### Weekend Services
- Saturday: 4:00 PM
- Sunday: 7:00 AM, 9:00 AM, 11:00 AM, 3:00 PM (Vietnamese), 5:30 PM

### Weekday Services
- Monday - Fridays: 6:30 AM

### Reconciliation
- Saturday: 2:30 - 3:30 PM
- Sunday: 4:45 - 5:15 PM
- Advent Wednesdays 6:30 PM - 8 PM
- Before weekday Mass
- Other times by request

### Baptism Preparation
Please call the parish office to schedule.

### 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.

### 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**
FROM THE PASTOR

**Be Awake, Be Alert!**

November and Thanksgiving are behind us. We have already entered the final month of 2017 and Christmas is soon upon us. On this First Sunday of Advent, Jesus in today's Gospel urges us to appreciate a fundamental truth about life: namely, that life is precious, that our world changes all the time, and that our time here on this earth is limited.

Franciscan Priest Fr. Richard Rohr writes that faith and spirituality begin with "seeing". It's not about earning or achieving but about "paying attention": paying attention to the presence of God in every joy and sorrow, in every pain and trauma, in every victory and setback before us. This fleeting yet holy season of Advent calls us to "watch," to be "alert" to the presence of God in the love of family and friends, to find the true meaning and purpose of our lives in all the little moments of compassion, forgiveness and generosity.

*Fa. Rice*

Please join us next Sunday evening 7:00 PM for a beautiful Christmas Performance by “BREVE” (Baton Rouge Early Vocal Ensemble). Baroque and Renaissance choral music for the season.

THE LIGHT IS ON—RECONCILIATION

**ADVENT RECONCILIATION** will be held on Wednesday evenings, December 6th, 13th, 20th, at 6:30-8:00 PM in Church. Fr. Louie and Fr. Michael will be available to hear confessions.

**DEC 8TH IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**

Vigil Mass Thursday Dec. 7th at 5:30 PM
Mass Friday Dec. 8th at 6:30 AM, 12:05 & 5:30PM

This is a holy day of obligation that celebrates the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is celebrated on Dec. 8, nine months before the feast Mary’s birth on September 8.

**BREVE CONCERT -BATON ROUGE EARLY VOCAL ENSEMBLE CONCERT**

**SUNDAY DECEMBER 10, 7:00 PM**

The artists and musicians of BREVE invite you to join them for a Renaissance and Baroque celebration of Christmas Carols

Sunday, December 10 at 7:00 PM, St. Mary Magdalen

**SISTERS OF ST ELISABETH—BELARUS**

You are invited to meet these sisters on Saturday **December 9 and Sunday Dec. 10 2017** and hear about their work of caring for children and adults in need in Belarus. They will be selling handmade religious articles.

**YOUR STEWARDSHIP TO GOD**

11-19-17

1st collection $11,188.42
2nd collection Campaign For Human Development $2,635.00

11-26-17

1st Collection $10,934.95
Thanksgiving Day $3,515.00

Second collection
This Week: Church Utilities
Next Week: Retirement Fund for Religious

Thank you for your stewardship
**Christmas Mass Schedule**

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**PRAYERS * ADVENT *CHRISTMAS FLOWERS**

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**PRAYERS AND SYMPATHY FOR THE FAMILY OF**

Lillian LeBlanc Durke
Joseph Roy Frederick, Sr.

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**MEMORIALS FOR CHRISTMAS FLOWERS**

Memorials will be published in the Christmas bulletin if turned in by December 15th. Please place names in an envelope marked Christmas Memorial and return it in any collection or drop off at the parish office.

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**PRAYERS FOR ILL OF OUR PARISH**

Louise Baudoin, Joyce & Carroll Baudoin, Richard & Audrey Belaire, Paul & Audrey Bergeron, Effie Bernard, Jane Bohrer, Eldes Bourque, M/M Alan Bourque, Irene Broussard, Joey and Peggy Broussard, Wilda Broussard, Melise Broussard, Fr. Joe Bdeaux, Georgella Curtis, Lorraine Danof, Meezie Donahue, Lana Dore, Audrey Faulk, Mary D. Duhon, Charlie Fredrick, Lola Griffin, Mary Ann & Rita Guarino, Bob & Mildred Guidry, Annie Guidry, Wilda Hebert, Linda Hebert, Rose Herpin, Marcie Hollier, Rose Labauve, Paul Landry, M/M Levan LeBlanc, Judy Leblanc, Emile LeBouef, Eldith Lege, Flo Lormand, Cheryl Meaux, Clifford Monic, Elaine & Pete Mouleous, Hazel Mouton, Mary Perry, Marjorie Pierce, Marie Prejean, Otis Richard, Anna Lee Robin, Ms. Donald Roy, Harvey Saunier, Mary Scalis, Tookie Sonnier, Rosa Bell Stansbury, Yvonne Stelly, Gloria Theall, Sheena & Travis Touchet, James & Mary Trahan, Linest Trahan, Patrick Weaver, Judy Choate.

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**BLESSED MOTHER CANDLE**

Monica & Mike LeMaire & Family

**SANCTUARY CANDLE**

For all who suffer with Addictions

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**BEST ADVENT EVER**

Sign up and every day during Advent receive short inspirational videos, practical tips, or real-life stories that will help you experience a Christmas full of hope.

dynamiccatholic.com/best-advent-ever

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**ANOINTING OF THE SICK**

On Friday November 17th—patients of Vermilion Healthcare Home in Nunez received the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick administered by Fr. Michael and Fr. Louie.

Thanks to volunteers who minister to the patients each week by bringing communion and hosting a Communion Service or Mass.
On Nov. 18th the Christian Service Center hosted their first annual Color of Love Festival and 5K. Participants gathered for a colorful run/walk through the neighborhoods & Magdalen Square. Award winners are listed [www.runsignup.com](http://www.runsignup.com)

Best overall: 1 Ryan Gray Lafayette 1 Top Fin 20:22.8 2 John Breaux Abbeville 2 Top Fin 21:54.6, 3 Kevin Gonzalez Abbeville 3 Top Fin 22:38.2

Thanksgiving Lunch was served on Nov. 22nd. Thanks to Walmart, Super 1 Foods, Lowes, Winn-Dixie, Planters Rice Mill, Robie’s, Brasseux’s Hardware, Francis GE Center.

Thanks to all of the volunteers including Mr. Scott, Delexious, Ms. Flo, Ms. Janell, Ms. Debra, Ms. Linda, St. Paul’s Church and Abbeville Methodist Church who regularly volunteer to cook and serve in the kitchen. We are grateful for your service.

The Sheriff's Office provided delicious jambalaya plate lunches. The youth played games on the CSC grounds. Local teen musician Deven Buchanan along with Family Mission's Company worship band performed in the afternoon. The event raised funds to continue providing services for those in the most need in our community.

Thanks Sponsors, Organizers, Volunteers and All Participants!

**ANNUAL FOOD NET FOR FAMILIES**

Food Drive will be on **Tuesday, December 5** at Super1 Foods in Abbeville

**8AM – 6PM.** Food collected will be given to the Christian Service Center. Thanks to all for your support.
FOR MEN - DEC 7-10, 2017  Retreat is next weekend Dec. 7-10th with closing Mass Sunday 11AM at St. Mary Magdalen. Please pray for these men on retreat next weekend.

FOR WOMEN FEB 1-4  Contact Renella Livers or John Listi 893-0244  johnvlisti@gmail.com or renella@stmarymagdalenparish.org

Registration forms for men and women are available at church doors and website www.stmarymagdalenparish.org/acts

EDGE  Sun Dec. 3—6:30-8:00pm in Ministry Bldg.

LIFE TEEN  Sun Dec 10—6:30-8:30pm. https://stmarymagdalenparish.org/lifeteen

CONFIRMATION CLASS  Sunday Jan 14—6:30 pm in the Ministry Building

FIRST COMMUNION CLASS—Tuesday, Dec. 5th at 4:15-5:15pm, Ministries Bldg. Second Graders

PRIESTS/SEMINARIANS BASKETBALL
December 27, 2017 • 6:30 pm
Cathedral-Carmel Gym
848 St. John Street, Lafayette, LA

THE GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP will meet on Thursday December 7th at 5:30 in the conference room. All are welcome.

WINTER COAT DRIVE

CATHOLIC DAUGHTER’S SLIPPER, SOCK & SCARVES DRIVE

The Catholic Daughters- Court of STMM 801 will be collecting slippers, socks and scarves to be distributed at area nursing homes and Assistant living facilities. Donation boxes are placed inside church. The drive will continue until December 15th, 2017. Thank you for participating.

For more information contact Melissa Vincent, Regent at 337-322-8489.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COAT DRIVE

Council # 2281 is having their Annual Coat Drive with the Christian Service Center. Deadline to bring your gently used coats will be December 10th. There are boxes in church and in the office for coats.
### MASS INTENTIONS—Dec 4th–Dec 10th

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