

St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church

6425 West Metairie Avenue Metairie, Louisiana 70003

Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord



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GOD'S PROMISE TO ALL PEOPLE

Today Isaiah reminds the people of God that the land shall be restored to their possession, they shall rejoice to see their people return from the bondage of exile, and that they shall be a light to the nations. In other words, through the people of Israel, the Savior shall come to all people who seek God with a sincere heart. This brings joy and the radiance of God's glory to all the world and to all people everywhere. Through the fidelity of the people of God, and through God's fidelity to them, all people shall become God's children and rejoice in the fulfillment of God's promise to Israel.

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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 OFFICE

Parish Fax: (504) 733-0869

Parish Website:

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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

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 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
January 7, 2018

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WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, January 8

Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

6:30 AM

Irma Claffey

8:30 AM

57th Wedding Anniversary of Louis & Gloria Scimeca

Tuesday, January 9

6:30 AM

Maria Pham

8:30 AM

In Thanksgiving for Favors Granted

Wednesday, January 10

6:30 AM

Tommy Keller, Jr.

8:30 AM

Living Intention for Tammy Scimeca

Thursday, January 11

6:30 AM

Albert & Henrietta Levy

8:30 AM

Herman Huge Triche

Friday, January 12

6:30 AM

Christian DeLerno, Sr.

8:30 AM

Melissa Ann Sanamo

Saturday, January 13

8:00 AM

Tyler Levy

Saturday, January 13

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Vigil

4:00 PM

Jack & Rosalie Couch, Joe Paci, Kevin Reynolds, Mary, Dorothy Leonard, Eloise Abadie, Norma & Lance Hubble Julio Anleu, Gracia Anleu, Blaine Oubre, Laura Baroni

Sunday, January 14

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM

Bertucci & Trapani Families

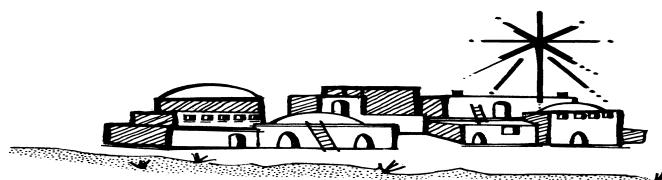
9:30 AM

SMM Parishioners

11:00 AM

Mark Dyer, Lt. Patrick Ruth, Clergy, Alois Balsler, Joseph Russo Tiesse, Sr. Audrey Stolz Hinton, Esther Hewitt Anna Mae LaRocca

6:00 PM



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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, Lauretta Erwin

FOSTERING STEWARDSHIP

In gratitude for God's gifts we gratefully appreciate:
Envelopes (12/24) \$ 9256.00
Loose Collection \$ 2706.24
Total \$11,962.24
Christmas Collection \$ 8418.00
Thank you for your generosity!

JANUARY: STEWARDSHIP MONTH

**To Be a Christian Steward
 A Summary of the U.S. Bishops' Pastoral
 Letter on Stewardship**

"As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace" (1 Pt 4:10). What identifies a steward? Safeguarding material and human resources and using them responsibly are one answer; so is generous giving of time, talent, and treasure. But being a Christian steward means more. As Christian stewards, we receive God's gifts gratefully, cultivate them responsibly, share them lovingly in justice with others, and return them with increase to the Lord.

MARRIAGE & FAMILY LIFE

FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

On **Monday, January 8**, in commemoration of the Baptism of our Lord by John the Baptist in the Jordan River, we recall those who were baptized in our church during 2017. We should be grateful of God's grace of baptism and proud of our parish community. There were **57** Baptisms celebrated.

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| Dominick Abernathy | Hailey M. Gibbons | Monticello L. Morice |
| Mason R. Anding | Joshua N. Guhma | Nicolo V. Morice |
| Kellan J. Bennett | Lukas D. Guitreau | Layla E. Olivier |
| Gustave Bertucci, III | Cooper H. Hahn | Bryce C. Rivolo |
| Riley A. Bouchon | Hollis I. Hemstad | Makenzie Rodrigue |
| Ava E. Bourgeois | Ellie F. Herbert | Decker M. Routt |
| Isaac A. Bourgeois | Kameron Hoffman | Adriana G. Russo |
| Madigan Bowmaster | Antonia Joseph | Matthew J. Sage |
| Luke Frank Brack | Carver A. Kattengell | Abigail O. Schilleci |
| Jordan L. Brennan | Ty R. Kelley | Noah O. Schilleci |
| Declan C. Burke | Dominic J. Kerns | Charles Singleton |
| Camille M. Caillais | Triniti R. Labit | Emma J. Steen |
| Keira N. Cambre | Avery L. Leger | Addison Summerton |
| Elliot M. Cannon | Rosalie E. Leon | Nathaniel D. Todd |
| Sidney Cantelli, IV | Timothy T. Lynch | Avery Treadaway |
| Genevieve Carach | Tyler J. Marino | Nathaniel R. Triche |
| Scotland A. Coyle | Parker F. Marlowe | Arabella Zamora |
| Marc DeBarbieris | Nori M. Miles | |
| Sarah H. Downs | Nova M. Miles | |
| Rhett Freeman, Jr. | Donald Monteleone, III | |



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



**2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
 January 14, 2018**



Your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you. — 1 Corinthians 6:19a



Readings for Sunday, January 14:

First Reading — Speak, for your servant is listening (1 Samuel 3:3b-10, 19). **Psalm** — Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will (Psalm 40). **Second Reading** — Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you? (1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20). **Gospel** — Andrew found his brother Simon and brought him to Jesus (John 1:35-42).

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

FOR THE CHILDREN

CELEBRATING CATHOLIC FAMILIES

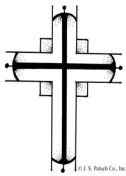
Living the Word

Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord



Today we celebrate the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord, and hear the Story about the magi who come to see Jesus. The word epiphany means "an illuminating discovery," or "a sudden understanding of something." If you had been to visit Jesus when he was just a baby in the manger, how do you think you would have felt? What would you have felt like doing afterward?

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.

SMM SCHOOL & PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION PROGRAMS

January

During this month, both religion programs will be focusing on our baptismal promises as we ask Jesus to help us understand and live them.

SMM PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION

Religion Classes for students attending public or private school are held every Monday evening from 6:45PM-8:00PM. Call Linda Earle, PCL at 733-8980 for further information about registering your child for these classes.

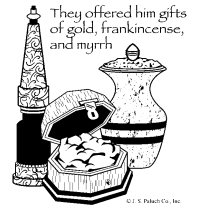
SMM SCHOOL—COUGAR NEWS

Please join our students for Adoration tomorrow January 8th, from 9:00-10:00am in the Chapel.



ADULT FAITH FORMATION

SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD



The Greek word "Epiphany" means more than simply "appearance." When something which is normally invisible, suddenly appears for just a few seconds, that is "epiphany." The Epiphany of Our Lord happens today only where we allow the Lord to appear through our lives. Our words should be Christ's words. Our hands, should be Christ's hands. Our love should be Christ's love. The world can not see Christ if it does not see Him in us.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Over the next few weeks, if you were to stroll around Prague or Budapest or Kraków, you might see curious graffiti scratched in chalk over some doorways: "20 + C + M + B + 18." The families dwelling behind those doors have celebrated the Epiphany door blessing. They have gathered before the feast-day meal, probably after Mass, and the head of the family has traced the sign of the cross on the piece of chalk. Standing on a ladder, the leader traces the



Magi from the east arrived

numbers for the new year, and the letters C M B for *Christus Mansionem Benedicat*, Latin for "May Christ bless this house." The letters also point to the names that tradition has assigned to the mysterious magi, Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar—although scripture tells us nothing of their number, their country, or their names. The blessing speaks of journeys ended and journeys begun at the doorway, and prays that all journeys be as satisfying as was the magi's. It prays that the house beyond the door have the quality of love and peace that the magi marveled at when they at last arrived in Bethlehem. In some countries where the Soviet Union tried to impose a harsh atheism, the vigor of this household custom survived all efforts to erase Christian customs. In the years of struggle, the chalked blessings were a pervasive sign of defiance, and now in the light of new freedoms, they are a sign of the resilience of our tradition and the fulfillment of the magi's quest for meaning and peace.

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ADULT CONFIRMATION PROGRAM

This program is for Baptized, catechized Catholic adults at least 18 years of age, who have received 1st Communion, but were never confirmed. Classes begin in April. For more information, call the Parish Religious Education Office at 733-8980.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Monday, January 8

SMM School Adoration in Chapel 9:00 AM
Parish School of Religion Classes, 6:45PM-8:00 PM
Men's Club Meeting in Massett Hall 7:00 PM

Tuesday, January 9

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

Wednesday, January 10

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

Thursday, January 11

Come, Lord Jesus in Convent Bldg 7:00 PM

Friday, January 12

Saturday, January 13

Confessions in Church, 2:30-3:30 PM
2nd Collection - Bldg & Maintenance Fund

Sunday, January 14

2nd Collection - Bldg & Maintenance Fund
Holy Name Society Mtg in Ministries Bldg 9:00 AM
Family Mass 9:30 AM
Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 12:15-1:15 PM

EVANGELIZATION

PRAYER FOR THE EVANGELIZATION OF CULTURE

O Holy Spirit, our Advocate and guide, help us open doors to Christ's saving power, which alone is the source of hope for humanity and the renewal of society. Fill us with courage to respond boldly to the call of St. John Paul II to evangelize the culture. Enable us by Your grace to live our faith in the public square, so that we may promote a civilization of love and a culture of life, and may secure justice for every human person at every stage and condition of life.

REMINDER

2018 Donation envelope box sets for those parishioners who requested them are available for pickup from the rectory office, Mon.-Thurs., 9AM-4PM

SPECIAL PARISH EVENTS

PARISH MINISTRIES FAIR

January 6 & 7, 2018

after all Masses in Massett Hall

Come One!!! Come All!!! King Cake to be served after all Masses!!! Now is the time to learn about the ministries & organizations in SMM Parish. We Want You!!! We Need You!!! New members and new ideas are needed to make our parish a true community.

DAY OF RETREAT

The Marian Servants® of Our Father's Love will be sponsoring a day of Retreat on **Tuesday, January 30, 2018** from 10AM to 2:30 PM in the SMM Chapel. It will be presented by Fr. Sydney Speaks. As lunch will be provided, reservations are necessary. A donation of \$10 is suggested. To register, please email Patsy Ricau at pricau@cox.net, or call at 504-813-4327.

RESPECT LIFE

LOUISIANA MARCH FOR LIFE

Uniting the pro-life people of Louisiana across all denominational lines, we will take a stand for life in our State's Capitol on **January 20, 2018**, the 44th anniversary of Roe V. Wade. **Activities will begin at 9:30 a.m.** with pre-event remarks and program in the grassy area outside the State Capitol, near Spanish Town Road and N. 4th Street. Beginning at **10 am**, we will process from the current State Capitol to the Levee Green near the USS Kidd. (20-40minute walk). Around **11 am**, faith, civic, and community leaders will lead prayer and speak to the participants.

ST. EDWARD'S BUS REGISTRATION

\$15 covers the roundtrip Hotard bus ride, bus driver tip, and 2 bottles of water. *Please bring your own bag lunch and drinks!!* We will eat lunch on the bus on the way back home. *For more information, contact Yvette Fouchi at 874-9225* Deadline to register is **FRIDAY, JANUARY 13.** (We will continue to take registrations until the 55-passenger bus is filled!) *Note: if you would like to attend the rally, but do not want to walk the march, the bus can drop you off at the ending location where we will join you after the march.* Please arrive at St. Edward's parking lot by 7:30am to check in. We will LEAVE ST. EDWARD'S at 7:45am and return by 3pm.