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 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.

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

REJOICE!

As we light the 3rd (the pink) candle today, the theme is JOY. We are called to share the light of hope that we have experienced with others. Like John the Baptist, we do not have to be the light, but we are called to point the way to this light for others and even for ourselves. The world today is filled with much darkness of sin and pain. Just listen to the news or hear people's life stories. Some people are blinded by their own pain. Some people keep their eyes closed because the world is too harsh for them. And yet we all still need the Light. As Christian believers, even when we feel like voices crying in the desert, our voices are needed to make the world a better place.

We are at the midpoint of Advent: how well Jesus is reflected in our lives? By our actions, are we pointing - like John the Baptist - toward the real Jesus Christ? Do we take the name “Christian” seriously enough that it changes our lives, so that the one whose name we bear may be seen in us? For many people, recognizing Jesus is not so easy, so we really need to help them see clearly and lead them toward Christ.

WORD OF THE DAY

"Our first great responsibility is to be a family, a community, revealing first to one another something of God’s love and concern and tenderness."  
Saint Teresa of Calcutta

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 4:00 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 01/01/16  7:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 11:00a.m., 3:00p.m. & 5:30p.m.

Wednesday Evening Confessions

Advent Confessions will be held this Wednesday evening, Dec. 14, 6:30-8:00 PM in Church.

December 4, 2016

1st Collection: $ 14,723.89
2nd Collection- Utilities $ 2,183.01
First Friday $ 1,061.00

Upcoming Second Collection

This week – Retirement Fund for Religious
Next Week– BSA

Retirement Fund for Religious

Aging religious need your help. Senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests have offered their lives in service to others—educating the young, comforting the sick, seeking justice for the oppressed. Today, many are frail, elderly, and in need of assistance. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious helps to furnish medications, nursing care, and other necessities. Please give generously to today’s second collection.
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).**

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.

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 All are welcomed to attend.

Vocation to the Consecrated Life

Men & Women considering a Vocation to the Consecrated Life are invited to attend Mass, Confession, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, and hear testimonies from men & women who have responded in faith to a religious vocation. The date is **Saturday Dec. 17, 2016 • 9am-3pm**, Our Lady of Sorrows Retreat Center 103 Railroad Avenue • St. Martinville. FOR MORE INFO contact Fr. Michael Champagne, CJC (337) 394-6550 www.jesuscrucified.net. Please bring a brown bag lunch.

RUNNIN’ REVS vs. SLAMMIN’ SEMS BASKETBALL GAME

Come cheer on your favorite team when the Lafayette Diocesan Priests battle the Diocese Seminarians on Monday, December 19, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. in the Cathedral-Carmel Gym, 848 St. John Street, Lafayette, for their 11th annual basketball game.

Sponsored this year by the Lafayette Knights of Columbus Council 1286, this always popular, fun-filled, family event helps promote and support priestly and religious vocations. Admission is $5 per adult and $1 for those under 18. Concessions will be available.

Third Sunday of Advent

Today we celebrate “Gaudete Sunday,” the Third Sunday of Advent. The Latin word *Gaudete* means “Rejoice!” On this Sunday, we take a short hiatus from the mostly penitential, somber nature of Advent and rejoice in the nearness of the celebration of Christmas. To signal this, rose vestments may be worn by the celebrant, instead of the typical violet for Advent. One may also note that the third candle on the Advent wreath is rose colored. Rose signifies joy. Thus, today’s second reading calls us to “rejoice always.” Christian joy goes beyond a mere emotion and, therefore, supersedes circumstances. The joy we have in Christ can remain regardless of what challenges we are facing in life. That is because we know God is in control of our circumstances. He is “faithful,” as Paul says. Therefore, we can “rejoice always” and “in all circumstances give thanks” because we have hope in God.
Christian Service Center

Thank you to all who have contributed to our fall food drive. We continue to accept food donations. Each weekend we invite you to bring a dry good item to place in the bins. These items will be collected each Sunday night and brought to the Christian Service Center.

If you have a surplus of oranges, lemons, grapefruit or garden vegetables, please bring to the center at 701 Chevis Street, or call 893-9756 to arrange a convenient time to bring produce.

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.

First Communion

The next class for Sacrament of First Holy Communion for public school students will be held on Tuesday, December 13 at 4:15pm in the STMM Ministries Building.

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

A.C.T.S. Retreats Dates
St. Mary Magdalen
Men-April 27-30, 2017
Women– August 24-27, 2017
Acadiana Baptist Center, Richard, LA.
Registration Information available soon.

The Blessed Mother Candle
In Memory Of Nick Leblanc

The Sanctuary Candle
In Memory Of Benji Vienne

Ancient Art of Icon Painting
Learn the ancient art of icon painting in the Russian-Byzantine style. The Saint Luke Guild is now accepting registrations for 2017. Classes begin in January 2017 at St. Theresa of the Child Jesus Church in Abbeville. Prior art experience is not required. For more information, please contact Christine Daunis at christinedaunis@yahoo.com or call 225-252-3090.

The Catholic Daughters- Court of St. Mary Magdalene- #801 is currently collecting new slippers, socks and scarves for men and women 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

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.

In the Waters of Baptism
We Welcome
Tinsley Angelle Granger

Our prayers and sympathy are with the family of
James Luther Simon, Jr.

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.
Here at St. Mary Magdalen... Join us for Children’s Church
Starting January 15

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.

- Weekly Sessions  Children Ages 4-6  9 AM Sunday Mass  January 15th Kick Off

Please contact: Terrent Broussard  terrent.broussard@gmail.com
Renella livers  renella@stmarymagdalenparish.org

THE RITE OF WELCOME - RCIA CATECHUMEN AND CANDIDATES - DECEMBER 11th at 9 AM

Shelley McCoy  Kaylen Bourgeois  Nick Cedar  Hieu Mai  Kadence Touchet

These five adults have been in the RCIA Process for several months. At the 9 AM Mass today the St. Mary Magdalen community formerly acknowledges that they are preparing for full initiation into our Christian faith at the Easter Vigil. We thank God who has led them by various paths to oneness in faith.
**MASS INTENTIONS December 12th-18th**

**MONDAY**
- **6:30 A.M.**
  - *Our Lady of Guadalupe*  
  - Zec 2:14-17, Lk 1:26-98
  - Rev Richard Wagner, SSJ; Leah Broussard; Maria Tran Thi Mai; Marguerite L. Frederick; M/M Francis Fontana;
  - Irby Hebert; Janell S. Touchet

**TUESDAY**
- **6:30 A.M.**
  - *ST. LUCY*  
  - Zep 3:1-2, 9-13, Mt 21:28-32
  - Rev Arthur Warren; Maria Tran Thi Mai; Helen Lapalce Leblanc; Lelia Noel; Orphaned Souls; Judy Leblanc

**WEDNESDAY**
- **6:30 A.M.**
  - *St. John of the Cross*  
  - Is 45:6-23, Lk 7:18b-23
  - Rev Brian Webre; Sidney Bertrand; John Vidos; Prayer Blanket Intentions; Maxine & Marshall Leblanc;
  - Deacon Matt Hebert; Alvin Landry

**THURSDAY**
- **6:30 A.M.**
  - Is 54:1-10, Lk 7:24-30
  - Rev Derrick Weingarten, SJ; Maria Tran Thi Mai; Dolores G. Young; Margie L. Broussard; Maria Soi Tran

**FRIDAY**
- **6:30 A.M.**
  - Is 56:1-3a 6-8, Jn 5:33-36
  - Rev Travis Abadie; Maria Tran Thi Mai; Maria Nguyen Thi Nhan; Fr. Brian Harrington

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**
- **4:00 P.M.**
  - Rev Lawrence Abara; M/M Emile Dugas; Maria Nhan Thi Nguyen; Joseph Thang Do; Flo B. Guidry; Tony & Enid Guario; M/M Sam Guario & Fly; Josephine Guario; 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; Athelyn Vallot; Maria Tran Thi Mai; Elvina Bourque & Family;
  - Needless Marie Gisclair; Leonard J. Morgan & Family; Laura S. & Elwood Lemaire; Sheryl Prejean; Benji Vienne;
  - Patrick Tomeny, Sr

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