

St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church

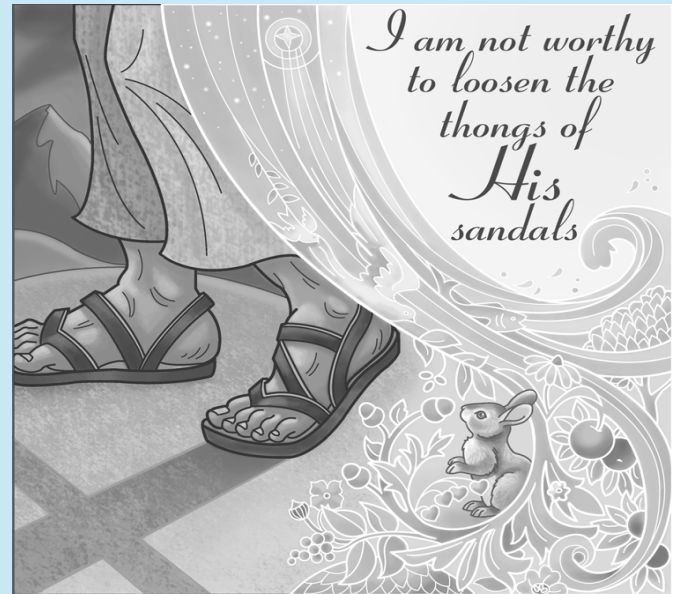
6425 West Metairie Avenue Metairie, Louisiana 70003

Third Sunday of Advent

REJOICE!

Today has traditionally been called "Gaudete Sunday." The Latin tag is derived from Paul's appeal in the second reading to "rejoice always in the Lord," and the Latin Mass text based on that reading. The irony and paradox of this Christian joy is underlined by the fact that Paul wrote those words in prison. But from there he could see the progress of God's work. Is it obvious to us? We feel that this is not the time for joy when there is so much suffering and moral evil. It is interesting, then, that the first reading is from the prophet Zephaniah, who is almost exclusively concerned with gloomy visions of Judgment Day. Today the Church selects the only optimistic text in Zephaniah, in which the prophet has been touched by the spirit of joy. This, we are assured on all sides, is "the season of joy." Let us recapture that feeling of joy in our lives and reflect it to those who are joyless.

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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.

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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.

PARISH WEEKLY BULLETIN
St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church
Metairie, Louisiana
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Shari Mader & Caren Favaloro, Co-Directors

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, December 17

6:30 AM Lou Martello, Sr.
8:30 AM Theodore & Colleen Graham

Tuesday, December 18

6:30 AM Mike Bevis
8:30 AM Poor Souls

Wednesday, December 19

6:30 AM Barbier, Blancher & Newell Families
8:30 AM Cindy Spence

Thursday, December 20

6:30 AM Mike Bevis
8:30 AM Dee Dee Enright

Friday, December 21

6:30 AM John Onofrio
8:30 AM John Raymond Smestad

Saturday, December 22

8:00 AM Louis & Tyler Levy

Saturday, December 22

4th Sunday of Advent Vigil

4:00 PM Jack & Rosalie Couch, Aimee Marus,
Joe Paci, Norma & Lance Hubble,
Frank Tornabene, Sr., James Maunoir,
Joan Ferry, Abadie Family, Floyd
Hyer, Dean D'Arcangelo, Myra Loise
Cannaliato

Sunday, December 23

4th Sunday of Advent

8:00 AM Joe Paci
9:30 AM SMM Parishioners
11:00 AM George Collet, III, Ian Racine, Lori
Lambert, Clyde Thompson, Dee Dee
Enright, Lou Martello, Sr.
6:00 PM Lucien Bergeron



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, Gay Foto

FOSTERING STEWARDSHIP

In gratitude for God's gifts we gratefully appreciate:

Envelopes (12/02)	\$ 8115.50
Loose Collection	\$ 1974.68
Total	\$10,090.18
2nd Collection-Bldg & Maintenance	\$ 3501.50

Thank you for your generosity!

2019 DONATION ENVELOPE BOXES AVAILABLE IN CHURCH

Donation envelope box sets are available for pickup by those parishioners who requested them. The envelope boxes may be found in church on tables near Mary's Alcove. All boxes will have a label with each parishioner's name, address & current account number - please make sure to take your own! This box will include your regular weekly/monthly offering envelopes, feast day envelopes and all special collection envelopes. You are asked to make an effort to pick up your envelope box as soon as possible.



BURIED IN CHRIST

*Salvador Michael Cinquigranno
Cathleen Castin Guidry*

**Third Sunday of Advent
December 16, 2018**

The King of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst, you have no further misfortune to fear. — *Zephaniah 3:15b*



ALTAR SOCIETY CHRISTMAS ENVELOPE

There is an extra envelope in your monthly envelope packet for **Christmas 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 during the Christmas Season. Please put your donation into any collection during the month of December.



MARRIAGE & FAMILY LIFE

PARISH FAMILY CHRISTMAS TREE

Our Parish Family Christmas Tree has been placed inside the main entrance to the Church for the 3rd Sunday of Advent. Families are encouraged to continue to add their own home-made ornaments.



BLESSING OF THE CHRISTMAS TREE

God of Adam and Eve, God of all our ancestors, we praise You for this Christmas tree. It stirs in us a memory of paradise, and it opens a window into heaven. Send Your Son, Jesus, the shoot sprung from the root of Jesse, to restore the earth to the goodness of Eden. On the day of His coming, every tree of the forest will clap its hands in joy, and all creation will sing to You perched on these shining branches: Glory!



Readings for Sunday, December 23:

First Reading — From Bethlehem-Ephrathah shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel (Micah 5:1-4a). **Psalm** — Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved (Psalm 80). **Second Reading** — We have been consecrated through the offering of the body of Christ once for all (Hebrews 10:5-10). **Gospel** — Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken by the Lord would be fulfilled (Luke 1:39-45).

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FOR THE CHILDREN



PRAYER FOR THE THIRD WEEK OF ADVENT

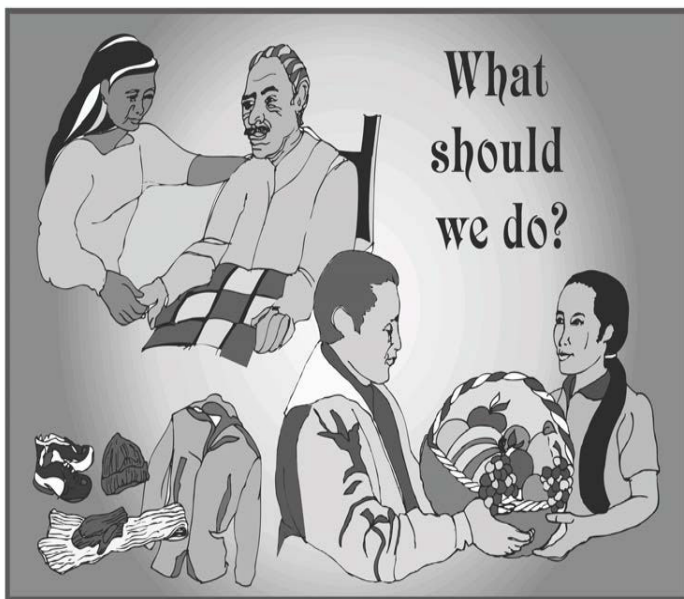
Loving God, soon it will be time to celebrate the birth of your Son into our world. Thank you for sending him to be our Light. Please help us to find ways to be light for others. Show us our way to you as Jesus has shown us your love.

CELEBRATING CATHOLIC FAMILIES

Living the Word

3rd Sunday of Advent

During this week encourage each family member to perform a random act of kindness for someone. Give each child a dollar and instruct them to patiently find a chance to make that dollar work to help another person. At the end of the week discuss how each child help another person with their dollar.



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CHILDREN'S CORNER

DECEMBER: Month of *Advent & Christmas* Prayer Center Theme is: *I am getting ready to celebrate Jesus' birthday by...* Put written intentions in gift box; they will be offered up at all Sunday Masses once a month.



SMM SCHOOL—COUGAR NEWS

Join our school community for their Christmas Mass this Wednesday at 8:30 am. Our 4th grade class will perform their Christmas play.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Years ago, the trick question on religion quizzes would be to name all the liturgical colors, or the colors of the vestments worn at Mass. Rose is a color seldom seen, used at most two days a year. Today, "Gaudete Sunday," is one of those days. The name of the day is drawn from an opening verse in the old Latin Mass texts: *Gaudete* is Latin for "Rejoice!" This year's Gospel certainly reflects that mood as Elizabeth feels her infant within her leaping for joy at the presence of Mary. Mary's visit to her aged cousin is an act of compassion between women, as two kinswomen who are bearing children into the world share their joy. Some churches retain the custom of having the priest wear rose vestments today, and many will use a rose candle in the Advent wreath. Violet is the official color for Advent and Lent, but many parishes employ different hues for each season, trying to keep them distinct. In medieval times, dye was costly, and poor parishes used unornamented plain cloth for vestments. Dyes were expensive and some colors, particularly purple, difficult to achieve. In England, purple dye was made from mollusks, yielding at best a deep indigo or blue and not the desired violet. Thus, the color of Advent in the British Isles has long been a deep blue, reminding many people of Mary's presence at the heart of the Advent mystery. That theology is largely unplanned: it's all because of the clams!

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

THANK YOU

- To: Cub Scouts & Parents for changing out the Missalettes in church for the new liturgical year
- To: Men's Club and Charlie O'Malley for helping Keith Lawson erect the nativity scene for the KC Ladies Auxiliary
- To: Ralph Thomas for making frames and hanging new Stations of the Cross in church with the assistance of Charlie O'Malley
- To: Ralph Thomas for making a new stand for Advent wreath in church



THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Monday, December 17

Come, Lord Jesus in Discipleship Ctr 9:00 AM
NO Parish School of Religion Classes

Tuesday, December 18

Marian Servants® of Our Father's Love in Disciple
ship Ctr 9:30AM-12Noon
Come, Lord Jesus in Discipleship Ctr 7:00 PM
NO Boy Scout Meeting

Wednesday, December 19

Social Services Building open from 5:30PM-6:30PM
Advent Reconciliation Service in Chapel 7:00 PM

Thursday, December 20

Come, Lord Jesus in Discipleship Ctr 7:00 PM

Friday, December 21

Saturday, December 22

Confessions in Church, 1:30-3:30 PM

Sunday, December 23

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

Due to unforeseen circumstances, the
PARISH CHRISTMAS CONCERT
originally scheduled for

Thursday, December 20

has been
CANCELLED

We appreciate the efforts of all those who had
been preparing for this event over the last
few weeks.



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SPECIAL PARISH EVENTS

ADVENT EVENING OF REFLECTION & RECONCILIATION

All are invited to a special evening of reflection & recon-
ciliation **Wednesday, December 19** from 7:00-8:00 PM
in the Chapel followed by individual confessions

CONFESSION SCHEDULE RECONCILIATION SERVICE & CONFESSIONS

Wednesday before Christmas—December 19
7:00 PM in Chapel & Church

Saturday before Christmas—December 22
EXTENDED CONFESSION HOURS

1:30 to 3:30 PM

NO CONFESSIONS ON CHRISTMAS EVE

Christmas Mass Schedule

Vigil Masses on December 24: 4:00PM & 6:00PM

Midnight Mass: (Music begins ½ hour before Mass)

Feast Day Masses on December 25:

8:00 AM & 10:00 AM

Feast of the Solemnity of Mary

January 1, 2018

6PM Vigil; 8:30AM & 6PM Feast Day



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PARISH MINISTRIES FAIR

January 5 & 6, 2019

after all Masses in Massett Hall

Come One!!! Come All!!! Now is the time to
learn about the ministries & organizations in
SMM Parish. We Want You!!! We Need You!!!
New members and new ideas are needed to
make our parish a true community.

USHERS NEEDED

If you are an usher or are interested in becoming an
usher, please contact David Gaumond at 504-495-
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