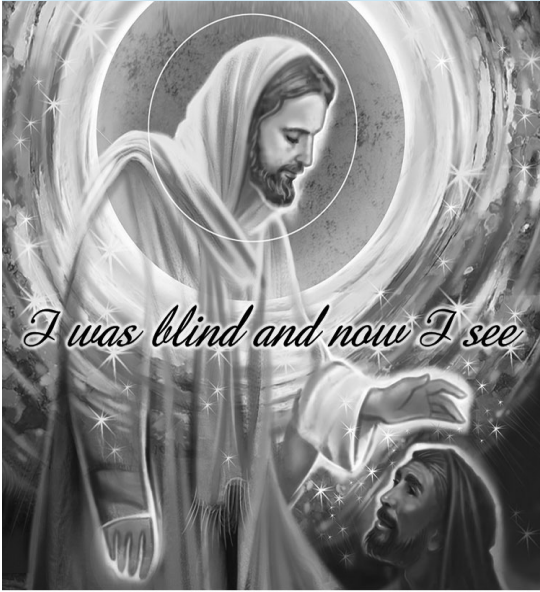


# 4th Sunday of Lent



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## CHILDREN OF THE LIGHT

The future king, David, in today's first reading, is an example of a type of character present throughout the Hebrew scriptures. He is the child born out of place (not the eldest or most favored) who ends up receiving the promise of the covenant. The spirit of God's anointing rushes upon him. In this way, he is similar to the man born blind from today's Gospel. David's family and the blind man's community did not expect the miraculous grace of God's love to work through them. Perhaps they, too, were "blinded" by the expectations and assumptions of those around them. Yet, after being touched by God, they both came to "see" the presence of God's will for them. Both became messengers of God's will. That same Spirit of God's anointing rushed upon us at our baptism; we were given a candle as a sign of our membership in the Body of Christ, the Light from Light. Our vocation, then, is to fulfill that enlightenment, that anointing, as Ephesians tells us, by living as "children of the light."

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## March 26, 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

Pastor.....Rev. Christian DeLerno, Jr.  
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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**

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#### 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](http://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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*Rev. Christian W. DeLerno, Jr.*

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**WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS**

**Monday, March 27**

6:30 AM Nunzio Molay  
8:30 AM Christine Aron

**Tuesday, March 28**

6:30 AM Living Intention for J.A.  
8:30 AM Michael Canizaro

**Wednesday, March 29**

6:30 AM Gloria Jensen  
8:30 AM Fr. Michael Joseph Nguyen

**Thursday, March 30**

6:30 AM Rose Lovecchio  
8:30 AM Petey Lang

**Friday, March 31**

6:30 AM Ronald Krummel  
8:30 AM Danetta Marie Carter White

**Saturday, April 1**

8:00 AM Audree Forbes

**Saturday, April 1**

***5th Sunday of Lent Vigil***

4:00 PM Rosalie Couch, Bobb W. Hunley,  
 Dean D'Arcangelo, Aimee Marus,  
 Jerry Puyau, Andrea Pippis & Baby,  
 John & Clare McDermott, Hazel &  
 Harold Howat, Walter Howat, Dee  
 Broussard, Joe Dewhirst, Sidney &  
 Mae Waguespack, Michael Canizaro,  
 Vetter Amadeo Taylor, Walde Legaux,  
 Kevin Reynolds, Jack McEllen, III

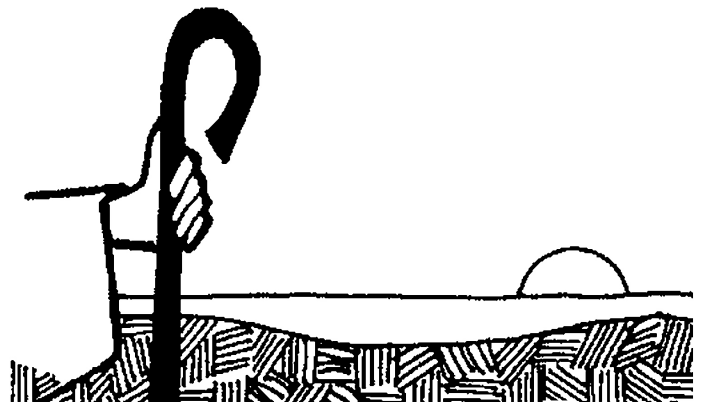
**Sunday, April 2**

***5th Sunday of Lent***

8:00 AM Prat Family  
9:30 AM SMM Parishioners  
11:00 AM Deceased Members of St. Jude  
 Society, Cindy Spence, Maerene  
 Daigre  
6:00 PM Genevieve Ducote, Alice & Dewey  
 Ponthier, Vernon Ducote, Hal Ducote

**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, Laretta 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



## CELEBRATING CATHOLIC FAMILIES

### *Living the Word* 4th Sunday of Lent

Is there an idea or an issue about which you felt strongly but now see it differently? What contributed to the change of view or opened the possibility of a new understanding? Talk about this as a family. For young people, it may be a subject or an assignment in school. Sometimes it is particular person or group of people that as we come to know them better, our views about them change. In what way is this a type of healing?

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



### Fourth Sunday of Lent March 26, 2017

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. — *Psalm 23:1*



## TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

The church slowly developed customs of reserving some portion of the eucharistic sacrifice for the sake of the dying. Today's custom of placing this portion in a tabernacle for prayer and adoration by the faithful cannot be traced back much beyond the year 1,000, much to almost everyone's surprise. There is simply no historical evidence of the Blessed Sacrament being present in a church for the purpose of having the faithful visit it or pray before it earlier in the church's history. People did visit, of course, but the center of their attention was the altar, symbol of Christ's sacrifice and the touchpoint between heaven and earth. Shrines and devotional altars abounded in medieval churches, but anything we might describe as a Blessed Sacrament chapel would be hard to find. Amazingly, the Eucharist was first kept in private houses for the purpose of Holy Communion at home. As for church, the custom gradually developed of suspending a vessel shaped like a dove somewhere in the church, often over the altar. In the hovering bird, a few hosts, enough to satisfy the pastoral needs of the dying, would be secreted. The priest would lower the dove on a pulley as needed, but it wasn't a focus of devotion by visitors to the church. It was simply a way of reassuring bishops who were nervous about safeguarding the Eucharist. The dove solution caught on in England and France after Crusaders came in contact with the custom in their travels in the Orthodox East.



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### Readings for Sunday, April 2:

**First Reading** — Thus says the LORD GOD: I will open your graves, have you rise from them, and settle you on your land. (Ezekiel 37:12-14).

**Psalm** — With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption (Psalm 130).

**Second Reading** — If Christ is in you, the spirit is alive even if the body is dead because of sin (Romans 8:8-11).

**Gospel** — Lazarus, dead for four days, came out of his tomb when Jesus called his name. Many of those who had seen what had happened began to believe in Jesus (John 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45]).

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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 (3/12)	\$ 5967.00
Loose Collection	<u>\$ 1742.58</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 7709.58</b>
<b>2nd Collection-Catholic Charities</b>	<b>\$ 2227.00</b>

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### 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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*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.*

### ALTAR SOCIETY NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

The SMM Altar Society is looking for volunteers of all ages to help with the weekly light cleaning of the church (*mainly dusting in Sanctuary, Sacristy, statues, etc*). Volunteers are assigned to a team that commits to help one weekend a month (*teams rotate*). Call Kitty Marzoni at 812-8648 for more information or to sign-up to help.

### 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.

### ST. ANTHONY NURSING HOME VOLUNTEERS

This ministry meets every Friday morning at the nursing home to bring spiritual comfort to the residents living there. One of our parish priests celebrates Mass one Friday of the month for the residents with the assistance of the Volunteers. On the alternating Fridays, a team of Extraordinary Ministers of Communion and Volunteers hold a Rosary and Communion Service. Their generous dedication of ministering to this particular and sometimes forgotten group in our community is greatly appreciated by the residents and their families. There is a great need for EMC's to assist with distribution of communion. If you are interested in helping in this ministry, please call the rectory for further information.



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**I  
came  
so that those who  
do not see might see**

## THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

### Monday, March 27

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

### Tuesday, March 28

1st Communion Interviews in Church 6:00 PM  
 KC Ladies Auxiliary Mtg in Ministries Bldg 7:00 PM

### Wednesday, March 29

Parish Confessions in Church, 5:00-6:30 PM  
 Social Services Building open from 5:30PM-6:30PM

### Thursday, March 30

Lenten Prayer Service in Chapel 7:00 PM

### Friday, March 31

Daytime Way of the Cross in Church 2:30 PM  
 KC Lenten Seafood Dinner in Massett Hall  
 Way of the Cross in Church 7:00 PM

### Saturday, April 1

Rosary after Mass in Chapel 8:30 AM  
 Confessions in Church, 2:30-3:30 PM

### Sunday, April 2

Family Mass 9:30 AM  
 Adoration of Blessed Sacrament, 12:15-1:15 PM

### 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.”*

### KC LENTEN SEAFOOD DINNER

Our 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 seminary our Council has been sponsoring. We are hoping to have him (and maybe some classmates) present for the event.

### PALMS NEEDED!

We are in need of live palms, in good condition, for Palm Sunday. Please drop palms off on the side of the Rectory garage near back door between **APRIL 3rd-5th ONLY. ALSO**, helpers are needed to help clean the palms on **Wednesday, April 5 at 5:00 PM** in the rectory garage.



### LENTEN CONFESSION SCHEDULE:

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

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

**Wednesday, April 12  
 from 5-7 PM**

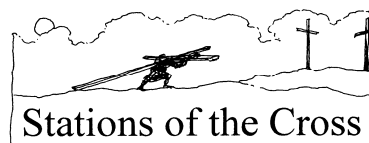
**NO Confessions on  
 Good Friday  
 or Holy Saturday**



### SMM SCHOOL—COUGAR NEWS

Join us this week for the following events:

**Thursday, March 30th**, at Two Amigos on Williams Blvd. for dinner (20% of proceeds will be donated to the school) and **Friday, March 31st**, Stations of the Cross at 2:30 PM.



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