La Madeleine
ST. MARY MAGDALEN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY
2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  14 JANUARY 2018

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
Advent Wednesdays 6:30PM—8PM
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.

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.

Pastor Fr. Louis J. Richard
Associate Fr. Michael Richard
Pastoral Associate Sr. Carmelita Latiolais, S.E.C.
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                     Mr. Dustin Bertrand, Ms. Andrea Delhomme

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

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Every Human Person is Sacred

From the opening words of the Bible, we learn that every human being is sacred, made in the image of God. As our nation this week pays tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., the Church calls us to see that whenever the sacred connection between God and the human person is clouded, the sin of racism raises its ugly head. We also learn that evil grows when good people remain silent.

Bishop Deshotel reminds us that real evil begins when we learn to accept racism. He says that “racism believes that someone is less of a person, has less dignity, or is less deserving of respect because of the color of their skin, their nationality, religion or gender. He notes that in our time, the rise of hate groups like Neo-Nazis, the KKK, and White Supremacist Groups all have the sin of racism at their core.”

The Bishop continues: “Acadiana is a rich, diverse culture of Catholicity, whether Anglo, African American, Vietnamese, Hispanic, or other groups. Let’s create an attitude of respect and reverence for each human person. Children should hear in school and at home that racism is sinful and against God’s will. They should be taught that hateful speech, derogatory language, racial jokes and discrimination against others because of the color of their skin will not be tolerated.”

May we all grow in a love for all our brothers and sisters in His family.

*See the Bishop’s full letter on Racism in this Bulletin.

Word for the Day

“The time is always right to do what is right.”
Martin Luther King, Jr.

1-07-2018

1st collection $ 13,481.41
Second Collection: Insurance $ 3,247.00
First Friday $ 3,522.00

Second Collection
This Week: No Second Collection
Next Week: Maintenance Fund
PRAYERS * YOUTH

PRAYERS AND SYMPATHY FOR THE FAMILY OF
David Gabriel Hargroder
Rosemary Chiasson Dyson

Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord

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SANCTUARY CANDLE
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ACTS FOR WOMEN FEB 1-4, 2018

ACTS Women’s Retreat closing Mass - Sunday, February 4th, 11AM at St. Mary Magdalen Church.

Please pray for these women on retreat. A special thank you to the STMM WOMEN’S ACTS Team who have been preparing for 13 weeks.

CENTENNIAL SIGNS

A limited number of Centennial Yard Signs are available at the church office for those who would like to pick them up.

PRAYERS FOR ILL OF OUR PARISH

January 13-14, 2018

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Among the opening words of the Bible, in the book of Genesis, we read the following: “God created man in His image, in the divine image He created him; male and female He created them”. (Gen. 1:27) From the very beginning of time, we learn of the dignity and sacredness of the human person as intended by God. In the account of everything created by God, only the human person is created in the image and likeness of God. From this fundamental truth, we learn that each and every human person is a direct and unique creation of God, called into being and given an everlasting destiny of sharing in God’s life.

In light of so many troubling events occurring in our day and time, I find it important to reiterate this fundamental truth. When the sacred connection between God and the human person is clouded or eliminated, the sin of racism raises its ugly head. History teaches us what happens when evil is not exposed and left unchecked. We must remember that evil grows when good people remain silent. Ethnic cleansing of whole populations, enslavement of peoples simply because of the color of their skin, human trafficking, and the holocaust of Jews are just a few examples. These evils begin with an acceptance of racism.

Racism believes that someone is less of a person, has less dignity, or is less deserving of respect because of the color of their skin, their nationality, religion or gender. Racism looks upon another as less deserving of respect because of their race or class. Racism can be manifested in violence towards others, discrimination, harsh and demeaning language, subtle words and actions used for the purpose of denigrating a person’s worth, and societal structures that deny basic human rights. It is a sin and a direct affront to God who creates each and every human person out of love.

In our time, the rise of hate groups like Neo-Nazis, the KKK, and White Supremacist Groups all have the sin of racism at their core. All people of good will should expose such evil for what it is and work to create a culture that respects each human person as created in the image of God. “For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him might not perish but may have everlasting life. (John 3:16).
Our Diocese of Lafayette is a rich and colorful mosaic of many cultures and people. The original Acadians were exiled from their homes because their religion and nationality. We are blessed with a large African American Catholic culture. They endured deportation from their homes, slavery, segregation, exploitation, inhuman mistreatment, and extreme racism. Yet, through all their suffering, their faith endured and inspires us to this day. Now, Vietnamese, Hispanics, Filipinos and many other cultures show us the beauty and variety of God’s creation.

Let us create that culture of respect and reverence for each human person from conception in the womb to natural death. Children should hear in school and at home that racism is sinful and against God’s will. They should be told that hateful speech, derogatory language, racial jokes, and discrimination against others because of the color of their skin will not be tolerated. St. John reminds us in his letter that love of God necessarily means love of our neighbor who is created in the image and likeness of God. “Whoever says he loves God but hates his neighbor, lies.” (1 John 4:20) May God lead all of us to a love for all our brothers and sisters in His family.

Faithfully yours in Christ,

Most Reverend J. Douglas Deshotel, D.D.
Bishop of Lafayette

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**A NEW DIOCESE IS NAMED**

On January 11, 1918, Pope Benedict XV officially created the Diocese of Lafayette. News reached New Orleans weeks later. The Pope did not immediately name a bishop for the new diocese, so the Archdiocese of New Orleans continued to look after the new diocese until a Bishop was in place. Fr. Teurlings and the parishioners at St. John in Lafayette, had completed a new church just two years prior. In February, Fr. Teurlings received the word that his new church would serve as the Cathedral of the new diocese.

**CENTENNIAL INDULGENCE**

A Centennial Indulgence will be granted by Pope Francis and can be gained throughout this Centennial Year by all who visit the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist and pray the Centennial Prayer.

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**PRO-LIFE ACTIVITIES**

**Vigil Mass** January 19 at 7pm at St. Pius X in Lafayette (tickets required - free).

**Rosary Congress** from January 19 – 26 in St. Pius X Adoration Chapel.

**Rally Praise and Worship** on January 20 in ULL Quad from 9:30am-11:30am followed by a Pro-Life March (11:30-12:30) to the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist, welcome by Bishop Deshotel at 12:30 and a Prayer Service and Benediction.

**Rose Dinner** at the Petroleum Club at 6pm (tickets required - $75 per person/$600 per table of 8). For all ticket information, call the Diocesan Pro-Life Office – 261-5607

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**CENTENNIAL NEWS**

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<td>Billy Noegel</td>
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