After Jesus was baptized, he came up from the water and behold, the heavens were opened for him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming upon him.

Matthew 3:16
Dear Parishioners,

In late November the Sisters of Mt. Carmel and I opened a dialogue about the possibility of reuniting our two schools, similar to its original structure when Mt. Carmel was formed many years ago. If this is to happen, it will likely be for Vermilion Catholic (currently owned by St. Mary Magdalen Parish) to acquire (purchase) Mt. Carmel School (currently owned by the Sisters of Mt. Carmel).

This is a complex task, but one that I truly hope will be possible, for the good of Catholic education here in Abbeville. Our goal is to sustain and honor the Catholic educational legacy of the Sisters of Mt. Carmel. A “Task Force” has been formed to discuss the various matters to be considered: Legalities, title search, appraisal of land, buildings, content, Financial history and status of the schools, long-range plan for maintenance and repairs, etc.

The members of this Task Force who have graciously agreed to serve are:
Paul Moresi, Troy LaPorte, Vickie Patout, Jodie Dailey, Stephanie LeBouef, Rachel David, Ted Ayo, Mike Guilbeaux, Sr. Janet LeBlanc, Jackie Trahan, Sr. Lawrence Habetz, Fr. Louis Richard. Additional ex officio members are the Sisters of the Leadership Council for Mr. Carmel Sisters, and also Ms. Anna Larriviere, Superintendent of the Diocese. The facilitator for this group is Mr. Barry Berthelot.

I am scheduled for surgery to remove a cancerous prostate on Jan 13 in New Orleans. I will have very limited activity for several weeks. I am grateful for your support and thank you for your prayers for a successful outcome.  Fr. Louie

SAINTS/READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Monday: 1/13**
St. Hilary 1 Sm 1:1-8; Ps 116:12-19; Mk 1:14-20

**Tues: 1/14**
St. Gregory Nazianzen 1 Sm 1:9-20; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Mk 1:21-28

**Wed: 1/15**
St. Paul the Hermit 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20; Ps 40:2, 5, 7-10; Mk 1:29-39

**Thurs: 1/16**
St. Berard 1 Sm 4:1-11; Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25; Mk 1:40-45

**Friday: 1/17**
St. Anthony of Egypt 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a; Ps 89:16-19; Mk 2:1-12

**Sat: 1/18**
St. Charles 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a; Ps 21:2-7; Mk 2:13-17

**Sunday: 1/19**
St. Fabian Is 49:3, 5-6; Ps 40:2, 4, 7-10; 1 Cor 1:1-3; Jn 1:29-34

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PRAYERS & SYMPATHY

SANCTUARY CANDLE IN MEMORY
JIMMY RICHARD
BLESSED MOTHER CANDLE IN MEMORY
JUDITH OGNIBENE

SYMPATHY FOR THE FAMILIES OF
Debra Blanchard
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Jacque Noel Jr.
Husband of Ellen LaTour Noel, father to
Annette Hebert, Diane LaCour, Yvonne, Jacque and Phillip Noel
Sr. Clairette Marie Grondin, SE
Member of the Sisters of Emmanuel
Sr. Patricia Otillio, RSM
Member of the Mercy Sisters
Raywood Louis Dubois, Sr.
Father of Maxine Kasperski, Charlotte
Smith, Edith Libersan, Randal and Louis Dubois

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD JAN 12

A voice came from the heavens, saying, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.” Matthew 3:17

Do you know the date you were baptized and welcomed as a new member of the Christian faith? Pope Francis spoke about the importance of our baptism and he asked us to incorporate it into our lives and to celebrate the date of our baptism.

VOLUNTEER COOKS NEEDED
Vermillion Women’s Resource Center at CSC
We are looking for volunteers to cook occasionally for about 30 people, children and adults on a Thursday. Contact Jeannie Cormier cornbreads@bellsouth.net or call the office 893-0244.

WE PRAY FOR BLESSINGS OF HEALTH

Erika & Gloria Abshire, Susie Allbright, Louise & Carroll Baudoin, Richard & Audrey Balaire, Paul & Audrey Bergeron, M/M Alan Bourque, Irene, Malise, Joey, Peggy, Adam, Marlene, Jimmy & Robert Broussard, Deanna & Shelton Charpentier, M/M Julia Covillion, Georgella Curtis, Lorraine Danof, Liz Darveau, Marcelo Davis, Mark DeRouen, Tina, Shirley Hardy DesOrmeaux, Mike deValcourt, Mezie Donahue, Lana Dore, Shirley, Mary Duhon, Maureen Duvall, Audrey Faulk, Gerald Flores, Annette, Betty, Jan, Melba Frederick, Lori Gooch, Kadylyk Greene, M/M Buster Griffin, Mary Ann & Rita Guarino, M/M Kenneth Harrington, Lana & 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 Mouldous, Mary Perry, Marjorie Pierce, Marie Prejean, Kay, Sandy Richard, M/M Dudley Romero, Dawn & DeElla Roy, Bobbie Rider, Mike Saunier, Mary Scalisi, Myrleene Sellers, Arthurine Sirmon, 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.

Congratulations to Kristin Jensen and Danny Campbell who received the sacrament of Confirmation on Sunday Jan 5TH. Thanks to Deacon Billy for preparing them and Fr. Louie for Confirming these young adults.
PILGRIMAGE TO ITALY
for the Diaconate Ordination of Seth Lemaire

Sept. 25 – Oct. 4, 2020

Fr. Louis Richard
Spiritual Director

Orientation Meeting
Thursday, January 30, 2020
6:00 p.m.
St. Mary Magdalen Church
Ministries Hall
300 Pere Megret St., Abbeville, Louisiana
Join us to learn about the pilgrimage
and take advantage of special discounts!

PILGRIMAGE HIGHLIGHTS:
Witness Seth Lemaire’s ordination to the diaconate
with the North American College at St. Peter’s Basilica

Assisi
- Basilicas of St. Francis,
  St. Clare and Our Lady
  of the Angels

Rome and Vatican City
- Basilica of St. Peter
- Tomb of St. John Paul II
- Vatican Museum
- Sistine Chapel
- Basilica of St. Mary Major
- St. John Lateran
- The Coliseum
- The Pantheon

Florence
- Michelangelo’s “David”
- Baptistry of St. John
- Church of Santa Croce

RSVP for the Orientation Meeting:
337-291-1933
www.holytravels.org/sethlemaire

MAGNIFICAT TRAVEL
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JAN 14TH@4:30 All students in 2ND grade who
are registered for 1ST Reconciliation/1ST Com-
munion attend class in the Ministry Hall. For
more information contact Renella Livers 893-
0244 or renella@stmarymagdalenparish.org

JAN 18 2020 DIOCESAN PRO-LIFE RALLY
Diocesan Pro-Life Rally/March & Prayer Service
will be at Parc International on Saturday, January
18, 2020. The rally begins at 9:00AM.

JAN 17 DR. M.L. KING AWARD 7PM
Charles and Denise Frederick will be presented
the Dr. Martin Luther King Award by Bishop Des-
hotel on Friday, Jan. 17, 2020 at 7PM at St.
John’s Cathedral. Congratulations Charles &
Denise!

JAN 19: FAMILY FAITH SUNDAY 9:30
Mrs. Kim White will lead the Parent’s Session on
prayer. Kim is an active member of the parish.
She serves on the Acts Core Team and is House-
keeper at the rectory. The students will have a
learning activity in the Ministry Hall.
**PRAYER GROUPS/MEETINGS**

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**THIS IS MY BELOVED CHILD**

This Sunday’s celebration of the Baptism of the Lord closes the Christmas season. In the scriptures we see one more epiphany, or manifestation, of the Spirit of God in Jesus—but this time it is as an adult, rather than as a child. Jesus’ baptism also serves as the inauguration of his prophetic mission and the messianic age.

Today’s reading from Isaiah describes God’s chosen Messiah, upon whom God’s spirit rests. In the Acts of the Apostles Peter says that “God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power” (Acts 10:38). Finally, in the proclamation from Matthew’s Gospel Jesus’ baptism in water goes almost unnoticed. The crucial moment comes when the Spirit of God comes upon Jesus and a voice from heaven echoes the words of Isaiah: “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased” (Matthew 3:17). © J. S. Paluch Co.

**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

**FEB 9 MARRIAGE ANNIVERSARY MASS**

The Diocesan Marriage Anniversary Mass will be held on Sunday, Feb 9, 2020 at St. Peter Catholic Church in Carencro. Pre-registration is required for couples who wish to be honored and celebrate 25, 40, 50, 60, or more years of married life during 2020. Please click the following link to register before Jan 31st: https://diolaf.org/marriage-anniversary-mass-information.

**KC COAT DRIVE NOW**

Knights of Columbus Council 2281 are having a Coat Drive with the Christian Service Center. Please leave coats near the CSC bins in church or in the office or bring to the CSC. Contact: Jules Hebert 652-8900
MASS INTENTIONS: **Mon. Jan 13**: Gioan Baptist Pham V. Sac, Leah Broussard, Dang Ngoc Anh, Special Intention for a child, Agnes F. Stakes (ann), Rev Louis Allen Breaux, Tran V. Gic, Mollie Charpentier, Nguyen thi Quet, Pham Thi Hanh, Dang Hiep, Maria Nguyen T. Nhi, Tran V. Hoc, Maria Pham Thi Huong Huong, Do Thi Vui, Bui Huy Long, Tran Thanh Timmy, Nguyen Thi Cuc, Tran Dinh Can, Nguyen The Kha

**Tue. Jan 14**: Gioan Baptist Pham V. Sac, Family of Ivy Richard, Maria Pham Thi Huong, Tran V. Hoc, Ruth B. Meyers (Bday), Maria Nguyen T. Nhi, The Willis Family, St. Joseph & All Souls, Tran V. Gic, Bryant Vincent (ann), Dang Hiep, Dang Ngoc Anh, Nguyen thi Quet, Nguyen The Kha, Pham Thi Hanh, Tran Thanh Timmy, Do Thi Vui, Bui Huy Long, Nguyen Thi Cuc, Tran Dinh Can, Rev. A. Rex Broussard

**Wed. Jan 15**: Ken & Jackie Taylor, Special Intentions, Jessie J. Hebert (B day), Maria Nguyen T. Nhi, Nguyen thi Quet, Tran V. Hoc, Nguyen The Kha, Gioan Baptist Pham V. Sac, Pham Thi Hanh, Maria Pham Thi Huong, Dang Ngoc Anh, John Vidos, Tran V. Gic, Prayer Blanket Intentions, Nguyen Thi Cuc, Tran Dinh Can, Rev. Henry Broussard, Tran Thanh Timmy, Do Thi Vui, Bui Huy Long, Dang Hiep

**Thu. Jan 16**: Maria Pham Thi Huong, Dang Ngoc Anh, Nguyen thi Quet, Gioan Baptist Pham V. Sac, Nguyen The Kha, Tran V. Hoc, Maria Nguyen T. Nhi, Tran V. Gic, Pham Thi Hanh, Nguyen Thi Cuc, Tran Dinh Can, Dang Hiep, Rev. Ken Broussard, JCL, Do Thi Vui, Bui Huy Long, Tran Thanh Timmy

**Fri. Jan 17**: Maria Quet Nguyen, Whitney Bourque, Vincente Le Viet Minh, Gioan Baptist Pham V. Sac, Tran V. Gic, Nguyen The Kha, Tran V. Hoc, Dang Ngoc Anh, Pham Thi Hanh, Whitney Bourque, Maria Pham Thi Huong, Maria Nguyen T. Nhi, Maria Do thi Cay, Maria Mai Tran, Nguyen thi Quet, Dominic Hoc Tran, Danny Ray Pere, Maria Nguyen thi Nhan, Giuse Andy Phrase, Dominic Giac Tran, Giuse Pham Van Duoc, Nghiem Nguyen Phanxico Xavier, Phero Pham Van Mieng, Rev. Pat. Broussard, Isabel Thu Kim Nguyen, Nguyen Thi Cuc, Tran Dinh Can, Dang Hiep, Tran Thanh Timmy, Do Thi Vui, Bui Huy Long

**Sat Jan 18, 4:00PM**: Leven & Beverly (deceased) LeBlanc, Maria Mai Tran, Tran V. Gic, Maria Nguyen T. Nhi, Giuse Pham Van Duoc, Cheryl & Lisa Meaux, Bob Love, Maria Nguyen thi Nhan, Dominic Giac Tran, Jimmy Richard, M/M Stanley & Arnold Morton, Levan & Beverly (deceased) LeBlanc, Tran V. Hoc, Nicole LeBlanc, Eldes Touchet, Gioan Baptist Pham V. Sac, Maria Pham Thi Huong, P.J., Barbara & Daniel Jude Broussard, Dominic Hoc Tran, Vincente Le Viet Minh, John Vidos, M/M Richard "Dicky" Broussard, Nguyen The Kha, Gerald Listi, Ray Frederick, Phero Pham Van Mieng, Annie, Leonard & Wayne Sellers, Maria Quet Nguyen, Nguyen thi Quet, Do Thi Vui, Bui Huy Long, Nguyen Thi Cuc, Tran Dinh Can, Rev. Paul Broussard, Dang Hiep, Tran Thanh Timmy, Isabel Thu Kim Nguyen, Giuse Andy Phrase **Sun Jan 19, 7:00AM**: George & Grace Veazey, Tran V. Hoc, Dang Hiep, Gioan Baptist Pham V. Sac, Maria Pham Thi Huong, Tran V. Gic, Kathryn Hatch, Nguyen thi Quet, Maria Nguyen T. Nhi, Mike & P.J. Veazey, Chester & Joyce Thibodeaux & Helen Wyble, Nguyen The Kha, Theodule & Joyce Noel, Rev. Richard Broussard **9:00AM**: Todd LaPorte, Freedia Ardoin Fontenot, Whitney Bourque, Francis Xavier Cao Viet Thiet, James & Elizabeth Dardeau, Mary Romero Bertrand, Hugh & Georgia Lee Bertrand, Tran Thanh Timmy, Karen Bertrand, Do Thi Vui, Bui Huy Long, Nguyen Thi Cuc, Tran Dinh Can **11:00AM**: For The Parishioners **3:00 PM** Jimmy Buford, Sr. Patricia Otilio, Sr. Clairette Marie Grondin, Jacques Noel Jr., **5:30PM**: Orphaned Souls & Souls in Purgatory, Lege & Abshire Families, Joseph A. Guidry, Rusty J. Trahan, Sr. Greco-Scroggin Families, Debra Blanchard, Raywood Louis Dubois, Sr., Glenn Dubois, Ethel F. Davidson,

| Saturday 18TH | Fr. Harold Trahan | Teesie Landry | Randall Landry (S) | William Romero |
| 4PM | | Jeannie Cormier | Teesie Landry | Madison Meaux |
| Sunday 19TH | Fr. Stephen Pelessier | Allen McLain | Patricia Delcambre(S) | Allen McLain |
| 7AM | | | Phil Mouledous | Luke McLaine |
| | | | Julie Mouledous | Kaylee McLaine |
| 9AM | Fr. Mark Miley | Diana Broussard | Molly Charpentier (S) | Austin Landry |
| | | Clayton Choate | Byron R. Hebert | Jack Henry |
| | | | Lolette Hebert | Sarah Bourque |
| 11AM | Fr. Harold Trahan | Andy Veazey | Alan Stewart (S) | Paige Cao |
| | | Deacon Billy | Jude Broussard | Dale Stewart |
| | | | | Roy & Wyatt Bertrand |
| | | | | Calvin Woodruff |
| 5:30PM | Fr. Matthew Barzare | Marty Hebert | Jimmy Williams (S) | Luke Hebert |
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