He approached, grasped her hand, and helped her up. Then the fever left her and she waited on them.

Pastor Fr. Louis J. Richard
Associate Fr. Michael Richard
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Housekeeper Mrs. Kim White
Life Teen Youth Ministers Mr. John Listi, Drew & Rachel David,
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

Welcome newcomers, please complete a census form located in back of church
337-893-0244 stmarymagdalenparish.org
300 Pere Megret Street P. O. Box 1507 Abbeville, LA 70511-1507

CHRISTIAN SERVICE CENTER 337-893-9756
“Action and Contemplation”

I recently returned from an 8-day silent “directed” retreat in Colorado, at the same place where several years ago I was privileged to make a 30-day retreat as part of my Sabbatical program. “Directed” means every day I met with a spiritual director who guided the tone of the retreat and gave me scripture reflections for my prayer. I always cherish these days of retreat, and this one was again very beautiful, restful and spiritually renewing.

Everyone needs a healthy balance of work and rest, of action (doing things) and of contemplation. Our spirits need quiet places and sacred time where we can escape the noise of our busy and often hectic lives and try to come to experience the peace of being alone with God, to re-connect with God in the quiet of our hearts, so we can know the joy of doing simple, humble things for others.

Jesus’ life had that rhythm of “action and contemplation”. After he cured Simon’s mother-in-law and many others, “Jesus went off to a deserted place, where he prayed.” Even though not everyone is able to go to Colorado and spend 8 days in retreat, Jesus invites us to find spaces in our lives for prayer and make quiet time in our days to re-center our lives in the love of God, to hear again the voice of God calling us to lives of joyful gratitude and fulfilling service to others.

BISHOP’S SERVICE APPEAL message will be played this weekend at Masses. Pledge cards are available in the pews.

WORD OF THE DAY “Take time to reflect on the story of your life. If not, you may lose the thread of your life, your source of identity and purpose.” Matthew Kelly

A.C.T.S. RETREAT- Welcome back women from this weekend’s retreat.

YOUR STEWARDSHIP TO GOD

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PRAYERS * LENT *COME LORD JESUS GROUPS FORMING

PRAYERS AND SYMPATHY FOR THE FAMILIES OF

Warren Edward LeLeux
Arthur Joseph Guidry
Sawyer James Allums

BLESSSED MOTHER CANDLE
In honor of Flo Rageur

SANCTUARY CANDLE
In memory of Jules Foreman

WELCOME INTO THE WATERS OF BAPTISM
Dominic Vincent Listi

PRAYERS FOR THE ILL
Louise, Joyce & Carroll Baudoin, Richard & Audrey Belaire, Paul & Audrey Bergeron, Effie Bernard, Kathleen Blanco, Jane Bohrer, Eldes Bourque, M/M Alan Bourque, Irene Broussard, Joey & Peggy Broussard, Wilda Broussard, Melise Broussard, Fr. Joe Breaux, Jimmy Buford, Georgella Curtis, Judy Choate, Lorraine Danof, Mezie Donahue, Lana Dore, Audrey Faulk, Mary D. Duhon, Charlie Fredrick, Lola Griffin, Mary Ann & Rita Guarino, Mildred Guidry, Wilda Hebert, Linda Hebert, Rose Herpin, Marcie Hollier, Rose Labauve, Jim Landry, Paul Landry, M/M Levan LeBlanc, Judy Leblanc, Emile LeBouef, Eldith Lege, Ray Lege, Flo Lormand, Cheryl Meaux, Clifford Monic, Elaine & Pete Mouledous, Hazel Mouton, Mary Perry, Marjorie Pierce, Marie Prejean, Anna Lee Robin, Ms. Donald Roy, Mary Scalisi, Tookie Sonnier, Carolyn Songne, Rosa Bell Stansbury, Yvonne Stelly, Gloria Theall, Sheena & Travis Touchet, Mary Trahan, Linest Trahan, Patrick Weaver.

PLAN FOR LENT 2018

REDISCOVER JESUS -LENTEN MISSION
3 Monday Evening Masses with Homilies
* Feb 26th Fr. Keith LaBove
* Mar 5th Fr. Hampton Davis
* Mar 12th Fr. Brian Harrington

6:30 PM Mass each evening

COME LORD JESUS
St. Mary Magdalen is forming new Come Lord Jesus Groups to deepen our communion with God and with each other. Please join us Monday, February 19, 2018 @ 6:00 PM for an introduction to Come, Lord Jesus!

This program centers basic elements of PRAYER
*SCRIPTURE* EUCHARISTIC*COMMUNITY . All practiced in the early Church (Acts 2:42)

40 CANS FOR 40 DAYS OF LENT The Lay Carmelite Community #1906 is inviting people to join in their service project of collecting 40 cans for the 40 days of Lent. There are bins at the doors of the church for you to put your donations. Whatever you can give is greatly appreciated.
The Christian Service Center will receive these cans. Last year this project was a great success. For more information contact Judy Broussard jglb@cox.net 652-3657.

RICE BOWL— All families are invited to participate in the Rice Bowl Program 2018 Rice Bowls are available at the doors of church.

BEST LENT EVER - DYNAMIC CATHOLIC
Free email program that will guide you on an incredible 40-day journey to become the best-version-of-yourself.

BestLentEver.com
The History of Our Mother:

New Orleans and the Church in Louisiana

After 200 years under French or Spanish control, Louisiana became a territory of the United States with the Louisiana Purchase in 1803. Suddenly, the local Church found itself without the financial support and resources from a Catholic-friendly government. In 1812, Louisiana became the 18th State to join the United States. Statehood coincided with a new leader of the Church in Louisiana, Louis-Guillaume Dubourg was appointed Bishop of the Diocese of Louisiana and the Two Floridas in 1815. This massive diocese included most of the Louisiana Territory and stretched eastward to cover all of Florida. Dubourg's vision and effort began in Europe where he recruited priests from France and Italy to serve in the mission field of his diocese.

As the population in Louisiana grew, the third church in southwest Louisiana was established at Grand Coteau in 1819. Two years later, Bishop Dubourg was able to convince religious sisters to create a school for girls in the region. The Religious of the Sacred Heart established the Academy of the Sacred Heart in Grand Coteau. With just two nuns and five pupils, formal education in the faith began in Southwest Louisiana.

Also in 1821, as the population grew around the Vermilion River, a new parish was formed in Vermilionville (now Lafayette). Jean Mouton Sr. donated land for St. John the Evangelist Church to be built near a massive oak.

As new churches slowly began to form, the Diocese of Louisiana and the Two Floridas began a much needed downsizing. In the mid-1820s the diocese was reduced in size to the form of the newly minted State of Louisiana, with New Orleans continuing to serve as the seat of the bishop. This downsizing allowed the bishop to focus his energies on the needs of his Louisiana Catholics.

In 1836, the Bishop of New Orleans was able to recruit the Society of Jesus to move to Grand Coteau. Eight French Jesuits arrived to oversee St. Charles Borromeo Parish as well as form St. Charles College. Within just two short years, enrollment at the school topped one hundred pupils. As education blossomed in Grand Coteau,
The Knights of Columbus will host a Lecture Series on the History of the Diocese of Lafayette and our First Bishop. Fr. Michael Richard will deliver two presentations:

**Thursday February 15th at 6 PM** – New Beginnings and a New Bishop: “Formation West of the Atchafalaya”

**Thursday February 22nd at 6 PM** – The Legacy of Bishop Jules B. Jeanmard: “Ministry to Black Catholics”

Both presentations will be in the St. Mary Magdalen Ministry Building.

If you plan to attend please email parish@stmarymagdalenparish.org or call (337) 893-0244, so we can prepare for the number attending.

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