

# St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church

6425 West Metairie Avenue Metairie, Louisiana 70003

## Feast of the Most Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph



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### BEARERS OF THE WORD

The Church has placed a number of notable feast days immediately after Christmas. The feasts of Stephen, John the Evangelist, and the Holy Innocents form a summary of the life lived in Christ, the Word made flesh. What do these have to do with the feast of the Holy Family, which crowns the Octave of Christmas? These feasts remind us that suffering will occur in fulfilling the mission of Christ, and that we are all called to be bearers of this Word whose birth we celebrate. We also see this manifested in the lives of Joseph and Mary, both of whom took social and religious risks in obedience to the will of God, and both of whom were open to the word of God sent to them from on high. In these ways they prefigured the life of Jesus himself. Most likely, few of us found ourselves at Mass this past Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday, but the essence of these feasts and the essence of the holiness of Joseph, Mary, and Jesus remain central, a holiness we celebrate today.

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## December 31, 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 OFFICE

Parish Fax: (504) 733-0869

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#### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Thursday.....9:00AM - 4:00PM

Friday.....CLOSED

After hours by appointment only

#### WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

##### In CHAPEL

Monday-Friday, 6:30 AM & 8:30AM

Saturday, 8:00 AM

#### CONFESSIONS

Saturdays, 2:30-3:30 PM

#### WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil Mass - 4 PM

Sunday Masses - 8, 9:30 & 11AM; 6PM

#### EXPOSITION OF BLESSED SACRAMENT:

Sundays, 12:15-1:15PM

1st Monday, 9:15-10:15AM (Sept-May)

#### In Church, be sure to visit:

RESPECT LIIFE 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

NEW Hours: Mon.& Fri.....1:00PM-5:00PM

Saturdays.....2:00PM-5:00PM

Sundays.....8:30AM-12:15PM

Phone:.....734-5833

Call Parish Office for further information

**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/PolicyonInfantBaptismOR](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 for further information.

**WEDDINGS:** Contact Parish priest at least 6 to 8 months prior to planned date of marriage. FOCCUS Survey by appointment only. Weddings 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.

**PARISH WEEKLY BULLETIN**  
**St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church**  
**Metairie, Louisiana**  
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**Shari Mader & Caren Favaloro, Co-Directors**

**WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS**

**Monday, January 1**

*Feast of Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God*

8:30 AM

Jack & Rosalie Couch

**Tuesday, January 2**

6:30 AM

Audree Forbes

8:30 AM

Herman Huge Triche

**Wednesday, January 3**

6:30 AM

Gus Barbier

8:30 AM

Lt. Patrick Ruth

**Thursday, January 4**

6:30 AM

Maria Pham

8:30 AM

Ronco Family

**Friday, January 5**

6:30 AM

Nicholas Marino, Sr.

8:30 AM

Christian DeLerno, Sr.

**Saturday, January 6**

8:00 AM

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**Saturday, January 6**

*Feast of Epiphany of the Lord Vigil*

4:00 PM

Vetter Amadeo Taylor, Joe Paci, Jack & Rosalie Couch, Kevin Reynolds, Bobb W. Hunley, Mary Floyd, John & Clare McDermott, Hazel & Harold Howat, Walter Howat, Lauri Baroni, Dee Broussard

**Sunday, January 7**

*Feast of Epiphany of the Lord*

8:00 AM

Jud Mitchell & Lacinak Family

9:30 AM

SMM Parishioners

11:00 AM

Mark Dyer, Donald Gilmore, Special Intention, Dr. Gordon Landry, Effie Sarti, Madeleine Landry, Harris Miller, Joseph Russo Tuesse, Sr. Richard & Genevieve Ducote, Hal Ducote



**PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH**

Mark Lucich, Willie Arnouville, Sherry Gaffney, Ray Talbot, Norvin Schexnaildre, Joyce Chiusano, Richard LeBlanc, Marsha Robert, Rose Keller, Leah Conlin, Abigail Robertson, Patrick Mulhern, Marilyn Reynolds, Carole Coronna, George "Mickey" Krause, Tommy Keller, Julie Periou, Brenda Simon, Jena Serigne, Deborah Woodward, Kevin Pineo, Rosemarie Entringer, Teresa Lacour, Mary Ann Meaux, Gayle Songy, Jerry Fender, Jonathan Robertson, Judy Massa, Kevin & Kenneth Teen, Gracelynn Chaplain, Celine Wild, Carol P. Ramos, Dominic Manthey, Deavon Dill

**FOSTERING STEWARDSHIP**

*In gratitude for God's gifts we gratefully appreciate:*  
**Envelopes (12/17)** \$ 5168.00  
**Loose Collection** \$ 1647.95  
**Total** \$ 6815.95

*Thank you for your generosity!*

**2018 DONATION ENVELOPE BOXES**

Donation envelope box sets for those parishioners who requested them are available for pickup from the rectory office, Monday-Thursday during regular business hours (9AM-4PM).

**CHANGES RE: BULLETIN PRAYER LIST**

In an effort to improve the parish bulletin, the current Prayer Lists have been purged. If you would like to have a name put on these lists, please email info to [ssullivan@smm.nocoxmail.com](mailto:ssullivan@smm.nocoxmail.com) OR call 733-8980. If you have to leave a message, please say & spell name clearly. Thanks!

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**PRAYER LIST FOR SERVICE MEN & WOMEN**  
*We pray for those in our parish who are fighting overseas for our country and against terrorism.*  
 Sp. Serv., Brian Calvo, US Army; PFC Scott Hale, USMC  
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**CHRISTMAS ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS!**

**MANY THANKS:**

\*To our Parish Music Director, Carol Temes and Cantors: Nancy Guy, Kate Abreo, Allyson Hymel & Jake Penick for the wonderful Christmas concert on Dec. 20. AND to the St. Jude Society for providing eggnog & treats afterwards. The Concert was **OUTSTANDING!!!**



\*To everyone who participated and contributed to the Thanksgiving & Christmas Baskets from the Social Apostolate this year; to Chapelle High School for supplying baskets & to all the students who come & work in the food bank every week ....their help is greatly appreciated!

\*To all who attended and enriched our Christmas Masses; the Organists & Cantors under the direction of Carol Temes, who enhanced our Masses with song; the SMM Chorus & Chorale under the direction of Mark Schluter who helped us enter into the spirit of the season; the Mylie Family & assistants who directed the Annual Instant Christmas Play.

\*To our gifted Altar Society for a truly outstanding job in decorating the entire Church. Your many hours of labor truly helped provide a welcoming atmosphere to greet the birth of our Savior.

\*To the Ushers, Lectors, EMCs, Altar Servers and ALL who helped to make our Christmas Celebrations meaningful!!!!

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 : Our **Special Thanks** to all the generous and :  
 : thoughtful parishioners and friends who have :  
 : stopped by the Rectory with **Holiday Goodies** :  
 : and made a donation to our growing waistlines. :  
 : **Fr. Chris, Fr. Vincent & Fr. Bartholomew** :  
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**The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph**  
**December 31, 2017**

My eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in the sight of all the peoples.  
 —Luke 2:30-31



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**Readings for Sunday, January 7:**

**First Reading** — You shall be radiant at what you see, your heart shall throb and overflow (Isaiah 60:1-6). **Psalm** — Lord, every nation on earth will adore you (Psalm 72). **Second Reading** — The Gentiles are copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus (Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6). **Gospel** — The magi were overjoyed at seeing the star (Matthew 2:1-12).

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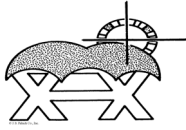
## FOR THE CHILDREN

### CELEBRATING CATHOLIC FAMILIES

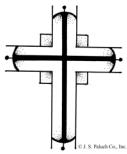
#### *Living the Word*

#### Feast of the Holy Family

We call families the “domestic Church” because the family is one important place where people learn about our faith and Catholic traditions. How do you learn about our faith, prayer, and Catholic traditions in your family? Talk about the faith of your family members, dating back in time. Parents tell your children as much as you know, and show them any “artifacts” that you might have, like a rosary that belonged to a grandmother, or an internet photo of the church where you were baptized. Talk about how you learned about God or prayer from your parents or other key figures in your life. Take time to appreciate the role families play in passing faith.



### CHILDREN'S CORNER



**JANUARY:** Month of Remembering Baptism. Prayer Center Theme is: **The Sign of the Cross:** *In the name of the Father, and the Son and the Holy Spirit.*

*Jesus as I say these words that were spoken as I was baptized, help me to....* Put written intentions in prayer pig; they will be offered up at all Sunday Masses once a month.



Herod, king of Judea, was insecure and fearful of any threat to his throne. He was a tyrant capable of extreme brutality. Herod was greatly troubled when astrologers from the east came asking the whereabouts of the “newborn king of the Jews”. They were told that the Jewish Scriptures named Bethlehem as the place where the Messiah would be born. Herod told them to report back to him so that he could also pay him homage. They found Jesus, offered him their gifts and, warned by an angel, avoided Herod on their way home, Jesus escaped to Egypt. Herod became furious and ordered the massacre of all the boys in Bethlehem and its vicinity two years old and under. The Holy Innocents are few, in comparison to the genocide and abortion of our day. But even if there had been only one, we recognize the greatest treasure God put on the earth—a human person, destined for eternity and graced by Jesus’ death and Resurrection. Feast Day of the Holy Innocents:



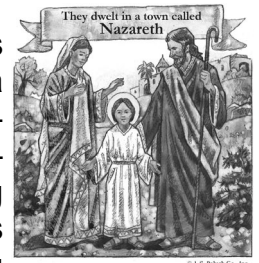
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## ADULT FAITH FORMATION

### TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

#### FEAST of the HOLY FAMILY

Today’s feast is new as feasts go, and it sets us this year in a very modern crisis. Amid conflicting schedules and commitments, a young man, testing the limits, has strayed from his parents and gone off to the big city. Mary and Joseph search frantically, only to find the child Jesus in the temple, conversing with the elders and scholars of the law, who are amazed at his wisdom. In the time of Jesus, the temple was the religious center of Jewish ritual. Outside of Jerusalem, people gathered in the synagogues, centers of learning, for daily prayer and study. Still, everyone longed to journey to the temple to participate in the offerings, and to fulfill certain obligations of the law that could only be done there. On this feast, we catch a glimpse of the family of Jesus: parents dealing with the normal stresses of raising a child, and yet completely grounded in the ways of faith and tradition. There has always been an appreciation in Christianity for the value of pilgrimage—the journey to holy places that is a symbol of our life’s journey to God, and a sense of connection to important events in our family history. During the Christmas season, many of us undertake pilgrimages to the family homestead for festival meals, to the parishes where we were formed in the faith, or perhaps even to a beautiful manger scene or festival of lights. There are few better days than this in our calendar for spending time with the family, especially on a short pilgrimage to a favorite place. Just make sure that no one gets left behind!



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#### 1<sup>st</sup> SATURDAY DEVOTION SERVICE—Jan. 6

The Prayer Warriors of St. Joan of Arc invite everyone every 1<sup>st</sup> 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. For more info please contact Cindy Hemelt (883-5783) or Marylyn Comesana (559-0965).

## THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

### Monday, January 1

NO Parish School of Religion Classes  
Rectory & Parish Offices CLOSED



### Tuesday, January 2

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

### Wednesday, January 3

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

### Thursday, January 4

Come, Lord Jesus in Convent Bldg 7:00 PM

### Friday, January 5

### Saturday, January 6

Rosary after Mass in Chapel 8:30 AM  
St. Joan of Arc Prayer Warriors in Chapel 10:00 AM  
Confessions in Church, 2:30-3:30 PM  
Parish Ministries Fair in Massett Hall after Mass

### Sunday, January 7

Parish Ministries Fair in Massett Hall after Masses  
Family Mass 9:30 AM  
Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 12:15-1:15 PM

## SPECIAL PARISH EVENTS

### Feast of the Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God

(NOT a Holy Day of Obligation)

January 1, 2018

8:30AM ONLY

On this feast, we can see how devotion to Mary has been a beacon of hope to the sick throughout history. In the new cathedral of Los Angeles, the faithful enter through a single door topped by a striking sculpture of Mary with arms stretched down in compassion. Sculpted into the massive bronze doors are the titles of Mary most treasured by various cultures. Many of them speak of how the sick are consoled by a sense of Mary's presence. In praying the rosary and savoring the stories of Mary's steadfast love in the face of all suffering, the sick are strengthened by one of our tradition's most shining treasures, and the whole Church is enriched.



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## JANUARY 1

## RESPECT LIFE



## MARRIAGE & FAMILY LIFE

### 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.