall guide the thoughts and the works of spouses toward the good of their families and of all families in the world. Ensure that the young generations shall find firm support in the family for their humanity and their growth in truth and love. Ensure the love, reinforced by the grace of the Sacrament of Matrimony shall show itself to be stronger than any weakness and every crisis through which our families pass at times. Amen.

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS

The KCs "*40 Cans for Lent*" drive was very successful collecting over 1600 cans/pounds of food for SMM Social Apostolate. Thanks to all who participated! The Knights also provided all the palms for Palm Sunday Services. They also participated in Holy Thursday Mass by carrying the canopy in the grand procession of the Blessed Sacrament & were adorers until 11PM when the chapel closed.

### SUGGESTION BOX

**What's the latest from our suggestion box?**

- Leaving doors that lead into church closed before mass to minimize noise so people praying will not be disturbed Use different parishioners to bring up gifts at Masses; seems like same people asked all the time

Submitted to Deacon Chuck LeBlanc who is now in charge of Usher Ministry



## THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

### Monday, April 16

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

### Tuesday, April 17

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

### Wednesday, April 18

Social Services Building open from 5:30PM-6:30PM  
St. Jude Society meeting in Chapel 7:00 PM  
Parish Pastoral Council Meeting in Convent Bldg 7:00 PM

### Thursday, April 19

Come, Lord Jesus in Convent Bldg 7:00 PM

### Friday, April 20

### Saturday, April 21

Confessions in Church, 2:30-3:30 PM  
2<sup>nd</sup> Collection - Retirement Fund for Priests

### Sunday, April 22

2<sup>nd</sup> Collection - Retirement Fund for Priests  
Family Mass 9:30 AM  
Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 12:15-1:15 PM  
2018 Confirmation Class Family Mass & Rehearsal in Church, 2-4PM

### WHY REGISTER AS A SMM PARISHIONER?

There are many who attend SMM Church regularly, but are not registered with us. You are invited to become an active member of the SMM family and let us know how we can best serve you. Please take a few minutes to either call the rectory at 733-0922 or go online to the parish website: [www.stmarymagdalenchurch.com](http://www.stmarymagdalenchurch.com) to register as a SMM parishioner.



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## SPECIAL PARISH EVENTS



### PARISH FAMILY PICNIC Sunday, April 15 12Noon-4PM on the backfield

Field will be open starting at 10:30AM. Hot-dogs, chili, buns, condiments, desserts, sodas & water will be provided while supplies last. Due to safety concerns - NO vehicles & NO frying, barbecuing or cooking food allowed on the field. Bring your own canopies, chairs, tables, food, games, etc. *All are invited to bring your family & friends!!!*

### INTRODUCTION TO EVANGELIZATION *The Mission is ME!*

We believe that faith shared is faith strengthened! The challenges of our culture point out that *NOW* is an evangelizing moment; *NOW* is the time for Catholic Christians to proclaim the Lord Jesus with renewed conviction and fervor! Pope Francis calls all of us to be "Missionary Disciples". The task of Evangelization belongs to everyone! *So how can this be accomplished?* All are invited to a special parish presentation on **Thursday, April 26 at 7PM** in the Chapel by Very Rev. David G. Caron, OP, Archdiocesan Office of Evangelization.

## SOCIAL JUSTICE

Catholic social teaching is based on and inseparable from our understanding of human life and human dignity. Every human being is created in the image of God and redeemed by Jesus Christ, and therefore is invaluable and worthy of respect as a member of the human family. Every person, from the moment of conception to natural death, has inherent dignity and a right to life consistent with that dignity. Human dignity comes from God, not from any human quality or accomplishment. Our commitment to the Catholic social mission must be rooted in and strengthened by our spiritual lives. In our relationship with God we experience the conversion of heart that is necessary to truly love one another as God has loved us.