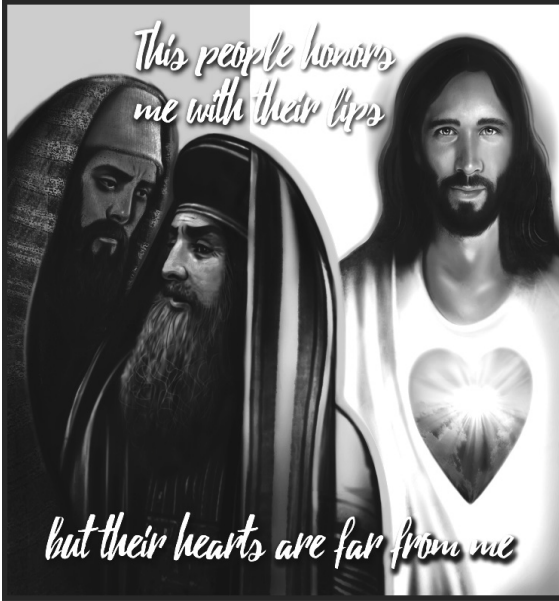


St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church

6425 West Metairie Avenue Metairie, Louisiana 70003

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time



THE HIGHEST LAW

From time to time, newspapers and magazines will offer, as an item of "filler," various laws that are still on the books but seem silly to us in our day and age. In one California city, it is illegal to have two indoor bathtubs in one house. Clean water, a precious commodity when the law was written, is now readily available, so the law seems silly. But the human value of protecting and preserving precious resources is still around, evident in many conservation laws that seem sensible to us. So it is with the laws of religious tradition. What Jesus scorns today is others' attitude toward ritual laws, an attitude that becomes nearly idolatrous when laws are observed for their own sake. Jesus teaches that observation of external ritual laws is of value only when they are emblems of our internal disposition toward the will of God. Our whole lives must follow the one ultimate law of God: to love God completely and to love neighbor entirely. Roman Catholicism is a tradition rich with customs, traditions, and even laws. As we continue to listen to the voice of Christ, we must always look into our own hearts and underneath our ritual practices to make sure that love of God and love of neighbor are what we prize above all.

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September 2, 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

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, September 3

8:30 AM Audree Forbes

Tuesday, September 4

6:30 AM Special Intention for Dr. A.J. Giorlando
8:30 AM Poor Souls

Wednesday, September 5

6:30 AM Special Intention for C.G.
8:30 AM Gwen Brennan

Thursday, September 6

6:30 AM Ronco Family
8:30 AM Dorothy Miller

Friday, September 7

6:30 AM Gus Barbier
8:30 AM John Onofrio

Saturday, September 8

Feast of Nativity of Blessed Virgin Mary
8:00 AM Cindy Spence

Saturday, September 8

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Vigil
4:00 PM Jack & Rosalie Couch, Joan Ferry,
Kevin Reynolds, Joe Paci, Lloyd &
Lillie Savoy, Norma & Lance Hubble,
Vetter Amadeo Taylor, Aimee Marus,
Dot Leonard, James Maunoir, Abadie
Family, Dean D'Arcangelo, Floyd
Hyer

Sunday, September 9

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 AM All Deceased Members of Holy Name
Society
9:30 AM SMM Parishioners
11:00 AM Dr. Gordon Landry, Harris Miller,
Madeleine Landry, Effie Sarti, Joanne
& Walter Gallinghouse, Clyde
Thompson
6:00 PM Richard & Genevieve Ducote, Hal
Ducote



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, Russell Palmer, Ann Robert, Nancy Fitzsimmons, Gaynell Robin, Linda Speciale, Rose Mary Pizza, Baby Sean, Daphne Dufour, Dave "Brother" Dupuy, Janice Liang, Macy Guidry, Matt Niclosi, Richard Moss

FOSTERING STEWARDSHIP

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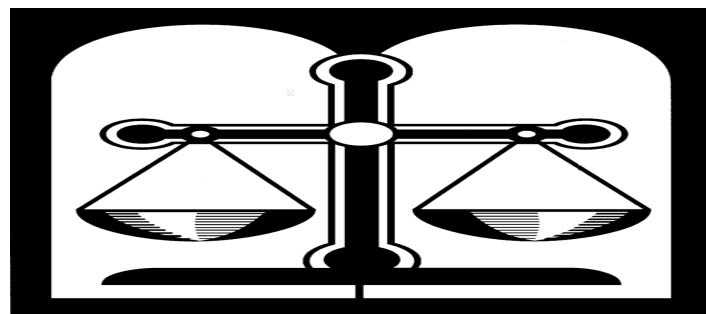
Envelopes (8/19)	\$ 5676.00
Loose Collection	\$ 2792.95
Total	\$ 8468.95
Feast of Assumption	\$ 1190.00

Thank you for your generosity!

DOMINICAN SISTERS THANK YOU

Dear Fr. DeLerno & SMM Parishioners,
 May God's love, peace and mercy be with you.
 On behalf of my religious congregation both in Viet Nam and here in the U.S., I would like to express our deepest gratitude to all of you for your generous hearts and support for our missions. Our Sisters have been blessed to not only pray and worship with all of you recently, but they also met many wonderful people at your beautiful Church. Be assured of our prayers for you and all the good people in your Church. Once again, thank you very much for your kindness, generosity & hospitality. May our gracious Lord continue to bestow upon you & the people of your Church His choicest blessings.

Gratefully yours in Christ,
 Sister Cecilianna Le, OP
 Dominican Mission Director



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Readings for Sunday, September 9:

First Reading — Be strong, fear not! Here is your God (Isaiah 35:4-7a). **Psalm** — Praise the Lord, my soul! (Psalm 146). **Second Reading** — Show no partiality as you adhere to the faith in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ (James 2:1-5). **Gospel** — Jesus makes the deaf hear and the mute speak (Mark 7:31-37). 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.

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.



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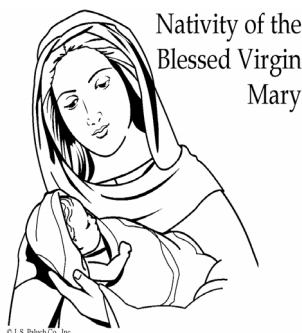
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Humbly welcome the word that has been planted in you and is able to save your souls.
 — James 1:21b

Exactly nine months after the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Dec. 8), we come to a feast in honor of Mary's birth. On **September 8** we recall the greatness on Mary and her importance in all of salvation history, as we remember her humble and obedient yes to give birth to Jesus Christ, the Savior of the World. So on this day, we honor the life of Mary Immaculate, called to be the Mother of God and our mother, queen of heaven and earth.



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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.

FOR THE CHILDREN

CELEBRATING CATHOLIC FAMILIES

Living the Word

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Be doers of
the word,
and not
hearers
only



Keeping the rules in our family and laws in our country and state are important, we should also keep the rules that God teaches us. We should live by the rules but also share Jesus love with others by our actions.

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 RELIGION PROGRAM SEPTEMBER

The theme for the 2018-19 school year is *Virtue Grows Where Love is Planted*. Each month throughout the year, a Catholic virtue will be introduced to the students. Activities and prayers, and the lives of saints will be used to promote that value. Please pray that our students, faculty, and staff may continue to grow in faith through the power of the Holy Spirit.

ARE YOU EDUCATING YOUR CHILDREN IN THE CATHOLIC FAITH?

When a child is baptized into the Catholic Church, it is the parents responsibility to raise and educate that child in the Catholic faith. In order to help parents with this education, each parish offers a *School of Religion Program* (Grades 1-12) for those children attending a public or private school. Religion Classes for students are held every Monday evening beginning **September 10, 2018** from 6:45 PM -8:00 PM. Registration Fee: \$40 - one child; \$15 - each additional child; \$60 - maximum fee for any one family attending either program. Call Linda Earle, CRE at 733-8980 for further info about registering your child for these classes.

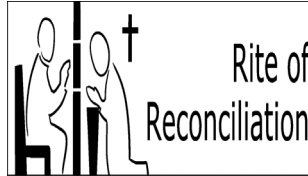
IMPORTANT LETTER FROM ARCHBISHOP

A letter from Archbishop Aymond addressing the recent sex abuse scandal in the Catholic dioceses of Pennsylvania may be found at all church entrances or on our parish website.

SPIRITUALITY

SPECIAL NIGHT OF RECONCILIATION

On **Wednesday, September 12** the Sacrament of



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Reconciliation will be available from **5:00-6:30PM** in the Church. On this day, 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.

RESPECT LIFE

SPIRITUAL ADOPTION PROGRAM

THE FIRST MONTH AFTER CONCEPTION

Your spiritually adopted baby has been quite active over the past month. Already, your baby is 10,000 times bigger than at conception and has developed the foundations of his or her nervous system, including the brain and spinal cord, by the 20th day. During the first 4 weeks, the baby's organs are starting to form. Your baby is the most vulnerable during the next month to being aborted. Pray that the Lord of Life might move the heart of this baby's mother to give him or her the most precious gift — the gift of life.



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EVANGELIZATION



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THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Monday, September 3-Labor Day

Rectory/Parish Offices—CLOSED

Tuesday, September 4

Marian Servants® of Our Father's Love in Convent Bldg, 9:30AM-12Noon

Come, Lord Jesus in Convent Bldg 7:00 PM

Boy Scout Meeting, Rm. 1 7:00 PM

Wednesday, September 5

Social Services Building open from 5:30PM-6:30PM

ALPHA Pilot Program in Convent Bldg 6:30 PM

Parents' Club Meeting in Massett Hall 7:00 PM

Thursday, September 6

Come, Lord Jesus in Convent Bldg 7:00 PM

Friday, September 7

Saturday, September 8

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

2nd Collection - Building & Maintenance Fund

Grandparents Day Blessing

KC Ladies Auxiliary Diaper Drive in Church

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Family Mass 9:30 AM

Parish Jazz Brunch in Massett Hall 12:00 PM

NO Adoration of Blessed Sacrament

2018 SEAFOOD FESTIVAL NEWS

October 5, 6 & 7

The Festival is **THE PARISH'S MAJOR FUND-RAISER** and we need your support to make this a successful event!

RAFFLE TICKETS

Raffle tickets for the SMM Fall Festival are available at all church entrances or at the Rectory Office. Tickets are \$1ea and come in a book of 30 tickets. Returns can be put in an envelope and deposited in any regular Sunday collection or dropped off at the rectory.

Fair Set-up Saturdays on backfield: Sept. 22 & 29 at 8:30AM; Fair Clean-up Monday: October 8 at 8:00 AM

LABOR DAY BLESSING

God, our creator, we are the work of your hands. Guide us in our work, that we may do it, not for self alone, but for the common good. Make us alert to injustice, ready to stand in solidarity, that there may be dignity for all in labor and in labor's reward. Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

St. Joseph, patron of laborers, Pray for us.



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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Labor Day originated in 1882 in New York City under the aegis of the Knights of Labor. Congress made it a legal holiday in 1894. Observing it this week gives us a good opportunity to reflect on the

Catholic Church's social teachings for the last century or so. On May 15, 1891, Pope Leo XIII issued the encyclical *Rerum Novarum* on the condition of the working classes and labor. In doing so, he initiated a century in which Catholic teaching became more and more involved in the social issues of the day. Unfortunately relegated to the shadows while the bright lights of controversy shine on other issues, Catholic social teaching remains largely unknown to many Catholics. It is the Catholic Church that championed such notions as a fair day's pay for a fair day's work, and continues to uphold the dignity of the human person against attacks from governments and corporations. Nearly every pope since Leo XIII has issued teachings on the subject. Take some time this Labor Day to familiarize yourself with some aspect of the Church's social teachings. In doing so, you will be taking responsibility as a member of the Body of Christ to commit yourself to the care of your neighbor.

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SPECIAL PARISH EVENTS

PARISH CELEBRATION

On **Sunday, September 9** at 12 Noon, ALL are invited to attend a **JAZZ BRUNCH** in Massett Hall in honor of our Parish Anniversary and all SMM Volunteers. ***Please join us for this special celebration!***

ACCESS DIAPER DRIVE

The KC Ladies Aux. is sponsoring a "Diaper Drive" to benefit Catholic Charities ACCESS program on the weekends of **Sept. 8/9** and **Sept. 15/16**. All sizes are needed, especially the larger size. Baby wipes are also needed. Donation boxes will be located at all church entrances. If you prefer, gift cards will also be accepted. Thank you in advance.