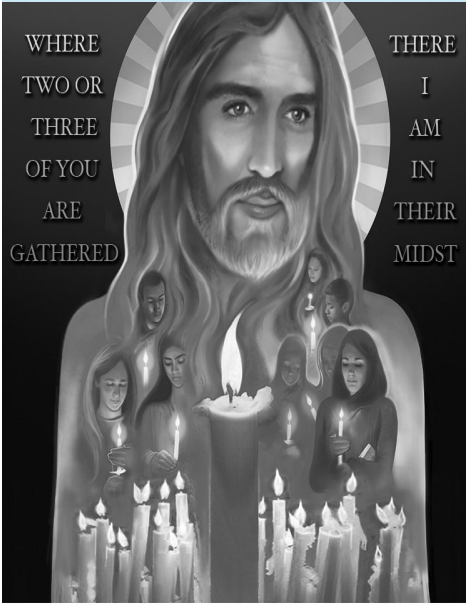


# 23rd Sunday of Ordinary Time



## GOD'S WATCHERS

In the ancient world watchmen were extremely important people. They kept communities safe, and were there to alert them to any impending danger or attack. Before locks, alarms, and security systems, watchmen were the protectors, the safety measure. So when the Lord charges Ezekiel as a watchman today, it is a weighty charge. So weighty, we learn, that if Ezekiel fails to sound the alarm for those around him and they perish in a state of wickedness, Ezekiel will be held responsible! This profound connection between God's will on earth and in heaven is repeated in today's Gospel, where Jesus instructs us that we are to be the security force, the watchers placed on alert that nowhere in the Body of Christ, the church, will there be any two members of the one Body who are not reconciled. Scripture tells us that Jesus reconciled all things in heaven and on earth through the blood of his cross. But we are given the mission to continue that reconciliation on earth as in heaven through our ceaseless efforts to be, as Paul would write, ambassadors of reconciliation. Let us not get too comfortable thinking that we are responsible only for keeping our own lives from the path of wickedness and disagreement. We are also held accountable for the lives of the members of Christ's body around us. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

## September 10, 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 in CHAPEL

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

Principal.....Mrs. Valerie Rodriguez  
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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**  
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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/Human Resources/Policies/Policy on Infant Baptism OR](http://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**  
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*Rev. Christian W. DeLerno, Jr.*

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**WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS**

**Monday, September 11**

6:30 AM David Beach, Sr.  
8:30 AM Fr. Michael Joseph Nguyen

**Tuesday, September 12**

6:30 AM Jacob & Bertha Roth  
8:30 AM Lorraine Dermody

**Wednesday, September 13**

6:30 AM Mary Cerise  
8:30 AM Joe Paci

**Thursday, September 14**

***Feast of Exaltation of the Holy Cross***

6:30 AM Glenn Gennaro  
8:30 AM Floyd Hyer, Bernice Gallagher, Hilda Spence

**Friday, September 15**

6:30 AM Gloria Jensen  
8:30 AM David Harrison Revolta

**Saturday, September 16**

8:00 AM Louis Navaro

**Saturday, September 16**

***24th Sunday of Ordinary Time Vigil***

4:00 PM Rosalie Couch, Aimee Marus, Norma & Lance Hubble, Joe Paci, Colleen Graham, Vetter Amadeo Taylor, Kevin Reynolds, Floyd Hyer, Jackie Markey, Chris DeLerno, Sr., Dean D'Arcangelo, Shirley Heigl-Perfetti

**Sunday, September 17**

***24th Sunday of Ordinary Time***

8:00 AM Jud Mitchell, Lacinak Family  
9:30 AM SMM Parishioners  
11:00 AM St. Jude Society Prayer List, Cindy Spence, Ken Cavanaugh, Living Intention for Tom Keller, Jr.  
6:00 PM Richard Ducote, Sr.

**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.*

**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, 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, 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, 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 Coronna, George "Mickey" Krause, Tommy Keller, Julie Periou, Brenda Simon, Jena Serigne, Deborah Woodward



**BURIED IN CHRIST**

*Joell S. Rostetter*  
*Kenneth H. Cavanaugh*  
*Audrey Anderson Schmaltz*

# CELEBRATING CATHOLIC FAMILIES

## Living the Word

### 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

What do you do when someone in our family hurts you? Do you cry, tattle, hit, or just feel mad inside? Is Jesus right that our family works better if we told to each other as soon as we feel hurt or upset?

### 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 Masses once a month.

### SMM SCHOOL & PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION PROGRAMS

#### September

During this month, both religion programs will be focusing on the parts of the mass, vestments, and the Liturgical Year. The students will tour the church and the Sacristy.

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"If two of you agree on earth about anything for which they are to pray, it shall be granted to them by my heavenly Father." — *Matthew 18:19*



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In 335 two churches and a shrine erected over the empty grave of Jesus and over the place of the crucifixion were dedicated. After these were destroyed the Church of the Holy Sepulcher was erected by the Crusaders in

1149. This feast 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 on the site of the Crucifixion 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?

**Feast: September 14**

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# 9/11 REMEMBERED

Sixteen 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.



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.



### 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 (8/27)** \$ 6708.00  
**Loose Collection** \$ 2313.55  
**Total** \$ 9021.55  
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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**

*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 17:**

**First Reading** — Remember the commandments and hate not your neighbor (Sirach 27:30 — 28:9).

**Psalm** — The Lord is kind and merciful, slow to anger, and rich in compassion (Psalm 103).

**Second Reading** — Whether we live, or whether we die, we do so for the Lord (Romans 14:7-9). **Gospel** — Forgive one another from your heart (Matthew 18:21-35).

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**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 FIRST MONTH AFTER CONCEPTION**

Your spiritually adopted baby has been quite active over the past month. Already, your baby is 10,000 times bigger than at conception and has developed the foundations of his or her nervous system, including the brain and spinal cord, by the 20th day. During the first 4 weeks, the baby's organs are starting to form. Your baby is the most vulnerable during the next month to being aborted. Pray that the Lord of Life might move the heart of this baby's mother to give him or her the most precious gift — the gift of life.



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 11

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

### Tuesday, September 12

KC Meeting in Massett Hall 7:00 PM

Come, Lord Jesus in Convent Bldg 7:00 PM

### Wednesday, September 13

Parish Confessions in Church, 5:00-6:30 PM

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

Follow Me: Gospel of John Discussion Group in Convent Bldg, 7-8:30 PM

### Thursday, September 14

Come, Lord Jesus in Convent Bldg 7:00 PM

### Friday, September 15

Parents' Club Bingo in Massett Hall 7:00 PM

### Saturday, September 16

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

2<sup>nd</sup> Collection - Catholic Communications

### Sunday, September 17

2<sup>nd</sup> Collection - Catholic Communications

Family Mass/Catechetical Sunday Blessing 9:30 AM

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

Baptisms in Church 12:15 PM

Confirmation Class (2018) in Massett Hall 7:00 PM

### SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR VICTIMS OF HURRICANE HARVEY

Last weekend we took up a 2nd Collection for the recent hurricane victims in Texas. Anyone who would still like to make a contribution is now asked to send it directly to the Archdiocese of New Orleans @ 7887 Walmsley Avenue/N.O., LA 70125. These donations will go directly to those most in need. Thank you for your generosity!

### SMM SCHOOL—COUGAR NEWS

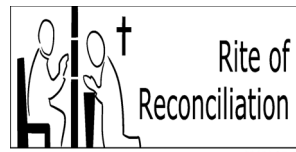
Congratulations to the following 7th Grade students who qualified for the DUKE TIPS Program by placing in the 95th percentile or higher on their most recent ACT Aspire test scores: Jamie Bates, Karinne Lamia, Tristan Perkins, Madison Smith, Courtney Stall, Ashley Turner & Aiden Vazquez

### 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.

### SPECIAL NIGHT OF RECONCILIATION

On **Wednesday, September 13** 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. *NEXT* weekend (**Sept. 16/17**) please give generously to the Catholic Communication Campaign.

### BLESSING OF CATECHISTS

On **Sunday, September 17** at the 9:30 AM Mass all Parish Catechists will be recognized and receive a special blessing and gift from the parish.

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### 2017 SEAFOOD FESTIVAL NEWS

**October 13, 14 & 15**

The Festival is **THE PARISH'S MAJOR FUNDRAISER** and we need your support to make this a successful event!

### 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.

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