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Sunday of Advent

They shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks; one nation shall not raise the sword against another.

Isaiah 2:4

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Weekend Mass  Sat. 4:00PM  Sun: 7, 9, 11AM  3:00(Vietnamese) 5:30PM
Weekday Mass  Mon-Fri  6:30AM
Reconciliation  Sat 2:30-3:30PM
Sun 4:45-5:15PM Before Morning Mass

Call office to schedule 893-0244

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ST. MARY MAGDALEN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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December 1, 2019
FROM THE PASTOR

HOW TO BEGIN ADVENT?
Many of us are in an ideal place to begin Advent, but we don’t know it. It might be tempting to think that, because we are struggling these days with so much going on that we can’t truly enter into the season of Advent without some big change in our mood or having to give up our regular experiences. That’s not true.

Advent is about letting God come to us. We do the letting and God does the coming. And the whole truth of our faith is that God is not reluctant to come into this special relationship with us (like Mary and Joseph’s) or to be born in the poverty of a makeshift stable outside Bethlehem. Opening up to the graces of Advent means we realize how much we need and want saving, and we learn to accept that saving love of our God.

Let’s pray for each other to have a good Advent this year.

Sr. Irene

Word for the Day
The Glory of God is the human person fully alive.
St. Irenaeus

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DECEMBER ADVENT I’M READING LUKE

Have you ever noticed that there are 24 days in December before Christmas and 24 chapters in the Gospel of Luke?

Would you like to join Fr. Louie, Fr. Don and other parishioners in reading the Gospel of Luke during Advent this year?

Would you let Fr. Louie or Fr. Don know if you are in so that we can encourage and pray for one another?

usccb.org/bible/luke/1

DECEMBER ST. MARY MAGDALEN 6PM

You are invited to learn more about St. Mary Magdalen, our patron saint, and delve more deeply into her life and identity. Fr. Don Bernard will give two presentations on St. Mary Magdalen.
Dec 2ND and 16TH @6PM @

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Reconciliation
Wednesdays of Advent
6:30-8:00PM
PRAYERS & SYMPATHY

SANCTUARY CANDLE IN MEMORY OF
Fr. "T" & Walter Primeaux & In Thanksgiving
BLESSING MOTHER CANDLE HONOR OF
Monica & Mike Lemaire Family

SYMPATHY FOR THE FAMILIES OF
Joseph Joyce Vidalier
Father of David Vidalier
Karen Ann Bertrand
Daughter of Georgia Bertrand and a sister to Mark Bertrand
Cheryl Fontenot
Wife of Ken, mother of Danny Fontenot and Andrea Waters

SAFE HAVEN SUNDAY
The constant flood of influence that comes through the internet and social media in all of its various forms, along with social pressures from peers make it difficult for children to live virtuous and holy lives.

In the digital age, it’s not a matter of if your child will see something inappropriate on line. It’s only a matter of when. And regrettably, internet pornography is teaching our children how and what to think about sex and marriage.

Please join us with your interest as we work to have conversations with our children. To learn more, please visit diolaf.org/safehaven

MEMORIALS FOR CHRISTMAS FLOWERS
Memorials will be published in the Christmas bulletin if turned in by December 15TH. Please place names in an envelope marked Christmas Memorial and return it in any collection or drop off at the parish office.

WE PRAY FOR BLESSINGS OF HEALTH
Erika & Gloria Abshire, Susie Allbright, Louise & Carroll Baudoin, Richard & Audrey Belaire, Paul & Audrey Bergeron, M/M Alan Bourque, Irene, Malise, Joey, Peggy, Adam, Marlene, Jimmy & Robert Broussard, Deanna & Shelton Charpentier, M/M Julia Couvillon, Georgella Curtis, Lorraine Danof, Liz Dardeau, Marcelo Davis, Mark DeRouen, Tina, Shirley Hardy DesOrmeaux, Mike deValcourt, Meenzie Donahue, Lana Dore, Shirley, Mary Dunham, Maureen Duvall, Audrey Faulk, Gerald Flores, Annette, Betty, Jan, Melba Frederick, Lori Gooch, Kady Green, M/M Buster Griffin, Mary Ann & Rita Guarino, M/M Kenneth Harrington, Linda Hebert, Marie Cora Lee Howard, Margaret P. Jackson, Rose Labauve, Barbara LaPointe, Leven, Braden, John LeJeune, Carroll Lemaire, Audrey, Edith & Ray Lege, Ezryn Lofton, Flo Lormand, Jean-Paul Marceaux, Danielle & Linda Menard, Delores Miller, Angela, Hazel & Betty Mouton, Judy Morgan, M/M Pete Mouleous, Mary Perry, Marjorie Pierce, Marie Prejean, Kay, Sandy Richard, M/M Dudley Romero, Dawn & DeElla Roy, Bobbie Rider, Mike Saunier, Mary Scalisi, Myrlene Sellers, Arthurine Simon, Tookie Sonnier, Rosa Belle Stansbury, Yvonne, Jackie Stelly, Camille Vidos, Gloria Theall, Sheena Touchet, Olivia, Mary Trahan, Brenda Vidrine, Florine Vincent, Mike Veazey, Rob Wade, Pat Weaver, Young Woods.

“The Prayer of the sick person is her/his patience and acceptance of sickness for the love of Jesus Christ. Make sickness itself a prayer, for there is none more powerful, save except martyrdom!”

St. Francis de Sales

PRAYER BLANKET MINISTRY
Parishioners are needed to help sew prayer blankets. Sewing is simply stitching seams. There is plenty of fabric available in the parish office. These prayer blankets are blessed and given to ill and elderly parishioners. Contact Marguerite if interested 893-0244
marguerite@stmarymagdalenparish.org.
Many of you grew up memorizing the questions and answers in the Baltimore Catechism. One question states, “Why did God make you?” The answer is, “God made me to know Him, to love Him, and to serve Him in this world, and to be happy with Him forever in heaven.” This simple yet profound truth is the basis of the work and mission of St. Mary Magdalen Parish.

As we approach the sacred season of Advent, we look to prepare our hearts and minds to greet our Savior, Jesus Christ. While we celebrate His coming every year, we can make an intentional effort this Advent to know Him more personally.

St. Mary Magdalen will offer the following opportunities to know God more fully:

THE GOSPEL OF LUKE CHALLENGE
There are 24 days in Advent which coordinate with the 24 chapters of Luke’s Gospel. Join us in taking the Luke challenge by reading a chapter a day for Advent.

PARISH MISSION: WHO ARE WE OUR SAINT, OUR COMMUNITY
This Advent, Father Bernard will be exploring the spirituality of St. Mary Magdalen with two parish-wide talks on Monday, December 2nd and Monday, December 16th at 6:00 pm. By taking a closer look at our own patroness, St. Mary Magdalen, and joining in her reckless love for Christ, we can come to know Him more intimately ourselves.

OPPORTUNITIES OF STEWARDSHIP
For giving opportunities this Advent, the parish is participating in the national iGiveCatholic giving event on Tuesday, December 3rd.

For continual stewardship, beyond iGiveCatholic, we invite you to visit our site for easy and convenient donations: stmarymagdalenparish.org/donate

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 4:2-6; Ps 122:1-9; Mt 8:5-11
Tuesday: Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lk 10:21-24
Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 15:29-37
Thursday: Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27
Friday: Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31
Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-6; Mt 9:35 — 10:1
Sunday: Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Rom 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12

WEEK’S SAINTS DEC 2-8
Monday: St. Catherine of Alexandria
Tuesday: St. Colombian
Wednesday: St. Francesco
Thursday: St. James of Marche
Friday: St. Clement
Saturday: St. Andrew
Sunday: Blessed Charles de Foucault

www.franciscanmedia.org

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION If you or a family member needs homebound communion call 893-0244 marueite@stmarymagdalenparish.org Additional homebound communion ministers are always welcome.

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**December Events**

**Christian Formation**
- Edge Gr. 6-8, Dec 1ST @ 6:30 PM
- Life Teen Gr. 9-12, Dec 8TH @ 6:30 PM
- Family Faith S. Gr. 1-5, Dec 15TH @ 9:30 AM
- Children’s Church 4-6, Sundays @ 9:00 AM

**Sacramental Preparation**
- Baptism Preparation, Jan 13TH @ 6 PM
- Confirmation Class, Dec 1ST @ 6:30 PM
- RCIA, Tuesdays @ 6 PM
- 1ST Reconciliation/1ST Communion Class, Jan 7TH @ 4:30 PM

**Prayer Groups/Meetings**
- Men’s Prayer, Dec 2ND @ 6:30 PM
- Women’s Prayer, Dec 9TH @ 6:30 PM
- Men & Women’s, Jan 20TH @ 6:30 PM
- 3RD Order Carmelites, Jan 16TH @ 4 PM
- Grief Support Group, Dec 5TH @ 4:00 PM
- Knights of Columbus, Dec 11TH @ 6:00 PM
- Catholic Daughters, Dec 12TH @ 6:00 PM
- Catholics in Recovery, Wednesdays @ 2 PM

**Advent Activity for Families**
- Help children to identify Advent as a time of preparation for Jesus’ coming at Christmas.
- Many internet sites have Advent activities for the whole family.
- Search: Advent Activities for Catholic Families
catholicicing.com/10-meaningful-advent-traditions-for-catholic-families-with-little-to-no-

**Reflection—Hopeful Expectation**

Our liturgical year begins with the season of Advent—a time of hopeful expectation of the coming of the Lord. On the First Sunday of Advent we look forward to the end of time when we will awaken to the dawn of Christ’s new day.

Today we hear Isaiah speak of a day when God’s power will have brought universal peace and God’s Word will have instructed all people, radiating God’s “light” (teachings) into all of human society. Only when humanity walks “in the light of the Lord” (Isaiah 2:5), when all people desire to be instructed “in [God’s] ways” (Isaiah 2:3), will the world be set aright and our deepest longings fulfilled.

The reading from Romans calls us to “awake from sleep” for this final “day is at hand” (Romans 13:11, 12). Together this Sunday’s scriptures proclaim our Christian faith that Jesus is the One who will finally come to fulfill God’s plan of salvation.

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MASS INTENTIONS

Mon. Dec. 02, Dominic Tran Van Giac, Maria Nguyen T. Nhi, Maria Nguyen T. Huong, Dominico Tran Van Hoc, Orphan Souls, Pham V. Sac, Maria Nguyen T. Quet, Tran Van Tong An Thong, Maria Nguyen Thi Thao, Leah Brousard, Nedier & Deulah Richard, Giuise Nguyen The Kha, Paul Laurent Landry

Tue. Dec. 03, The Family of M/M Eddia Hardy, Judith Ognibene, Maria Nguyen T. Quet, Mabel Broussard, Dominico Tran Van Giac, Maria Nguyen T. Nhi, In honor of St Jude, Giuise Nguyen The Kha, Dominico Tran Van Hoc, Pham V. Sac, Maria Nguyen T. Huong, Percy Lege (ann), Emery & Olga Toup


Thu. Dec. 05, Oliver Charles Derouen, Pham V. Sac, Maria Nguyen T. Quet, St. Joseph & All Souls, M/M Alex Cormier & Kevin Comeaux, Maria Nguyen T. Nhi, Giuise Nguyen The Kha, Dominico Tran Van Hoc, Maria Nguyen T. Huong, Dominic Tran Van Giac, Robie & Joyce Russo

Fri. Dec. 06, Gladys Trahan, Dominic Tran Van Hoc, Todd LaPorte, Dominic Tran Van Giac, M/M Pirmin Theunissen, Maria Nguyen Thi Vu, Judith Ognibene, Elaine Harrington, Brian Theunissen, Maria Nguyen T. Huong, Destiny Lormand, Maria Nguyen T. Quet, Giuise Nguyen The Kha, Maria Nguyen T. Nhi, Vivian L. Russo, Giuse Bui Huy Long, Janelle Duhon & All Unclaimed Bodies, Giuise Nguyen Ngoc Dinh, Pham V. Sac, Maria Do Thi Vui, M/M Ray Connor, Dudley L. & Lillian P. Broussard, Bill Vanya, Nghiem Nguyen Phanxico Xavier


Sun. Dec. 08, 7:00AM:Dominic Tran Van Giac, Thank God For All Blessings, Kathryn Hatch, Joyce Lou Touchet Baudoin, Linh Hon Tien Nham, Linh Hon Tien Nhan, Chester & Joyce Thibodeaux & Helen Wyble, George, Grace & P.J. Veazey, Maria Nguyen T. Quet, Giuise Nguyen The Kha, Bob Love, Pham V. Sac, Maria Nguyen T. Huong, Dominico Tran Van Hoc, Maria Nguyen T. Nhi

9:00AM:Fr. Thomas Nguyen, Orphan Souls, Maria Nguyen Dap, Gerald Libersat, Sr., Peter Nguyen Chuc, Roland, Maxine & Marshall LeBlanc, Maria Nguyen T. Nghi, Peter Nguyen Truc, Lona Mae Broussard, Lenora Palombo, Mary Lou Bertrand, Chester & Barton Broussard, Vernis J. Leger, Johnny Lege (ann), Mickey & Minus Lege Francis Xavier Cao Viet Thiet

1:00 AM For the Parishioners 3:00PM: Cac Lihn Hon
5:30PM:Tran Van Tong An Thong, Maria Tran Thi Nghiem, Maria Nguyen Thi Thao, Jim Bouse, Greco & Scroggin Families, Orphan Souls, Andrew Wesley Hebert
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