Your word O Lord is truth, consecrate us in the truth

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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
For and Against

“Whoever is not with us is against us.”

That’s our current societal outlook, no doubt. We are quick to point to those who aren’t in lockstep with us. Politicians play this card often by attempting to show how their opponent is against the very values they admire. Sometimes, it seems the only thing that actually unites us is that which we commonly despise. This sort of separation and polarization is natural. We are inclined to see differences. Both Joshua in our first reading and the apostles in today’s Gospel see others as a threat to the authority of their leader. They notice the difference, and they seek to prevent them. “Are you jealous for my sake?” Moses replies. In our rush to make distinctions, we make enemies out of friends. But Jesus’ words are very clear:

“Whoever is not against us is for us.”

The approach of Jesus is different than the ways of the world. While we strive to find reasons for division, Jesus sees the commonality and the shared aims. Let us be quick to find what unites us, finding the good in our neighbors and even those we think to be against us.

In Christ,
T-Père

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YOUR STEWARDSHIP TO GOD

September 22, 2018
1st Collection $12,337.00
2nd Collection: None

Second Collections
This Week Sept. 30th: No Collection

Thank you for your generosity & stewardship!

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MASS OF HEALING W ANOINTING

MASS OF HEALING WITH ANOINTING OF THE SICK OCTOBER 6 AT 9AM

Sat. Oct. 6th at 9 AM Fr. Louie and Fr. François will celebrate a Mass of Healing and offer Anointing of the Sick to parishioners who are ill. All are welcome!

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GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 4, 5:30 PM

All are welcome to join this group. For more information contact Sr. Carm 893-0244

Would you like to support Hurricane Relief Aid?

Pick up envelopes in the back of Church or in the pews. Make Checks payable to:

St. Mary Magdalen Hurricane Aid
Drop envelope in any St. Mary Magdalen Collection or at the church office.
PRAYERS

BLESSED MOTHER CANDLE
For the safety of all children, especially the unborn

SANCTUARY CANDLE
In Thanksgiving for Healing

PRAYERS AND SYMPATHY FOR THE FAMILY OF
Edith Marie Petry Milton

WELCOME INTO THE WATERS OF BAPTISM
Luke Ryan Trahan
Yvonne Marie Landry
Haisley Mae Hebert
Harper Kate Steen

WE PRAY FOR BLESSINGS OF HEALTH
Erika, Gloria Abshire, Louise, Joyce & Carroll Baudoin, Richard & Audrey Belaire, Paul & Audrey Bergeron, Kathleen Blanco, Jane Bohrer, M/M Alan Bourque, Irene, Wilda, Malise, Joey & Peggy, Adam & Marlene & Jimmy Broussard, Fr. Joe Breaux, Jimmy Buford, Shelton & Deanna Chappellier, Georgella Curtis, Lorraine Danof, Liz Dardeau, Mike deValcourt, Meezie Donahue, Lana Dore, Melba Dubois, Mary D, Carbett Duhon, Jr., Audrey Faulk, Annette Fredrick, Buster Griffin, Mary Ann & Rita Guarino, Mildred Guidry, Kenneth “My Love” & Joan Harrington, Linda Hebert, Margaret P. Jackson, Rose Labauve, Beverly & Levan Leblanc, Carroll Lemaire, Jim & Paul Landry, Audrey, Emile LeBouef, Edith, Ray Lege, Ezryn Lofton, Flo Lormand, Gail Mayard, Cheryl Meaux, Linda Menard, Delores Miller, Betty Mouton, Elaine & Pete Mouledous, Hazel Mouton, Martin Noel, Mary Perry, Marjorie Pierce, Marie Prejean, Anna Lee Robin, Janell & Dudley Romero, Dawn Roy, DeElla Roy, Steve Russell, Mary Scalisi, Mike Saunier, Tookie Sonnier, Rosa Bell Stansbury, Yvonne Stelly, Gloria Theall, Sheena & Touchet, Mary Trahan, Mike Veavey, Brenda Vidrine, Patrick Weaver, Young Woods.

FALL FOR PARENTS & YOUTH

FALL FAMILY FAITH SUNDAYS 9:30-10:30 October 21, Nov. 11, Dec. 9
LIFE TEEN SESSIONS @ Pere Megret on alternate Sundays following the 5:30 Mass
Fall Sessions: Oct 14, Oct 28, Nov 11
CONFIRMATION Candidates participate in Life Teen Program through April 4, 2019
EDGE SESSIONS Monthly on Sundays following 5:30 Mass Fall Sessions: Oct 7, Nov 4, Dec 2

MEN’S ACTS RETREAT JAN. 17 –20
ACTS retreat is a Catholic lay retreat presented by STMM parishioners. The men’s retreat begins Thurs evening Jan17th and ends Sun Jan 20th at 11AM Mass at St. Mary Magdalen. Registration forms on website, at church doors, and office. 893-0422 johnvlisti@gmail.com

CENTENNIAL NOTES

ST. THERESE OF LISIEUX
On Sept 30, 1897, a 24 year old cloistered Carmelite passed away from tuberculosis in Lisieux, France. Yet this young nun would have a profound impact on the universal church and on the faithful in the Diocese of Lafayette. Just three years after her canonization, a new parish in the Diocese took her patronage as St. Theresa of the Child Jesus was established in 1928 in Duson. St. Theresa in Abbeville would follow in 1959. Through her writings and her “little way”, Therese touched the lives of the people of Acadiana. Her feast day is October 1.

ANNULMENT WORKSHOP OCT. 16, 2018
Msgr. Robie Robichaux will present workshops on what is needed to begin the annulment process. October 16th at 10:00AM, or 6:00PM at 1408 Carmel Drive, Lafayette, LA. All are welcome and there is no charge for this workshop. Register: 261-5623 catrahan@diolaf.org.
Joy and Hope:
The Church of Acadiana in the Modern World

“For the first time, the Church of Lafayette, as a distinct entity, will join with the other Churches of the Catholic world in solemn and important deliberations and decisions which we fervently hope and pray will bring about the great renewal so much desired by our Holy Father and so necessary for our era.” These words of Bishop Maurice Schexnayder were read in all the Churches in the Diocese of Lafayette on October 14, 1962 as the Bishop was in Rome for the start of the Second Vatican Council.

Pope St. John XXIII shocked the world in January 1959 when he called for an ecumenical council. Since the Council of Trent, which was called to respond to the Protestant Reformation in the mid-1500s, there had only been one ecumenical council. It was clear from the beginning that this Council would be the largest the Church had ever seen, with well over 2,000 participating bishops. After almost four years of preparation, the first session of the Second Vatican Council began on October 11, 1962. In his opening address, Pope St. John XXIII encouraged the thousands of bishops in attendance: “Your role [is] to show prompt obedience to the supernatural guidance of the Holy Spirit and to do your utmost to answer the needs and expectations of every nation on earth. To do this you will need serenity of mind, a spirit of brotherly concord, moderation in your proposals, dignity in discussion, and wisdom in deliberation. God grant that your zeal and your labors may abundantly fulfill these aspirations. The eyes of the world are upon you; and all its hopes.”

The Second Vatican Council met over the course of four years from 1962-1965. The Council consisted of four sessions, each lasting a few months during autumn. The Bishops of the world were invited to participate and were given votes throughout the process as the Council set forth its agenda and, in time, began producing documents to help the Church see herself in the modern world. Bishops who attended the Council were called “Council Fathers” because of their role. Bishop Schexnayder attended three of the four sessions, missing only Session Two in the fall of 1963. Schexnayder was well suited for this time in Rome, as he had studied in Rome to finish his theological preparation during his time in seminary.

After the Council concluded in December of 1965, Bishop Schexnayder returned to Lafayette and

Pictured above left to right:
Bishop Maurice Schexnayder, Pope John XXIII
promptly began writing to his flock about the importance of the Council documents. Schexnayder asked that a series of homilies be preached at every church in the Diocese beginning the first Sunday in Lent 1966. In his first letter to the Diocese of Lafayette after the Council on January 24, 1966, Bishop Schexnayder outlines the goals of the Council.

“The primary purpose of the Council was that the Church examine Herself, Her fidelity to the mission given Her by Her Divine Founder and to make Her mission more effective in the world.

We must speak the language of Christ in words that modern man can understand and that will recall to his mind his divine vocation. Hence it is that 11 of the 16 Conciliar documents are directed to the renewal of the Church Herself and to the more effective fulfillment of Her mission to preach the Gospel to every creature. ...The second purpose of the Council, important but secondary in nature, was to strive for Christian unity. ...Thirdly, the Council strove to address itself and the Church to all men, even to those without any faith.”

His letter to the people of the Diocese of Lafayette continues: “In summary, then, what can we say was the spirit and purpose of the Council? It was the purpose of the Council to honor God, to rediscover with new vitality the divine mission of the Church; to bring God’s truth more effectively to all men, and to do so with love and charity, with understanding and in the spirit of service.”

The Second Vatican Council would push the Catholic Church ever more into her role of evangelizing and serving as a light to the nations. Amidst the joys and sorrows of the world, the Church declared her fidelity to the mission of Jesus Christ. Bishop Schexnayder worked to implement the Council in the Diocese of Lafayette until his retirement in 1972 after serving as the Bishop of Lafayette for over 16 years. Today, over 50 years after the conclusion of the Second Vatican Council, the Church is grateful to the vision of the Council Fathers and our Holy Fathers who have helped us interpret the Council and put its teachings into practice.

CENTENNIAL CLOSING MASS DEC 12 @ 6PM CAJUNDOME

Bishop Deshotel invites all to attend this significant event in the history of the diocese. Cajundome doors open at 4:30PM. A historical exhibit will be set up and a reception will be held following the mass.

ADDITIONAL PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES

FIRST SATURDAY MASSES OCT. 6

8 AM Holy Rosary, Kaplan
8 AM Our Lady of Lourdes, Erath
9 AM St. Theresa, Abbeville

PUBLIC SQUARE ROSARY CRUSADE

What : The Holy Rosary
Where: Magdalen Square
When : October 13
For more information, contact Kearney Stakes : 739-1339
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