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, Donald Bernard
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 Mrs. Monica DeRouen
Receptionist Mrs. Marguerite Landry
Christian Service Center Mr. Marcelo & Mrs. Kelli Davis
Maintenance Mr. Malcolm d’Augereau
Life Teen Youth Ministers Mr. John Listi, Ms. Andrea Delhommer, Mr. Drew & Mrs. Rachael David

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

ST. MARY MAGDALEN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY
21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 26 AUGUST 2018

WEEKEND
Saturday: 4:00 PM
Sunday: 7:00AM
9:00 AM
11:00 AM
3:00 PM (Vietnamese)
5:30 PM

WEEKDAYS
Monday - Friday:  6:30 AM

RECONCILIATION
Saturday:  2:30 - 3:30 PM
Sunday:  4:45 - 5:15 PM
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.

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
OUR SEMINARIANS

As the academic year begins, let us not forget the young men who begin their academic year in seminary. St. Mary Magdalen sponsors four sons of our parish in their formation towards priesthood for the Diocese of Lafayette. Seth Lemaire begins his second year of Theological Studies at the North American College in Rome. Our other three seminarians are currently at St. Joseph Seminary College in Covington (aka “St. Ben’s”). Calvin LeMaire and Jace Gyles are entering their Junior Year, while Bret Lee is beginning as a Sophomore. Bret is our newest seminarians; he will introduce himself in next week’s bulletin. Our role as a parish is to support these men with our prayers as they discern whether the Lord is calling them to the Priesthood.

Seminarians always welcome any letters of support you wish to send their way. For those in Covington, the address is the same, simply put the name of the seminarian in the first line. Snail mail is a little more complicated for Seth; email would be much quicker and easier.

Seth Lemaire
smlemaire@gmail.com
Seminarian Seth Lemaire
Pontifical North American College
00120 Vatican City State, Europe

Calvin LeMaire, Jace Gyles, or Bret Lee
Saint Joseph Seminary
75376 River Rd.

Calvin LeMaire
possible Priestly Ordination: 2024

Jace Gyles
possible Priestly Ordination: 2024

Bret Lee
possible Priestly Ordination: 2025

EXTENSION CALENDARS 2019

In December each year St. Mary Magdalen families receive a Religious Calendar. The calendar is provided to parishioners courtesy of generous individuals who advertise. For an ad price of $275 your name/business will appear on front of each of the 1,000+ calendars we order for 2019. Please contact the parish office or Fr. Louie if you are interested 893-0244.

A STEWARDSHIP CONVERSATION

Join us in conversation...

“The demands of a stewardship way of life are difficult. How can we keep going when it gets tough? Peter’s honest answer to the choice Jesus poses shows us a way to stay true to a stewardship way of life. Looking at himself and the world around him, Peter comes to a realization. To paraphrase, he says, ‘I don’t really see any better options, Lord. I’ve tried life with you and it’s hard. But I’ve tried life without You and it’s harder — it doesn’t satisfy. Where else am I going to go? I choose You, Lord.’ Remembering blessings and relying on Him — these are two keys to a beautiful way of life.”

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OUTREACH SERVICES FOR WOMEN

CSC Outreach Services for Women reaches out to women who may be pregnant or need assistance. Please join the community in collecting diapers (sizes N—5) and wipes to stock our Baby Pantry. Drop off at Church office or contact Kelli Davis 893-0244. We thank those who have been helping us prepare to open. Once the baby pantry is filled, we will begin to offer services.

kelli@stmarymagdalenparish.org

YOUR STEWARDSHIP TO GOD

August 19, 2018

1st Collection $10,861.00
2nd Bishop’s Services Appeal $ 2,028.10
Feast Of the Assumption $  5,279.00

Second Collection
This Week : Utilities
Next Week : Insurance

Thanks for your generosity!
PRAYERS

BLESS ED MOTHER CANDLE
All families whose children have died

SANCTUARY CANDLE
All with financial difficulties

PRAYERS AND SYMPATHY
FOR THE FAMILIES OF
Paul Miller
Theresa Touchet

WE PRAY FOR BLESSINGS OF HEALTH
Gloria Abshire, Louise, Joyce & Carroll Baudoin,

LIFE TEEN Begins Sunday
Aug. 26. Every Confirmation Candidate must be registered. If you missed the meeting, pick up a registration packet from the ministries building, or go to our website under the sacraments / confirmation tab.

CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

RCIA sessions begin in September, preparing individuals to celebrate the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist during the Easter season. For information please contact Renella Livers renella@stmarymagdalenparish.org or call Church Office 893-0244.

DEACON DON REFLECTION ON JP II

The Power of Community

REFLECTIONS ON THE TEACHINGS
OF POPE ST. JOHN PAUL II

ST. MARY MAGDALEN CHURCH
ABBEVILLE
DEACON DONALD BERNARD
3 TUESDAYS @ 6:30 PM
MINISTRIES BUILDING
AUGUST 21 AUGUST 28 SEPTEMBER 4TH

PIANO CONCERT FR. SEAN DUGGAN
Tues. Sept. 25, 2018 @ 6:30
Brookshire Farm

SEÁN DUGGAN, OSB, pianist, is a monk of St. Joseph Abbey in Covington. Before he joined the Benedictine order he was pianist and assistant chorus master for the Pittsburgh Opera Company. He has performed with many orchestras: The Louisiana Philharmonic, The Buffalo Philharmonic, The Leipzig Gewandhaus Orchestra, The Leipzig Baroque Soloists, The Prague Chamber Orchestra and many more. Tickets available vermilionartscouncil.org 337-898-4114
God is Made Glorious in His Saints: Saints in Acadiana

Of all the holy men and women who have stepped foot in the Diocese of Lafayette, there is one Saint of the Church whose influence and lasting effect on the Diocese is unparalleled. Bishop Edward O’Donnell called her “the patron saint of the Lafayette Diocese.” That woman is Mother Katherine Drexel, who was declared a Saint of the Church by Pope St. John Paul II in October 2000. Drexel inherited an incredible sum of money from her father and in 1887 a young Katharine received a private audience with Pope Leo XIII in Rome. It was there that she asked the Holy Father to send missionaries to the Native Americans. Pope Leo responded, “Why not, my child, you become a missionary?”

This question led Katharine to dedicate her life in service to the needs of African Americans and Native Americans. At the prompting of her spiritual director, she founded a religious community named the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament in 1891. In 1917, Drexel first became involved in what would become the Diocese of Lafayette when she donated over $10,000 for the creation of a Church and School for African Americans in New Iberia. The parish was named after her recently deceased brother-in-law named Edward. Once the Diocese of Lafayette was created, Bishop Jeanmard was quick to ask Mother Drexel for financial help to enact his vision of outreach to the African American community. Drexel’s first trip to Lafayette was in 1923 when Bishop Jeanmard gave her a personal tour to emphasize the work that needed to be done. In time, Mother Drexel would establish 24 rural schools for African-Americans in the Diocese, all at her own expense. She was also instrumental in the founding of several parishes throughout Acadiana and with bringing many Blessed Sacrament Sisters to the Diocese as well. At the time of her death in 1955, the Diocese of Lafayette was receiving around $20,000 a year from her in support of African American schools and parishes.

The only other canonized Saint to step foot in Acadiana was Saint Mother Teresa, who came to visit Lafayette in July of 1986. Her visit was to establish a home for four of her Missionaries of Charity to live and work among the poor in Lafayette. But her visit also served as a spiritual boost to the Diocese in the midst of the scandals of the 1980s. She held a gigantic rally in the Cajundome, which was filled with a capacity crowd of over 15,000. Mother Teresa’s connection to Fr. Joseph Brennan led her to spend some time in prayer at St. Genevieve Church, where a mural of Mother Teresa now recognizes this Saint’s visit to Acadiana.
Two local “saints” have arisen through the first 100 years of the Diocese. The first is Fr. Joseph Verbis Lafleur. Fr. Lafleur was born in Ville Platte and moved to Opelousas as a young man. He entered seminary at the age of 15, and after his studies he was ordained a Priest for the Diocese of Lafayette on April 2, 1938. His first assignment was as the associate pastor at St. Mary Magdalen in Abbeville. In the summer of 1941, he joined the Army as World War II was raging around the world. He arrived in the Philippines just a few weeks before it was attacked on December 8, 1941.

For his bravery in the battle that ensued, he was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross, the Bronze Star, and the Purple Heart. Captured with many others, he became a Prisoner of War and lived in many Japanese POW camps for over two years. On September 7, 1944, Fr. Lafleur gave his life as his POW transport ship was attacked by Americans. He was last seen helping other servicemen evacuate the ship as it was sinking. His witness of priestly zeal, courage, and sacrifice have left a strong impression upon those with whom he served and upon the people of Acadiana. Annually, a Mass is celebrated in his honor on September 7, at St. Landry Church in Opelousas.

Our “little Cajun Saint” is the well-known Charlene Richard. A young woman of only 12 years old who died after a quick battle with acute Lymphatic Leukemia. In the summer of 1959, as she was admitted to Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital, she received counsel from Fr. Joseph Brennan, who spoke to her about the power of offering her suffering for others. The young Charlene accepted this idea with incredible joy, and spent her dying days offering up her suffering for the others who were suffering at the hospital and elsewhere. Before she died on August 11, she promised that she would continue praying for others. The witness of her heroic virtue in the midst of great suffering was remarkable. Many people began to make pilgrimages to her gravesite in Richard, Louisiana and a number of people have attested to her intercession on behalf of those who are ill. Annually, a large Mass is celebrated at St. Edward Church in Richard on the anniversary of her death.

Thank You to all who participated in celebrating the Assumption & Fête-Dieu du Vermilion.
Date/Mass Times | Celebrant/ Deacon | Lectors | Eucharistic Ministers | Altar Servers |
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Saturday, Sept. 1 4:00pm | Fr. Michael Deacon Tran | Reba Broussard Tammy Landry | Deacon Tran (S) Tim Landry Tommy Laperouse | Matthew Romero Madison Meaux |
Sunday, Sept. 2 7:00am | Fr. Michael | Billy Noel | Peggy Ashley (S) Suzanne Meaux Beth Melebeck | Ryan McLain |
9:00am | Fr. Michael / Deacon Bernard | David Bertrand Susie Bertrand | Jackie Nash (S) Kenneth Choate Byron Hebert | Jack Henry Andrew Dugas |
11:00am | Fr. Louie/Deacon Vincent | Byron Hebert Meg Hebert | Deacon Vincent (S) Blane Comeaux Susan Desormeaux | Parrish Vienne Bill Broussard |
5:30pm | Fr. Louie/Deacon Bernard | Letty Gallet Robert Gallet | Joan Greco (S only) Mark Derouen Letty Gallet Robert Gallet | Luke Roger Jude Roger Hayden Beasley |