La Madeleine
THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF ST. MARY MAGDALEN PARISH
Abbeville, Louisiana

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT 27 NOVEMBER 2016

Mass Schedule

WEEKEND
Saturday: 4:00 PM
Sunday: 7:00 AM
9:00 AM
11:00 AM
3:00 PM (Vietnamese)
5:30 PM

WEEKDAYS
Monday - Fridays: 6:30 AM

Reconciliation
Saturday: 2:30 - 3:30 PM
Sunday: 4:45 - 5:15 PM
Also before weekday Mass.
Other times by request.

Baptism
Please call the parish office to schedule.

Baptism Preparation
Please call the parish office to schedule.
Classes are held 2nd Monday every other month.

Anointing of the Sick
Please call the parish office to schedule.

Marriage
Please contact the parish office at least SIX months before marriage date.

Funeral Arrangements
Please call the parish office after contacting the Funeral Home.

Pastor     Fr. Louis J. Richard
Associate  Fr. Michael Richard
Pastoral Associate Sr. Carmelita Latiolais, S.E.C.
Deacon     Francis Cao
Deacon     Tam M. Tran
Deacon     William Vincent
Director of Parish Renewal & Evangelization Mr. John Listi
Weddings & Christian Formation Director Ms. Renella Livers
Funerals & Cemetery Manager Mrs. Eileen Boudoin
Business Manager Deacon David Vaughn
Receptionist Mrs. Marguerite Landry
Director of Music & Church Organist Mr. Tommy Guidry
Christian Service Center Director Mr. Marcelo Davis
Maintenance Mr. Malcolm d’Augereau
Housekeeper Mrs. Kim White
Life Teen Youth Ministers John Listi, Katie Landry, Dustin Bertrand, Andrea Delhomme

St. Mary Magdalen Parish Mission Statement
We, the Catholic Community of St. Mary Magdalen
• Embrace our baptismal commitment to Christ
• Live a life of faith, service and worship
• Seek to transform the world through prayer & evangelization

We welcome you to St. Mary Magdalen Parish. If you are new to the parish please introduce yourself before or after Mass. Please pick up a census form located in the vestibule of church or call the parish office.

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300 Pere Megret Street  Abbeville, LA 70511-1507  Telephone: 337-893-0244
**From the Pastor**

**Be watchful! Be alert!**

As the new church year begins, this season of Advent is meant to refocus our attention and develop a perspective that waits in hope and eager anticipation for the coming of the Lord.

Beginning our short but beautiful season of Advent we are reminded that the time of the coming of the Lord is not ours to know. May he not come suddenly and find us sleeping! Therefore, we must watch and be attentive so that we will be ready when the time comes. Among other things, Advent can teach us the virtue of patience. All good things do indeed come to those who wait. And after all: what could be more good than Christ?

As we begin this holy season of Advent, let’s pray for the courage to create a space in our lives to watch, wait, and listen, giving ample time and energy to the task of truly celebrating God’s humble birth and preparing for the Lord’s return in time.

**Wednesday Evening Confessions**

On the first three Wednesdays of Advent [November 30, December 7 and 14] from 6:30-8:00 p.m., we will be offering confessions here at St. Mary Magdalen, together with all the Catholic parishes in the Diocese of Lafayette. This outreach is called “The Light is On For You”. You are welcome to come here or to go to any other Catholic parish in the Diocese. Let’s take advantage of this great opportunity to be reconciled and begin anew your journey in faith this Advent.

**Sunday Coffee and Donuts**

**Sunday December 4th**

**Coffee and Donuts**

after 7:00 & 9:00 AM

**Masses**

Join us on the Front Plaza after mass and enjoy donuts and coffee, hosted by the Catholic daughters. In case of rain it will be in the ministry building.

**Fall Food Drive**

**Christian Service Center**

Many Abbeville residents have insufficient food for their families. For Thanksgiving, and the days following, we invite you to bring items and put at the doors of church.

**Dry goods** most needed by the Center: canned soups, canned meats, chili, canned fruit, dried beans, canned tomato products, canned tuna, canned vegetables, coffee, tea, pastas, sauces, evaporated and powdered milk, macaroni and cheese, peanut butter, jelly, rice and rice mixes, vegetable oil, flour.

Also, there are food bins at the doors of church. Each weekend we invite you to bring a **dry good item** to place in the bins. These will be collected each Sunday night and brought to the Christian Service Center.

**Knights of Columbus Coat Drive**

Knights of Columbus is once again accepting gently used coats beginning November 27th thru December 11th. Coats can be placed in the box provided for you in the vestibule of church. Coats will be sent to Christian Service Center for distribution. Thank you for helping Christian Service Center.

**Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin**

**Mass Schedule**

**Wednesday, December 7—5:30pm**

**Thursday, December 8— 6:30am, 12:10pm & 5:30pm**

*Parish Office closes at noon*

Because of the Thanksgiving holiday early deadline for bulletin, the weekly offering will be published in the December 4th bulletin.
We are seeking benefactors and patrons to help cover the costs of guest musicians (string players, etc.) to accompany the choirs for the Christmas Concert and also for Christmas Eve 11:00 PM Festive Mass. All benefactors will be recognized in the program for the Christmas concert and also Christmas Church bulletin.

There are three levels of donors: Archangel $500, Seraphim $400; and Cherubim $300. Contributions are made payable: St. Mary Magdalen Music Fund. Please mail or bring to church. Thank you for your support of our music ministry.

Help Needed for Christmas Decorations

If you are able and willing to help with Christmas décor in the Church, please contact Tommy Laperouse at 337 898-2744, for available work assignments. We hope to do some of the decorations on **Dec. 16-17.**

Advent Morning of Reflection December 3, 2016

All are invited to the Lay Carmelite Advent Morning of Reflection: Preparing our hearts and homes for the Christmas Season through the use of Scripture, the Rosary, and the Advent Wreath. The program will be presented by Lay Carmelite Florence Crain on Saturday, December 3, 2016. Registration and coffee will begin at 8:00am and the program will be 8:30-11:30 at St. Mary Magdalen Ministries Building. Please bring your rosary and bible. For more information contact Judy Broussard jglb@cox.net

2016 Christmas Calendar

CHRISTMAS CONCERT
Tuesday 12/20/16 6:30 P.M.
Adult choir, LifeTeen Music Ministry & Children’s choir will perform. All are invited to attend.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE:

Christmas Eve
Saturday 12/24/16 4:00 p.m. & 6:00 p.m.
Children’s Choir will sing at 6:00 p.m. Mass
11:00 p.m. Christmas Mass During Night
Adult Choir will sing at Mass

Christmas Day
Sunday 12/25/16 7:00 a.m. & 9:00 a.m.
*No 11:00 a.m., 3:00 p.m. & 5:30 p.m. Masses

NEW YEAR’S EVE HOLY HOUR IN CHAPEL
Saturday 12/31/16 11:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m.
Sponsored by the Family Life Community

FEAST OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD, New Year’s
Saturday 12/31/16 4:00 p.m.
Sunday 01/01/17 7:00 a.m. & 9:00 a.m.
11:00 a.m., 3:00 p.m. & 5:30 p.m.

Christmas Floral Memorials
Memorials will be published in the Christmas bulletin if turned in by Thursday, December 15th. Please place names in an envelope marked Christmas Memorial and return it in any collection or drop off at the parish office.

Thank you for your contribution to the collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD). Your generous gifts will help CCHD break the cycle of poverty in the United States through better education, improved housing, and economic development. Through CCHD and its beneficiaries, we demonstrate Catholic social teaching and carry out Jesus’ mission to “bring glad tidings to the poor... To proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free” (LK 4:18)
St. Mary Magdalen is planning to begin Children’s Church for children ages 4-6, during the 9 AM mass. During this special time, volunteers will lead the children through prayers, songs, readings, and teach a simplified main message of the readings.

Volunteers are needed to teach the lessons each week, as well as to assist with the supervision of the children. This is a great opportunity for adults and middle school/high school youth to help these eager youngsters learn the Word of the Lord. If you are interested, please contact terrent.broussard@gmail.com or renella@stmarymagdalenparish.org or call the office 893-0244.

Baptism preparation class is scheduled the 2nd Monday every other month. Attendance at a class is necessary before the baptism of your child. If you’ve attended for a previous child, it’s not necessary to attend again. Pre-registration is required. Please call the parish office at 337-893-0244. Next Class: Monday, January 9, 2017 at 6:00pm in the Ministries Bldg.

Knights of Columbus meet the 2nd Wednesday of each month at the Pere Megret Hall.

In the Waters of Baptism We Welcome

Eli Grahan Manafi
Liam Alexander Manafi

Our prayers and sympathy are with the family of Goldie Marie Broussard Bergeron

SAVE THE DATE!!!!
2017 Summer Religious Education/ Bible School
June 5th–15th 8:00-12 NOON
St. Theresa CCD Building

A Special Mass for Survivors of Violence will be held Sunday, December 4, at 2:00 pm at the Immaculata Chapel, 1408 Carmel Dr. Lafayette, LA. All are invited.

Annual Bus Trip to Angola Penitentiary is scheduled for Sunday, December 11, 2016. Reserve your seat early; call Stephanie Bernard at 337-261-5545.

Annual Child Smile Project collects gifts for children whose parent(s) are incarcerated. Gifts must be brought to the Diocese, 1408 Carmel Drive, Lafayette, before December 5, 2016. For More Information call Stephanie at 337-261-5545 or email sbernard@diolaf.org

Grief Support Session
The grief support group will meet Thursday December 8th at 5:30 pm in the Ministries Building. Anyone who is experiencing current or past grief is welcome to attend. We are using the Grief Share video series. For more information contact Sr. Carm at 893-0244 or srcarmltiolais@gmail.com

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Events of the Office of Justice of Peace

First Communion
The next class for Sacrament of First Holy Communion for public school students will be held on Tuesday, December 06 at 4:15pm in the STMM Ministries Building.
**We Celebrate and Thank Those Who Have Served**

St. Mary Magdalen Facebook page has many more pictures of this special celebration. Check it out. Thank you to John Aucoin, photographer.

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### Celebrate Advent as a Family

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<td>is a time for families to celebrate “the reason for the season”—Jesus Christ. Create opportunities for your family to focus on Jesus amid the holiday rush.</td>
<td>are a classic tradition and are great to display during the Advent season. To make the display especially touching, wait until Christmas Eve to place the Baby Jesus into the manger. Some families add a piece of straw for each good deed or sacrifice done.</td>
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**Advent wreath** - has four candles inside a circle of greenery which symbolizes new life in Jesus. The four candles denote the four Sundays of Advent. Light a candle each evening of Advent, saying a short prayer.

**Advent Calendars** - counting down the days to Christmas helps children to anticipate patiently and to focus on waiting for the baby Jesus to be born. You can purchase one, or make one as a fun craft time for kids.

**Jesse tree**, a tree with spreading branches on which there are images depicting the genealogy of Jesus. Children can make ornaments to be hung on the tree every day during Advent.

For more ideas search the internet: Catholic Traditions for Advent and Christmas.
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<td>Fr. Louie</td>
<td>David Bertrand&lt;br&gt;Susie Bertrand</td>
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