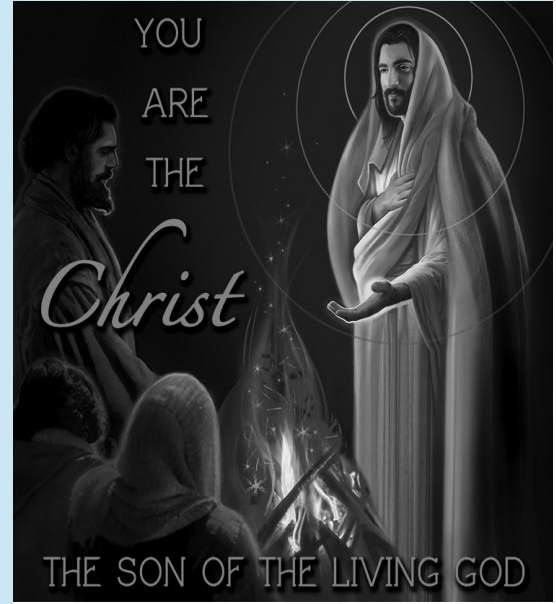


21st Sunday of Ordinary Time

BE A ROCK

Peter's history as a follower or friend of Jesus is a bit spotty. It might be natural to wonder if Jesus, in giving him the keys to the kingdom, didn't feel a bit like a parent giving a teenager the keys to the family car. But it was at the moment when God's power and presence broke through everything else to raise up Peter's great profession of faith in Christ as Messiah that Jesus chose to establish the bond between the loving, forgiving mercy of heaven and our vocation to be witnesses of that love, mercy, and forgiveness on earth. Like any parent, Jesus no doubt foresaw the failings, the irresponsible maneuvers or impaired senses, the collisions that the church would be headed for. But, most importantly, he also saw us at that moment as God prefers to see us: capable of manifesting great faith, with a willingness to remain at the feet of Christ to understand what it truly means to be Messiah and Christ. As the letter to the Romans points out to us today, we have not known the mind or the wisdom of God, but God knows us and still chooses to manifest the reign of justice, joy, beauty, and peace through us. Let this be our vocation. Let us always strive to be solid ground on which the church of Jesus Christ can be founded and on which it can continue to be built.

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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

SCHOOL OFFICE

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BEFORE/AFTER SCHOOL CARE

Co-Directors...Caren Favalaro & Shari Mader
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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.

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WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, August 28

6:30 AM Mary Cerise
8:30 AM Fr. Michael Joseph Nguyen

Tuesday, August 29

6:30 AM Nancy Carlson
8:30 AM Lorraine Dermody

Wednesday, August 30

6:30 AM Living Intention for Anthony Centanni, Rosalie Genusa, Nancy Pamala & Mary Louise
8:30 AM Peggy Hileman

Thursday, August 31

6:30 AM Gloria Jensen
8:30 AM Doris Radosti

Friday, September 1

6:30 AM Gus Barbier
8:30 AM Clare & George Cook, Sue Chandler

Saturday, September 2

8:00 AM Louis Nevarro

Saturday, September 2

22nd Sunday of Ordinary Time Vigil

4:00 PM Rosalie Couch, Louise H. Blanchard, Bobb W. Hunley, Aimee Marus, Dee Broussard, Norma & Lance Hubble, John & Clare McDermott, Hazel & Harold Howat, Walter Howat, Vetter Amadeo Taylor, Kevin Reynolds, Maryann deLaneuville, Billy Ryan, Joe Paci, Jackie Markey

Sunday, September 3

22nd Sunday of Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Prat Family
9:30 AM SMM Parishioners
11:00 AM Deceased Members of Holy Name Society, Cindy Spence, Doris Radosti
6:00 PM Genevieve Ducote, Alice & Dewey Ponthier, Vernon Ducote, Hal Ducote



PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH

Teresa Lacour, Ryan Thiel, Gracelyn Chaplain, Dennis Coughlin, Jr., Kelly Fletcher Grawl, Kenneth & Kevin Teen, Ben Todd, Joe Giarratano, Luca Scozzari, Evelyn Olwell, Brian Dufour, Mary Ann Meaux, Dilly Surratt, Yvonne Troups, Ryan Songy, Gayle Songy, Nathan Lopiccolo, Linda Nicholls, Sherry St. Pe, Rosemarie Entringer, Judge Thomas Wicker, Ivan Antunovic, Arianna Crawford, Claire Duplantier, Daphne Dufour, 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, Paul Powers, 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, David Williamson, Toni Landry, Musette Barrouquere, Daniel Hereford, Katherine Sclafani, Catherine Carlin, Edie Dorion, Carl Caffarel, Heidi Nuss, Luke Nuss, Kristi LeBlanc, Tammy Graves Coen, Janice Childress, Nick Marzoni, Tina Guillot, Glen Buras, Joyce Chiusano, Richard LeBlanc, Marsha Robert, Rose Keller, Leah Conlin, Abigail Robertson, Austin deBlois, Patrick Mulhern, Marilyn Reynolds, Carole Corona, George "Mickey" Krause, Tommy Keller, Julie Periou

Thank you to all Altar Servers for your commitment to serving at Mass. Your attendance during the summer was great! Special Thanks go to adults Kevin Burke & Joe Dicharry who serve faithfully at the 8AM Mass.

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

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Summer is ending and the school year is beginning. Talk about how, just as we continue to learn more math and history, so we also continue to learn about our faith.

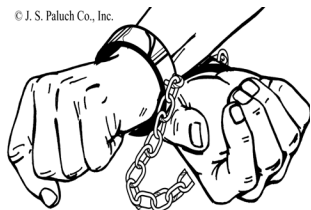
CHILDREN'S CORNER

AUGUST: Month of FAITH

Prayer Center Theme is: *I will keep my heart close to Jesus by...* Put written intentions in prayer pig; they will be offered up at all Masses once a month.



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21st Sunday in Ordinary Time August 27, 2017

"Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." — Matthew 16:19

SPIRITUAL ADOPTION PROGRAM

Everyone loves the beauty and innocence of a baby. As an expression of that love, our parish announces an adoption program for young and old alike. The members of our parish family have the opportunity to "*spiritually*" adopt a child who is newly conceived this month. You see, not all newly conceived babies are allowed to be born. In fact almost 4000 babies lose their lives to abortion each day. It is these babies, who are in danger of having their lives ended before birth, that you are being asked to "adopt". You may "spiritually adopt" a child on your own by naming the child for whom you will be praying, thereby giving the baby the humanity he or she deserves. You are also asked to pray for your unborn child and for all unborn children everyday, for the power of prayer is great. Beginning September 1, you will receive monthly reports in the bulletin describing your baby's development and your child will be born in May. There are millions of unborn babies desperately in need of your prayers. Won't you please 'spiritually' adopt one and share the love for life that God has given you?

Respect Life

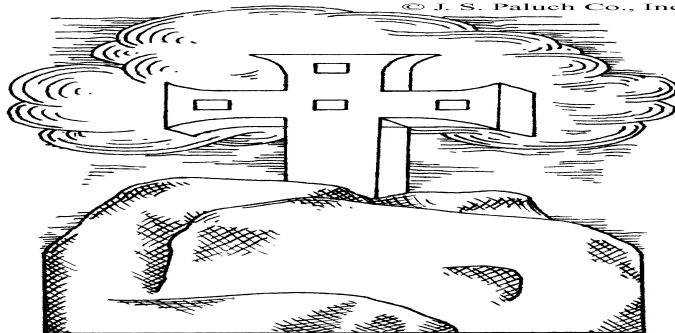


TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Eucharistic Prayer II is a popular choice for Mass since it is both simple in structure and short. It is written with a preface, which is the section after the dialogue "The Lord be with you . . . Lift up your hearts . . . Let us give thanks," which introduces all the Eucharistic Prayers. The preface states the reason for the eucharistic assembly on that occasion, and there are dozens of them covering almost every imaginable gathering for prayer, some specific to feasts, others for Masses for the dead or for other needs. The preface attached to the second Eucharistic Prayer may be dropped in favor of a more appropriate choice, especially one of the prefaces for weekdays. The *General Instruction of the Roman Missal* says that Eucharistic Prayer II is best suited for weekdays or "special circumstances." In practice, however, it has become the common Sunday prayer because of its brevity and its comfortable familiarity. It also includes an optional phrase for adding the name of a deceased person remembered in the Mass, and therefore is often prayed at funerals. Article 50 of the *Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy* specified that the rites are to be simplified and restored "to the vigor they had in the tradition of the Fathers." The rebirth of this ancient Roman prayer is a worthy response to this call.

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Readings for Sunday, September 3:

First Reading — The name of the LORD has become like fire burning in Jeremiah's heart (Jeremiah 20:7-9). **Psalm** — My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God (Psalm 63). **Second Reading** — Be transformed; renew your mind; discern what is good (Romans 12:1-2). **Gospel** — Those who lose their lives for Jesus' sake will find them (Matthew 16:21-27).

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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 (8/13)	\$ 6027.00
Loose Collection	<u>\$ 2065.56</u>
Total	\$ 8122.56
2nd Collection-Bldg & Maintenance	\$ 3867.00

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.*

RECTORY OFFICE REQUEST

If you are **NOT** currently using donation envelopes and you would like to request a box set for 2018 please call the rectory office by Aug. 31.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SERVICES

“Domestic Violence 24-Hour Hotline: Call 504-866-9554 for legal assistance, shelter, counseling and children’s services from Catholic Charities, Archdiocese of New Orleans.

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.

1st SATURDAY DEVOTION SERVICE—Sept. 2

The Prayer Warriors of St. Joan of Arc invites everyone every 1st Saturday of the month from 10AM-12Noon in SMM Church for a special program praying for the conversion of Greater New Orleans, our Country & our world to our Lord Jesus Christ. The service will consist of Eucharistic Devotion, Confessions, Holy Rosary, devotional prayers requested by Our Lady of Fatima, Holy Mass, Chaplet of Divine Mercy and other intercessory prayers. Fr. Chris is the group’s spiritual director and will be the Celebrant of the mass. For more information please contact Cindy Hemelt (883-5783) or Marylyn Comesana (559-0965).



THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Monday, August 28

PSR Registration in Massett Hall, 6:30-8:00 PM

Tuesday, August 29

Come, Lord Jesus in Convent Bldg 7:00 PM

Wednesday, August 30

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

Follow Me: Gospel of John in Chapel 7:00 PM

Thursday, August 31

Come, Lord Jesus in Convent Bldg 7:00 PM

Friday, September 1

Saturday, September 2

Rosary after Mass in Chapel 8:30 AM

St. Joan of Arc Prayer Warriors Service in Church, 10AM-12PM

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

Sunday, September 3

Family Mass 9:30 AM

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

2017 SEAFOOD FESTIVAL NEWS

Planning is underway for the SMM Annual Seafood Festival which will be held **October 13th thru October 15th**. The Fair Committee is currently seeking booth and stage sponsors, and donations of gift certificates and gift items. Donation forms with further info can be picked up at the rectory. For a copy of the letter/form or for more info, please contact Jennifer Edwards at 504-289-7047.

RAFFLE TICKETS

NEXT weekend, Raffle tickets for the SMM Fall Festival are available at all church entrances or at the Rectory Office. All families are asked to support the fair by picking up & selling raffle 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.*

Fair Set-up Saturdays on backfield: Sept. 30 & Oct. 7 at 8:30AM; Fair Clean-up Monday: October 16 at 8:00 AM

BLESSING OF STUDENTS

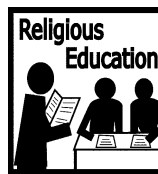
It is most fitting to call upon God's help as the opening of a new school year draws near. There will be a special blessing given to all students at all Masses this weekend.

BACK-TO-SCHOOL SUNDAE SUNDAY

Come and cool off on **Sunday August 27** with a tasty ice cream sundae. Create your own, one of a kind sundae with a variety of toppings - sprinkles, M&M's, cookies, nuts, chocolate syrup and whipped cream. This FREE event is hosted by the K.C. Ladies Auxiliary after the 11:00AM mass in Massett Hall.



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REGISTRATION FOR PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION

Children, who have previously attended classes at SMM, should have received registration forms in the mail. Please complete and return all documents along with registration fee (\$40-one child; \$15-each additional child; \$60-maximum fee for any one family) on **August 28**, from 6:30-8:00 PM in Massett Hall (cafeteria). If you cannot attend registration on one of these dates, return completed forms to the rectory office (Monday-Thursday, 9AM-4PM). After office hours or on the weekend, put packet thru the mail slot in the front door of the rectory - please do not ring doorbell.

New Student REGISTRATION DATE: August 28, 6:30-8PM in Massett Hall. Please bring a copy of baptismal certificate.

First day of class will be **Monday, September 11, 2017**. Please drop your child/children at their respective classroom by 6:45 pm. On **Monday, September 18, 2017**, the Parish School of Religion (grades 1-12) will officially begin the year with a Mass for students & parents at 7:00 pm in the church. All students should report to their classrooms at 6:45PM, while parents are asked to go directly to church. After Mass, the students will return to class with their teachers & the parents are asked to remain in church for a mandatory parent meeting.

SMM SCHOOL—COUGAR NEWS

Looking for a few more Prayer Partners! If you are interested, please contact Mrs. Rodriguez at vrodiguez@smmcougars.org.