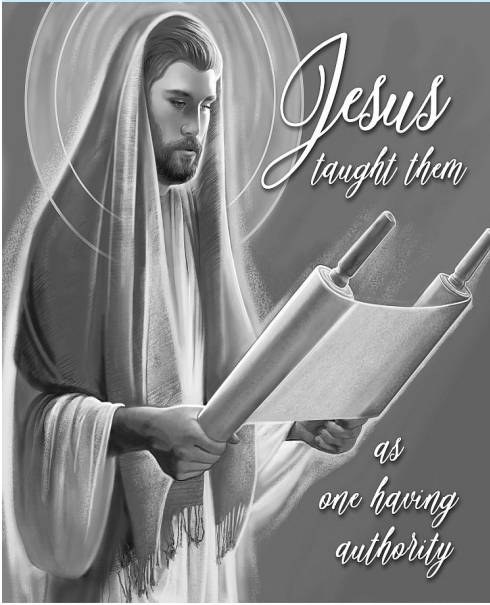


St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church

6425 West Metairie Avenue Metairie, Louisiana 70003

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time



TRUE PROPHETS

In Deuteronomy today we hear that God's very words will fill the mouth of a true prophet, but a false prophet will, in a manner of speaking, put mere mortal words into God's mouth. In Mark's Gospel, we see Jesus teaching and healing as a true prophet, one filled with the authority of God's own voice. The whole history of our church is filled with both true and false prophets. Some false prophets were extremely popular and quite well-versed in scripture, and even held positions of authority. But in today's Gospel we learn that Jesus' fame spread because he taught with authority; he wasn't an authority because he was popular or famous. Elsewhere, we also learn from him, in his desert temptation confrontations with Satan, that anyone can quote scripture, even against God's purposes. Today we hear that his authority was not like that of the scribes, who held the official positions of religious authority in his day. Our work is to do our best to discern the true prophets in our midst, and to be true prophets as well. The psalmist tells us how to do this: by not hardening our hearts when God speaks. If we truly listen to God, it will be God's very words filling our mouths.

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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

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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/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 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
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WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, January 29

6:30 AM Living Intention for J.A.
8:30 AM Claire & George Cook, Sue Chandler

Tuesday, January 30

6:30 AM Nicholas Marino, Sr.
8:30 AM Living Intention for Steve Scalise

Wednesday, January 31

6:30 AM Cindy Spence
8:30 AM Aaron Corales

Thursday, February 1

6:30 AM Anita & Wallace Bradford
8:30 AM Jack Couch

Friday, February 2

6:30 AM James Michael Whalen
8:30 AM Colleen Graham

Saturday, February 3

8:00 AM Living Intention for Jodi & Kevin Bonnette & Family

Saturday, February 3

4:00 PM **5th Sunday in Ordinary Time Vigil**
Jack & Rosalie Couch, Joe Paci, Kevin Reynolds, Bobb W. Hunley, John & Clare McDermott, Hazel & Harold Howat, Walter Howat, Dee Broussard, Norma & Lance Hubble, Abadie Family, Aimee Marus, Vetter Amadeo Taylor, Dot Leonard, Joan Ferry

Sunday, February 4

8:00 AM Prat Family
9:30 AM SMM Parishioners
11:00 AM Mary Dyer, Fr. Michael Joseph Nguyen
6:00 PM Bonura & Harmon Families

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 28, 2018

Come, let us bow down in worship;
let us kneel before the LORD who made
US.

— Psalm 95:6



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, Larry & Clara Leslie, Dennis Coughlin, Jr., Billie Surratt, Marilyn Rogers, Hector Benoit, Ronald Dufour

FOSTERING STEWARDSHIP

In gratitude for God's gifts we gratefully appreciate:
Envelopes (1/14) \$ 5895.50
Loose Collection \$ 2635.88
Total \$ 8531.38
2nd Collection-Bldg & Maintenance \$ 5436.50
Thank you for your generosity!

2017 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS
 All contributing parishioners will be able to receive their 2017 statement of contributions to the Church by using one of three options: 1. Check the parish website on how to access your statement by MyOwnChurch. 2. Request statement via email & receive in the mail. 3. Call rectory office (733-0922) to request a statement be mailed to you.

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

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

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.

JANUARY: STEWARDSHIP MONTH

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

STEWARDS OF THE CHURCH
 Stewards of God's gifts are not passive beneficiaries. We cooperate with God in our own redemption and in the redemption of others. We are also obliged to be stewards of the Church—collaborators and cooperators in continuing the redemptive work of Jesus Christ, which is the Church's essential mission. This mission—proclaiming and teaching, serving and sanctifying—is our task. It is the personal responsibility of each one of us as stewards of the Church. All members of the Church have their own roles to play in carrying out its mission: Parents, who nurture their children in the light of faith; Parishioners, who work in concrete ways to make their parishes true communities of faith and vibrant sources of service to the larger community; All Catholics, who give generous support—time, money, prayers, and personal service according to their circumstances—to parish and diocesan programs and to the universal Church.



BURIED IN CHRIST

Betty Feltey

Readings for Sunday, February 4:
First Reading — Job experienced months of misery and troubled nights (Job 7:1-4, 6-7). **Psalm** — Praise the Lord, who heals the brokenhearted (Psalm 147). **Second Reading** — I have become all things to all, to save at least some (1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23). **Gospel** — Jesus cured many who were sick with various diseases (Mark 1:29-39).

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FOR THE CHILDREN

CELEBRATING CATHOLIC FAMILIES

Living the Word

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jesus is present in the consecrated bread and wine at the Eucharist, in the Word of God proclaimed from Scripture, in the priest celebrant, and in the members of the assembly. Do you feel Jesus' presence in the Mass? Where and how did you feel Jesus present?

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.

Catholic Schools Week



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"Be it known to all who enter here that Jesus Christ is the reason for our schools to exist. He is the ever-present teacher, the model of the faculties, and the inspiration of its students." The American Bishops, in their monumental document on education, **To Teach as Jesus Did** stressed that the means for placing Jesus at the center of our schools is through:

1. Proclaiming the **MESSAGE** of Jesus;
2. Building and living **COMMUNITY**;
3. Developing attitudes and practices of **SERVICE**;
4. Promoting **PRAYER** and **WORSHIP**.

Our schools provide an environment where Catholic dogma, values and the spirit of faith permeate the total school community. Students are offered opportunities for daily prayer, celebrations of the liturgical year (Advent, Lent, the Paschal Season, devotions to the Blessed Mother), and the reception of the Holy Eucharist at mass. Service projects, social justice activities, and pro-life programs are other expressions of the faith life of the school. *Office of Religious Education, N.O. Archdiocese*

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

ADULT CONFIRMATION PROGRAM

This program is for Baptized, catechized Catholics who have received 1st Communion, but were never confirmed. For more call the Parish Religious Education Office at 733-8980.

1st SATURDAY DEVOTION SERVICE—Feb. 3

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).

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

By Candlemas, forty days after Christ-mas, February 2, the season of Christ's coming has depleted our candle supply. Soon, the parish will order a new paschal candle from a catalogue or candlemaker, or in some communities, wax will be collected to be melted and molded. Last year's paschal candle shows the wear and tear of summer heat, or many funerals or baptisms. Paschal candles have been around since at least the fourth century, when Constantine's biographer Eusebius reported that the night of the sacred vigil was "transformed into the brilliancy of day, by lighting throughout the city pillars of wax, while burning lamps in every place so that the splendor of this night was brighter than the brightest daylight." Light was a precious commodity in the ancient world, and this lavish use of precious beeswax was a sign of the Christian's call to bear Christ's light into the world's darkness. In a pre-electric age, a whole city aglow from the paschal flame must have been a glorious sight, and a reminder to every baptized Christian of our vocation to "be the light of the world."

—Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.



SMM SCHOOL—COUGAR NEWS

Catholic Schools Week activities can be found on our website and Facebook page. This week is "Souper" Bowl Week at SMM. Our students are collecting nonperishable items for our parish food pantry.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Monday, January 29

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

Tuesday, January 30

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

Wednesday, January 31

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

Thursday, February 1

Come, Lord Jesus in Convent Bldg 7:00 PM

Friday, February 2

Saturday, February 3

Rosary after Mass in Chapel 8:30 AM
St. Joan of Arc Prayer Group in Chapel 10:00 AM
Confessions in Church, 2:30-3:30 PM
2nd Collection - Building & Maintenance Fund

Sunday, February 4

2nd Collection - Building & Maintenance Fund
Wedding Anniversary Mass/Family Mass 9:30 AM
Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 12:15-1:15 PM

MARRIAGE & FAMILY LIFE

PARISH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

Our parish will be honoring those parishioners who will be celebrating their 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, 70th, 75th, etc. wedding anniversary anytime during 2018. Couples will be honored at **9:30 AM Mass on Sunday, February 4** followed by a breakfast reception in the Rectory. To register for this special event, please call 733-8980 *no later than Wed., Jan. 31.*

SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM A PARISHIONER

As a child, we are told we have a Guardian Angel that follows us. On Saturday, January 13 I had a room full—to the Ladies: Stacey Bye, Kelsey Bradbury & my wife—I owe you all my life; and to the rest who prayed so hard: my thanks, thoughts & prayers can never be enough! Always believe in the Lord & the power of prayer! God Bless, Greg P.S. Thanks to Fr. Chris for standing by with holy water!

SPECIAL PARISH EVENTS

PRESENTATION OF THE LORD FEAST



On Friday, February 2, we celebrate the Feast of the Presentation of Our Lord in the Temple. This feast is also called Candlemas, in which candles for home and Church use are blessed. We will keep this tradition by blessing candles at all Masses **January 27/28**. You may bring a candle from home or purchase a candle at Church before all Masses (\$2.00/boxed set of 2).

FEAST OF ST. BLAISE THROAT BLESSING



The protection of St. Blaise is sought with this blessing each winter. A general blessing of throats will be given on **January 27/28** at all weekend Masses. Individual Blessings will be given after weekday Masses on St. Blaise's Feast Day, **February 3**.

DAY OF RETREAT

The Marian Servants® of Our Father's Love will be sponsoring a day of Retreat on **Tuesday, January 30, 2018** from 10 AM 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.

LENTEN PRAYER SESSION

with a book study & DVD presentation

"Meditation & Contemplation - An Ignatian Guide to praying with Scripture" by Fr. Timothy M. Gallagher, OMV with assigned Scripture praying and sharing. This is an 8-week session to help deepen one's prayer life held on consecutive Wednesdays beginning **January 31** and ending **March 28** (*NO session on Ash Wednesday*). Two sessions are offered: Morning (9:30-11AM) or Evening (7-8:30PM) Books available for purchase at the first session for \$15 ea. For more info or to register, call 733-8980 or email name, contact info & which session you would like to attend to ssullivan@smm.nocoxmail.com

EVANGELIZATION

For a deep love of our Catholic faith and to have the confidence to joyfully share it with others... **WE PRAY TO THE LORD.**