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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 Delhommer

Mass Schedule

WEEKEND
Saturday: 4:00 PM
Sunday: 7:00AM
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.

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.

P. O. Box 1507
300 Pere Megret Street  Abbeville, LA  70511-1507  Telephone:  337-893-0244
From the Pastor

Prepare the way of the Lord. Make straight his paths.

During Advent we’re invited to hear the call to “prepare his way”. Sort of like John the Baptist, we are sent before Jesus to those places wherever the Good News hasn’t been heard or where it maybe is no longer accepted. Pope Francis tells us – in the Joy of the Gospel – that we share the Good News best by our actions, more than by our words. We tell people about it best when we look like we believe it, and we look like we believe the Good News because we try to live it.

Becoming like John the Baptist, we point to Jesus: “Behold, the Lamb of God”. Like John, we don’t call attention to ourselves. We point the way to Jesus. We say, “Look, there he is.” Whenever we show others the way to Jesus, we become ambassadors of his mercy.

WORD OF THE DAY

Hope is the deep orientation of the human soul that can be held at the darkest times.

Vaclav Havel

December 8-Immaculate Conception

Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Holy Day of Obligation—Mass Schedule
Wednesday, December 7—5:30pm
Thursday, December 8—
6:30am, 12:10pm & 5:30pm
Parish Office closes at noon

Wednesday Evening Confessions

Advent Confessions will be held this Wednesday evening, Dec. 7, 6:30-8:00 PM in Church.

| November 20, 2016 | $10,238.25 |
| 1st Collection: | |
| 2nd Collection | $2,400.32 |
| Campaign for Human Development | |
| Thanksgiving Day | $3,201.38 |
| November 27, 2016 | $10,367.04 |
| 1st Collection: | |

Upcoming Second Collection

This week– Utilities
Next week– Retirement Fund for Religious

Fall Food Drive

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.

FoodNet Drive

Please consider making a monetary or food donation to the FoodNet Drive which will be held on Tuesday, December 6, 2016 from 6:00A.M.—8:00P.M. Drop off location is Super 1 parking lot, Abbeville, LA. All food donated will be donated to Christian Service Center.

Retirement Fund for Religious

Retirement Fund for Religious
Next Weekend—December 10-11, 2016

Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests for years received small stipends that just met the needs of the day. Any surplus funds were reinvested in ministry and the education of younger members. As a result, hundreds of U.S. religious communities lack adequate retirement savings. This retirement fund collection goes to support those who have given a lifetime. Thank you for your support and generosity.
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 **December 16-17 (Friday/Saturday).**

**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
11:00p.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

NEW YEARS-Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
Saturday 12/31/16 4:00 p.m.
Sunday 01/01/14 7:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m.,
11:00 a.m., 3:00 p.m. & 5:30 p.m.*
*Regular Sunday Schedule*

**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.

The Catholic Daughters- Court of St. Mary Magdalen- #801 will be collecting new slippers, socks and scarves for men and ladies for Christmas to be distributed at area nursing homes and Assistant living facilities. Donation boxes are placed inside church at designated locations. The drive will continue until December 11, 2016. Thank you for participating. For more information, please contact Melissa Vincent, Regent at 337-322-8489 or contact the church office at 337-893-0244.

**Treasures of the Church**

St. Theresa Church, Abbeville

Treasures of the Church is a ministry of evangelization of the Catholic Church run by Fr. Carlos Martins of the Companions of the Cross. The purpose is to give people an experience of the living God through an encounter with the relics of His saints in the form of exposition. Each exposition begins with a multi-media presentation on the Church’s use of relics that is scriptural. After the teaching those in attendance have an opportunity to venerate the relics of some of their favorite saints. There will be a presentation and period of prayer and reflection sponsored by St. Theresa Church, Abbeville on December 13 after the 6:00 P.M. All are welcomed to attend.
Advent Wreath Prayer for the Second Week of Advent

Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to prepare the ways of Thine only-begotten Son, that through His coming we may be worthy to serve Thee with purified minds. Who livest and reignest, with God the Father, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, God, world without end. Amen.

Events of the Office of Justice of Peace

**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

Preparing for Marriage

Here at St. Mary Magdalen, all couples preparing for the Sacrament of Matrimony at our Church are required to participate in a series called “In Home Marriage Prep”. Through this model, an engaged couple meets in the home of a trained married couple from our parish to guide them through various teachings and helpful tools as they prepare for Marriage. There are 5-6 meetings that can occur during the months leading up to the marriage. More information will be given when a couple schedules their wedding.
Children’s Church will begin on Sunday, January 15, 2017 at the 9:00 A.M. Mass.

Just before the Liturgy of the Word begins, children will be invited to go with the weekly leaders to the Ministry Building.

During this special time, volunteers lead the children through prayers, songs, readings, and coloring pages etc. that are simplified for children.

The children learn a simplified main message of the readings and are encouraged to share that message with their parents after Mass.

Volunteers are needed to lead the sessions each week.

Adults and high school youth will help these eager youngsters learn the Word of the Lord.

Please contact:
Terrent Broussard
terrent.broussard@gmail.com

Renella livers
renella@stmarymagdalenparish.org

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### MASS INTENTIONS—Dec 5th - 11th

**MONDAY**

* Is 35:1-10, Lk 5:17-26
  
  Rev. Gene Tremie; Leah Broussard; Maria Tran Thi Mai; The McCrory Family; Russell Lee Belaire; Leah Broussard; Orphaned Souls; Maria Thi Nghiem; Thank God & Virgin Mary & Joseph; Continued Blessings for my family from God,

**TUESDAY**

* Is 40:1-11, Mt 18:12-14

Rev Stephen Ugwu; Maria Tran Thi Mai; The Indest Family; Nick Leblanc; George Leblanc; Corine & Norman Romero; Mary & V.J. Comeaux; Kristy & Kelly Broussard, Jr; Larry & Paul Comeaux; Amanda & Maurice Broussard

**WEDNESDAY**

* Is 40:25-31, Mt 11:28-30

Rev John Vessels, SJ; John Vidos; Prayer Blanket Intentions; Maxine & Marshall Leblanc; Maria Doan Ty; The Broussard Family; Linus J. Touchet; Velma & Luce Frederick

**THURSDAY**

* Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary 
  
  Gn 3:9-15, 20, Eph 1:3-6, 11-12, Lk 1:26-38

Rev. Jason Vidrine; Maria Tran Thi Mai; Judy Leblanc; George Veazey Family; Joseph W & Theresa B. Thibodeaux; Elaine Theriot; Lilian & Alpha Romero; Odile & Nasta Landry; M/M Norman Romero; Benjamin Vienne

**FRIDAY**

* St. Juan Diego 
  
  Is 48:17-19, Mt 11:16-19

Rev. Richard Vidrine; Fr. Michael Richard; Maria Tran Thi Mai; Brenda Matthews; Souls of all babies who are deceased; Maria Thi Nghiem; All Souls with no one to pray for them

**Saturday**

* Anticipated Mass of the Third Sunday of Advent 
  
  Is 35:1-6a, 10, Jas 5:7-10, Mt 11:2-11:14:00 P.M. 

Rev. Thomas Voorhies, VF; Violet Hollingsworth; Percy Lege; Mary Ann & Dicky Broussard; Maria Nhan Thi Nguyen; Joseph Thang Do; Flo B. Guidry; Tony & Enid Guarino; M/M Sam Guarino & Fly; Josephine Guarino; Nicole Leblanc; M/M John Vigneaux; M/M Leonard Sellers & Wayne; Roger Sellers; Barbara & Daniel Jude Broussard; John Vidos; Whitney & Rita Bonin; Othon & Alma Trahan; Margie Bonin; Bill Johnson; Atheyln Vallot; Maria Tran Thi Mai; Elvina Bourque & Family; M/M Stanley Morton; Ray Fredericik; Benji Vienne, Sheryl Prejean

**Sunday**

* Third Sunday of Advent 
  
  Rev. Thomas Vu; George Veazey Family; Damian Abshire; Maria Nguyen Thi Nhan; Corine Romero; Judy Leblanc; Maria Tran Thi Mai; Maria Thi Nghiem; Orphaned Souls,

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