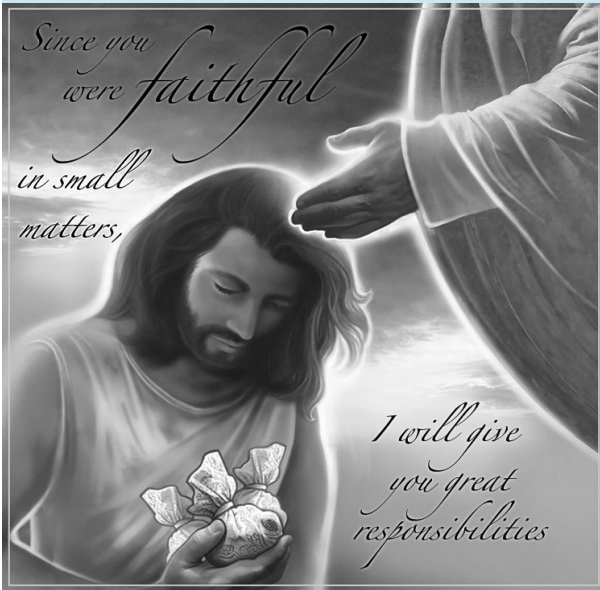


33rd Sunday of Ordinary Time



SHARING OUR GIFTS

Autumn is the season for harvesting and sharing the fruits of our labors. This week's scriptures use images of the harvest, family life, pregnancy, and investment to describe the abundant harvest in the reign of God. We discover that sharing the gifts we have been given brings eternal rewards for everyone. In the Gospel parable a master entrusts his possessions to three servants before going on a journey. Each is given some talents. What they do with those talents determines what the master will do with them when he returns. How about us? What are we doing with our talents? How will our Master treat us when he returns?

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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 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

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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

NEW Hours: Mon.& 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.

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WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, November 20

- 6:30 AM Mary "Mimi" Cerise
8:30 AM Clare & George Cook, Sue Chandler

Tuesday, November 21

Feast of Presentation of Blessed Virgin Mary

- 6:30 AM Casey O'Dell
8:30 AM Christian DeLerno, Sr.

Wednesday, November 22

- 6:30 AM Louis V. Levy, Tyler Levy
8:30 AM Ignatius Dan Phan

Thursday, November 23

Thanksgiving Day

- 8:30 AM Michael J. Canizaro

Friday, November 24

- 8:30 AM George Sholar, Sr. & Family

Saturday, November 25

- 8:00 AM Christian DeLerno, Sr.

Saturday, November 25

Feast of Jesus Christ the King Vigil

- 4:00 PM Jack & Rosalie Couch, Aimee Marus,
 Julio Anleu, Gracia Anleu, Joe Paci,
 Vetter Amadeo Taylor, John Foto,
 Kevin Reynolds, Dean D'Arcangelo,
 Patrick Ruth, Vilma Bolanos

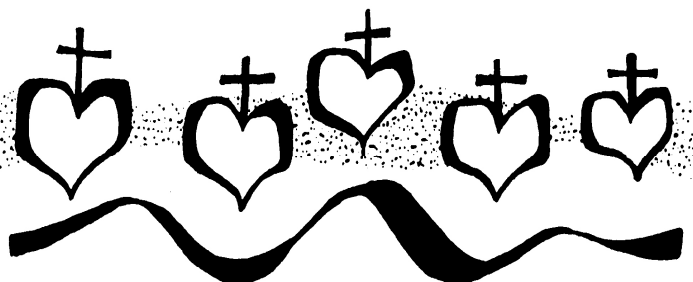
Sunday, November 26

Feast of Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

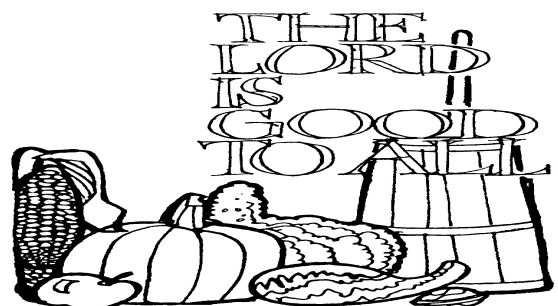
- 8:00 AM Cindy Spence
9:30 AM SMM Parishioners
11:00 AM Zenobia Drury, Ronald Krummel, Sr.,
 Doris Radosti, Mark Dyer, Ellen Bell
6:00 PM Richard Ducote, Sr.

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 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, 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 Schexnaldre, 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, Patrick Mulhern, Marilyn Reynolds, Carole Corona, George "Mickey" Krause, Tommy Keller, Julie Periou, Brenda Simon, Jena Serigne, Deborah Woodward, Kevin Pineo



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CELEBRATING CATHOLIC FAMILIES

Living the Word

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

In this Sunday's Gospel, we hear a story about some servants who are given talents. In Jesus' time, a talent was a large sum of money. Today, we use the word talent to talk about our abilities and gifts. What talents do the members of our family have? In the Gospel, the servant who uses his talents to increase their value is praised. How can we use our talents and abilities in service of others?

CHILDREN'S CORNER

NOVEMBER: Month of the Saints & Giving Thanks! Prayer Center Theme is: *I am thankful for....* Put written intentions in pumpkin; they will be offered up at all Sunday Masses once a month.



SMM SCHOOL & PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION PROGRAMS

November

SMM students honored veterans past and present at mass on November 8th. Before mass the students and veterans participated in a flag raising ceremony and sang the National Anthem together in the horseshoe. At mass a banner displayed the names of the veterans from the SMM community along with a prayer.



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Blessed are you who fear the LORD.
— Psalm 128:1a

According to tradition, Mary spent her life at the Temple from the time she was a little girl. Her parents, Joachim & Anne, presented their young daughter to the Temple for service and study, in thanksgiving for the great gift God had given them through her. This memorial celebrates this occasion. It also calls us to think about the ways we prepare and ready ourselves for Jesus Christ in our lives. Mary, conceived in grace, was prepared to carry the Son of God, but her time at the Temple helped form her mind and heart. Like wise, intentionally nurturing our relationship with God builds on the grace God offers each of us. The memorial of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary is celebrated on **November 21**.



Presentation
of the
Blessed Virgin Mary



WAYS TO CELEBRATE THANKSGIVING

The Family Life Apostolate offers these suggestions to help celebrate a meaningful Thanksgiving Day:

- * Attend the Thanksgiving liturgy as a family.
- * Plan a special ritual or blessing around the Thanksgiving Dinner.
- * Look through family photo albums and share stories about people you see there. Give special thanks for the lives of deceased family members.
- * Invite someone who cannot be with his or her own family to share your Thanksgiving celebration.
- * Call family members who cannot be with you.
- * Assemble a home altar that can be a center of worship in your home.

THANKSGIVING DAY TABLE BLESSING

Lord, we thank you for the goodness of our people and for the spirit of justice that fills this nation. We thank you for the beauty and the fullness of the land and the challenges of the cities. We thank you for our work and for our rest, for one another and for our homes. For all that we have spoken and for all that we keep in our hearts, accept our thanksgiving on this day. We pray and give thanks through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

This might be a good time to stock our spiritual cupboard along with our kitchen cupboard in preparation for our celebration of Thanksgiving. Before there was a Thanksgiving Day, even before there were Pilgrims, the Roman Catholic Church celebrated Ember Days ("change-of-season days") as periods of thanksgiving for seasonal harvests. This means it is a customary Catholic way to give thanks to God through prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. In the 1969 reformed calendar it was left up to the national conferences of bishops to set dates for Ember Days. (The ones on the old calendar fit a Mediterranean climate, and on the new calendar it was imagined that each nation knew best when to schedule such seasonally oriented days.) The United States bishops have not yet resurrected Ember Days, Rogations Days, and other national days of prayer. However, tucked within *Catholic Household Blessings and Prayers* (a book published by the U. S. bishops) is a chapter on Ember Days that proposes, among others, the three days before Thanksgiving as days of prayer, charity, and fasting. Why wait for an official proclamation? Why not undertake to observe those three days in that way in your parish, or even in your family? What could be more natural at this time of year?

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WEEKLY COLLECTION

Envelopes (11/05)	\$ 6638.00
Loose Collection	\$ 2720.50
Total	\$ 9358.50
Feasts of All Saints/All Souls	\$ 2368.00

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.

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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, November 26:

First Reading — I will rescue my scattered sheep (Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17). **Psalm** — The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want (Psalm 23).

Second Reading — As in Adam all die, so too in Christ all shall be brought to life (1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28). **Gospel** — Whatever you did to the least ones, you did to me (Matthew 25:31-46).

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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.

VOCATIONS PRAYER CONTEST

Congratulations to the following SMM School students who participated in the **Vocation Prayer Contest** sponsored by SMM Vocations Committee. Their prayers were read during National Vocation Awareness Week. **2nd grade:** 1. Savannah Hastings; 2. Emma Stuart; 3. Sophia Diaz. **3rd grade:** 1. Kyle Seghers; 2. Kade Vinju; 3. Miley Perkins. **4th grade:** 1. Leila Rodriguez; 2. Ava Cox; 3. Kenneth Blanke. **5th grade:** 1. Avery Schexnaydre; 2. Holly Frisch; 3. Raegan Harman. **6th grade:** 1. Cadyn Coates; 2. Abbigail Winingham; 3. Abby Labbe. **7th grade:** 1. Courtney Stall; 2. Ashley Turner; 3. Joshua Picou. Congratulations to the following PSR students who participated in the **Vocation Prayer Contest** sponsored by SMM Vocations Committee. **1st Place:** Alyssa Daigle, 6th Grade; **2nd Place:** Samuel Hugger, 5th Grade; **3rd Place:** Gabrielle Hendricks, 6th Grade; **Honorable Mentions:** Tobey Mitchell & Conner Varnado, 5th Grade.



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THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Monday, November 20

NO Parish School of Religion Classes

Tuesday, November 21

Marian Servants of Our Father's Love in Convent Bldg, 9:30AM-12Noon
Come, Lord Jesus in Convent Bldg 7:00 PM

Wednesday, November 22

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

Thursday, November 23-Thanksgiving Day

Rectory/Parish Offices CLOSED

Friday, November 24

Rectory/Parish Offices CLOSED

Saturday, November 25

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

Sunday, November 26

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

ADVENT PRAYER SERIES

"Deepening Your Prayer Life & Relationship With God"

All are invited to participate in a 3 part series on Prayer beginning on **November 29** and continuing on consecutive Wednesdays thru December 13 at 9:45 AM and again at 7PM in the convent bldg. The sessions would be broken down as below:

I. Expressions of Prayer - Vocal, Meditation & Contemplation; II. Meditation with the Holy Rosary; III. Meditation and Contemplation Prayer with Holy Scripture. The series will be presented by Patsy Ricau from the Marian Servants® of Our Father's Love and Dr. Michael Whitehouse from the Archdiocese Office of Religious Education. Please call 733-8980 to pre-register.

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



SOCIAL APOSTOLATE NOVEMBER FOOD DRIVE

Throughout the month of November you are invited to participate in our Annual Food Drive to collect items that will be used to make holiday food baskets for the needy of our parish. Here is a list of food items we could use: **Canned Items:** sweet potatoes, peas, green beans, carrots, cranberry sauce, applesauce, fruit, pumpkin. **Boxed items:** stuffing, instant mash potatoes, cornbread mix, biscuit mix, jello, pudding mix, cake mix, cake icing. Please put your **UNEXPIRED** non-perishable food donations in plastic bins inside the Cardinal St. entrance. Your donations help feed many needy families within our parish. Thank you!!!

CHANGES RE: BULLETIN PRAYER LIST

In an effort to improve the parish bulletin, beginning the 1st Sunday in Advent (December 2/3) weekend, the current Prayer Lists will be purged. If you would like to have a name put back on these lists, please email info to ssullivan@smm.nocoxmail.com OR call 733-8980. If you have to leave a message please say & spell your name clearly. Thanks!

MINISTERS OF THE WORD (Lectors)

All Lectors & RCIA Instructors are asked to pick up their copy of the 2018 Lector Workbooks available in the Sacristy throughout the month of November.

PARISH SUGGESTION BOX

We would like to hear the desires of all in our faith community so we are soliciting your help. Here are some suggestions & responses:

***Offer Saturday Retreats, Alpha Program, Bible Timeline, Pilgrim's Way; provide app info, books, etc. for daily readings & meditations**
Parish Website offers Daily Readings & links for other useful prayer methods; Advent Series on Prayer AND Night of Reflection & Reconciliation planned; submitted other requests to Faith Formation Ministry

***Install Hand Sanitizers @ church entrances**
Liturgy Committee approved; in progress

SMM SCHOOL—COUGAR NEWS

Vocations Awareness Week was a big success thanks to Mrs. Melanie Gaumond, Mr. Kelan Madore & KCs and Mr. Joe Dicharry from the Vocations Committee! Lots of vocation oriented activities were implemented thruout the entire week.