

St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church

6425 West Metairie Avenue Metairie, Louisiana 70003

First Sunday of Advent



GOD HAS A DIFFERENT PLAN

We begin the season of Advent with a heartfelt call for our own repentance. We remember God's faithful love for us, and call upon God to help us to turn back. For "behold, you are angry, and we are sinful" (Isaiah 64:4). In the first reading and in the psalm, we recall God's promises and lament our unfaithfulness and our guilt. We call upon God's might and power in order to save us. With Isaiah, we ask God to "rend the heavens and come down, / with the mountains quaking before you" (Isaiah 63:19). Yes, God is faithful to us, because we are the work of God's hands. God is the potter, we are the clay. And yet, our concept of how God will come to save us is rooted in our own expectations of a warrior God who crushes mountains and thunders into our lives with great noise and glory. But God has a different plan: the Incarnation.

Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

November 29, 2020

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 (504) 733-0922
Fax: (504) 733-0869

Website:
www.stmarymagdalenchurch.com
Email Address:
smmchurch@arch-no.org

PARISH OFFICE HOURS
Monday-Thursday.....9:00AM - 4:00PM
Friday.....9:00 AM-12:00 PM
After hours by appointment only

**WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE
In CHAPEL**
Monday-Saturday, 8:30AM

CONFESSIONS
Saturdays, 2:30-3:30PM

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE
Saturday Vigil Mass - 4PM
Sunday Masses - 8:30AM & 10:30AM;
6PM

**EXPOSITION OF BLESSED
SACRAMENT:**
Sundays, 11:30AM-12:30PM

In Church, be sure to visit:
RESPECT LIFE 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.

GIFT SHOP & PRAYER GARDEN
Saturdays.....200 PM-5:00PM
Sundays.....8:00AM-12:00PM
Phone:.....734-5833

Call Parish Office for further information

BAPTISMS: Every 2nd Sunday before/during 10:30AM
Mass & 3rd Sunday at 11:45AM. Pre-Registration for
Baptism Seminars is now required by calling 733-0922.

Archdiocesan Policy on Infant Baptism:
www.arch-no.org/HumanResources/Policies/Policy on Infant
Baptism OR may be found on the Parish website.

**1st RECONCILIATION/1st COMMUNION & YOUNG
ADULT CONFIRMATION PROGRAMS:** Contact 733-
0922 for further information.

RCIA & ADULT CONFIRMATION PROGRAMS:
Contact 733-0922 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 on 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
November 29, 2020

Vol. XXXVI, No.1

HOW CAN WE HELP YOU?

PARISH OFFICE

Fr. Chris DeLerno, Pastor

(504) 733-0922; cdelerno@arch-no.org

Fr. Kenneth Smith, In Residence

504) 733-0922; ksmith@arch-no.org

Deacon Chuck LeBlanc

(504) 733-0922; cleblanc@arch-no.org

Deacon Jim Heneghan

(504) 733-0922; jheneghan@arch-no.org

Barbara Croy, Office Manager

(504) 733-0922; bcroy@arch-no.org

Debbie Curole - dcurole@arch-no.org

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE

Parish School of Religion (PSR) Director

Maria Steen—msteen@arch-no.org

(504) - 733-0922

SMM SCHOOL

Ms. Theresa Hebert, Principal

(504) 733-1433; principal@smmcougars.org

Dr. Patricia Speeg, Assistant Principal

(504) 733-1433; pspeeg@smmcougars.org

Mrs. Maria Steen, Religion Coordinator

(504)733-1433; msteen@smmcougars.org

Caren Favaloro, Secretary

(504)733-1433; cfavaloro@smmcougars.org

FAX (504) 736-0727



St. Mary Magdalen School is offering daily private tours for the Early Learning Center and School grades PK3 - 7th. Schedule a tour today to see all of the changes and amazing things St. Mary Magdalen has to offer. To schedule a tour please contact the school office, 504-733-1433.

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.

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, November 30, 2020

8:30am Cindy Spence

Tuesday, December 1, 2020

8:30am Jerry Thibodeaux

Wednesday, December 2, 2020

8:30am Sp Int. J.A., George & Catherine Sholar

Thursday, December 3, 2020

8:30am Gus Barbier

Friday, December 4, 2020

8:30am Trainor Family, Donald Bock

Saturday, December 5, 2020

8:30am Charlotte & Jacob Roth

4:00pm Jack and Rosalie Couch, Joan Ferry, James Maunoir, Bobb Hunley John & Claire McDermott, Harold & Hazel Howat, Walter Howat, Dee Broussard, Joe Paci, Norma & Lance Hubble, Aimee Marus, Bernard & Dean D'Arcangelo, Jody Epperson, Herman Frank, Donald Bock, JoAnne Pertuis

Sunday, December 6, 2020

8:30am Jud Mitchell, Lacinak Family, SMM Parishioners

10:30am Ian Michael Racine, Vida Bourgeois, Judy Massa, Yvonne Luminais, Viola Juneau, M. Major, Florence Schoeman

6:00pm Richard & Genevieve Ducote, Hal Ducote, Dewey & Alice Ponthier, Hanning & Eudolie Ducote

PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH

Rosemarie Entringer, Carol P. Ramos, Dennis Coughlin, Jr., Chuck Calvo, Debbie Simmons, Residents of St. Anthony Nursing Home & The Atrium

FOSTERING STEWARDSHIP

In gratitude for God's gifts we gratefully appreciate:

Weekly Collection Total (11/15/20) \$5,755

Weekly Budget \$9,500

*2nd Collection-Building Fund-December 6th
Thank you for your generosity!*

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Monday, November 30th

Bible Study-Discipleship Ctr. 6:30 PM

Tuesday, December 1st

Marion Servants-Discipleship Ctr. 9:30 AM

Come, Lord Jesus-Discipleship Ctr. 7:00 PM

PSR Confession, Parent & Child 7:00 –8:00 PM

Boy Scouts-Rm. 1 7:30PM

Wednesday, December 2nd

Social Apostolate 5:30 PM-6:30 PM

Mass, Adoration, Confession
and Benediction 5:30 PM

Parents Club Mtg-Masset Hall 7:00-9:00 PM

Thursday, December 3rd

Come Lord Jesus-Discipleship Ct. 7:00-9:00 PM

TEC Evening of Reflection-Church 6:30 PM

Friday, December 4th

Saturday, December 5th

Sip N Shop 9:00 AM-2:00 PM

Confessions in Church 2:30-3:30 PM

Sunday, December 6th

Adoration 11:30 AM-12:30 PM

Confirmation Mtg-Church 6:00-9:00 PM

ADVENT 2020

The season of Advent is upon us, and in today's Gospel Jesus delivers a simple message through the pen of Saint Mark: "Be watchful! Be alert!" Christian stewards understand what Jesus meant when he said, "It's like a man going away: He leaves his house and puts his servants in charge, each with his assigned task." Good stewards realize that to each one a task is assigned by God. They have been set in a particular place and station in life, and have been gifted with unique relationships. How do we respond to the tasks or cultivate our relationships in a way that keeps us alert for the return of Christ?

International Catholic Stewardship Council

2021 Missalettes Available

The 2021 Missalettes are now available at all church entrances. We will continue with the COVID-19 practice of each family taking a Missalette home and bringing it back with you for Mass each week.



PARISH EVENTS

#IGiveCatholic CAMPAIGN

#iGiveCatholic on #GivingTuesday will be Tuesday, December 1. It's 24 hours of giving by Catholics for the Catholic community, but you have the opportunity to make your gifts in advance through November 30.



Offline gifts given directly to our parish are welcome and appreciated in any amount! You can find additional information about #iGiveCatholic at <https://neworleans.igivecatholic.org/organizations/st-mary-magdalen-church>.

Join our parish to inspire and celebrate Catholic giving by spreading the word about #iGiveCatholic to your friends, family, and colleagues!

CHRISTMAS GIVING PROJECT

A special project to help the Christmas Season be a little brighter for those less fortunate.



This weekend you are invited to take one of the Angel Project envelopes from the table by the main entrance of church. We ask for gift certificates or monetary donations in any amount be placed in the envelope. Please return the "Angel" envelope in the collection basket on Dec. 5 & 6. The certificates will be purchased and distributed to needy families at a later date in December. Please consider bringing a little Christmas cheer to others by participating in this special project.

SMM School Sip and Shop

St. Mary Magdalen School parents club will be hosting our annual Sip and Shoppe, Saturday, December 5th from 9:00 AM-2:00 PM. It will be held on the SMM campus in Massett Hall and the surrounding area outdoors. We have over 40 vendors and will have COVID 19 policies in place. We hope to see you there!!

Want to Keep Christ in your Christmas this year?

Join us for a 2 night Advent study on Monday 12/7 and Monday 12/14 from 7:00 PM-8:15 PM in the Discipleship Center to explore the events and mysteries surrounding the arrival of Jesus! Please bring your bible and join us for fellowship in preparing for the birth of our Savior!



You may register by calling Patsy at 504-813-4327 or email stmarymagdalenalpha@gmail.com