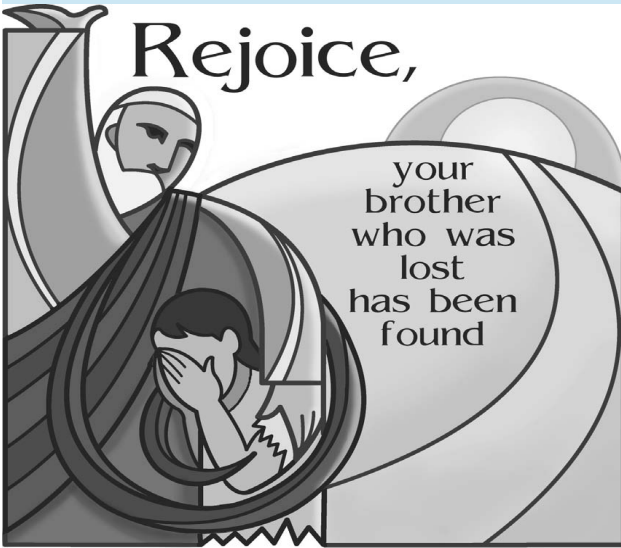


24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Grandparents Day



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RECONCILIATION

True reconciliation is emotional, dramatic, and cleansing. When two people meet heart to heart and work through old hurts, misunderstandings, and careless words, cleansing tears often flow and the encounter ends with an embrace that fills both with the warmth of a love too strong to fade. The readings this weekend assure us of this healthy release that comes with reconciliation. They give us the courage to reach out to someone with whom we need to reconcile ourselves, and give us the courage to ask for forgiveness from God, too. In the reading from Exodus, we see how God refuses again and again to give up on the Israelites. Even though they grow impatient with God and turn to false idols, God still calls them back. Luke's Gospel assures us that God rejoices when we turn away from sin. Paul's letter to Timothy encourages us, like Paul, to look back on our lives and recognize where God's patient mercy has been shown to us.

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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.

Parish Weekly Bulletin

St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church

6425 West Metairie Avenue Metairie, Louisiana 70003

PARISH OFFICE

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Thursday.....9:00AM - 4:00PM
 After hours by appointment only

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Mon.- Fri., 6:30 AM & 8:30AM; Sat., 8:00 AM

CONFESSIONS

Saturdays, 2:30-3:30 PM

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil Mass - 4:00 PM
 Sunday Masses - 8:00, 9:30 & 11:00 AM
 6:00 PM

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In Church, be sure to visit:

**PRO-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.....734-5833

GIFT SHOP & PRAYER GARDEN

Hours: Tues. & Fri.....1:00PM-5:00PM
 Saturdays.....2:00PM-5:00PM
 Sundays.....8:30AM-12:15PM
 Phone:.....734-5833

BAPTISMS: Every 3rd Sunday of the month at 12:15PM. Baptism Seminars on 1st Monday at 7:00PM (NOTE new time) in Chapel. Baptism Seminar is mandatory for first child.

Archdiocesan Policy on Infant Baptism: www.arch-no.org/HumanResources/Policies/PolicyonInfantBaptismOR 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 Coordinator for further information.

WEDDINGS: Contact Parish priest at least 6 to 8 months prior to planned date of marriage. 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.

CARE OF THE NEEDY: See Social Apostolate Ministry.

EXPOSITION OF BLESSED SACRAMENT:
 Sundays, 12:15-1:15PM

Call Parish Office for further information.

PARISH WEEKLY BULLETIN
St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church
Metairie, Louisiana
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Rev. Christian W. DeLerno, Jr.

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WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, September 12

6:30 AM Jacob & Bertha Roth

8:30 AM Lillian Lytell

Tuesday, September 13

6:30 AM Carolyn Mouton

8:30 AM Steve Minton

Wednesday, September 14

Exaltation of the Holy Cross

6:30 AM David Beach, Sr.

8:30 AM Johnnie Santanglio

Thursday, September 15

Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows

6:30 AM Bonura & Harmon Families

8:30 AM Hilda Koenig

Friday, September 16

6:30 AM Glenn Gilyot, Sr.

8:30 AM Audree Forbes

Saturday, September 17

8:00 AM Earl Roth

Saturday, September 17

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time Vigil

4:00 PM Rosalie Couch, Tom Jeffers, Mary Frances Jeffers, Jay Patrick Jeffers, Dean D'Arcangelo, Aimee Marus, Doris Radosti, Mary Ann Schmitt, Jerry Puyau, Toni Ancona, Tony DiFranco, Delores Fallo, Cindy Spence, Earl & Lillian Dennies

Sunday, September 18

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Jud Mitchell & Lacinak Family

9:30 AM SMM Parishioners

11:00 AM Hallie Espenan, Deceased Members of St. Jude Society, Jerry Fulton, Jim Stroup, Roy & Carol Hoffman

6:00 PM Jeffrey Rodriguez



PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH

Jackie Markey, Teresa Lacour, Ryan Thiel, Gracelyn Chaplain, Dennis Coughlin, Jr., Kelly Fletcher Growl, Kenneth & Kevin Teen, Ben Todd, Joe Giarratano, Luca Scozzari, Evelyn Olwell, Brian Dufour, Mary Ann Meaux, Dilly Surratt, Yvonne Toups, Ryan Songy, Gayle Songy, Nathan Lopiccolo, Linda Nicholls, Sherry St. Pe, Ann Flick & Family, Rosemarie Entringer, Judge Thomas Wicker, Ivan Antunovic, Arianna Crawford, Claire Duplantier, Daphine Dufour, Gloria Robles, Melissa Glueck, Danny Adams, Allison Daigre, Olivia Sumrall, Michael Borne, Bob & Linda Veitinger, Elise Ramcourt, Jeanene Moran, Kelly Nagy, Cindy Hogman, Addison Couvillion, Jerry Fender, Linda Conran, Kayla Pelman, Nick Doize, Marcia Graff, David Robins, Ashley Clement, Wanda Adams, Jenny Mayeur, Judith Massa, Carol P. Ramos, Rosemary Pizza, Julianne Andressen, Lauretta Erwin, Ryan Olwell, Judy Copping, Kathy Barbier, Jessica LeBlanc, Viola Juneau, Betty Feltey, Barry Stephens, Lori Lambert, Kathryn Feltey, Frank Kent, Ray Groves, Michael Rodriguez, Kathleen E. Jones, Melanie Gaumond, Alice Rockvoan, Rose Marie Curran, Anthony James Lapinto, Louise DeLuca, Perry Juneau, Mark Lucich, Willie Arnouville, Chad Costes, Sherry Gaffney, Dean Babin, Janet Kaleher, Norvin Schexnaildre, Dianne Seman, Matthew DiBuono, Oliver Duplantier, David Williamson, Toni Landry, Musette Barrouquere, Riecke Gernon, Daniel Hereford, David Williamson, Katherine Sclafani, Catherine Carlin, Gerard Hollingsworth, Edie Dorion, Carl Caffarel, Heidi Nuss, Luke Nuss



BURIED IN CHRIST

Cynthia Doody Spence
Joy Morrison Carlos

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.

CELEBRATING CATHOLIC FAMILIES

Living the Word

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

We trust Jesus to guide us when we seem to be lost. Have you ever lost any thing or were you lost what do you remember about being lost and then found? If you lost something really important to you, what would you do to find it? Would you pray about it?



24th Sunday in Ordinary Time September 11, 2016

A clean heart create for me, O God, and a steadfast spirit renew within me.—Psalm 51:12

JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

When religious people complained that Jesus welcomed and ate with sinners, Jesus challenged them to change their image of God. Imagine God as a shepherd,



abandoning ninety-nine obedient sheep to seek the stupid one who got lost. Imagine God as a distraught woman (could religious men imagine

that?), losing something and turning the house upside down to find it. Imagine God as an unconditionally forgiving father granting an unworthy son an undeserved feast. Then Jesus added a character whom religious people might imagine, even recognize, all too well. The elder son stayed home; obeyed the father's will; then exploded with rage and judgment and refused to join his brother's welcome-home feast. This *Jubilee Year of Mercy* asks, which half of Jesus' audience do I belong to? How do I imagine God? How can I become like the searching shepherd, the sweeping woman, the forgiving father? How else can I expect a welcome to Jesus' feast of forgiveness?

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EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

Feast: September 14

On this date in 335 two churches and a shrine erected by Constantine over the empty grave of Jesus and over the place of the crucifixion were dedicated. After these were destroyed by the Persians in 614, the Church of the Holy Sepulcher, which still stands, was erected by the Crusaders in 1149. Today 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 through a pagan temple that had been erected on the site of the Crucifixion by Hadrian 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?

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9/11 REMEMBERED

Fifteen 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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: **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 cast into :
: hell Satan and all evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the :
: ruin of souls. Amen. :
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WEEKLY COLLECTION


Envelopes (8/28)	\$ 6286.00
Loose Collection	<u>\$ 2329.58</u>
Total	\$ 8615.58
2nd Collection—Flood Victims in B.R.	\$ 6147.00

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

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Pray 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.*

Readings for Sunday, September 18:

First Reading — The Lord never forgets the sins of those who take advantage of the poor (Amos 8:4-7).

Psalm — Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor (Psalm 113).

Second Reading — Pray to the Lord, who wants everyone to be saved (1 Timothy 2:1-8).

Gospel — Be trustworthy in all things. Serve God, the only master, not mammon (Luke 16:1-13 [10-13]). The English translation of the Psalm Responses from *Lectionary for Mass* © 1969, 1981, 1997, International Commission on English in the Liturgy Corporation. All rights reserved.

A PRAYER FOR EVERY FAMILY

by St. John Paul II

God, from whom all fatherhood in heaven and earth descends, Father, who are Love and Life, ensure that every human family on earth shall become, through Your Son, Jesus Christ, "born of woman," and through the Holy Spirit, the source of divine charity, a true shrine of life and love for the generations which are always renewing themselves. Ensure that Your grace shall guide the thoughts and the works of spouses toward the good of their families and of all families in the world. Ensure that the young generations shall find firm support in the family for their humanity and their growth in truth and love. Ensure the love, reinforced by the grace of the Sacrament of Matrimony shall show itself to be stronger than any weakness and every crisis through which our families pass at times. Amen.

PRAYER LIST FOR SERVICE MEN & WOMEN

We pray for those in our parish who are fighting overseas for our country and against terrorism.

SPC Donald Monteleone, Jr., Air National Guard; Sgt. Brian Lane, Lt. Col. Jason E. Burkett, USMC; Matthew J. Scott, USN; Seth Restivo, Evan Lina; PFC Kenny Grunberg; Lt. Spencer Farmer, Army Rangers; PFC Matthew Ballard; Lt. Joseph Bush, US Army; GySgt Albert Latour Jr., USMC; Maj. Ignacio Assasf, USANG; Sgt. Matt Llewelan, USANG; SPC Derek Vial, US Army; MN3 Ethen Meyers, Michael J. Cristie, Sp. Serv., Brian Calvo, US Army



Prayer for our Men and Women in Military Service

O Prince of Peace, we humbly ask Your protection for all our men and women in military service. Give them unflinching courage to defend with honor, dignity and devotion the rights of all who are imperiled by injustice and evil. Guard our churches, our homes, our schools, our hospitals, our factories, our buildings and all those within from harm and peril. Protect our land and its peoples from enemies within and without. Grant an early peace with victory founded upon justice. Instill in the hearts and minds of men and women everywhere a firm purpose to live forever in peace and good will toward all. Amen.



COMMENTS FROM THE NATIONAL RIGHT TO LIFE COMMITTEE

Those who are involved directly in law-making bodies have a 'grave and clear obligation to oppose' any law that attacks human life. For them, as for every Catholic, it is impossible to promote such laws or to vote for them... Democracy must be based on the true and solid foundation of nonnegotiable ethical principles, which are the underpinning of life in society." *Doctrinal Note on Some Questions Regarding the Participation of Catholics in Political Life*, The Vatican.



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**.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Monday, September 12

Parish School of Religion Classes, 6:45PM-8:00 PM
Baptism Seminar in Chapel 7:00 PM
Men's Club Meeting in Cafeteria 7:30 PM

Tuesday, September 13

KC Meeting in Ministries Bldg 7:00 PM

Wednesday, September 14

Parish Confessions in Church, 5:00-6:30 PM
Social Services Building open from 5:30PM-6:30PM
General Fair Meeting in Cafeteria 7:00 PM

Thursday, September 15

Friday, September 16

Saturday, September 17

Confessions in Church, 2:30-3:30 PM
2nd Collection - Catholic Communications

Sunday, September 18

2nd Collection - Catholic Communications
Family Mass/Blessing of Catechists 9:30 AM
Adoration of Blessed Sacrament, 12:15-1:15 PM
Baptisms in Church 12:15 PM
Confirmation Class (2017) Gathering in Cafeteria,
7:00-9:00 PM

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 Sunday Masses once a month.

RAFFLE TICKETS

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. The fair is the major fundraiser for the parish, and we need your support to make this a successful event.

NEW SMM WEBSITE UPDATE

The SMM weekly bulletin, as well as parish events are posted & updated regularly on the **NEW** parish website. Go to: www.stmarymagdalenchurch.com

Special Blessing for Grandparents

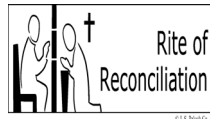
God, our Loving Father, we ask you to bless and reward our grandparents. Through their examples they have planted seeds of love and care in us. Through their stories and listening, they have taught us to open our hearts to others. Through their living and active faith, they have taught us to value our 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.

SANCTITY OF LIFE SERIES

St. Edward the Confessor Church invites you to join them in a series entitled: *Sanctity of Life*. We all have the right & responsibility to know "What does our Church teach?" This series presented by Concerned Catholics for the Sanctity of Life will be offered from 7-9PM in St. Edward Church on these dates: **September 13 (topic: End of Life/Assisted Suicide/Euthanasia), 20 & 27, October 4 & 11**. All speakers are provided from the Archdiocese Respect Life Office.

SPECIAL NIGHT OF RECONCILIATION

On **Wednesday, September 14** 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.



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. Please give generously to the Catholic Communication Campaign, **Sept. 17/18**.

BLESSING OF CATECHISTS

On **Sunday, September 18** at the 9:30 AM Mass all Parish Catechists will be recognized and receive a special blessing and gift from the parish.

SMM SCHOOL—COUGAR NEWS

St. Mary Magdalen School is accepting registrations for the 2016-2017 school year for students in Pre-K through 7th grade. Please call the school office at (504) 733-1433 to schedule a private tour or to receive registration information. Forms are also available on our website at: www.smmcougars.org