

# St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church

6425 West Metairie Avenue Metairie, Louisiana 70003

## 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time



### SEE BEYOND OUTWARD APPEARANCES

The phrase "Sunday best" has lost much of its meaning in our society today. Some lament the loss of people dressing up for church on Sunday; others think it's a healthy sign that we're as casual in attire gathered before the Lord as we are elsewhere. No matter which school of thought on this topic we belong to, James would probably chastise us. In either case, we are still focused on external appearance, mistaking it for some sort of favored position before God. True, James criticizes the community that favors the rich and well-dressed while ostracizing the poorly clothed, but even more he criticizes the making of distinctions, making choices based on criteria that having nothing to do with the reign of God. James might turn our attention to the reign of God described by Isaiah, in which people are healed and the earth becomes ripe to bear fruit. Jesus today is focused on this reign of God, healing a Gentile man in a region hostile to his Jewish faith, not mindful of the man's origins or clothing or status or ability to repay. Isaiah, James, and Jesus in Mark's Gospel all call us to look more deeply to find where the will of God needs to be done, and has been done, on earth as in heaven. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

September 9, 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

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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/Policy](http://www.arch-no.org/HumanResources/Policies/Policy) on Infant Baptism 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.

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

**Monday, September 10**

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

8:30 AM Poor Souls

**Tuesday, September 11**

6:30 AM Andrew Max Davis

8:30 AM John Onofri

**Wednesday, September 12**

6:30 AM Jacob & Bertha Roth

8:30 AM Gwen Brennan

**Thursday, September 13**

6:30 AM Mary Ann Ferrero

8:30 AM Dorothy Miller

**Friday, September 14**

***Feast of Exaltation of the Holy Cross***

6:30 AM Gail LeJeune

8:30 AM John Onofrio

**Saturday, September 15**

***Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows***

8:00 AM Cindy Spence

**Saturday, September 15**

***24th Sunday in Ordinary Time Vigil***

4:00 PM Jack & Rosalie Couch, Joan Ferry,  
Joe Paci, Julio Anleu, Gracia Anleu,  
Aimee Marus, Dot Leonard, James  
Maunoir, Dean D'Arcangelo, Abadie  
Family

**Sunday, September 16**

***24th Sunday in Ordinary Time***

8:00 AM Bertucci & Trapani Families

9:30 AM SMM Parishioners

11:00 AM Colleen Graham, Ian Racine

6:00 PM Clyde Thompson



**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**

*In gratitude for God's gifts we gratefully appreciate:*  
**Envelopes (8/26)** \$ 6257.00  
**Loose Collection** \$ 3144.35  
**Total** \$ 9401.35

*Thank you for your generosity!*

**CATHOLIC COMMUNICATIONS COLLECTION**  
 Kids repeat everything they hear...that's why its important to give them words worth listening to. Good values make great kids. **NEXT weekend (Sept. 15/16)** please give generously to the Catholic Communication Campaign.



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In 335 two churches and a shrine erected over the empty grave of Jesus and over the place of the crucifixion were dedicated. After these were destroyed, the Church of the Holy Sepulcher was erected by the Crusaders in 1149. This feast also commemorates the event that

led to the building of the churches dedicated in 335: the discovery of the "true cross" by St. Helena, Constantine's mother, in 326. According to one legend, St. Helena traveled to Jerusalem on pilgrimage, in search of the true cross. Workers she hired dug on the site of the Crucifixion and found three crosses. A dying woman was brought in, and touched by each cross in succession, the last of which healed her. Helena ordered that this cross be divided in three parts, one to be kept in Jerusalem and the other two to be sent to Constantinople and Rome. The pieces in Jerusalem and Constantinople were ultimately lost. Slivers were taken from the portion that went to Rome until eventually it was scattered around the world. Of course, the significance of the true cross lies not in the wood itself but in the burden that it bore. As a faithful Christian, what crosses do you accept in your life today?

**Feast: September 14** —Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co  
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**Readings for Sunday, September 16:**  
**First Reading** — The Lord GOD is my help; who will prove me wrong? (Isaiah 50:5-9a). **Psalm** — I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living (Psalm 116). **Second Reading** — Faith, if it does not have works, is dead (James 2:14-18). **Gospel** — Jesus asked his disciples, "Who do you say that I am?" (Mark 8:27-35).  
The English translation of the Psalm Responses from

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Did not God choose those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs to the kingdom? — James 2:5



The sorrows of the Blessed Virgin Mary begin with the prophecy of Simeon at the Presentation at the Temple, when he tells her, "Behold, this child is destined for the fall and rise of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be contradicted, and you yourself

a sword will pierce, so that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed" (Luke 2:34-35). In art, **Our Lady of Sorrows** has her heart pierced by seven swords, representing the seven sorrows of tradition and the prophecy of Simeon. Feast Day: **September 15.**



**BLESSING OF CATECHISTS**

On **Sunday, September 16** at the 9:30 AM Mass all Parish Catechists will be recognized and receive a special blessing and gift from the parish.

**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*

#### 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

The people who bring forward a deaf man beg Jesus to lay his hand on him. When we beg God for what we or others need, we acknowledge our complete dependence on God. At Mass, the priest begs God to send the Holy Spirit on the gifts of bread and wine so they will become Jesus' Body and Blood. God always gives us what we need.

#### 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.

If you feel God may be selecting you for the special life of priest, religious or deacon, contact the Vocations Office 861-6298 or [vocations@arch-no.org](mailto:vocations@arch-no.org)

#### SMM SCHOOL—COUGAR NEWS

Please join us this week for adoration on Monday from 9:00-10:00 and for the rosary on Friday beginning at 7:45 a.m. Keep our 7th graders in your prayers as they receive their 7th grade shirts and pins this Wednesday at their special Mass. Please continue to pray that our students, faculty, and staff may continue to grow in faith through the power of the Holy Spirit.

## VOCATIONS

#### 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.*

## 9/11 REMEMBERED

Sixteen years ago, the continuing TV coverage of the imploding twin towers of the World Trade Center in New York was unbearable for me, as were accounts of the crashes and destruction in Washington and the hills of Pennsylvania. The immense devastation of human life was incomprehensible. Visiting the site in New York some five years later reopened searing wounds, and overwhelmed me with immense sadness. An incursion on our soil, carefully planned and executed by foreign elements, had shattered my cherished sense of security, and provoked a frightening sense of God's absence. How could my Catholic faith tradition enable me to endure this tragedy? I knew that neither vengeance nor sweeping animosity was an option for me.

*You have left us crushed . . . covered us with darkness.*

*We are bowed down to the ground (Psalm 44:20, 26).*

*O LORD of hosts, restore us;*

*Let your face shine upon us (Psalm 80:4).*

The Psalmist cries a lament, expressing the mourning of the Israelite people, the chosen of God, who had regarded themselves as untouchable and above reproach, now hurled into misery. The lament expresses a nation's agony, dares to complain against their divine protector, may even own some complicity in the misery, and finally pleads with God for deliverance. In the midst of lamenting, the faith of Israel endured, as must ours. We are as vulnerable as they were to the violence and hatred that seem to encircle us. Our demand for a divine explanation goes unheeded. Yet we have learned of the self-sacrificing heroism of many, witnessing to the finest character of our nation and of our Christian heritage. Dying for one's friends is a sacred theme in our story, epitomized in Jesus, our Savior, and extended through centuries in the grandest and noblest acts of men and women in all circumstances. In 2001 we came together as one nation under God, sharing the grief, the disillusionment, and the promise to rebuild. As today we lament our honored dead and wounded, shall we translate such agonizing emotion into a persistent pursuit of worldwide reconciliation and peace?

—Rev. Andrew Nelson, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

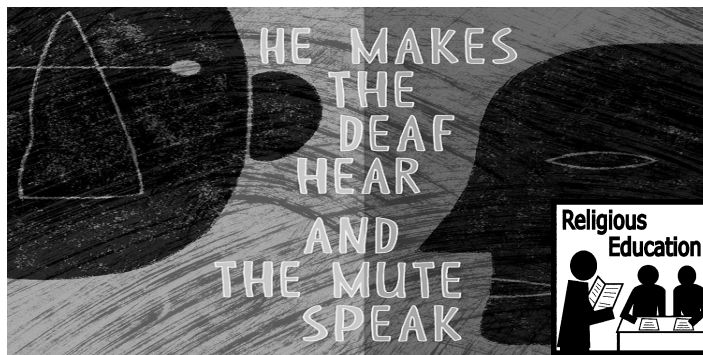
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That in memory of the events of 9/11, all people, then and now, suffering the effects of terrorism find light, peace and inner strength...

**WE PRAY TO THE LORD.**

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## THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

### Monday, September 10

School Adoration in Chapel	9:00 AM
Come, Lord Jesus in Convent Bldg	9:00 AM
Parish School of Religion Classes,	6:45PM-8:00 PM
Men's Club Meeting in Massett Hall	7:00 PM

### Tuesday, September 11

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
Boy Scout Meeting, Rm. 1	7:00 PM

### Wednesday, September 12

Parish Confessions in Church, 5-6:30 PM  
 Social Services Building open from 5:30PM-6:30PM  
 ALPHA Pilot Program in Convent Bldg 6:30 PM

### Thursday, September 13

General Fair Meeting in Massett Hall	6:30 PM
Come, Lord Jesus in Convent Bldg	7:00 PM

### Friday, September 14

School Rosary in Chapel	7:30 AM
Pack Meeting in Massett Hall	7:00 PM

### Saturday, September 15

Confessions in Church, 2:30-3:30 PM  
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 Diaper Drive in Church  
 Seafood Festival Volunteer Sign-up, T-Shirt & P.O.P ticket sale after Mass  
 SMM School Father/Daughter Dance in Massett Hall, 7-10PM

### Sunday, September 16

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Family Mass/Scout Mass	9:30 AM
Catechetical Sunday Blessing	9:30 AM
Adoration of Blessed Sacrament	12:15-1:15 PM
Baptisms in Church	12:15 PM
KC Ladies Sit & Paint in Massett Hall	2:00 PM
Confirmation Class (2019) Session in Convent Bldg	7-9:00 PM

## Special Blessing for Grandparents



God, our Loving Father, we ask you to bless and reward our grandparents. Through their examples they have planted seeds of love and care in us. Through their stories and listening, they have taught us to open our hearts to others. Through their living and active faith, they have taught us to value our religious traditions. Through their frequent prayers for us, they have taught us how to pray. May the seeds of faith and care they have so lovingly planted in us continue to prosper and grow. Bless them today and always. And may God reward all of our grandparents who have gone to their rest. May they be eternally rewarded in God's garden of joy. AMEN.

## SPECIAL PARISH EVENTS

### 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.

### SPECIAL NIGHT OF RECONCILIATION

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

## 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 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. Please mark your calendars now with these important upcoming dates:

**General Festival Meeting: Thursday, September 13**

**Festival Set-up on backfield:**

**Saturdays: Sept. 22 & 29 at 8:30 AM**

**Tues. – Thurs., Oct. 2-4 at 6:30 PM**

**Festival: Friday – Sunday, Oct. 5-7, 2018**

**Festival Clean-up Monday: Oct. 8 at 8:30 AM**

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