

# St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church

6425 West Metairie Avenue Metairie, Louisiana 70003

## 4th Sunday of Lent

### COMMUNAL RESPONSIBILITY

The people of God forgot the covenant and flouted God's laws. They did not listen to the prophets among them, who spoke for God in warning them. Prophets are sent from God to remind us why we are here, but they are often, even in our own time, mocked, disregarded, and mistreated rather than thanked and listened to. The book of Chronicles tells the results of these sins: the destruction of the temple and all of Jerusalem, murder, mayhem, and finally exile to a foreign land. Why are these stories in the Bible? Just to inform us of what happened to our ancient forebears? What good would that be unless there were a message and a warning for us as well? Are we people who follow the teachings of God, who obey the words of Christ in the second covenant in his blood? Or do we continue to wreak works of darkness and violence? We are reminded by these readings that we will be judged as a people, not just as individuals.

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March 11, 2018

### 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 OFFICE

Parish Fax: (504) 733-0869

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#### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Thursday.....9:00AM - 4:00PM

Friday.....CLOSED

After hours by appointment only

#### WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

##### In CHAPEL

Monday-Friday, 6:30 AM & 8:30AM

Saturday, 8:00 AM

#### CONFESSIONS

Saturdays, 2:30-3:30 PM

#### WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil Mass - 4 PM

Sunday Masses - 8, 9:30 & 11AM; 6PM

#### EXPOSITION OF BLESSED SACRAMENT:

Sundays, 12:15-1:15PM

1st Monday, 9:15-10:15AM (Sept-May)

#### In Church, be sure to visit:

RESPECT LIIFE CORNER

ADULT PARISH LENDING LIBRARY

CHILDREN'S CORNER/LIBRARY/PRAYER CENTER

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#### 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

NEW Hours: Mon. & Fri.....1:00PM-5:00PM

Saturdays.....1:00PM-5:00PM

Sundays.....8:30AM-12:15PM

Phone:.....734-5833

Call Parish Office for further information

**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](http://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 for further information.

**WEDDINGS:** Contact Parish priest at least 6 to 8 months prior to planned date of marriage. FOCCUS Survey by appointment only. Weddings 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.

**PARISH WEEKLY BULLETIN**  
**St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church**  
**Metairie, Louisiana**  
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**WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS**

**Monday, March 12**

George Benedetto  
 George Collet

**Tuesday, March 13**

Bertha & Jacob Roth  
 Living Intention for Steve Scalise

**Wednesday, March 14**

Living Intention for J.A.  
 Joe Paci

**Thursday, March 15**

Marie McDonald  
 Jack Couch

**Friday, March 16**

Cindy Spence  
 JoAnn Henry

**Saturday, March 17**

*Feast of St. Patrick*  
 Stanley Millet

**Saturday, March 17**

***5th Sunday of Lent Vigil***

Jack & Rosalie Couch, Joe Paci, Joan Ferry, Kevin Reynolds, Dot Leonard, Abadie Family, Aimee Marus, Vetter Amadeo Taylor, Elizabeth Fabregas, Dean D'Arcangelo, Larry Schmitt

**Sunday, March 18**

***5th Sunday of Lent***

Cindy Spence  
 SMM Parishioners  
 Fr. Michael Joepsh Nguyen, Laura Alphonse Barone  
 Catherine Wisecarver

6:30 AM

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11:00 AM

6:00 PM



## PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH

Mark Lucich, Willie Arnouville, Sherry Gaffney, Ray Talbot, Norvin Schexnauldre, 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, Kevin Pineo, Rosemarie Entringer, Teresa Lacour, Mary Ann Meaux, Gayle Songy, Jerry Fender, Jonathan Robertson, Judy Massa, Kevin & Kenneth Teen, Gracelynn Chaplain, Celine Wild, Carol P. Ramos, Dominic Manthey, Deavon Dill, Lauretta Erwin, Larry & Clara Leslie, Dennis Coughlin, Jr., Hector Benoit, Kevin Colton, Gail LeJeune, Russell Palmer, Nancy Fitzsimmons

## FOSTERING STEWARDSHIP

*In gratitude for God's gifts we gratefully appreciate:*

<b>Envelopes (2/25)</b>	<b>\$6120.50</b>
<b>Loose Collection</b>	<b><u>\$1638.65</u></b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$7759.15</b>
<b>2nd Collection-Eastern European Church</b>	<b>\$1681.50</b>

*Thank you for your generosity!*

### EASTER FLOWER COLLECTION

There is a special envelope in your box set of envelopes for Easter Flower Donations. The Altar Society is asking that you consider giving a contribution in order to help defray the added expenses that are incurred for the flowers and decorations of Holy Week and Easter Sunday. Please put your donation into any collection during March.

## STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

**A Selection from the U.S. Bishops' Pastoral Letter on Stewardship: Stewards of Vocation**

Jesus calls us, as his disciples, to a new way of life—the Christian way of life—of which stewardship is part. But Jesus does not call us as nameless people in a faceless crowd. He calls us individually, by name. Each one of us—clergy, religious, lay person; married, single; adult, child—has a personal vocation. God intends each one of us to play a unique role in carrying out the divine plan. The challenge, then, is to understand our role—our vocation—and to respond generously to this call from God. Christian vocation entails the practice of stewardship. In addition, Christ calls each of us to be stewards of our personal vocations, which we receive from God.

## VOCATIONS

### 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.*



## BURIED IN CHRIST

*Diane Prattini  
Ian Racine  
Lori Lambert*

**4th Sunday of Lent  
March 11, 2018**



God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. — *John 3:17*

## SUGGESTION BOX

**What's the latest from our suggestion box?**

- Church air-conditioning system has finally been upgraded to digital thermostat to regulate temperature more evenly; still working out some of the kinks, but so far seem to be working very well - **HOORAY!!!!**
- **Plan more family activities: picnic, dinners, games, etc.** Parish Family Picnic planned for April 15, 2018 from 12Noon-4PM on Backfield

**Readings for Sunday, March 18:**

**First Reading** — I will place my law within them and write it upon their hearts. (Jeremiah 31:31-34) or *Ezekiel 37:12-14*. **Psalm** — Create a clean heart in me, O God (Psalm 51) or *Psalm 130*. **Second Reading** — Christ became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him (Hebrews 5:7-9) or *Romans 8:8-11*. **Gospel** — If a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it produces much fruit (John 12:20-33) or *John 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45]*.

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## FOR THE CHILDREN

### CELEBRATING CATHOLIC FAMILIES

#### *Living the Word* 4th Sunday of Lent

Is there an idea or an issue about which you felt strongly but now see it differently? What contributed to the change of view or opened the possibility of a new understanding? Talk about this as a family. For young people, it may be a subject or an assignment in school. Sometimes it is particular person or group of people that as we come to know them better, our views about them change. In what way is this a type of healing?

### CHILDREN'S CORNER

**MARCH:** Month of LENT. Prayer Center Theme is: *Jesus, you sacrificed your life to save us. During Lent, I will sacrifice by....* Put written intentions in prayer pig; they will be offered up at all Sunday Masses once a month.



### SMM SCHOOL & PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION PROGRAMS

#### March

SMM 5th grade students recently volunteered at Second Harvest Food Bank. They packed food to be distributed to the needy of our community.

### SMM SCHOOL—COUGAR NEWS

BoosterThon Fund Raiser - to donate to SMM for new playground equipment see funrun.com and search for St. Mary Magdalen School. Thank you for your generosity.

### SAINT PATRICK—BISHOP OF IRELAND

#### Feast Day: March 17

Patrick, born in Scotland to Roman parents who were in charge of the British colonies, was kidnapped at age 14 and taken to pagan Ireland to herd sheep. He learned the Druid language and practices of the people, which later helped him to evangelize them when he returned as bishop.



## ADULT FAITH FORMATION

### ADULT CONFIRMATION PROGRAM

SMM will conduct classes for adult Catholics (18 & over) who wish to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. Classes will be held on **Tuesdays, April 10-May 15, from 7:00-8:00PM.** The celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation for adult Catholics will be held at the St. Louis Cathedral on **Pentecost Sunday, May 20** at 3:00 PM. **PRE-Registration is required.** Please call 733-8980 by Wed. April 4.

## EVANGELIZATION

### 12 Tips for Effective Catholic Evangelization

#### 7. Share your faith story

- Take some time to prayerfully consider what Christ has done for you and what He means to you, and how participation in the life of His Church has changed your life, highlighting significant moments of conversion and/or renewal of your faith and relationship with God.
- When the time is right, share this testimony or story of faith with the family member, friend, neighbor, co-worker, or other person you have befriended – and take every opportunity to practice sharing key moments of this journey of faith with a stranger whom God might place in your path for the sake of a respectful and caring witness.



## MARRIAGE & FAMILY LIFE

### Ongoing web initiatives of the USCCB:

The "[For Your Marriage](#)" website offers practical help and advice whether you're seriously dating, engaged, or at any stage of married life. If you're planning a Catholic wedding, you'll find information on everything from choosing the music and readings to marrying someone who is not Catholic. On the homepage check out the Daily Marriage Tips, book reviews, and blogs by engaged and married couples.

## THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

### Monday, March 12

Come, Lord Jesus in Convent Bldg 9:00 AM  
Parish School of Religion Classes, 6:45PM-8:00 PM

### Tuesday, March 13

Marian Servants® of Our Father's Love in Convent Bldg, 9:30AM-12Noon  
1st Communion Interviews in Church 6:30 PM  
KC Meeting in Massett Hall 6:30 PM  
Come, Lord Jesus in Convent Bldg 7:00 PM

### Wednesday, March 14

Lenten Prayer Series in Convent Bldg, 9:30-11 AM & 7-8:30 PM  
Parish Confessions in Church 5:00-6:30 PM  
Social Services Building open from 5:30PM-6:30PM

### Thursday, March 15

Come, Lord Jesus in Convent Bldg 7:00 PM

### Friday, March 16

Way of the Cross in Church 2:30 PM & 7:00 PM

### Saturday, March 17

Confessions in Church, 2:30-3:30 PM  
CROSS Catholic Outreach Presentation at Mass  
Men's Club Crawfish Cookoff Ticket Sale after Mass

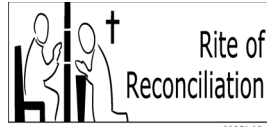
### Sunday, March 18

CROSS Catholic Outreach Presentation at Masses  
Men's Club Crawfish Cookoff Ticket Sale after Masses  
Family Mass 9:30 AM  
Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 12:15-1:15 PM  
Baptisms in Church 12:15 PM  
2019 Confirmation Class Parent & Candidate Meeting in Massett Hall at 7:00 PM

### CROSS CATHOLIC OUTREACH

Rev. Phong Phan will be visiting our parish NEXT weekend (**March 17/18**) to speak at all Masses on behalf of Cross Catholic Outreach which was founded to create a meaningful link between parishes in America and the priests and nuns working in the Church overseas in the Caribbean, Africa, Asia, Central & South America.

## SPECIAL PARISH EVENTS



### LENTEN NIGHTS OF RECONCILIATION

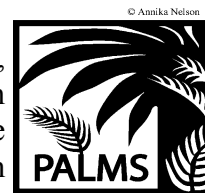
On **Wednesdays, March 14 & 21** the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available from **5:00-6:30 PM** in the Church. On these days, all Churches in the archdiocese will have a light on in the confessional as a sign that Christ is not only the light of the world but one who is eager to forgive and heal us. You are encouraged to take this opportunity to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

### ATTENTION ALL HIGH SCHOOL SOPHOMORES AND JUNIORS AND PARENTS

In order to be eligible to be confirmed in 2019, Candidates and Parents must attend a **MANDATORY Meeting on Sunday, MARCH 18, 2018** at 7:00 PM in Massett Hall. This meeting is **ONLY** open to interested, unconfirmed students who are **presently** in the 10<sup>th</sup> or 11<sup>th</sup> grades attending a Catholic High School or Catholic Parish High School of Religion Program for at least the last 2 years. Pre-registration is not required.

### PALMS UPDATE

Due to the recent winter freezes, many palm trees in our area have been severely damaged, so we will **NOT** be accepting any palms donations from parishioners for use on Palm Sunday this year. The KCs have generously offered to purchase the reed palms for our use. If however you would like to bring your own personal palm to Mass on Palm Sunday, you are certainly welcome to do so. So again, please **DO NOT** drop off any palms for use on Palm Sunday.



## RESPECT LIFE

**“Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have; God is pleased by sacrifices of that kind” (Heb. 13:16).**

We who have been given the gift of life & of knowing that all life is sacred from conception until natural death have the responsibility to go into the world & share this beautiful treasure of knowledge. Our sacrifices for life do not go unnoticed!

