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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
**FROM THE ASSOCIATE**

Honest to God!

“They duped me, O Lord, and I let myself be duped!”
- First Reading: Jeremiah:20:7-9

This powerful prayer of a distressed and suffering prophet teaches us the beauty of honesty before God. How do we pray when we are going through difficulties and hardships? Often, we don’t turn to prayer at all. In our anger with God, we act like children and refuse to speak to Him. Our faith calls us to be like Jeremiah today. He is going through very serious difficulties and is frustrated with the Lord for assigning him an impossible and thankless task. So he speaks his mind to the Lord. He pours out his grievances before God. And this honesty leads him to an encounter with God. In just the few short verses of our first reading this weekend, Jeremiah is moved to see the truth of the Lord at work in his heart. When he thinks about leaving the Lord, he recognizes the burning desire in his heart that calls him back to the Lord. Often in our lives we may have legitimate frustrations with the Lord. Don’t be afraid to bring that to Him in prayer! God can handle our irritability. The Lord already knows your heart, don’t hide it. If we are honest in our prayer, then the Lord can lead us to His peace.

- In Christ, T-Père

“God does not demand that I be successful. God demands that I be faithful. When facing God, results are not important. Faithfulness is what is important.”
- St. (Mother) Teresa of Calcutta

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ACTS MEN'S RETREAT DEC 7-10, 2017
Registration forms at church doors and office.
Contact John Listi 893-0244
johnvlisti@gmail.com

PRAYERS * ACTIVITIES * RETREATS

BLESSED MOTHER CANDLE
In memory Of
Theresa & Ferdinand Pere'

SANCTUARY CANDLE
In memory of Earl W. Allain

PRAYERS AND SYMPATHY FOR THE FAMILIES OF
Joyce Dane Lege Mayer
Tina Ding
Rodney Luke Langlinais
Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord.

IN THE WATERS OF BAPTISM
WE WELCOME
Sophie Truc Lam Pham

CATHOLIC DAUGHTER'S BAKE SALE
The Catholic Daughters are hosting a Bake Sale September 9th and 10th; Sat 4:00 pm , Sun 9:00 am and 11:00 mass. This event helps provide funds to be given out to local charities and community projects hosted by the Catholic Daughters. Thank you for supporting the Catholic Daughters of St. Mary Magdalen Parish.

BAPTISM PREPARATION
Classes are held the 2nd Monday of alternate months. Attendance at a class is required prior to the baptism of your child. If you’ve attended for another child, it’s not necessary to attend again.

Next Class: Monday, September 11, 2017
6:00pm in the Ministries Bldg.

CARMELITE SPIRITUALITY
St. Mary Magdalen has an active Third Order of Carmel. This is a lay association of those who, in response to a call from God, strive to live the Gospel in the spirit of the Carmelite Order and under its guidance. If you are interested in the Third Order and Carmelite Spirituality please call the office 893-0244 or email Judy Broussard jglb@cox.net.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH
Volunteers are needed to lead the lessons each week. Children’s Church for children ages 4-6, is held each Sunday during the 9 AM mass.

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**PILGRIMAGES*FUN DAY RETREAT* ACTIVITIES**

**2018 HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE**  
**SEPT. 24-OCT 3, 2018**  
**Fr. Louie Richard, Spiritual Guide**

- Peter’s Primacy  
- Capernaum  
- Holy Sepulcher  
- Via Dolorosa  
- Mount Tabor  
- Mount of Beatitudes  
- Church of the Nativity  
- Church of the Anunciation  
- Grotto  
- Dead Sea Scrolls  
- Annunciation Grotto  
- Sea of Galilee  
- Miracle of Multiplication

Information Meeting in Ministries Building  
**Thursday, Sept 7, 2017 at 6:30 PM**

For more information contact Fr. Louie or:  
**Magnificat Travel** 337-291-1933  
info@holytravels.org

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**TAKE A PILGRIMAGE TO MEXICO**

**FEBRUARY 9-13, 2018**  
(Friday to Fat Tuesday)  
**Fr. Michael Richard, Spiritual Guide**

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.

**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

For more information: Call 337-291-1933 or Email info@holytravels.org

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**FUN DAY— RETREAT**  
For People with Developmental Disabilities  
Ages (15 years-Adult)

**When:** Saturday, September 9, 2017  
**Where:** STMM Ministries Bldg  
**Time:** 10 AM – 2 PM  
No cost to attend

For more Info: Susan-522-3535 or Tommy– 212-6513.
RITÉ DE LA PORTRÉE DE L'INITIATION DES ADULTES

- 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 September 19th. Contact: Sr. Carm srcarmlatiolais@gmail.com or Renella Livers renella@stmarymagdalenparish.org or call 893-

FRÈRE VERBIS LAFLEUR MASS

September 7th marks the 73rd Anniversary of the death of Fr. Verbis Lafleur. Fr. Lafleur was ordained to the Priesthood for the Diocese of Lafayette in 1938. Upon ordination, he was assigned as associate pastor here at St. Mary Magdalene. During World War II, Fr. Lafleur decided to serve as a Military Chaplain for the U.S. Army Air Corps. He was sent to the Philippine Islands. He was taken as a prisoner of war and died when their transport ship was torpedoed on September 7, 1944. He was last seen helping others escape the sinking ship.

All are invited to the Annual Memorial Mass for Fr. Joseph Verbis Lafleur. Celebrant and Homilist will be Fr. Brad Guillory, Chaplain, Capt, USAF.

Thursday, Sept. 7th 6:30pm
St. Landry Church Opelousas

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

The Grief Support Session will meet Thursday September 7th at 5:30 pm in the Ministries Building. Anyone who is experiencing current or past grief is welcome to attend.

For more information contact Sr. Carm at 893-0244 or srcarmlatiolais@gmail.com.

THOSE WE HOLD MOST DEAR,

Never truly leave us
They live on
In the kindness they showed
The comfort they shared
The love they brought
Into our lives
**MASSE INTENTIONS: Sept 4th – Sept 10th**

### Saturday, September 9th
- **4:00pm**
  - Celebrant: Fr. Michael
  - Deacon: Dec. Tran (S)
  - Deacon: Dec. Vincent (P)
  - Lectors: Ada Duhon, Vickie Landry
  - Eucharistic Ministers: Curtis Landry
  - Altar Servers: Matthew Romero, Alexander Golden

### Sunday, September 10th
- **7:00am**
  - Celebrant: Fr. Michael
  - Deacon: Dec. Cao (P)
  - Lectors: David LaCoun, David Bertrand
  - Eucharistic Ministers: Pat Langlinais (S-Only), Frank Summers III
  - Altar Servers: Michael LaCoun, Jack Henry

- **9:00am**
  - Celebrant: Fr. Michael
  - Deacon: Dec. Schumacher (P)
  - Lectors: Joseph Vallee (S-Only), Byron Hebert
  - Eucharistic Ministers: Frank Summers III
  - Altar Servers: Mike Bertrand, Nicholas Cao

- **11:00am**
  - Celebrant: Fr. Louie
  - Deacon: Dec. Schumacher (S)
  - Lectors: Byron Hebert, Meg Hebert
  - Eucharistic Ministers: Merle Gary
  - Altar Servers: Parish Vienne, Austin Cao, Nicholas Cao

- **5:30pm**
  - Celebrant: Fr. Louie
  - Deacon: Dec. Vincent (S)
  - Lectors: Anna Edwards
  - Eucharistic Ministers: Kathleen Miller
  - Altar Servers: Joshua Listi, Seth Viator

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**MASS INTENTIONS:**

**MONDAY, September 4th**
- **6:30 AM**
  - Mass: 1 Thes 4:13-18, Lk 4:16-30
  - Celebrant: Rev Ambrose Akalawu, CSSP
  - Deacon: Leah Broussard
  - Lectors: Phanxico Xavier, Blanche Haydell
  - Eucharistic Ministers: Oscar & AgnesChoate, Sara & Katie Trahan

**TUESDAY, September 5th**
- **6:30 AM**
  - Mass: 1 Thes 5: 1-6, 9-11, Lk 4:31-37
  - Celebrant: Rev Alexander Albert
  - Deacon: Phanxico Xavier
  - Lectors: Linda B. Griffin, Charles William Massie, III
  - Eucharistic Ministers: Trent & Caitlin Boudreaux

**WEDNESDAY, September 6th**
- **6:30 AM**
  - Mass: Col 1:1-8, Lk 4:38-44
  - Celebrant: Msgr Robert Angelle
  - Deacon: John Vidos, Maxine & Marshall LeBlanc
  - Lectors: Roger Sellers, Ken & Jackie Taylor, Ewell & Zula Hebert, Dwayne Hebert, Phanxico Xavier, Velma & Luce Frederick
  - Eucharistic Ministers: Special Intention; Prayer Blanket Intentions; Corine Romero, Ladd Alexander, Gerald C. Harrington, Helen Wyble

**THURSDAY, September 7th**
- **6:30 AM**
  - Mass: Col 1:9-14, Lk 5:1-11
  - Celebrant: Very Rev Chester Arceneaux, VF
  - Deacon: Joseph Thang Do
  - Lectors: Gloria & Murphy Abshire, Kimreneec’ Boudreaux
  - Eucharistic Ministers: M/M Alex Cormier & Kevin Comeaux

**FRIDAY, September 8th**
- **6:30 AM**
  - Mass: The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
  - Celebrant: Fr. Michael Arnaud
  - Deacon: Fr. Michael Richard
  - Lectors: Judy LeBlanc, The Success of the Special Needs Retreat; Souls in Purgatory, Special Intention
  - Eucharistic Ministers: Katie Lynn Trahan, George Vezey Family, Leopold Noel III, Stanislaus Hebert, Elaine Theriot, Irene, Leopold, Suzanne & Paul Noel, Prayer Blanket Intentions; Lillian & Alphe Romero, Odile & Nasta Landry, Marshall, Maxine & Roland LeBlanc, Maria Nhan Nguyen, Maria Mai Tran, Nghiem Nguyen Phanxico Xavier, Kirk Boudreaux

**TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
- **4:00 PM**
  - Mass: St. Peter Claver
  - Celebrant: Rev Borgia Aubespin, SVD

- **7:00 AM**
  - Mass: Rev Emmanuel Awe, SSJ
  - Lectors: Phanxico Xavier, Olga Toups, George Vezey Family, Theodore & Joyce Noel

- **9:00 AM**
  - Mass: Ida Luquette, John Louviere & M/M Earl Dehart, Kirk Boudreaux, Benji Vienne, Maxine & Marshall LeBlanc, Orphaned Souls, Maria Nhan Nguyen, Maria Mai Tran, Patricia Dold

- **11:00 AM**
  - Mass: For the Parishioners

- **3:00 PM**
  - Mass: All who are affected by Hurricane Harvey

- **5:30 PM**
  - Mass: Jim Bouse, Greco & Scroggin Families, John Louviere, Reid Keith Hebert, Sr, Kathryn Hatch, Ball & Ruby Lege & Family, Nick LeBlanc