

St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church

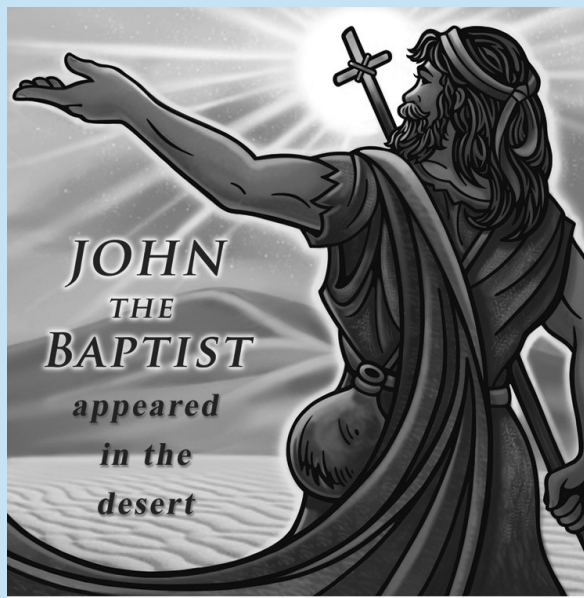
6425 West Metairie Avenue Metairie, Louisiana 70003

Second Sunday of Advent

NEWS OF COMFORT

In a time of preparation, much of it having to do with material things, it is good to hear the words of Isaiah, "Comfort, give comfort to my people, / says your God" (Isaiah 40:1). In a time of such stress and rush, when our usual burdens are augmented by piles of Christmas preparations, we can choose to slow down, take some time to heal, and appreciate the enormous gift we are about to receive. Christ, the Son of God, has become one of us, and knows our human limitations. Yet God, even now, is freeing us from the burdens that our inattentiveness to our God and to our deepest inner longings have heaped upon us. The Lord comes, not as a king with mighty armies, but as a shepherd leading the flocks with care and tenderness. Isaiah prophesies good news: our oppression is over, our sins forgiven. The savior we have awaited is coming, not the first time, but in the end times, as our salvation.

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December 6, 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.

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

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

CONFESSIONS
Saturdays, 2:30-3:30 PM

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE
Saturday Vigil Mass - 4:00 PM
Sunday Masses - 8:30 AM & 10:30 AM;
6:00 PM

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

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.....2:00 PM-5:00 PM
Sundays.....8:00 AM-12:00 PM
Phone:.....734-5833

Call Parish Office for further information

BAPTISMS: Every 2nd Sunday before/during 10:30 AM
Mass & 3rd Sunday at 11:45 AM. 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
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HOW CAN WE HELP YOU?

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FOSTERING STEWARDSHIP

In gratitude for God's gifts we gratefully appreciate:

Weekly Collection Total (11/29/20) \$5,297

Weekly Budget \$9,500

2nd Collection this week-Retired Religious

Thank you for your generosity!

Save the Date!

CANTORS IN CONCERT



On **Sunday, December 20** beginning at 7:00 PM all are invited to a **FREE** Christmas Concert of traditional Christmas music provided by our parish cantors & organist.

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, December 7, 2020

8:30am Marlene B. Rauch

6:00 pm Viola Juneau

Tuesday, December 8, 2020

8:30am Cindy Spence, Jack & Rosalie Couch

6:00 pm Donald Bock

Wednesday, December 9, 2020

8:30am Sp Int. J.A., Barbier, Blancher & Newell Families

Thursday, December 10, 2020

8:30am Frieda Pareti

Friday, December 11, 2020

8:30am Claire & George Cook, Susan Chandler

Saturday, December 12, 2020

8:30am Anthony & Net Centenni

4:00pm Jack and Rosalie Couch, Joan Ferry, James Maunoir, Joe Paci, Norma & Lance Hubble, Ryan Shannon, Aimee Marus, Julio Anleu, Gracia Anleu, Vetter Amadeo Taylor, Josephine Dufrene Paine, Bernard & Dean D'Arcangelo, Jody Epperson, Herman Frank & Donald Bock

Sunday, December 13, 2020

8:30am Bertucci/Trapani Families, Parishioners

10:30am Effie Sarti, Madeleine Landry, Gordon Landry, Harris Miller, Regina Balsler, Ian Michael Racine, Bernard D'Arcangelo, Vida Bourgeois, Judy Massa, Yvonne Luminais, Patrick Trainor Sr., Viola Juneau

6:00pm Coughlin & Gravois Family

PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH

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



BURIED IN CHRIST

Joan Condon

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Monday, December 7th
 Vigil-Immaculate Conception **6:00 PM**
 Advent Bible Study-Discipleship Ctr. **7:00 PM**
 Men's Club-Masset Hall **7:00 PM**

Tuesday, December 8th
Office Closed-Feast of the Immaculate Conception
 Marion Servants-Discipleship Ctr. **9:30 AM**
 Immaculate Conception Mass **6:00 PM**
 KC Meeting-Masset Hall **6:30 PM**
 Come, Lord Jesus-Discipleship Ctr. **7:00 PM**
 Boy Scouts-Rm. 1 **7:30PM**

Wednesday, December 9th
 Social Apostolate **5:30 PM-6:30 PM**
 Mass, Adoration, Confession and Benediction **5:30 PM**

Thursday, December 10th
 Come Lord Jesus-Discipleship Ct. **7:00-9:00 PM**
 TEC Evening of Reflection-Church **6:30 PM**

Friday, December 11th

Saturday, December 12th
 Lector Review-Church **9:00 AM-10:30 AM**
 Confessions in Church **2:30-3:30 PM**

Sunday, December 13th
Second Collection-Retired Religious Adoration **11:30 AM-12:30 PM**

PLEASE REVIEW THE CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Vigil Masses on December 24: 3:00 PM, 5:00 PM
 7:00 PM and 11:00 PM

Feast Day Masses on December 25:
 8:30 AM & 10:30 AM

**Feast of the Solemnity of Mary
 January 1, 2021**

6:00 PM Vigil; 8:30 AM & 6:00 PM

MADE FOR MORE, WITH CHRISTOPHER WEST AND MIKE MANGIONE

Made for More, with acclaimed speaker Christopher West and musician Mike Mangione, is an evening of beauty and reflection that weaves music, video, images and the spoken word into a message of hope that there really is a banquet of love that corresponds to the deepest hunger of our hearts.

The event will take place at St. Dominic Church, 775 Harrison Ave, New Orleans, LA 70124 in Lakeview on December 10, 2020 at 7:00 pm. Tickets are \$25 and may be purchased at corproject.com/neworleans.

PARISH LIFE



PRAYER FOR THE SECOND WEEK OF ADVENT

Loving God, that was such wonderful news John came to tell the people in the wilderness! "He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit." Thank you for your Son, who came to free us of our sins. And thank you for my own baptism and for the Spirit who lives in my heart and keeps my soul free from the stain of sin. Amen

FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION (Holy Day of Obligation)

Monday, Dec.7th-6:00 PM Vigil

Tuesday, Dec.8th-8:30AM & 6:00PM



ANGEL PROJECT ENVELOPES

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



Envelopes are due back this weekend. Please put them in the collection basket and thank you for participating!

2ND COLLECTION DECEMBER 13TH RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS

In good times and bad, senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests have dedicated themselves to service and acts of mercy. Today, they pray for an aching world. Yet years of serving for little or no pay have left their religious communities without enough retirement savings. Your gift to the Retirement Fund on December 13, 2020, helps provide medications, nursing care, and other necessities. Please be generous.

2021 DONATION ENVELOPE BOXES

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.