

25th Sunday of Ordinary Time



CALL UPON THE LORD

The very first line of today's first reading summons us to seek the Lord and to call upon God. This sentiment is echoed in the refrain for today's responsorial psalm: "The Lord is near to all who call upon him" (Psalm 145:18a). Saint Paul is the embodiment of someone who constantly sought the Lord. In the excerpt we read today from his letter to the Philippians, we find Saint Paul toward the end of his life, a life he describes as completely consonant with Christ. He writes, "For to me life is Christ" (Philippians 1:21). To find out what it means to live life completely in accord with Christ we need look no further than today's Gospel. There we find that God's love and mercy are immeasurable for all those who seek and call upon the Lord.

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September 24, 2017

St. Mary Magdalen Parish Mission Statement

St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church is called to foster a welcoming community, to form disciples for Jesus Christ and to joyfully evangelize. **Unifying Vision:** Walking together with Christ, igniting the Spirit within, living God's Call.

Parish Weekly Bulletin

St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Thursday.....9:00AM - 4:00PM
 After hours by appointment only

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE in CHAPEL

Mon.- Fri., 6:30 AM & 8:30AM; Sat., 8:00 AM

CONFESSIONS

Saturdays, 2:30-3:30 PM

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil Mass - 4:00 PM
 Sunday Masses - 8:00, 9:30 & 11:00 AM
 6:00 PM

SCHOOL OFFICE

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BEFORE/AFTER SCHOOL CARE

Co-Directors...Caren Favalo & Shari Mader
 Phone.....(504) 733-4768

In Church, be sure to visit:

**PRO-LIFE CORNER; ADULT PARISH
 LENDING LIBRARY; CHILDREN'S
 CORNER/LIBRARY/PRAYER CENTER**

SOCIAL APOSTOLATE MINISTRY

Hours: Wednesdays, 5:30PM-6:30PM
 Facility Entrance on W. Metairie Ave. to right
 of church.....734-5833

GIFT SHOP & PRAYER GARDEN

Hours: Tues. & Fri.....1:00PM-5:00PM
 Saturdays.....2:00PM-5:00PM
 Sundays.....8:30AM-12:15PM
 Phone:.....734-5833

BAPTISMS: Every 2nd Sunday before/during 11AM Mass & 3rd Sunday at 12:15PM. Pre-Registration for Baptism Seminars is now required by calling 733-8980.

Archdiocesan Policy on Infant Baptism:

www.arch-no.org/HumanResources/Policies/PolicyonInfantBaptismOR may be found on the Parish website.

FIRST RECONCILIATION/COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION:

Must have 2 consecutive years of Catholic religious instruction prior to reception of these sacraments. Contact Parish Religious Education Coordinator for further information.

WEDDINGS:

Contact Parish priest at least 6 to 8 months prior to planned date of marriage. Celebrated Friday evenings; Saturday mornings, early afternoons or evenings. Church Fee: \$300; Chapel Fee: \$100.

FUNERALS:

You are encouraged to celebrate funerals in our Church or Chapel. Wakes & visitation also possible.

CARE OF THE SICK:

Communion brought to Homebound weekly by Extraordinary Ministers of Communion. Anointing of Sick available on individual basis by appointment.

CARE OF THE NEEDY:

See Social Apostolate Ministry.

EXPOSITION OF BLESSED SACRAMENT:

Sundays, 12:15-1:15PM

Call Parish Office for further information.

PARISH WEEKLY BULLETIN
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Rev. Christian W. DeLerno, Jr.

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WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, September 25

6:30 AM Mary Cerise
8:30 AM Fr. Michael Joseph Nguyen

Tuesday, September 26

6:30 AM David Beach, Sr.
8:30 AM Christian DeLerno, Sr.

Wednesday, September 27

6:30 AM Louis V. Levy
8:30 AM Joe Paci

Thursday, September 28

6:30 AM Pat & Jack Simmons
8:30 AM Doris Radosti

Friday, September 29

6:30 AM Gloria Jensen
8:30 AM Joel Rostetter

Saturday, September 30

8:00 AM Kenneth Cavanaugh

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26th Sunday of Ordinary Time Vigil

4:00 PM Rosalie Couch, Aimee Marus, Julio Anleu, Gracia Anleu, Vetter Amadeo Taylor, Kevin Reynolds, Joe Paci, Frank Tornabene, Sr., Jackie Markey, Jerry Hollingsworth, Frances "Pat" Morvant, Dean D'Arcangelo, Living Intention for Kathy Cinquemano

Sunday, October 1

26th Sunday of Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Bertucci Family
9:30 AM SMM Parishioners
11:00 AM Cindy Spence, Deceased Members of St. Jude Society, Teen Weidenbacher, Ronald Krummel, Sr., Mark Dyer
6:00 PM Genevieve Ducote, Alice & Dewey Ponthier, Vernon Ducote, Hal Ducote

PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH

Teresa Lacour, Ryan Thiel, Gracelyn Chaplain, Dennis Coughlin, Jr., Kelly Fletcher Grawl, Kenneth & Kevin Teen, Ben Todd, Joe Giarratano, Luca Scozzari, Evelyn Olwell, Brian Dufour, Mary Ann Meaux, Dilly Surratt, Yvonne Troups, Ryan Songy, Gayle Songy, Nathan Lopiccolo, Linda Nicholls, Sherry St. Pe, Rosemarie Entringer, Judge Thomas Wicker, Ivan Antunovic, Arianna Crawford, Claire Duplantier, Daphine Dufour, Melissa Glueck, Danny Adams, Allison Daigre, Olivia Sumrall, Michael Borne, Bob & Linda Veitinger, Elise Ramcourt, Jeanene Moran, Kelly Nagy, Cindy Hogman, Addison Couvillion, Jerry Fender, Linda Conran, Kayla Pelman, Nick Doize, Marcia Graff, David Robins, Ashley Clement, Wanda Adams, Jenny Mayeur, Judith Massa, Carol P. Ramos, Rosemary Pizza, Julianne Andressen, Lauretta Erwin, Ryan Olwell, Judy Copping, Mark Morice, Jessica LeBlanc, Viola Juneau, Betty Feltey, Barry Stephens, Lori Lambert, Kathryn Feltey, Frank Kent, Ray Groves, Michael Rodriguez, Kathleen E. Jones, Melanie Gaumond, Alice Rockvoan, Paul Powers, Rose Marie Curran, Anthony James Lapinto, Louise DeLuca, Mark Lucich, Willie Arnouville, Chad Costes, Sherry Gaffney, Ray Talbot, Dean Babin, Janet Kaleher, Norvin Schexnaldre, Dianne Seman, Matthew DiBuono, David Williamson, Toni Landry, Musette Barrouquere, Daniel Hereford, Katherine Sclafani, Catherine Carlin, Edie Dorion, Heidi Nuss, Luke Nuss, Kristi LeBlanc, Tammy Graves Coen, Janice Childress, Nick Marzoni, Tina Guillot, Glen Buras, Joyce Chiusano, Richard LeBlanc, Marsha Robert, Rose Keller, Leah Conlin, Abigail Robertson, Patrick Mulhern, Marilyn Reynolds, Carole Corona, George "Mickey" Krause, Tommy Keller, Julie Periou, Brenda Simon, Jena Serigne, Deborah Woodward



BURIED IN CHRIST

Ignatius Dan Phan (Fr. Vincent's father)
Vincent Falcone, Jr.

PRAYER DURING HURRICANE SEASON

"Through the intercession of Our Lady of Prompt Succor, may we be spared all loss of life and property during this hurricane season, we pray to the Lord." *Hurricane season began June 1.*

CELEBRATING CATHOLIC FAMILIES *Living the Word*

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Explain that God's love for us is like your child's love each stuffed animal. God is like a teacher who welcomes every new student, or a coach who makes every player feel like part of the team. It doesn't matter who came first. God's love is big enough to love everyone equally. If God's message is for everyone, regardless of their background, what does that tell us about how we are called to treat others?

CHILDREN'S CORNER

SEPTEMBER: Month of Family.
Prayer Center Theme is: *Thank you God for my family and please help me to be a more loving member of my family by...*



Put written intentions in prayer pig; they will be offered up at all Masses once a month.

SMM SCHOOL & PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION PROGRAMS September

During this month, both religion programs will be focusing on the parts of the mass, vestments, and the Liturgical Year. The students will tour the church and the Sacristy.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Along with the reform of the Roman Canon and the redrafting of an ancient Roman prayer in Eucharistic Prayer II, two additional prayers were announced in 1969. Eucharistic Prayer III is a fresh composition. Like Eucharistic Prayer II, it has no preface of its own, but the presider chooses from a long menu of possible prefaces to become part of the prayer on a particular occasion. Also, like Eucharistic Prayer II it has a way to insert the name of the deceased in Masses for the dead such as funerals and memorials. The *General Instruction of the Roman Missal* views Eucharistic Prayer III as the best substitute for Eucharistic Prayer I on Sundays and feasts. In practice, this prayer is used very often at Sunday Mass, and its texts are familiar to all members of the assembly. In this prayer, notice that the priest extends his hands over the gifts and calls down the Holy Spirit to change them into the Body and Blood of Christ. This call of the Holy Spirit is called the *epiclesis*, and Eastern Christians consider it to be the consecration. Latin Christians have long considered the "institution narrative" to be the consecration. Partly in response to a deep sensitivity to the East, the reformers took care to structure all our new prayers with a strong *epiclesis*. The poetry and images of Eucharistic Prayer III are fruitful sources of meditation. Why not take a sentence or two into your private prayer?

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Turn to the LORD for mercy; to our God, who is generous in forgiving.

— Isaiah 55:7b

SMM FAMILY DAY 2017

Theme: "Meeting God in our Home"

Sunday, September 24 is *Family Day* in which we celebrate the holiness of our families. The purpose is to promote and strengthen all families, as well as the parish family. The Trinity-Father, Son and Holy Spirit-gives us the strength and graces to know that our family is sacred, especially in the details of our ordinary lives. We are the Body of Christ, the Family of God, but it is often difficult to understand the giftedness and importance of family life without guidance in how to experience and grow in the grace and beauty that God makes available to each family. SMM Parish will celebrate this special day by blessing families at Masses this weekend. Also, a Family Day flier entitled "*Meeting God in our Home*" may be found at all church entrances.

FAMILY DAY PRAYER

O dear Jesus, I humbly implore You to grant Your special graces to our family. May our home be the shrine of peace, purity, love, labor and faith. I beg You, dear Jesus, to protect and bless all of us, absent and present, living and dead.

O Mary, loving Mother of Jesus, and our Mother, pray to Jesus for our family, for all the families of the world, to guard the cradle of the newborn, the schools of the young and their vocations.

Blessed Saint Joseph, holy guardian of Jesus and Mary, assist us by your prayers in all the necessities of life. Ask of Jesus that special grace which He granted to you, to watch over our home at the pillow of the sick and dying, so that with Mary and with you, heaven may find our family unbroken in the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Amen.

Pope Francis-2014

Prayer to Saint Michael, the Archangel

St. Michael, Archangel defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host cast, by the power of God, into hell Satan and all evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Envelopes (9/10)	\$ 6249.00
Loose Collection	<u>\$ 2633.52</u>
Total	\$ 8882.52
2nd Collection-Bldg & Maintenance	\$ 3255.00

LET'S PRAY FOR OUR SEMINARIANS

In order to support vocations in our diocese, you are asked to add a special prayer for seminarians to your daily prayers. The best way to encourage and support our seminarians is to pray for them.

Prayer for Vocations

Loving God, How awesome are your ways! Through your abundant love you bless us with gifts that can make our world holy and just. Dwell deep in our hearts that we may know how to share these gifts. Inspire many to respond generously to your call to service in the Church. May the fire of your love direct us on our journey that we may act justly, love tenderly and walk humbly with you. We give you the praise and honor now and forever. Amen.

Readings for Sunday, October 1:

First Reading — When the wicked turn away from their wickedness they have committed and do what is right, they shall surely live (Ezekiel 18:25-28). **Psalm** — Remember your mercies, O Lord (Psalm 25). **Second Reading** — Consider others as better than yourselves; look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others (Philippians 2:1-11 [1-5]). **Gospel** — Tax collectors and prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God ahead of you (Matthew 21:28-32). The English translation of the Psalm Responses from *Lectionary for Mass* © 1969, 1981, 1997, International Commission on English in the Liturgy Corporation. All rights reserved.

A PRAYER FOR EVERY FAMILY

by St. John Paul II

God, from whom all fatherhood in heaven and earth descends, Father, who are Love and Life, ensure that every human family on earth shall become, through Your Son, Jesus Christ, "born of woman," and through the Holy Spirit, the source of divine charity, a true shrine of life and love for the generations which are always renewing themselves. Ensure that Your grace shall guide the thoughts and the works of spouses toward the good of their families and of all families in the world. Ensure that the young generations shall find firm support in the family for their humanity and their growth in truth and love. Ensure the love, reinforced by the grace of the Sacrament of Matrimony shall show itself to be stronger than any weakness and every crisis through which our families pass at times. Amen.

PRAYER LIST FOR SERVICE MEN & WOMEN

We pray for those in our parish who are fighting overseas for our country and against terrorism.

SPC Donald Monteleone, Jr., Air National Guard; Sgt. Brian Lane, Lt. Col. Jason E. Burkett, USMC; Matthew J. Scott, USN; Seth Restivo, Evan Lina; PFC Kenny Grunberg; Lt. Spencer Farmer, Army Rangers; PFC Matthew Ballard; Lt. Joseph Bush, US Army; GySgt Albert Latour Jr., USMC; Maj. Ignacio Assasf, USANG; Sgt. Matt Llewelan, USANG; SPC Derek Vial, US Army; MN3 Ethen Meyers, Michael J. Cristie, Sp. Serv., Brian Calvo, US Army; SPC Scott Hale, PFC Scott Hale, USMC



Prayer for our Men and Women in Military Service

O Prince of Peace, we humbly ask Your protection for all our men and women in military service. Give them unflinching courage to defend with honor, dignity and devotion the rights of all who are imperiled by injustice and evil. Guard our churches, our homes, our schools, our hospitals, our factories, our buildings and all those within from harm and peril. Protect our land and its peoples from enemies within and without. Grant an early peace with victory founded upon justice. Instill in the hearts and minds of men and women everywhere a firm purpose to live forever in peace and good will toward all. Amen.

MARIAN SERVANTS®

The Marian Servants® is a community based Public Association of the Christian Faithful. The founding community formed in 1987 in Clearwater, FL, with our local community established in 2007. Our Mission is to bring Catholic Christians to a deeper understanding of their vocation and mission in Christ, in the Church, and in the world. Our spirituality is Marian—seeking to emulate Mary's virtues of holiness, obedience, and service; it is also charismatic—with a special devotion to the Holy Spirit, with openness to His gifts. Membership is open to Catholics in good standing with the Catholic Church. The chapter located at SMM is the Marian Servants® of Our Father's Love which meets on Tuesdays from 9:30AM-12Noon. Anyone interested in learning more about the Marian Servants® may contact Patsy Ricau @ (504)813-4327.

God's ways
are above

our ways

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Monday, September 25

Parish School of Religion Classes, 6:45PM-8:00 PM

Tuesday, September 26

KC Ladies Auxiliary Mtg in Ministries Bldg 7:00 PM
Come, Lord Jesus in Convent Bldg 7:00 PM

Wednesday, September 27

Social Services Building open from 5:30PM-6:30PM
St. Jude Meeting in Chapel 7:00 PM
Follow Me: Gospel of John Discussion Group in
Convent Bldg, 7-8:30 PM

Thursday, September 28

Come, Lord Jesus in Convent Bldg 7:00 PM

Friday, September 29

Saturday, September 30

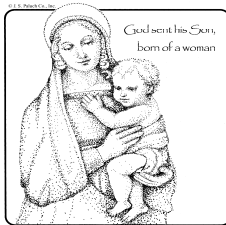
Fair Set-Up on Backfield 8:30 AM
Confessions in Church, 2:30-3:30 PM
SMM Chorus Bake Sale after Mass

Sunday, October 1

SMM Chorus Bake Sale after AM Masses
Family Mass 9:30 AM
Adoration of Blessed Sacrament, 12:15-1:15 PM
Teaching Mass Presentation at 2PM in Church
followed by Hospitality in Massett Hall

MARY, MOTHER OF GOD SERIES

Come join us for a special series entitled: *Mary, Mother of God* on 4 consecutive Tuesday mornings (Oct. 3, 10, 17 & 24), from 9:15-10:30 AM in the Convent Building. We will learn about Mary as: *Daughter of Zion*: she became the Ark of the Covenant & a fulfillment of the Old Testament prophecies; *The Doorway*: she was “the door” for the Son of God to enter the world; *The Mother of the Church*: given to us by Jesus; and *the Queen of Heaven*: she reigns in heaven as the Queen Mother & is a model of faith & charity. Sessions are FREE and a light breakfast will be served. Space is limited, so reserve your spot by registering at 733 -8980 or ssullivan@smm.nocoxmail.com. by Friday, September 29.



TEACHING MASS PRESENTATION

All are invited to join us for a repeat of the *Teaching Mass Presentation* on Sunday, October 1 at 2PM in the Church followed by Hospitality in Massett Hall.

SMM SEAFOOD FESTIVAL

“Treasure Chest of Fun”

October 13, 14 & 15, 2017

SET-UP DAYS

Saturdays, September 30 & October 7
at 8:30 AM on Backfield.

ENTRANCE PRIZE RETURNS

Please remember to return the Fair Entrance Prize ticket stubs and money for the tickets you sell. Extra tickets may be picked up in the back of church or at the rectory. Returns can be put in an envelope and deposited in any regular Sunday collection or dropped off at the rectory.

P.O.P. RIDE TICKETS

P.O.P. Mega-Bands are \$60 (Pre-sale at \$50); Session Bands are \$25 (Pre-sale at \$20); Individual Ride Tickets (Field at the Fair ONLY) - Good for all rides for entire weekend. Pre-Sale Tickets available in Rectory Office thru Thursday; Under Breezeway on Friday of Fair Weekend.

FESTIVAL T-SHIRTS

SMM Festival T-Shirts are available for purchase at the rectory while supplies last.

FAIR CLEAN-UP DAY

Please mark your calendars *NOW*: October 16 at 8:00 AM. We need lots of help to take down & clean up before students return to class on Tuesday.

OFFICIAL RELIC OF ST. PADRE PIO

WEDNESDAY, October 4, 2017

7AM-9PM

St. Rita Church, New Orleans

In conjunction with Notre Dame Seminary, St. Rita Parish will host the official relics of St. Padre Pio of Pietrelcina. All are invited to spend the day in veneration ending with a Mass in honor of St. Pio celebrated by Archbishop Gregory Aymond. This year is the 130th anniversary of his birth and the 15th anniversary of his canonization. For more info, go to StRitaNOLA.com/StPio

SMM SCHOOL—COUGAR NEWS

SMM Deanies Night is Monday, September 25th - don't forget to mention SMM!