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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FROM THE PASTOR

Today’s Gospel is very close to last Sunday’s message. John the Baptist again reminds us that Jesus is coming, but not in the way that we might be expecting him at this time of year. We are caught up in all the preparation for Christmas, and we are thinking about Jesus being born as a little baby whom Mary will lay in a manger. But John the Baptist is pointing to Jesus the light, the one who comes to enlighten all and to shine the brightness of judgment on the works of darkness. To endure this light, we must make straight the way of the Lord in our own lives.

This is “Gaudete Sunday,” and “gaudete” means “rejoice.” In fact, that word recurs again and again in this Sunday’s Scriptures.

This Advent many of us are waiting with an expectation and an anxiety. And right about now, rejoicing doesn’t come easily. But Paul tells us in the second reading, very simply: “Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing. In all circumstances give thanks.” In all circumstances. Even the challenges of today.

WORD FOR THE DAY

John the Baptist is preparing the way for Jesus to come. What in your life needs to be made straight?

THE LIGHT IS ON—RECONCILIATION

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

ACTS FOR WOMEN FEB 1-4

Contact Renella Livers or John Listi 893–0244 renella@stmarymagdalenparish.org or johnvlisti@gmail.com. Registration forms are available at church doors or in the office. www.stmarymagdalenparish.org/acts

Thank you to all Acts brothers and sisters who helped in any way to make the Men’s Acts Retreat so special. The return Mass was such a beautiful witness to all who attended.

PRAYERS FOR ILL OF OUR PARISH


12-10-2017

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CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE *PRAYERS

| Sunday Dec. 24  | 4th Sunday Advent | 7:00 & 9:00 AM Mass only  
 | No 11:00, 3:00 or 5:30 PM Masses |
| Sunday Dec. 24 | Christmas Eve | 4:00 & 6:00 PM  
 | 10:30 PM Christmas Concert  
 | Concert by Choir & instruments  
 | 11:00 PM Christmas Mass at Night  
 | Solemn Mass with Choir & instruments |
| Monday Dec. 25 | Christmas Day | 7:00 & 9:00 AM Mass only |

For those attending Mass twice on Sunday Dec. 24, you may receive Holy Communion at BOTH.

BLESSSED MOTHER CANDLE  
*In memory of Adam Abshire, Jr.*

SANCTUARY CANDLE  
*In thanksgiving to St. Joseph for Favors received*

IN THE WATERS OF BAPTISM WE WELCOME

Lennon Marie Shepard  
Caiden Duc Cuong Cao

Mexico Pilgrimage  
Feb. 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 info@holytravels.org.

EDGE Sun Jan 8th —6:30-8:00pm Ministry Bldg.  
LIFE TEEN Sun Jan 14 —6:30-8:30pm.  https://stmarymagdalenparish.org/lifeteen

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

FIRST COMMUNION CLASS—Tuesday, Jan 9th at 4:15-5:15pm, Ministries Bldg. Second Graders in Public School.

CHRISTIAN SERVICE CENTER  
Hunters and those who fish are welcome to bring any meats or seafood to the Christian Service Center. Call if you need information about days and times 893-9756.

If you have a surplus of oranges, lemons, grapefruit or garden vegetables, please bring to the center at 701 Chevis Street or call for help with delivery 893-9756.

ARE YOU LOOKING FOR A UNIQUE CHRISTMAS GIFT?  
Make a donation to the Christian Service Center, in honor/memory of a friend or loved one. You will receive a card in the mail and your loved one’s name will also be posted in the bulletin upon your request.

For more information,  
Email cscabbeville@gmail.com  
or call Kelli Davis, 337-230-0433.
Centennial of the Diocese of Lafayette

Throughout the year of 2018, we, as Catholics of the Diocese of Lafayette will be celebrating our 100th Anniversary of God working in our midst forming us into a unique and unified people of faith. In this historic year, there will be many events throughout the Diocese and Bishop Deshotel and the Centennial Committee invite and encourage you to attend as many events as possible. These events will help us to reflect upon our past and present in order to better understand how God is leading us into the future.

This anniversary year is a unique and special time for us to reflect upon how the people of our diocese have come together from many continents and cultures in various circumstances and in these 100 years, there have been tough times and joyous times, times of poverty and suffering, and times of great growth. Through it all, God has always been with us, His People. As the Israelites encountered so much in the Old Testament, one can easily understand that God is also progressing us into His vision and goal. And just as it wasn’t always easy for the Israelites, so for us too, but together we strive to offer God our faithfulness so that we can be the Church He needs and calls us to be.

This anniversary year is being called a Century of Love because God has always loved us and even though there have been many tests, the existence of our diocese shows that there has been a love of God and neighbor by God’s People throughout our history.

We would like to present to you a few events and dates of the year so that you can begin planning and preparing. All information for the Centennial can be found in greater detail on the Diocese of Lafayette Website through the Centennial link.

As the initial promulgation for a new diocese to be created in Lafayette by Pope Benedict XV came from Rome dated January 11, 1918, so our anniversary year will begin with an opening Mass at St. Martin de Tours Church in St. Martinville on January 11, 2018 at 6:30pm. While all clergy, religious and laity of the South Deanery are especially encouraged to attend, all clergy, religious and laity of the whole Diocese are invited to attend our opening Mass of the Centennial Year with Bishop Deshotel. There will also be a Mass in the North Deanery of the Diocese at St. Landry Church in Opelousas on March 23, 2018 at 6:30pm and a Mass in the West Deanery at St. Mary Magdalen in Abbeville on April 13, 2018 at 6:30pm. All clergy, religious and laity are invited to attend these Mass with Bishop Deshotel.

Throughout the Year of 2018, Pope Francis has granted a plenary indulgence to all who visit our Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist and pray the Centennial Prayer. All other requirements for an indulgence are necessary (can be found on the Centennial Webpage).
Each church parish will celebrate their establishment to enhance the reality that each church makes up and is a vital part of the Diocese of Lafayette. Dates and activities can be found on the Centennial Webpage. In the parish that you received sacraments, all are invited to go back to those churches and take part in their Centennial Anniversary Parish Activities because you help make up part of the sacramental life and history of that parish. We ask all of you to look up the dates and times of the activities occurring in those parishes where you made a sacrament (baptism, confirmation, marriage, etc.) and plan to go back and attend the celebration in those parishes so that in this historic year, all can reconnect with their spiritual roots.

**Some of the other events are as follows:**
*(Details can be found on the Centennial Webpage on the Diocese of Lafayette Website)*

- **Pro – Life Centennial Walk and Rose Dinner – January 19 & 20, 2018**

- **Centennial Bible Marathon – April 4-8, 2018 in St. Martinville Square, St. Martinville**

- **National Family Life Convention – July 13-18, 2018**

- **Fete du Dieu Vermilion – August 15, 2018**

- **Centennial Pilgrimage to Canada – August 27 – September 5, 2018 (contact Magnificat Travel for information and reservations)**

- **Youth Rally and Adoration – October 27, 2018 at Parc International in Lafayette**

A Closing Mass of the Centennial Year will be at the Cajundome Convention Center in Lafayette. At this Mass, there will be a Historic Memorabilia Walk, Video and a reception following the Mass. This Mass will be a grand affair that celebrates our diversity and unity as Catholics in the Diocese of Lafayette. We will honor our past and present with an opportunity to rededicate ourselves to God’s Call as individuals and as a Diocese. All Catholics throughout the Diocese are invited and encouraged to come together for this Historic Mass.

Also there are Centennial items for sale. Details and prices can be found on the webpage -

- **Centennial Yard Signs**
- **Centennial Commemorative 3 Coin Collection in case**
- **Centennial Commemorative Bronze Coin in case**
- **Commemorative Paperweight Coin**
- **Centennial Diocesan History**

We look forward to celebrating this Century of Love Centennial Year with all of you!

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