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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website: stmarymagdalenparish.org
FROM THE PASTOR

Forgiveness ... and Gratitude

How often have you told someone, “Don’t worry about it”? Maybe a friend borrowed a little of your money, a neighbor promised to return a favor, a client forgot an appointment, or a colleague offered an apology for some ungenerous remark. Regardless of the situation and how it affected us, when we say, “Don’t worry about it,” we’re not only freeing the other from a sense of indebtedness and guilt; we’re also clearing the way for more important things in our life. To say, “Don’t worry about it,” then, is really to say, “Let’s get on with it.”

The great sin of the unforgiving servant in today’s Gospel is his refusal or inability to realize the grace of God in his midst. His own debt has been forgiven by an understanding and compassionate boss - and, for this servant, that’s all that should matter. However, he possesses no sense of gratitude and seems to imply that the king’s forgiving of his debt is something he is entitled to. But to forgive as he has been forgiven – he can’t see that. But that is exactly what Jesus came to teach us about God’s Kingdom: a perspective of life that is built on gratitude for the gift of life itself, gratitude that compels us to generosity, justice, and, yes, forgiveness.

Word of the Day
"From experience, we know that whenever we are truly awake and alive, we are also truly grateful.”
Br. David Steindl-Rast

Fr. Michael and Fr. Louie will both be away this week for a Louisiana State Priests Convention in New Orleans Tuesday to Thursday. Visiting priests will be here for daily mass and Deacon Schumacher is on call for any emergencies.

NEW PARISH TRUSTEES APPOINTED

Bishop Douglas Deshotel has appointed two new Pastoral Council Trustees for St. Mary Magdalen Parish. Ada Duhon and Mason Romero. We are very grateful to these two parishioners for their willingness to serve in this capacity. Trustees represent the corporation that is our parish. They also serve as advisors to the Pastor, overseers entrusted with assisting the pastor in caring for the well-being of the parish.

I am very grateful to Teesie Landry and Mike Russo who have faithfully and diligently served as the Parish Trustees for the past six years. Please join me in thanking them, and also welcoming Ada and Mason as our new members to the Pastoral Council and the Parish Finance Council.

A STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

Today’s Gospel reading continues Jesus’ instructions on being good stewards of others - the direction that if we love Jesus Christ, we must forgive an individual 77 times.

The reading compels us to consider one of the most difficult practices of Christian discipleship. Forgiveness is the way of Jesus, the way of the cross. Vengeance, bitterness and hatred seem so much easier and certainly more desirable. Forgiveness is a hard road to travel, but it is the only road that leads to life in Christ. Reflection question of the week “Who do I need to forgive?”

SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR HURRICANE HARVEY VICTIMS SEPTEMBER 23-24

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Second Collection
This Week: Christian Formation
Next week: Hurricane Harvey Relief

Thank you for your stewardship!

EDGE + LIFE TEEN + CONFIRMATION

September 24th– Life Teen, 6:30-8:30pm, Pere Megret Center

Edge– 6th, 7th and 8th grades must register. This program replaces Summer CCD for these students.

October 1st -Edge 6:30-8:00pm Ministries Bldg.
MEN'S ACTS RETREAT
DEC 7-10, 2017
REGISTER NOW!

ACTS retreat is a three
day and three night Catholic lay retreat presented
by fellow parishioners. The retreat begins on
Thursday evening Dec 7th and ends Sunday Dec. 10th at 11AM Mass celebrated at St. Mary Magdalen.

Registration forms on website at church doors and office. Contact Fr. Louie, Fr. Michael or John Listi 893-0244 johnvlisti@gmail.com
http://www.stmarymagdalenparish.org/acts

2017-2018 First Communion

The preparation program for the Sacrament of First Holy Communion for public school students who attended this past summer’s First Grade CCD program will begin on Tuesday, October 3 at 4:15p.m. in the STMM Ministries Building.

Registration forms for the CCD students were mailed to parents. If you have not received this information, please call the parish office at 893-0244.

Parents of home schooled students are asked to call the parish office to register.

Information for Catholic School students who will be receiving the Sacrament of Holy Communion will be emailed at a later date.

Please return forms to St. Mary Magdalen Parish, Attn: Renella Livers, P O Box 1507, Abbeville, LA 70511-1507 as soon as possible.

Information for First Communion are also available in STMM Church, the parish office and on the parish website
www.stmarymagdalenparish.org
**PILGRIMAGES & ACTIVITIES**

**TAKE A PILGRIMAGE TO MEXICO**
**FEBRUARY 9-13, 2018**

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.

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

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**2018 HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE**
**SEPT. 24-OCT 3, 2018**

Fr. Louie Richard, Spiritual Guide

For more information contact
Fr. Louie or: Magnificat Travel
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info@holytravels.org

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**CHRISTIAN SERVICE CENTER**

Pope Announces World Day for the Poor in November.

"I invite the whole Church, and men and women of good will everywhere, to turn their gaze on this day to all those who stretch out their hands and plead for our help and solidarity. They are our brothers and sisters..."

_Pope Francis_

In response, the Christian Service Center will be hosting a Thanksgiving Festival and Fundraiser. In past years, the CSC held a 5K Run/Fun Walk at the Giant Omelette Festival. There will also be a BBQ Cookoff and other activities for everyone to enjoy. Get a team together and join us on November 18th. Awards will be given to every age group. Register at [www.cajuntiming.com](http://www.cajuntiming.com) and email cscabbeville@gmail.com for more information.

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**PRAYER FOR HURRICANE VICTIMS**

Loving Lord, we come to you trusting in your mercy and knowing that your steadfast love endures forever. Look with mercy on those who have been harmed or displaced by this disaster. Grant them your strength to meet the days ahead. Allow those who are affected to experience your peace which passes all understanding and new hope in the resurrection. Move in those who are able to give aid, that we may be your hands and heart on the earth. Be with all who offer your assistance; may your Spirit uphold them. Give us the assurance of your presence even in this time so that we can cling to your promise of hope and life shown us through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, Amen.

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**VERMILION CATHOLIC INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGED STUDENTS**

French students at Vermilion Catholic are participating in an international exchange with St. Pierre Catholic High School in Abbeville, France. Fifteen students and two teachers from France will arrive in our Abbeville on November 16th and will spend eleven days with us. We are asking for donations to help with the costs for showing our French cousins around Acadiana. A donation of any amount will help. If you are able to help us, you can send a donation to Vermilion Catholic High School, 425 Park Avenue, Abbeville, LA 70510 (attn.: Abbeville Exchange).
SAVING LIVES TOGETHER TODAY!
Our Lady of Lourdes Mobile Blood Bank will be at St. Mary Magdalen (@ Young Eye Clinic) Sun Sept 17th from 7:30AM-12:30PM.

Blood Donations can be designated as replacement blood for: yourself, a family member, a friend, or a person in need.

Catholic Daughter’s Cake Sale
A special thank you to all who purchased cakes for our annual cake sale. It was a great success. Your donations will help with our community projects throughout the year. God Bless.

Adult choir to Resume Singing
The adult choir will rehearse on Wednesday, at 6:30pm in the choir loft. Anyone interested in joining is invited to call Tommy Guidry at 337-277-3775.

RIE 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 September 19th. Contact: Sr. Carm srca Carmelitelais@gmail.com or Renella Livers renella@stmarymagdalenparish.org or call 893-0244.

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 email Judy Broussard jglb@cox.net.
MASS INTENTIONS—Sept 18th – Sept 24th

MONDAY
6:30 AM
1 Tm, 2:1-8, Lk 7:1-10
Rev Joe Breaux; Leah Broussard; Reynold Broussard; Roy Bertrand, Sr; Phanxico Xavier; Kaye & Avery Mouton; In memory of Maria Nguyen Thi Nhi

TUESDAY
6:30 AM
St. Januarius
1 Tm 3:1-13, Lk 7:11-17
Rev Joseph Brennan; Phanxico Xavier; Eric & Kayla Trahan; Family of Leo Mouton; In memory of Maria Nguyen Thi Nhi; Rodney L. Langliniais

WEDNESDAY
6:30 AM
St’s Andrew Kim Tae-gon & Payl Chong Ha-sang
1 Tm 3:14-16, Lk 7:31-35
Rev Francis Broussard, SJ; John Vidos; Maxine & Marshall LeBlanc; Roger Sellers; Ken & Jackie Taylor; Ewell & Zula Hebert & Dwayne Hebert; Phanxico Xavier; Ryan Hardy; Ricky & Jodie LeBlanc; Rodney L. Langliniais; In memory of Maria Nguyen Thi Nhi; Special Intention; Prayer Blanket Intentions

THURSDAY
6:30 AM
St. Matthew
Eph 4:1-7, 11-13, Mt 9:9-13
Rev A. Rex Broussard; Phanxico Xavier; Kirk Boudreaux; Eula Bourque & infant son Larry; Donald & Beverly Toups; In memory of Maria Nguyen Thi Nhi

FRIDAY
6:30AM
1 Tm 6:2c-12, Lk 8:13
Rev David Broussard; Fr. Donald Theriot; Fr. Donald Theriot; Judy LeBlanc; In memory of Maria Nguyen Thi Nhi; Maria Nhan Nguyen; Maria Mai Tran; Nghiem Nguyen Phanxico Xavier; Kirk Boudreaux; Cody Ross Mire; Angelica Degeyter

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

4:00 PM
Is 55:6-9, Phil 1:20c-24, 27a, Mt 20: 1-16a
Rev Henry Broussard; Judy LeBlanc; J.D. Mouton; Joseph Thang Do; M/M Louis LeDet, Sr; Eldes Touchet; In memory of Maria Nguyen Thi Nhi; Cathy Grant; Dibby Faulk; Dominico Tran Van Giac; Maria Nguyen Thi Que; Phanxico Xavier; Lexine Belaire Culmer; Maria Nhan Nguyen; Maria Mai Tran; M/M Sam Guarino & Family; Tony & Enid Guarino; Josephine Guarino; Flo B. Guiraldes; Nicole Leblanc; M/M John Vigneaux; Annie & Leonard Sellers & Wayne; Roger Sellers; Barbara & Daniel Jude Broussard; John Vidos; M/M Joe Bourque & Family; Esther Bohrer

7:00 AM
Rev Ken Broussard; Jo Ann Russo; Lexine B. Curtner; Rodney Langliniais; In memory of Maria Nguyen Thi Nhi; George Veahey Family; Theodule & Joyce Noel; Maria Mai Tran; Phanxico Xavier

9:00 AM
Ida Luquette; John Louviere & M/M Earl Dehart; Kirk Boudreaux; Judy LeBlanc; Benji Vienne; Maxine & Marshall LeBlanc; Orphaned Souls; Phanxico Xavier; Maria Nhan Nguyen; Ian Boudreaux; Ada & Clovis Decuirre; Rodney Langliniais; Knox Michael Trahan

11:00 AM
For the Parishioners

3:00 PM
Joseph Thang Do; M/M Long Bui

5:30 PM
Kathryn Hatch; Pierre Ulysses & Medora Broussard; Louis J. Sherman & Family; Jim Bouse; Greco & Scroggin Families; Nick LeBlanc;

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