

3rd Sunday of Lent



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THIRSTING FOR LIFE-GIVING WATERS

Especially during the Lenten, Holy Week, and Easter seasons, the prayer texts of the Eastern Church revel in paradoxical images of Christ: the eternal life who is put to death, the host of the supper who is also its meal, the thirsty crucified one with living water streaming from his side. These images flow from the evangelists' portrayals of Jesus and from his very ministry, during which he often upset or reversed people's expectations about him or the ways of God. This "reversal" is at play in today's Gospel, as Jesus speaks to an enemy foreigner who is also a woman beneath his status. In addition he, the thirsting one, shows the woman to be the one truly thirsting. He—whose parched lips will say "I thirst" before he dies—is the source of life and life-giving water. Lent calls upon us to dwell on how each of us is thirsting for Christ, and it leads us, ultimately, back to the life-giving waters of our baptism into his Body.

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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

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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/Human Resources/Policies/Policy on Infant Baptism](http://www.arch-no.org/Human_Resources/Policies/Policy_on_Infant_Baptism) 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.

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

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WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, March 20

Feast of St. Joseph (observed)

6:30 AM Living Intention for J.A.

8:30 AM Michael Canizaro

Tuesday, March 21

6:30 AM Gloria Jensen

8:30 AM Petey Lang

Wednesday, March 22

6:30 AM Fr. Austin Carrico

8:30 AM Joyce Deslattes

Thursday, March 23

6:30 AM Fr. Bernard Mistretta

8:30 AM Living Intention for Bonnie

Friday, March 24

6:30 AM Fr. Jerome Roppolo

8:30 AM Bill & Mary Dendinger

Saturday, March 25

Feast of Annunciation of the Lord

8:00 AM Ann Flick

Saturday, March 25

4th Sunday of Lent Vigil

4:00 PM Rosalie Couch, Dean D'Arcangelo,
 Jerry Puyau, Aimee Marus, Vetter
 Amadeo Taylor, Julio Anleu, Gracia
 Anleu, Jack McEllen, III, Kevin
 Reynolds, Jerry Hollingsworth, Walde
 Legaux

Sunday, March 26

4th Sunday of Lent

8:00 AM Bertucci Family

9:30 AM SMM Parishioners

11:00 AM Cindy Spence, Zenobia Drury

6:00 PM Bonura & Harmon Families

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, 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

Paul LoCoco



CELEBRATING CATHOLIC FAMILIES

Living the Word 3rd Sunday of Lent

We are nearing the midpoint of Lent. Depending on where you live, signs of spring may be appearing. Bring this to your prayer space. Some possibilities include a budding branch (forsythia or pussy willow are good choices), or a bowl of water (keep it clean and fresh each day). Consider who is "the other" for you and your family. Perhaps do a little research on this group of people, or if possible, find a way to meet and talk together.

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 Peace & Goodness. Even in this season of Lent it is possible to find love and be joyful in Christ's sacrifice of the Cross.

Third Sunday of Lent March 19, 2017

While we were still sinners Christ died for us.

— Romans 5:8



COME, LORD JESUS BIBLE STUDY

We are excited to have Come, Lord Jesus! Bible study groups within our church parish community. Gather weekly to study upcoming Sunday Readings in a comfortable, prayerful environment for an experience that will bless your life and revive your Catholic faith. This program will bring you to the roots of your faith and inspire you to live out the Gospel message. Contact Buzzy at (504) 628-7511 or buzaloni@cox.net for more information

LENTEEN 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**



History of the Annunciation of the Lord

Originally a feast of our Lord, but now celebrated as a Marian feast, the feast of the Annunciation dates back at

least to the fifth century, and the date of the feast, which is determined by the date of Christmas, was set at **March 25** by the seventh century. The Annunciation, as much as or even more so than Christmas, represents Christ's Incarnation. When Mary signaled to Gabriel her acceptance of God's Will, Christ was conceived in her womb through the power of the Holy Spirit. While most of the fathers of the Church say that Mary's *fiat* was essential to God's plan of salvation, God foresaw Mary's acceptance of His Will from all eternity. The narrative of the Annunciation testifies powerfully to the truth of the Catholic tradition that Mary was indeed a virgin when Christ was conceived, but also that she intended to remain one perpetually. Mary's response to Gabriel—"How shall this be done, because I know not man?" (*Luke 1:34*) was universally interpreted by the fathers of the Church as a statement of Mary's resolution to remain a virgin forever.

Readings for Sunday, March 26:

First Reading — As the prophet Samuel anointed David with oil, the spirit of the LORD rushed upon David and remained with him from that day forward (1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a). **Psalm** — The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want (Psalm 23). **Second Reading** — You who were once darkness are now light in the Lord. Live as children of light (Ephesians 5:8-14). **Gospel** — The man who was blind from birth proclaimed: The one called Jesus made clay with his saliva, anointed my eyes with it, and told me to wash. When I washed, I was able to see! (John 9:1-41 [1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38])

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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, 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 (3/05)	\$ 9217.00
Loose Collection	<u>\$ 2736.91</u>
Total	\$11,953.91
2nd Collection-Bldg & Maintenance	\$ 3023.00

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.

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES COLLECTION

Next WEEKEND (March 25/26) the 2nd Collection will be for Catholic Relief Services (CRS). Your donations are providing educational opportunities for refugee children including catch-up and remedial classes. Now, over 6000 students in 21 schools are getting the education they need to protect the future ahead of them. Your donations are putting these children on a road of hope. As you walk with these children, you walk with **Jesus in disguise**.

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.

A Lenten Prayer Service for Victims of War Thursday, March 30

7:00–8:30 PM in the Chapel

“For Christians, nonviolence is not mere tactical behavior but a person’s way of being, the attitude of one who is so convinced of God’s love and power that he or she is not afraid to tackle evil with the weapons of love and truth alone. Love of one’s enemy constitutes the nucleus of the ‘Christian revolution.’” Pope Benedict XVI

“... Pope Francis began his January 1, 2017 Peace Message quoting Pope Paul VI, “Peace is the only true direction of human progress - and not the tensions caused by ambitious nationalism, nor conquests by violence, nor repressions which serve as mainstay for a false civil order.” Pope Francis went on to say: “Violence is not the cure for our broken world. Countering violence with violence leads at best to forced migrations and enormous suffering, because vast amounts of resources are diverted to military ends and away from the every day needs of young people, families experiencing hardship, the elderly, the infirm and the great majority of people in our world.”

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Monday, March 20

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

Tuesday, March 21

Wednesday, March 22

SMM School Grandparents Day Mass 8:30 AM
Parish Confessions in Church, 5:00-6:30 PM
Social Services Building open from 5:30PM-6:30PM
St. Jude Society Meeting in Chapel 7:00 PM

Thursday, March 23

Adult Lenten Program in Chapel 7:00 PM

Friday, March 24

Daytime Way of the Cross in Church 2:30 PM
Men's Club Lenten Fish Fry in Massett Hall, 6-8PM
Way of the Cross in Church 7:00 PM

Saturday, March 25

Spring Cleaning of Church, 8:30AM-12Noon
Confessions in Church, 2:30-3:30 PM
2nd Collection - Catholic Relief Services

Sunday, March 26

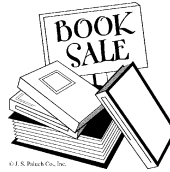
2nd Collection - Catholic Relief Services
Family Mass 9:30 AM
Adoration of Blessed Sacrament, 12:15-1:15 PM

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 BOOK FAIR

SMM School will hold its annual **BOOK FAIR** on **Monday, March 20-Wednesday, March 22** from 7:30AM-1:15PM in the Lodge. All parishioners are invited to visit the book fair and shop for some great books. All proceeds are used to purchase software and new books for the library.

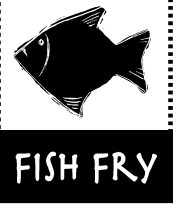
ADULT LENTEN PROGRAM

We conclude our Adult Lenten Program on *The Biblical Explanation of the Mass* on **Thursday, March 23** in the Chapel with a Teaching Mass. You are invited to join us!

MEN'S CLUB LENTEN FISH FRY

**Friday, MARCH 24
6:00-8:00 PM**

Stop by for a "bite" at this great event in Massett Hall and support the parish! *Soft Drinks and beer will also be available. To-Go and Drive-Thru (Cardinal Street & Horseshoe lots) orders also available.*



KC LENTEN SEAFOOD DINNER

Our KC Council is sponsoring a Lenten Seafood Meal on **Friday, March 31** at 6:00 PM in Massett Hall. Drive-thru in horseshoe lot will also be available. The menu will include crawfish pasta, seafood jambalaya and vegetarian lasagna. Full meal will include coleslaw and bread for \$8, a la carte bowls of each will be \$3. Free bread & water for those fasting. Dine in or take away. All of the proceeds will go to the seminarian our Council has been sponsoring. We are hoping to have him (and maybe some classmates) present for the event.



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

SMM SCHOOL—COUGAR NEWS

Registration for the 2017-2018 school year continues. Contact the school office for a private tour! **Grandparents' Day** is this **Wednesday, March 22nd**. Congratulations to all of our 3rd nine weeks Honor Roll students! Breakfast is this Friday, March 24!