

St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church

6425 West Metairie Avenue Metairie, Louisiana 70003

6th Sunday of Easter

LOVE ONE ANOTHER

In the Gospel for the Sixth Sunday of Easter we are met with an extraordinary challenge: Jesus commands us to “love one another as I love you” (John 15:12). The letter from John echoes this command. Of course, we are to love those in our family, those we work with, those we like. But the scriptures make clear that we are also to love those we never notice, those we purposely avoid, and even those we are tempted to despise. In this Sunday’s selection from the Acts of the Apostles Peter shows us how far God’s love extends, and how far our love should extend in response. Peter realizes that God no longer “shows partiality” to the Jews, sharing divine love exclusively with them. Christ has revealed that God’s love extends to all people, and so should ours.

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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

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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

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/PolicyonInfantBaptism OR 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.

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Shari Mader & Caren Favaloro, Co-Directors

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, May 7

6:30 AM Stanley Millet
8:30 AM Deacon Angelas Robin

Tuesday, May 8

6:30 AM Deacon Charlie Nunez
8:30 AM Living Intention for Steve Scalise

Wednesday, May 9

6:30 AM Living Intention for J.A.
8:30 AM Joe Paci

Thursday, May 10

6:30 AM Ronco Family
8:30 AM Speedy & Complete Recovery of Maria Sanchez

Friday, May 11

6:30 AM Nunzio Molay
8:30 AM Claire Cook

Saturday, May 12

8:00 AM Cindy Spence

Saturday, May 12

Feast of the Ascension of the Lord Vigil
4:00 PM Jack & Rosalie Couch, Joe Paci,
Kevin Reynolds, Julio Anleu, Gracia
Anleu, Aimee Marus, Dot Leonard,
Joan Ferry, Elizabeth Fabregas, Dean
D'Arcangelo, Lori Lambert, James
Maunoir, Mary Floyd

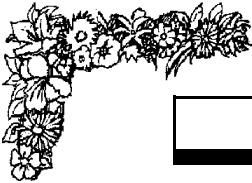
Sunday, May 13

Feast of the Ascension of the Lord
8:00 AM Deceased Mothers of All Parishioners
9:30 AM Deceased Mothers of All Parishioners
11:00 AM Deceased Mothers of All Parishioners
6:00 PM SMM Parishioners



PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH

Mark Lucich, Sherry Gaffney, Ray Talbot, Norvin Schexnaildre, Joyce Chiusano, Richard LeBlanc, Marsha Robert, Rose Keller, Leah Conlin, Abigail Robertson, Patrick Mulhern, Marilyn Reynolds, 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, Ann Robert, Nancy Fitzsimmons, Gaynell Robin, Linda Speciale, Rose Mary Pizza, Baby Sean, Daphne Dufour, Ken Bohnenstiehl



BURIED IN CHRIST

*David J. Le Bon
William Arnouville*



**Sixth Sunday of Easter
May 6, 2018**

It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit. — *John 15:16*

RESPECT LIFE

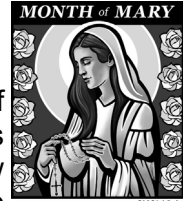
The 20th Annual Mother's Day Rosary Crusade for Life will be held on **Saturday, May 12th**, 2018 from 9:00 to 10:30 a.m. in front of Planned Parenthood at 4636 S. Claiborne Ave. in New Orleans. 20 decades of the Rosary will be recited followed by our guest speaker, Margaret Murphy, RN, who will speak on the life-saving mission of Access Pregnancy Center and St. Vincent Maternity Program. This prayer event is sponsored by the Archdiocesan Sidewalk Counseling and Prayer Ministry, a ministry of the Respect Life Office of the Archdiocese of New Orleans. All are welcome. For more information, please call Pam Richard at (504) 460-9360 or (985) 809-0773."

FOSTERING STEWARDSHIP

In gratitude for God's gifts we gratefully appreciate:
Envelopes (4/22) \$ 4687.00
Loose Collection \$ 2337.34
Total \$ 7024.34
2nd Collection-Priests Retirement \$ 3329.00

Thank you for your generosity!

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION



In ancient Rome, the beautiful month of May was dedicated to the goddess Flora, the patroness of flowers and new life. May 1 was considered the beginning of abundant growth, and a day for public festivals aimed at expelling winter. Even after Christianity took hold, the customs of the pagan feast lingered behind. Long ago, there was a thirty-day devotion to Mary, sometimes called "Lady Month," which began on August 15. By the eighteenth century, the custom of assigning devotions to months of the year was developing. June, for example, was the month of the Sacred Heart, and October was for the Holy Rosary. Beginning with the Jesuit Order in Rome and spreading throughout the world, May has been celebrated as the month of Mary, the Blessed Mother, for more than two hundred years. That was a welcome remedy to some enduring pagan practices, such as maypole dancing and the crowning of the May Queen. Some historians say that in ancient times the May Queen was actually a human sacrifice. Devoting May to Mary is undoubtedly a better thing to do.

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Readings for Sunday, May 13:

First Reading — Jesus tells the disciples that they will be witnesses to the ends of the earth (Acts 1:1-11). **Psalm** — God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord (Psalm 47). **Second Reading** — God seated Jesus at his right hand in the heavens (Ephesians 1:17-23) or *Ephesians 4:1-13 [1-7, 11-13]*. **Gospel** — The Lord Jesus was taken up into heaven. (Mark 16:15-20).

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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, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

FOR THE CHILDREN

CELEBRATING CATHOLIC FAMILIES

Living the Word

6th Sunday of Easter

Jesus shows us what to do with the love we receive from our family, our church community, our friends and God. Jesus knew the love of the Father completely. When we know unconditional love from another person, we recognize the source is God, loving us through that person. We are called to love others and to live as Jesus did as a response to this love.

CHILDREN'S CORNER

MAY: Month of Mary. Prayer Center Theme is: *Mary, Queen of Peace, help me to bring peace to others 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

The SMM Liturgical Club assisted the KCs in welcoming our Spiritually Adopted babies at our parish's Baby Shower. The students thank you for your prayers and support of these babies thruout the year!

SPIRITUAL ADOPTION PROGRAM

HAPPY BIRTHDAY SPIRITUALLY ADOPTED BABY!

Your spiritually adopted baby was born this month — nine months after conception occurred. The only change at birth is that the baby is no longer receiving life support through the umbilical cord. That is, the baby is no different than before birth except that he or she is now breathing air as we do and needs feeding and nurturing. This baby is truly a miracle. He or she began as a 46 chromosome cell and has developed over the past nine months into this unique human baby. Never before in history, nor ever again, will anyone exist who is just like your spiritually adopted baby. Your prayers have helped to save this baby's life. Thank you, on behalf of all the little babies, that you cared enough to pray for this little one and his or her mother.

SMM SCHOOL—COUGAR NEWS

Join us for adoration tomorrow, Monday 5/7 from 9:00-10:00 in the chapel. Join us for our Lady Bug Rosary this Friday, 5/11 from 7:45-8:05 a.m. in the chapel. Registration continues for PK. Call 733-1433 for a private tour.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

The RCIA Program is for those wishing to become Catholic and Baptized Catholics with little or no religious instruction. For more call the Parish Religious Education Office at 733-8980.

CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING

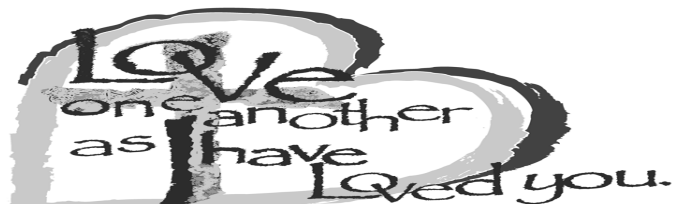
LIFE & DIGNITY of the HUMAN PERSON

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The Catholic Church proclaims that human life is sacred and that the dignity of the human person is the foundation of a moral vision for society. This belief is the foundation of all the principles of our social teaching. In our society, human life is under direct attack from abortion and euthanasia. The value of human life is being threatened by cloning, embryonic stem cell research, and the use of the death penalty. The intentional targeting of civilians in war or terrorist attacks is always wrong. Catholic teaching also calls on us to work to avoid war. Nations must protect the right to life by finding increasingly effective ways to prevent conflicts and resolve them by peaceful means. We believe that every person is precious, that people are more important than things, and that the measure of every institution is whether it threatens or enhances the life and dignity of the human person.

SCRIPTURE REFERENCES

Genesis 1:26-31 God created man and woman in his image. Deuteronomy 10:17-19 God loves the orphan, the widow, and the stranger. Psalms 139:13-16 God formed each of us and knows us intimately. Proverbs 22:2 The Lord is the maker of both rich and poor. Luke 10:25-37 The good Samaritan recognized the dignity in the other and cared for his life. John 4:1-42 Jesus broke with societal and religious customs to honor the dignity of the Samaritan woman. Romans 12: 9-18 one another, contribute to the needs of others, live peaceably with all. 1 Corinthians 3:16 are holy, for you are God's temple and God dwells in you. Galatians 3:27-28 All Christians are one in Christ Jesus. James 2:1-8 Honor the poor. 1 John 3: 1-2 See what love the Father has for us, that we should be called Children of God. 1 John 4:7-12 Let us love one another because love is from God.



THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Monday, May 7

SMM School Adoration in Chapel 9:00 AM
Come, Lord Jesus in Convent Bldg 9:00 AM
Men's Club Meeting in Massett Hall 7:00 PM

Tuesday, May 8

Marian Servants® of Our Father's Love in Convent Bldg, 9:30AM-12Noon
Come, Lord Jesus in Convent Bldg 7:00 PM
KC Meeting in Massett Hall 7:00 PM
SMM School Guitar Concert in Church 7:00 PM

Wednesday, May 9

Social Services Building open from 5:30PM-6:30PM
General Fair Meeting in Massett Hall 7:00 PM

Thursday, May 10

Come, Lord Jesus in Convent Bldg 7:00 PM

Friday, May 11

Saturday, May 12

Confessions in Church, 2:30-3:30 PM
2nd Collection - Bldg & Maintenance Fund
Mother's Day Blessing at Mass

Sunday, May 13-Mother's Day

2nd Collection - Bldg & Maintenance Fund
Mother's Day Blessing at Masses
Holy Name Society Mtg in Ministries Bldg 9:00 AM
Family Mass/May Crowning 9:30 AM
Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 12:15-1:15 PM

ALTAR SERVER NEWS

All boys and girls who are completing the 3rd grade or higher are invited to join the SMM Altar Server Ministry. New servers **MUST** pre-register and attend a special training session on **Saturday, May 19**. For more info or to receive a registration packet call 733-8980 or email ssullivan@smm.nocoxmail.com

SEAFOOD FESTIVAL NEWS

Mark your calendar for our Parish Fundraiser! Our Seafood Festival is on **October 5, 6 & 7, 2018**. Planning is underway and we are having a General Festival Meeting on **Wednesday, May 9** at 7:00 pm in Massett Hall. Please join us in planning this event!

SPECIAL PARISH EVENTS

KNIGHTS of COLUMBUS BABY SHOWER

This weekend, **May 5/6** the KCs will hold a Baby Shower to benefit ACCESS. Unwrapped gifts should be returned to church and deposited in marked boxes before Mass or to the rectory office by May 12. Suggested items (for health reasons, only **NEW** items please): onesies, children's clothing or disposable diapers up to size 3, wipes, baby bath towels & face cloths, receiving blankets/baby blankets, baby bottles, infant socks, pacifiers, baby wash, lotion & shampoo, Desitin ointment OR... "Precious feet" lapel pins available for cash donations (suggested donation \$2). Please consider donating a gift for a newly born baby.



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KNIGHTS of COLUMBUS BREAKFAST

On **Sunday, May 6**, all are invited to join the KCs for Breakfast in Massett Hall after the 8AM, 9:30AM & 11 AM Masses.

ORDER OF ST. LOUIS AWARD

On Sunday, May 6, Archbishop Gregory Aymond will present the *Order of St. Louis Award* to **Mike Earle** and **David & Melanie Gaumond** from SMM Parish at a special ceremony at St. Joseph Church. Mike, David & Melanie were selected for this honor for their many years of service to our parish community. To show our appreciation for their dedication to our parish, special recognition and a blessing will be given to them on May 6 at the 9:30 AM Mass here at SMM. A breakfast will follow for 2018 award recipients & their families, as well as past recipients of this special honor. *Congratulations* and *Thank You* to Mike, David & Melanie!!!

SPECIAL MOTHER'S DAY BLESSING

SMM Parish will acknowledge and honor all of our mothers at all Masses **NEXT** weekend with a special blessing.

PARISH MAY CROWNING

Sunday, May 13 at the 9:30 AM Mass, the Blessed Mother will be crowned by the *Caillouet Family*. Children who wish to bring flowers to the Blessed Mother are asked to join the Procession at the beginning of all Masses.