

2nd Sunday of Lent



THE JOURNEY OF TRANSFIGURATION

“We used to be such good friends. How is it that you’ve moved so far away?” one man asked another. “Perhaps,” the other replied, “you have moved away. By standing still.” This exchange very well could have happened between Peter and Jesus, had Peter been allowed to erect tents to stay on the mount of the Transfiguration. He nearly succumbed to the temptation to stay in a place of wonder and light. But Jesus knew the hard truth: we are on a continual journey when we are walking the paths of God’s will. It is not good for us to stay in one place on our faith journey. Equally unhealthy is staying put in times of joy and wonder to avoid life’s difficulties, or to wallow in our trials and temptations and fail to be companions for our sisters and brothers who are also suffering—or celebrating! The pilgrim Church is required to do one thing on its Lenten journey: to walk continually with Christ as his Body born of water and the Spirit, seeking God’s will, helping the reign of God to be known on earth, being led to the end of our journey, transfigured for all time into the company of heaven.

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March 12, 2017

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

SCHOOL OFFICE

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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 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 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.

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

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Rev. Vincent Phan

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH

Monday, March 13

6:30 AM Bertha & Jacob Roth
8:30 AM Michael Canizaro

Tuesday, March 14

6:30 AM Gloria Jensen
8:30 AM Petey Lang

Wednesday, March 15

6:30 AM Living Intention for J.A.
8:30 AM Fr. Michael Joseph Nguyen

Thursday, March 16

6:30 AM Brian Jordan
8:30 AM Sr. Agnes Martinka, SLW

Friday, March 17

Feast of St. Patrick

6:30 AM Raymond J. DeFelice
8:30 AM Mary Torres

Saturday, March 18

8:00 AM Kathy Ann Bartholomew

Saturday, March 18

3rd Sunday of Lent Vigil

4:00 PM Rosalie Couch, Dean D'Arcangelo,
 Jerry Puyau, Aimee Marus, Norma &
 Lance Hubble, Kevin Reynolds, Jack
 McEllen, III, Walde Legaux

Sunday, March 19

3rd Sunday of Lent

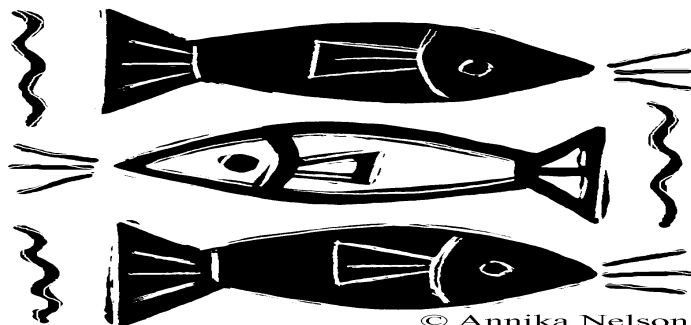
8:00 AM Cindy Spence
9:30 AM SMM Parishioners
11:00 AM Floyd Hyer, Irma Claffey
6:00 PM Raymond J. DeFelice

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, Rosemarie Entringer, Judge Thomas Wicker, Ivan Antunovic, Arianna Crawford, Claire Duplantier, Daphne 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, Mark Morice, 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, Mark Lucich, Willie Arnouville, Chad Costes, Sherry Gaffney, Ray Talbot, Dean Babin, Janet Kaleher, Norvin Schexnaildre, Dianne Seman, Matthew DiBuono, Oliver Duplantier, David Williamson, Toni Landry, Musette Barrouquere, Daniel Hereford, David Williamson, Katherine Sclafani, Catherine Carlin, Edie Dorion, Carl Caffarel, Heidi Nuss, Luke Nuss, Donald Booth, Nicholas Galliano, Kristi LeBlanc, Tammy Graves Coen, Janice Childress, Nick Marzoni, Tina Guillot, Glen Buras

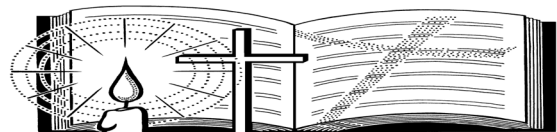


BURIED IN CHRIST

Marlene Ann Setze
Ronald J. Krummel, Sr.
Ann Vath Flick



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CELEBRATING CATHOLIC FAMILIES

Living the Word

2nd Sunday of Lent

Is it possible to build some time for listening to God into each day? Experiment with even a minute of silence. Children enjoy the "silence game," a Montessori exercise in which everyone tries to still their bodies and to be quiet for a brief period. Practice the silence game and see what responses you get. Don't give up; if it doesn't work the first day, try again the next.

CHILDREN'S CORNER

MARCH: Month of LENT. Prayer Center Theme is: *Jesus, you sacrificed your life to save us. During Lent, I will sacrifice by....* Put written intentions in prayer pig; they will be offered up at all Sunday Masses once a month.



SMM SCHOOL & PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION PROGRAMS March

This year's Lenten theme is the Fruits of the Spirit. This week the students are focusing on Love and Joy. Even in this season of Lent it is possible to find love and be joyful in Christ's sacrifice of the Cross.



Second Sunday of Lent March 12, 2017

Christ Jesus . . . destroyed death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. — 2 Timothy 1:10b

ST. JOSEPH ALTAR

Chapelle High School will hold its annual St. Joseph Altar on **March 17th & 18th** in the cafeteria. On March 17th, altar viewing is from 12:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. with the rosary at 7:00 p.m. On March 18th, altar viewing is from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Lunch will be served in the cafeteria following the Tupa Tupa on March 18th. Candles for the altar may be purchased from Chapelle for \$5.00 each.

LENTEN CONFESSION SCHEDULE:

**Wednesdays, March 22, 29, April 5,
from 5-6:30 PM**

Saturday, April 8 from 2:00-3:30PM

Wednesday, April 12 from 5-7 PM

**NO Confessions on Good Friday
or Holy Saturday**

SAINT PATRICK—BISHOP OF IRELAND

Feast Day: March 17

Patrick, born in Scotland to Roman parents who were in charge of the British colonies, was kidnapped at age 14 and taken to pagan Ireland to herd sheep. He learned the Druid language and practices of the people, which later helped him to evangelize them when he returned as bishop.



SAINT JOSEPH

HUSBAND OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

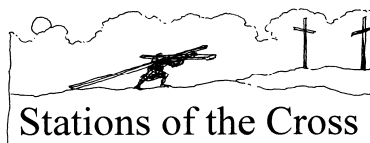
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Joseph, someone once joked, was indeed the perfect husband: the only major character in Jesus' story who never utters a word! But the Gospel recounts and the liturgy celebrates his silent witness of faith-filled deeds:

"With a husband's love he cherished Mary, the Virgin Mother of God; with fatherly care he watched over Jesus" (Preface of Saint Joseph, *Sacramentary*). Catholic devotion, therefore, hails him as patron-protector of the universal Church. Some cultures set a festive "Saint Joseph's Table," welcoming the poor and strangers to feast with family and friends. Tradition keeps today as the anniversary of his death, which we presume was peaceful, with Jesus and Mary present. Thus, Catholics invoke Joseph as "patron of a happy death." Descended from David's house, which God finished "building" through Joseph's provision of a home for Mary and Jesus, he was, fittingly, a carpenter by trade; thus, patron of workers. Spring, nature's rebirth, begins between his feast and Annunciation (March 25), appropriately, since Joseph's silent obedience and Mary's "Let it be done to me according to your word" (Luke 1:38) usher in humanity's spiritual rebirth. —Peter Scagnelli, © Copyright, J. S. Paluch Co



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**Fridays in Lent
at 2:30PM
& 7:00 PM
in Church**

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, by the power of God, into hell Satan and all evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Envelopes (2/26)	\$ 5446.00
Loose Collection	<u>\$ 1889.44</u>
Total	\$ 7335.44
2nd Collection-SMM Social Apostolate	\$ 2952.00

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

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, March 19:

First Reading — When the people grumbled to Moses for water in the desert, the LORD heard and brought forth water from the rock for all to drink (Exodus 17:3-7).

Psalm — If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts (Psalm 95). **Second Reading** — God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit (Romans 5:1-2, 5-8). **Gospel** — Ask, and you will be given living water so that you will never thirst again (John 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42]).

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; SPC Scott Hale, PFC Scott Hale, USMC



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.

SPIRITUAL ADOPTION PROGRAM

THE 7TH MONTH AFTER CONCEPTION

Your spiritually adopted baby continues to grow and mature. Brain waves, though already detectable for over five months, now resemble those of a full-term baby. This baby's brain is also now capable of controlling his or her own body temperature. In addition, your baby's bones are strengthening more, and he or she is putting on weight more quickly. The extra fat will improve insulation and provide an energy reserve for the baby following birth. Though birth is not far off, please keep praying for your spiritually adopted baby and his or her mother.



CROSS CATHOLIC OUTREACH

Fr. Phong Pham will be visiting our parish NEXT weekend (**March 18/19**) to speak at all Masses on behalf of Cross Catholic Outreach which was founded to create a meaningful link between parishes in America and the priests and nuns working in the Church overseas in the Caribbean, Africa, Asia, Central & South America.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Monday, March 13

Parish School of Religion Classes, 6:45PM-8:00 PM

Tuesday, March 14

1st Communion Parent Meeting in Church 7:00 PM

KC Meeting in Ministries Building 7:00 PM

Wednesday, March 15

Social Services Building open from 5:30PM-6:30PM

Thursday, March 16

Adult Lenten Program in Chapel 7:00 PM

Friday, March 17—*St. Patrick's Day*

Daytime Way of the Cross in Church 2:30 PM

Way of the Cross in Church 7:00 PM

Saturday, March 18

Rosary Rally in Chapel 12:00 PM

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

Cross Catholic Outreach Presentation at Mass

Sunday, March 19—*St. Joseph's Day*

Cross Catholic Outreach Presentation at Masses

Family Mass 9:30 AM

Adoration of Blessed Sacrament, 12:15-1:15 PM

Baptisms in Church 12:15 PM

ADULT LENTEN PROGRAM

A special Adult Lenten Program will continue on the next 2 consecutive Thursdays—**March 16 & 23** in the Chapel from 7-8:30PM. The topic is: *The Biblical Explanation of the Mass*. It's not too late to join us for these enlightening sessions.

ROSARY RALLY

AMERICA NEEDS FATIMA'S National Day of Prayer for the Preservation of Marriage & Families is on **Saturday, March 18**. All are welcome to participate in the Rosary Rally at 12:00 Noon in SMM Chapel. Our Lady requests that the rosaries be prayed at the same time throughout the world as our needs are brought to her Son. She has promised that in the end, her Immaculate Heart will triumph over evil through the praying of the rosary. Please join us!

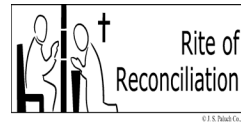
ATTENTION ALL HIGH SCHOOL SOPHOMORES AND JUNIORS AND PARENTS

In order to be eligible to be confirmed in 2018, Candidates and Parents must attend a **MANDATORY** Meeting on **Sunday, MARCH 12, 2017** at 7:00 PM in Massett Hall. This meeting is **ONLY** open to interested, unconfirmed students who are **presently** in the 10th or 11th grades attending a Catholic High School or Catholic Parish High School of Religion Program for at least the last 2 years. Pre-registration is not required.



SPECIAL NIGHTS OF RECONCILIATION

On **Wednesdays, March 22, 29 & April 5** the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available from **5:00-6:30 PM** in the Church. On these days, 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.

SMM PARISH WORK DAY

**Saturday, March 25,
8:30AM–12Noon**

Calling all Parishioners!!!

On Saturday, **March 25** beginning at 8:30AM, you are invited to come help with the annual **SPRING CLEANING** of the church & chapel. Bring rubber gloves (if you use them), a small wisk broom or pastry brush and soft rags for polishing. Parish Organizations, Ministries and Scouts are invited to send a group and High school students looking for service hours are especially welcome!!! In order to plan how many work crews we can form, please call the rectory office (733-0922) if you plan to help.



SMM SCHOOL—COUGAR NEWS

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