Jesus said, “Come.” Peter got out of the boat and began to walk on the water toward Jesus.

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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.

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The Assumption and the Acadians

Tuesday, August 15th is the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The Universal Church has set this date as one of the few Holy Days of Obligation during the year. Our Mass times are listed below.

In 1950, Pope Pius XII solemnly declared the Assumption of Mary as a defined dogma of the faith. But the Feast of the Assumption or “Dormition” (falling asleep) of Mary had been formally celebrated since at least the 500s. In the year 847, Pope Leo IV gave the feast a vigil celebration and an octave. Though we no longer celebrate a formal octave, we do celebrate the Feast of the Queenship of Mary eight days later on August 22. The 4th and 5th decades of the Glorious Mysteries of the Rosary celebrate these two feasts. And while the whole Church celebrates the Assumption, for many of us in Acadiana this feast is even more special. The Assumption is the patroness of the Acadian people. In Acadiana, we celebrate this feast as a day to remember our Acadian ancestry. Annually, a beautiful Eucharistic procession takes place (via boat) along the Bayou Teche from Leonville down to St. Martinville. If you would like to make a pilgrimage and go to one of the stops, information can be found at fetedieuduteche.org. Whether you can make that or not, be sure to do something special as we celebrate this wonderful feast. And, like our Acadian ancestors, let us place our trust in the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

- In Christ, T-Père

The yellow star on our Acadiana Flag represents the Assumption of Mary, Patroness of the Acadian people.

Solemnity of the Assumption of Our Lady

Tuesday, August 15 is a Holy Day of Obligation this year. Our Mass times are:

- Monday Vigil at 5:30pm
- Tuesday: 6:30am, 12:05pm, 5:30pm (MCE/VC Mass at 8am in Gym)

A STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

On August 15th we recall Our Blessed Mother being assumed into heaven and crowned queen.

In the Gospel reading we hear proclaimed once again the Canticle of Mary, recorded in the Gospel of Luke (1:46-55). It is the Virgin Mary’s song of joy in response to her cousin Elizabeth’s greeting (Luke 1:41-45), and summarizes Mary’s deep faith and trust in God. “My soul magnifies the Lord…”

Take a few moments and pray this stewardship prayer. Consider its implications for your life.

How do you magnify the Lord?

How do you make God “bigger” in your day-to-day world?

How do you share God’s compassion with others, especially the poor?

A WEEKEND OF August 12/13, 2017

Today’s Gospel reveals what miraculous things can happen when one embraces a single-minded faith in Jesus Christ. Peter gets out of a wind-tossed boat when the Lord calls him. His faith is tested by his obedience to Jesus who is calling him out onto the water. In the midst of the waves and the wind, Peter gets out of the boat and walks toward Jesus. Good stewards heed Christ’s call to them. Sometimes that call directs them to take on seemingly impossible challenges.

This week, reflect on how the Lord could be calling you out of the safety of your own “boat” to take on the impossible.
PRAYERS * SCRIPTURE COURSE * CHRISTIAN SERVICE CENTER

SANCTUARY CANDLE
In Honor of
The Blessed Virgin Mary

BLESSED MOTHER CANDLE
In Thanksgiving Of
Carole & Lynn Broussard

IN THE WATERS OF BAPTISM
WE WELCOME

AVERY JANE MOUNTAIN
JACKSON LUC LYONS

PRAYERS AND SYMPATHY
FOR THE FAMILY OF

ELIVE BROWN
Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

PRAYING WITH SCRIPTURE

Deacon Andrew Schumacher will give a 4 week course on Praying With Scripture.

Sessions will be held on Wednesdays: August 23rd, Aug. 30th, Sept 6th and Sept. 13th.

Join us in the ministry building from 6:30 until 8:00PM.

All are invited to take advantage of this opportunity to deepen your prayer life and your knowledge of scripture.

ALTAR SOCIETY NEWS
This year’s annual meeting will be held on Monday, August 28th, from 10:00am-12noon at the home of Vickie Patout.
RSVP Edith 893-5770 or Vickie 522-2999 by Saturday, August 25th if you will be attending. New members are welcomed.

Confirmation Candidate and Parent Meeting
There will be a mandatory meeting in church, August 20th after 5:30 pm mass for all those planning to make their Confirmation at St Mary Magdalen this school year. There will be very important information given out pertaining to the confirmation year, along with expectations of the candidates. Candidates, and at least one parent/guardian must attend.

Learn how you & your team can join us in "Feeding the body, mind and spirit with love"

LET US KNOW IF YOU WILL BE JOINING US.
EMAIL US: CSCABBENVILLE@GMAIL.COM
**CHILDREN’S BOOK DRIVE**
The Catholic Daughters is holding a new and used Children’s Book Drive for the entire month of August. Books can be dropped off in the designated boxes in church. The used books cannot be torn or written on. These books will be donated to Desormeaux Foundation. Please consider giving a new book or gently used book for this wonderful endeavor.

**HELP NEEDED CHILDREN’S CHURCH**
Children’s Church for children ages 4-6, is held each Sunday during the 9 AM mass. Volunteers are needed to lead the lessons each week. If you are interested, contact: terrent.broussard@gmail.com or renella@stmarymagdalenparish.org or call the office 893-0244.

**RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS**
- Are you interested in being Catholic?
- Were you baptized Catholic as a child, but have not received Eucharist or Confirmation?
- Do you want to learn more about the Catholic Faith?
Sessions to begin in September. Contact: Sr. Carm srcarmlatiolais@gmail.com or Renella Livers renella@stmarymagdalenparish.org or call 893-0244.

**MAN TO MAN CATHOLIC MEN’S CONFERENCE**
Will be held August 19th at Our Lady of Fatima Church in Lafayette, 8am - 2pm.
Register www.m2m2017.com or man2man-catholicconference@gmail.com

**ACTS MEN’S RETREAT DECEMBER 7-10, 2017**
Registration begins Sunday, August 13th. Contact John Listi at 893-0244 or johnvlisti@gmail.com

**WOMEN’S ACTS RETREAT Aug. 24-27**
Please pray for all who have registered for the retreat. For more information, call Renella Livers 337-893-0244.

**2017 WALK TO END ALZHEIMER’S**
To be held Sept.16, 2017  Alzheimer’s disease is relentless. So are we. Join us in this challenge. 1 in 3 adults living today will get dementia or Alzheimer’s.
**Time:** Registration at 8am *Ceremony at 9am *Walk at 9:30am *Route Length: 8 miles Blackham Coliseum, 2330 Johnston Street, Lafayette, LA 70503

Adrienne Mullens 337-230-3926 asmullens@alz.org
Pilgrimage to Our Lady of Guadalupe

Take a Pilgrimage to Mexico
February 9-13, 2018
(Friday to Fat Tuesday)
During Mardi Gras weekend, Fr. Michael will be leading a Pilgrimage to The Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Americas. All are invited. The informational meeting will be on Monday, August 14th following the 5:30 Vigil Mass for the Feast of the Assumption.

Pilgrimage Highlights:
- Shrine and Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe
- Church of the Holy Family
- Folklore Ballet Performance
- Church of the Miracles in Tepeyac
- Aztec Pyramids of the Moon and Sun
- Cathedral in Puebla

Call or email today to confirm your attendance at the meeting
337-291-1933 · info@holytravels.org

RENEW CONFERENCE ALL INVITED

Speakers: Jim Beckman, Patti Mansfield, Fr. Mark Miley, Dcn. Randy Hyde, Calvin James, Erin Thomas, Joseph Summers, Kerry Bueche, and Dr. Sheryl Jones.


Holy Land Pilgrimage
Sept. 24-Oct 3, 2018
Information Meeting in Ministry Building Thursday, Sept 7, 2017 at 6:30 PM

Peter’s Primacy Nazareth
Capernaum Stella Mares
Holy Sepulcher Gethsemane
Via Dolorosa St. Anne's Church
Mount Tabor Caesarea Philippi
Mount of Beatitudes Dead Sea Scrolls
Church of the Nativity Annunciation Grotto
Boat Ride Sea of Galilee Miracle of Multiplication

For information contact:
Magnificat Travel 337-291-1933
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