

St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church

6425 West Metairie Avenue Metairie, Louisiana 70003

Feast of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist



© J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

JOHN THE BAPTIST

Since June 24 falls on a Sunday this year, the Church has the opportunity for a more intense celebration of the birth of John the Baptist, who is often described as the last of the Old Testament prophets and the bridge between Judaism and Christianity. More commonly, John is known as the “precursor” of our Lord Jesus Christ. All the Gospels report John’s basic message: Repent, the kingdom is near at hand. One greater than I is coming. Though he was a wandering preacher who dressed in camel skins and ate grasshoppers, John’s legacy is one of true royalty. His origins are similar to those foretold by God through the prophet Isaiah: “You are my servant, he said to me, Israel through whom I show my glory” (Isaiah 49:3). John’s humility—“I am not he”—was surpassed only by that of his Lord Jesus, the humble servant who followed.

Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

June 24, 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

Parish Website:

www.stmarymagdalenchurch.com

Parish Email Address:

magdalen@smm.nocoxmail.com

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/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
June 24, 2018

Vol. XXXVII, No.29

HOW CAN WE HELP YOU?

PARISH OFFICE

Fr. Chris DeLerno, Pastor
(504) 733-0922; cdelerno@yahoo.com

Deacon Chuck LeBlanc
(504) 733-0922; cleblanc@archdiocese-no.org

Deacon Jim Heneghan
(504) 733-0922; jheneghan@archdiocese-no.org

Deacon Lee Poche
(504) 733-0922

Barbara Croy, Parish Secretary
(504) 733-0922; bcroy@smm.nocoxmail.com

Cathleen Guidry, Parish Bookkeeper
(504) 733-0922

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE-
(504) 733-8980

Parish School of Religion (PSR) Director
Linda Earle—learle@smm.nocoxmail.com

Parish Coordinator
Susie Sullivan—ssullivan@smm.nocoxmail.com

SMM SCHOOL

Valerie Rodriguez, Principal
(504) 733-1433; vrodriguez@smmcougars.org

Melanie Gaumont, Religion Coordinator
(504) 733-1433; mgaumont@smmcougars.org

Dianne Hughes/Caren Favaloro, Secretaries
(504) 733-1433; stmarymag@archdiocese-no.org
FAX (504) 736-0727

BEFORE/AFTER-CARE—(504) 733-4768
Shari Mader & Caren Favaloro, Co-Directors

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, June 25

6:30 AM Living Intention for Richard Wroblewski

8:30 AM Bill & Mary Dendinger

Tuesday, June 26

6:30 AM Fr. Micae Bui Duc Huynh
8:30 AM Clyde Thompson

Wednesday, June 27

6:30 AM Fr. Austin Carrico
8:30 AM Barbie Abry

Thursday, June 28

6:30 AM Louis V. Levy
8:30 AM *Prayer Service-No Intentions*

Friday, June 29

Feast of Sts. Peter & Paul

6:30 AM Fr. Earl LaRose
8:30 AM Raymond Cazoneri, Sr.

Saturday, June 30

8:00 AM June Plauche

Saturday, June 30

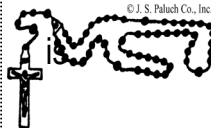
13th Sunday in Ordinary Time Vigil

4:00 PM Jack & Rosalie Couch, Aimee Marus, Kevin Reynolds, Colleen Graham, Dot Leonard, Dean D'Arcangelo, Joe Paci, Joan Ferry, James Maunoir, Abadie Family

Sunday, July 1

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Prat Family
9:30 AM SMM Parishioners
11:00 AM Ron & Mary Dewhirst, Lori Lambert, James Rizzuto, Jr., Willie Arnouville, Baby Lemoine
6:00 PM Clyde Thompson



Our Lady said, "With the rosary, it is easy to knock on the gate of the mercy of God." The Secret Power of the Rosary by Barbara Kloss

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, 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, Dave "Brother" Dupuy, Janice Liang, Macy Guidry

FOSTERING STEWARDSHIP

In gratitude for God's gifts we gratefully appreciate:

Envelopes (6/10)	\$ 5928.00
Loose Collection	\$ 2574.26
Total	\$ 8502.26
2nd Collection—Bldg & Maintenance	\$ 3844.00

Thank you for your generosity!

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

It's midsummer day! We have the advantage of celebrating one of the great hidden treasures of our liturgical calendar on a Sunday this year. There are only three "nativity" feasts on our calendar: for the Lord, the Blessed Mother (September 8), and today's birth of the Baptist. Today's date is anchored by the Annunciation (March 25), when Mary learns not only of her own child's advent, but of Elizabeth's child. We are exactly half a year away from Christmas Eve. There are strong traditions around this feast. Just as the winter solstice provides a rich vocabulary for Christmas, so does the abundance of light at midsummer inform this celebration. Just as at Christmas, a religious festival spills over into culture. As summer light reaches its peak, the sun-drenched zones of northern Europe see people staying up all night, lighting "St. John's fires" in the long summer twilight. Bonfires seem to be the unifying force in all these celebrations, kindled along the shores of the St. Lawrence in Quebec and Montreal, with harbor illuminations in France. You may be most interested in the custom in San Juan, Puerto Rico, the Baptist's own city. People there will leap into the sea between midnight and dawn to honor John. Why not find your way to a pool, a lake, or a sandy beach today and plunge in to recall your baptism? It's a tradition!



BURIED IN CHRIST

Shirley LeBlanc



Nativity of Saint John the Baptist
June 24, 2018

"Behold, one is coming after me; I am not worthy to unfasten the sandals of his feet."

—Acts 13:25

ST. JUDE SOCIETY NEWS

The St. Jude Society recently awarded scholarships to: **Grace Rodriguez** and **Abigail Winingham**. The scholarship awards are for \$1000 each toward their tuition for 7th grade for the 2018-19 school year at St. Mary Magdalen School. Congratulations to these very deserving students!!!

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.



Readings for Sunday, July 1:

First Reading — God did not make death, nor does God rejoice in the destruction of the living (Wisdom 1:13-15; 2:23-24). **Psalm** — I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me (Psalm 30). **Second Reading** — Your abundance should supply the needs of the others (2 Corinthians 8:7, 9, 13-15). **Gospel** — Your faith has saved you (Mark 5:21-43

[21-24, 35b-43]). 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.

FOR THE CHILDREN

CELEBRATING CATHOLIC FAMILIES

Living the Word

Feast of Nativity of St. John the Baptist

There are only three nativities celebrated during the Church year: JESUS (December 25), MARY (September 8) and ST. JOHN the BAPTIST (June 24). This speaks to us about the importance of John in the long history of salvation. He is the link between the old and the new, the one who prepares the way for the Messiah. Listen to him.

CHILDREN'S CORNER

JUNE: Month of the Holy Spirit

Prayer Center Theme is: *Holy Spirit, help us to share the Good News of Jesus with my family & friends by....*



Put written intentions in prayer pig; they will be offered up at all Masses every Sunday.

PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION NEEDS INSTRUCTORS

SMM Parish School of Religion, which meets on Monday evenings from 6:45-8:00 PM is in need of religion instructors (grades 1—11). Qualifications for instructors: baptized, practicing Catholic willing to share their faith with our young people. If interested, please contact Mrs. Linda Earle, Director of Parish Religious Education at 733-8980 or at learle@smm.nocoxmail.com.

SMM SCHOOL—COUGAR NEWS

St. Mary Magdalen School is accepting registrations for the 2018-2019 school year for students in Pre-K through 7th grade. Please call the school office at (504) 733-1433 or email vrodri-guez@smmcougars.org to schedule a private tour or to receive registration information. Forms are also available on our website at: www.smmcougars.org

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

The Parish Pastoral Council will hold their next meeting on **Wednesday, July 25 at 7:00 PM** in the Convent Bldg. Meetings are open to all parishioners, however, parishioners who wish to address the Council must submit, in writing, the topic of discussion along with their name and telephone number. This information should be submitted to the Council Chairperson, c/o the Rectory, at least 15 days prior to the meeting. Minutes of all meetings are available for review at the rectory.

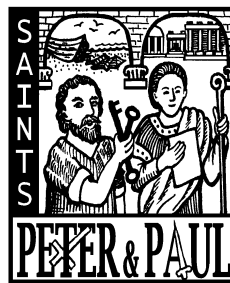
ADULT FAITH FORMATION

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

Do you know someone who is interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith? Someone who has been thinking about converting to Catholicism, but has not taken the initial step? Someone who is already Catholic but feels that they have not progressed in or fully understand their faith and would like to pursue it further? Our journey of faith will begin in August and continue through Easter. If you are interested in joining the **RCIA Program** or have further questions, please call Susie at 733-8980.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Today is an exceptional event on our calendar: the Thirtieth Sunday of Ordinary Time is eclipsed by a solemnity honoring two saints who didn't spend much time together in their earthly ministry, and who have distinct feasts so they probably don't mind sharing this one. Yet each suffered a similar fate in the same city, Rome, during the persecution of the Emperor Nero. Nero probably ordered the destruction of many of the residential neighborhoods in service to his building projects, and when the homeless began to look for someone to blame for the fires, Nero



targeted the Christians. Soon, Peter was crucified, upside down, on the Vatican hill. Excavations (called *scavi*) under the Vatican basilica have proven the authenticity of his burial place near the place of his death. Paul, a Roman citizen, was later granted a swifter execution by sword, and is remembered at a vast basilica on the city's outskirts. Peter and Paul were just about polar opposites. Peter rough and ready, Paul poetic and polished. Peter carried a burden of regret for his denials, Paul had his own issues with which he struggled. Peter leapt over barriers to go to the Gentiles, Paul strove with and surrendered to the same call. True, they spent very little time together in this life, but the same Spirit filled their hearts and by their witness changed the face of the earth. Feast day for Sts. Peter & Paul is June 29.

—Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch



THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Monday, June 25

Come, Lord Jesus in Convent Bldg 9:00 AM

Tuesday, June 26

Come, Lord Jesus in Convent Bldg 7:00 PM

Wednesday, June 27

Social Services Building open from 5:30PM-6:30PM
St. Jude Society Meeting in Chapel 7:00 PM

Thursday, June 28

Come, Lord Jesus in Convent Bldg 7:00 PM

Friday, June 29

Saturday, June 30

Confessions in Church, 2:30-3:30 PM

Sunday, July 1

Family Mass 9:30 AM
Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 12:15-1:15 PM

SMM PARISH HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS PLANS

When an evacuation is called for by local civic authorities, whether this is a recommended, voluntary or mandatory evacuation - all scheduled parish activities, including liturgical services, will be cancelled immediately. The Blessed Sacrament and parish sacramental records will be secured according to archdiocesan policy, parish facilities will be secured and



all parish staff, including clergy, will follow the evacuation order and vacate the parish campus. Please take some time NOW to prepare your own evacuation plans for this hurricane season.

Listed below are web site addresses of agencies with evacuation information:

LA State site: www.lsp.org/evacguide.html

Archdiocese of New Orleans site: www.arch-no.org

SMM Church site: www.stmarymagdalenchurch.com

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.*

SOCIAL JUSTICE

JUNE: Human Trafficking Awareness Month
LAST WEEKEND for SMM Parish's month-long drive to collect much needed supplies for the **Free Indeed Home** for victims rescued from human trafficking. Collection boxes will remain at all church entrances throughout the month of June. Suggested donations: 1st aid supplies, light bulbs (especially ceiling insert bulbs), brooms, mops, twin bed sheet sets (white only), garbage bags (especially kitchen size), furniture polish, Soft Scrub cleaner, Kaboom, Brillo pads, cooking oil.

SPECIAL PARISH EVENTS

SPECIAL PARISH CELEBRATION

**Honoring Deacon Jim Heneghan
Farewell to Fr. Vincent Phan**

Welcome Transitional Deacon Lee Poche

Jim Heneghan is to be ordained to the diaconate by Archbishop Gregory M. Aymond on Saturday, June 23, 2018. He will celebrate at St. Mary Magdalen on **Sunday, June 24** at 12 Noon at a Reception in Massett Hall. At the same time we will also be saying farewell to Fr. Vincent, who has been named pastor of St. John the Baptist Parish in Folsom, LA AND welcoming Transitional Deacon Leon Poche who will be in residence at SMM from June-October. Please join us in celebrating this special occasion!!!

CYO NEWS

CYO Ice Cream Social on **Sunday, June 24** from 7 - 8:30 pm in Massett Hall. Current members should bring their dues and membership forms for the 2018-2019 year. CYO is open to all youth in grades 8 - 12. We especially invite all young people that have recently completed 7th grade! You are now eligible to join the CYO. Our events include spiritual, service, sports, and social activities aligned with our Catholic Faith. Annual dues are \$15 and include the insurance fee with the Archdiocese. Membership forms can be printed from the CYO page on the parish website.



© J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

<https://stmarymagdalenchurch.com/cyo>