

St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church

6425 West Metairie Avenue Metairie, Louisiana 70003

Feast of the Most Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph



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BEARERS OF THE WORD

The Church has placed a number of notable feast days immediately after Christmas. The feasts of Stephen, John the Evangelist, and the Holy Innocents form a summary of the life lived in Christ, the Word made flesh. What do these have to do with the feast of the Holy Family, which crowns the Octave of Christmas? These feasts remind us that suffering will occur in fulfilling the mission of Christ, and that we are all called to be bearers of this Word whose birth we celebrate. We also see this manifested in the lives of Joseph and Mary, both of whom took social and religious risks in obedience to the will of God, and both of whom were open to the word of God sent to them from on high. In these ways they prefigured the life of Jesus himself. Most likely, few of us found ourselves at Mass this past Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday, but the essence of these feasts and the essence of the holiness of Joseph, Mary, and Jesus remain central, a holiness we celebrate today.

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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.....9:00 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.....200 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.

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HOW CAN WE HELP YOU?

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Parents Club Fundraiser

The SMM Parents Club will be hosting a Randazzo's king cake fundraiser. Ordering will begin January 6th. Handouts will be at church entrances. For more information you may reach the school at 504-733-1433.

FOSTERING STEWARDSHIP

In gratitude for God's gifts we gratefully appreciate:

Weekly Collection Total (12/13/20) \$6,542

Weekly Budget \$9,500

Second Collection-Retired Religious \$2,233

Thank you for your generosity!

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, December 28, 2020

8:30am Fr. Michael Joseph Nguyen

Tuesday, December 29, 2020

8:30am Peggy Schoemann

Wednesday, December 30, 2020

8:30 am Suzanne Boudreau

Thursday, December 31, 2020

8:30 am Louis and Tyler Levy

6:00 pm Viola Juneau

Friday, January 1, 2021

8:30 am Jack and Rosalie Couch

6:00 pm Sr. Enda Eileen Byrne, MSC

Saturday, January 2, 2021

8:30 am Peggy Schoemann

4:00 pm Lauretta Erwin, Donald Bock, James Maunoir, Julio Anleu, Gracia Anleu, Joan Ferry, Aimee Marus, Joan Condon

Sunday, January 3, 2021

8:30 am Cindy Spence

10:30 am Richard and Genevieve Ducote, Hal Ducote, Dewey and Alice Ponthier, Hanning and Eudolie Ducote, Vida Bourgeois, Annie Cyrus

6:00 pm SMM Parishioners

PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH

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

Please note the Parish Office will be closed
December 31st, and January 1st.
Happy New Year!

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Monday, December 28th

Tuesday, December 29th

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

Wednesday, December 30th

Thursday, December 31st

Mass **8:30 AM**

Mass **6:00 PM**

Friday, January 1st

Mass **8:30 AM**

Mass **6:00 PM**

Saturday, January 2nd

Rosary-Church **9:00 AM**

St. Joan of Arc Group-Church **10:00 AM**

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

Sunday, January 3rd-Epiphany of Our Lord

King Cake (Walk Through) - Massett Hall
8:30 & 10:30 AM

Feast of the Solemnity of Mary, January 1st

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

On this feast, we can see how devotion to Mary has been a beacon of hope to the sick throughout history. In the new cathedral of Los Angeles, the faithful enter through a single door topped by a striking sculpture of Mary with arms stretched down in compassion. Sculpted into the massive bronze doors are the titles of Mary most treasured by various cultures. Many of them speak of how the sick are consoled by a sense of Mary's presence. In praying the rosary and savoring the stories of Mary's steadfast love in the face of all suffering, the sick are strengthened by one of our tradition's most shining treasures, and the whole Church is enriched.



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1st Saturday Rosary to the Blessed Mother

All are welcome to join us in the Church at 9:00 AM on the 1st Saturday of the month to recite the Rosary to the Blessed Mother.

Our *Special Thanks* to all the generous and thoughtful parishioners and friends who have stopped by the Rectory with *Holiday Goodies* and made a donation to our growing waistlines.

Fr. Chris, Fr. Ken and Fr. Bob

WE ARE GOD'S HOLY FAMILY

The scriptures of Israel are filled with many stories of barren couples who were miraculously granted the gift of children by God. Surely the best known among these is the first reading from today, from which Luke took inspiration when he recounted the miraculous birth of John the Baptist to Zechariah and Elizabeth, and the more miraculous birth of Jesus to Mary and Joseph. In each instance, we are given examples or role models of those who trusted in God. More than examples of those who trust, they are models of self-surrender. They abandoned their own presuppositions and prejudices about the workings of the world and turned their lives over to belief in a God who can make life grow where none ought to; a God who can turn death around into a new and unimagined life; a God who can, today, take a tiny child of humble parents in an insignificant town and make him into a light for all the world. This is what we, as God's holy family, are called to do each day: to trust not in ourselves and the way we think things should be, but to open ourselves and surrender ourselves in faith to a God of endless promise.

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The Child
Grew in
Size and
Strength

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PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

“By faith Abraham obeyed.” If you should be called to serve the Lord as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life, pray for a deep faith and obey Him in love.

ANNUAL PARISH KING CAKE

Next Sunday, **January 3rd** on the *Feast of the Epiphany*, the Men's Club will host the **Annual Parish King Cake Feast**. **This year it will be a walk through** in Massett Hall after the 8:30 & 10:30 AM Masses. All are invited to join us!