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**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.  

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Weddings & Christian Formation Director  Ms. Renella Livers  
Funerals & Cemetery Manager  Mrs. Eileen Boudoin, C.C.C.E.  
Business Manager  Deacon David Vaughn  
Receptionist  Mrs. Marguerite Landry  
Director of Music & Church Organist  Mr. Tommy Guidry  
Christian Service Center Directors  Mr. Marcelo & Mrs. Kelli Davis  
Maintenance  Mr. Malcolm d’Augereau  
Housekeeper  Mrs. Kim White  
Life Teen Youth Ministers  Mr. John Listi, Drew & Rachel David, Mr. Dustin Bertrand, Ms. 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  

Welcome to St. Mary Magdalen Parish. Newcomers please introduce yourself and complete a census form located in the back of church or call the office 337-893-0244.

300 Pere Megret Street  
P. O. Box 1507  
Abbeville, LA 70511-1507  
website: stmarymagdalenparish.org
**True Freedom**

True, life giving freedom, contrary to the opinion of our popular culture, does indeed have boundaries. True freedom is not just doing whatever you want whenever you want regardless of who it impacts or what it affects. A freedom with no boundaries is an illusion and a lie. Sure I would like to run every red light and every stop sign in my path; but thankfully, for my own safety and the safety of others, we have laws that create boundaries helping me (and those around me) to remain in true freedom. Many of us are parents. We create boundaries for our children not because we want to take away their freedom, but rather to protect their freedom and ensure it. They can’t always see it.

Several years ago, I lived in Colorado. One year, the area where I lived wanted a new school built. When it came to the building of the playground the committee could not decide whether to put a fence around the playground or not. One group of parents wanted no fence claiming the children would feel trapped or imprisoned if there was a fence. Another group of parents were like…”Um, there’s a highway right by the school. I don’t care if they feel trapped we want them to be safe.” After much debate they could not come to a consensus so they hired a consulting firm to research schools with playgrounds that were fenced and schools without fences around the playgrounds. Here’s what they found. On playgrounds that had no fences the children remained in tight huddled bunches close to the school house, never really venturing out to enjoy all the playground had to offer. Whereas, in school yards that had fences the kids were spread out to every corner and reach of the playground fully experiencing all the playground had to offer and more. True freedom has boundaries.

Likewise, our Father in Heaven, our mother Church, and our own faith and morals offer us boundaries not to take away our freedom, but rather to invite us in to true freedom. As backwards as it may sound, true freedom is in faith, obedience and trust.

For this Fourth of July, as we celebrate our freedom, let’s turn our eyes to Heaven and thank our God for His loving, fatherly boundaries. Even more so, let’s thank Him for His endless mercy for when we ignore His boundaries and sin. He always welcomes us back into the freedom of His love and mercy without fail. The true freedom offered in Jesus Christ is not without boundaries, but it is the freedom we all long for in the depths of our heart.

*John Listi*

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**BLESSED MOTHER CANDLE**
Honor of Rachel & Drew David & Family

**SANCTUARY CANDLE**
In memory Of Bernard Bohrer

**IN THE WATERS OF BAPTISM WE WELCOME**

**LIAM JOSEPH BROUSSARD**

**THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Today's Gospel is the conclusion of the instructions and consolations that we have heard Jesus offering to his disciples during the past few weeks. In this passage, Jesus summarizes both the costs of discipleship and its rewards. Once again our understanding of the Gospel is strengthened by considering the context in which it was written and the perspective of Matthew’s audience.

The conditions of discipleship outlined in Matthew’s Gospel may appear harsh. Yet they underline for us a truth—choosing anything with one’s whole heart has consequences. Choosing life with Christ means that every relationship we have must be understood from a new perspective. For many in Matthew’s community, this choice brought division to their family.

Matthew also outlines the reward of hospitality offered to Jesus’ followers. In today’s Gospel, Jesus explains the difficulties of discipleship, yet reveals that those who welcome the disciples have also welcomed him.

Today’s Gospel also highlights for us the importance of hospitality in the Christian life. To welcome another in Jesus’ name is to extend hospitality to Jesus himself. We have many opportunities in our daily life to reach out to others, to be a welcoming presence and a sign of God’s love.

**June 25, 2017**

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DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO...

- Has expressed an interest being Catholic?
- Was baptized Catholic as a child, but has not received Eucharist and Confirmation?
- Wants to learn more about the Catholic Faith?

We offer an opportunity to come together to learn more about our faith. Sessions focus on the teachings and experience of Church and prepare individuals to celebrate the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist during the Easter season. Sessions to begin in September.

For information please contact
Sr. Carm srcarmlatiolais@gmail.com
Renella Livers renella@stmarymagdalenparish.org
or call 893-0244.

VITA is hosting a free Immigration Workshop for anyone in the community who wishes to learn more about the immigration process.

Local immigration attorney Talayeh Voosoghi will lead the class and be available to answer general questions. Workshop will be held July 19th at 6:00 PM at the South Regional Library Auditorium in Lafayette.

RCIA * ACTIVITIES

FAITH CAMP 2017

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“COME TO THE WELL”

A Day of Hope for those suffering the loss of a loved one. August 12, 2017 - 9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

The day is filled with prayer utilizing meditation “Living Scripture”, music, journaling, and personal sharing to honor and acknowledge the reality of loss. There are opportunities for retreatants to find strength in the sharing to move through the losses of life with hope for a renewed vision.

Speakers: Bishop J. Douglas Deshotel and Camille Pavy Claibourne, RN, PhD. Musicians: Lisa Shannon, Suzanne Babineaux, Benny Littell. “Living Scripture” will be enacted by Jeff Aycock and Tina Hebert

Pre-registration is required by August 3, 2017. Cost is $20 per person (includes lunch). Diocese of Lafayette, Office of Pro-Life 1408 Carmel Dr. Lafayette LA 70501 Trista Littell at 337.261-5607 for more information.
WOMEN’S ACTS RETREAT  Aug. 24-27

Women’s Acts Retreat registration available at the office, in the back of church or on website http://www.stmarymagdalenparish.org/

Registrations are now being accepted through mail. For more information, call Renella Livers 337-893-0244.

Only 2 spots remaining

NEXT ACTS MEN’S RETREAT
DECEMBER 7-10, 2017

Registration
Sign-up begins Sunday, August 13

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP—JULY 6TH

The Grief Support Group will meet on Thursday July 6th at 5:30 in the ministry building.

Dates for 2017: August 3, September 7, October 12, November 2, December 7.

It hurts to lose someone. Join caring group of people and to discuss one of life’s most difficult experiences.

You don’t have to go through the grieving process alone. For more information contact Sr. Carm at 893-0244 or srcarmatialais@gmail.com or Rusti Conque silecaitlin@icloud.com

SILENT RETREATS
Grand Coteau

3, 5, AND 8-DAY RETREATS AVAILABLE
June, July and August dates available. Check website for dates jesuitspiritualitycenter.org

• Day of Renewal For Women Andrea Vidrine
  July 15, 9:00-4:00

  St. Charles College Grand Coteau, LA
  337-662-5251 jesuitspiritualitycenter.org

MAN-TO-MAN
MEN’S CONFERENCE

Man-To-Man Men’s Conference: Saturday, August 19, 2017 (8am to 2pm) at Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church in Lafayette. Registration www.m2m2017.com/
CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS ACTIVITIES

Car Seat Drive

Lauren Lattier, Scholarship Recipient

Coffee and Doughnuts

Muffins for Mom

Breast Cancer Rosary

SETH LEMAIRE CANDIDACY

BISHOP’S MEDAL
**MASS INTENTIONS—July 3rd–July 9th**

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