La Madeleine

ST. MARY MAGDALEN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY
25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 24 SEPTEMBER 2017

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.

ANOEINTING 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.

Pastor Fr. Louis J. Richard
Associate Fr. Michael Richard
Pastoral Associate Sr. Carmelita Latiolais, S.E.C.
Deacons Tam M. Tran, William Vincent,
Francis Cao, Andrew Schumacher
Director of Parish Renewal & Evangelization Mr. John Listi
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 Delhommer

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
For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD.

St. Teresa of Avila (1515-1582), the great reformer of the Carmelite Order, once slipped and fell in the mud on the way to her convent. In her annoyance she turned to God and famously said, “If this is how You treat Your friends, no wonder why You have so few of them!” Sometimes we may feel this way with God. Whether it is over something trivial or something catastrophic, we are left asking “Why?” We tell ourselves, that if we could only understand, then we would be willing to accept what has happened. But sometimes, we can’t understand – except to understand that God’s ways are not our ways. Our frustration with this lack of understanding is most common when something bad happens. But what about when something good happens, do we look at the Lord and marvel at how different his ways are than ours? Today’s passage comes to us as Isaiah is speaking about the Lord’s mercy. The scoundrel and the wicked find mercy in God in a way that we cannot comprehend. This mercy is not the “human” way, but God’s way. The same is true of the forgiveness that we have received from the Lord, and of the miracles the Lord has given us, and of the very presence of God brought before us through the sacrifice of the Mass. All of this… is God’s way, not ours! So as we complain about not understanding the difficult moments of our life, let us take a moment to marvel at the beautiful and unexplainable gifts the Lord is giving us. All in His way! In Christ, T-Père

A STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

From an early age, we tend to distort the concept of "fairness": "I am good. I deserve good things. I am not receiving good things. Something must be wrong. Who’s going to fix it?" We also know the age-old expression: "Who ever said life was fair?"

Jesus knew this expression when he offered his parable in today’s Gospel reading. Christian stewards acknowledge, with humility, that they receive good things from the Lord in abundance; even if these gifts are not the ones they think they need when they need them.

Which servants do you identify with most in the Gospel reading, the ones who demand "fairness", or that final servant who, seemingly, deserves the least?
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 ending Sunday Dec. 10th with 11AM Mass at St. Mary Magdalen Church.

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

PRAYERS * ACTS RETREAT*FIRST COMMUNION

BLESSED MOTHER CANDLE
For the poor, the unemployed; and all who need assistance

SANCTUARY CANDLE
John Val Motty & Grant Edouard LeBlanc

PRAYERS AND SYMPATHY
FOR THE FAMILIES OF

Christopher Neil Beraud
Lena McBride Weaver

Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord

IN THE WATERS OF BAPTISM
WE WELCOME

Abram James Cormier

PARISH COMMUNICATION

2017-2018 FIRST COMMUNION

The preparation program for 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 Ministries Building.

Registration forms for the CCD students were mailed to parents. If you have not received this information, please call the 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. Information for First Communion also available in STMM Church, the parish office and on the parish website www.stmarymagdalenparish.org

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

Please visit STMM website and facebook for information and pictures of parish events.

Also call the office 337-893-0244 or email us for information:

parish@stmarymagdalenparish.org
www.stmarymagdalenparish.org/
www.facebook.com/AbbevilleCatholic/
PILGRIMAGES*YOUTH* CHRISTIAN SERVICE CENTER

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 continue on Tuesdays Contact: Sr. Carm srcarmlatiolais@gmail.com or Renella Livers renella@stmarymagdalenparish.org or call 893-0244.

PILGRIMAGE TO MEXICO
FEBRUARY 9-13, 2018
Fr. Michael Richard will be leading a Pilgrimage to The Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe over Mardi Gras weekend. All are invited. Information: 337-291-1933 or info@holytravels.org

HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE
SEPT. 24-OCT 3, 2018
For more information contact Fr. Louie or: Magnificat Travel 337-291-1933 or info@holytravels.org

VERMILION CATHOLIC INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE STUDENTS
Fifteen students from France will arrive in Abbeville, LA on Nov16th and will spend eleven days with us. We are asking for donations to help with the costs of hosting 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

POPE FRANCIS ANNOUNCES: WORLD DAY FOR THE POOR
In response, the Christian Service Center will host a Thanksgiving Festival and Fundraiser. The CSC will hold a 5K Run/Fun Walk, a BBQ Cook-off 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: www.cajuntiming.com
More Information: cscabbeville@gmail.com
Or call Kelli or Marcello Davis 893-9756

ROSARY CONGRESS
All are invited to a Morning of Reflection at Our Lady of Fatima: October 7th at 8:00 AM until 10:30 AM. Fr. Andrew Apostoli and Donna Marie O’boyle are the presenters. Fr. Apostoli will also be speaking at all masses at Fatima Oct. 7 & 8th.

There will be opportunities for adoration and recitation of the rosary October 6th - October 8th. For more information (337-232-8945).

YOUTH

LIFE TEEN
September 24th- 6:30-8:30pm Pere Megret Center

EDGE
Sunday October 1st - Edge 6:30-8:00pm Ministries Bldg. 6th, 7th and 8th grades must register. This program replaces Summer CCD for these students.
How to Build a Culture of Life

Watching the news and reading the headlines, we may feel helpless seeing the heartbreaking lack of respect for human life. How do we respond when our efforts seem small in the face of the culture of death?

Our Christian Identity

To understand more fully how to defend and protect human life, we must first consider who we are, at the deepest level. God creates us in his image and likeness, which means we are made to be in a living relationship with Him. The essence of our identity and worth, the source of our dignity, is that we are loved by God: “We are not the sum of our weaknesses and failures; we are the sum of the Father’s love for us and our real capacity to become the image of his Son.”

We are called to divine intimacy, true communion with God, and we can grow in this closeness with him through daily prayer, reading the Scriptures, and frequent participation in the Sacraments, especially confession and the Eucharist.

Prayer is at the center of 40 Days for Life. During each campaign, we are calling on people of faith across the nation ... and around the world ... to fall on their knees before the Lord, asking Him to hear our plea and heal our land. The largest 40 Days for Life campaign EVER, starts on Wednesday, September 27. For more information go to www.usccb.org/prolife
### MASS INTENTIONS—Sept 25th – Oct 1st

**Monday, September 23rd**
- **6:30pm**
  - St. Cosmas & Damian: Ezr 6:7-8, Lk 8:19-21
  - Rev Michael Brousard; Phanxico Xavier
  - Lectors: Tammy Landry or Reba Broussard
  - Eucharistic Ministers: Tim Landry or Reba Broussard
  - Altar Servers: Tommy Laperouse, Alexander Golden, Madison Meaux

**Tuesday, September 24th**
- **7:00am**
  - St. Vincent de Paul: Ezr 9:5-9, Lk 9:1-6
  - Rev Michael Brousard; Phanxico Xavier; J.D. Mouton
  - Lectors: Patricia Delcambre (S)
  - Eucharistic Ministers: Mollie Charpentier (S)
  - Altar Servers: Kenneth Choate, Anne Gulbeaux

**Friday, September 27th**
- **7:30am**
  - VC School Mass
  - Lectors: Prof Felix Frederick; Fr Donald Theriot

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<td>Allen McLain</td>
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<td>Fr. Louie Deacon Vincent</td>
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