

# St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church

6425 West Metairie Avenue Metairie, Louisiana 70003

## Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion



### PASSION

The contrast between the processional reading in today's liturgy and the proclamation of the Passion is striking. We are given a glimpse of how profoundly the word of God is fulfilled in Jesus. First he must be hailed as the Messiah, the One who is to come. He must be acknowledged by all, though they do not know what they are saying. They think he is the promised king, a worldly king of the Jews who will free them from the Roman occupation. They do not yet understand, even the disciples, exactly where this triumphal procession is leading. In our lives, we too do not know where we are going. It is in faith that we can follow Christ wherever he may lead us, trusting that death is not the end, nor evil the victor.

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March 25, 2018

### 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

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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.....1:00PM-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/Human Resources/Policies/Policy on Infant Baptism](http://www.arch-no.org/Human Resources/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**  
**St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church**  
**Metairie, Louisiana**  
**March 25, 2018**

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**WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS**

**Monday, March 26**

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

**Tuesday, March 27**

6:30 AM Nunzio Molay  
8:30 AM Jack Couch

**Wednesday, March 28**

6:30 AM Stanley Millet  
8:30 AM John Raymond Smestad

**Holy Thursday, March 29**

*No morning Masses*  
7:00 PM Mass of the Lord's Supper

**Good Friday, March 30**

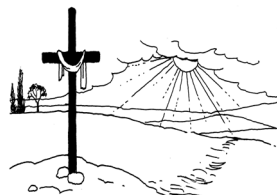
*No morning Masses*  
3:00 PM Solemn Service

**Holy Saturday, March 31**

*No morning Masses*  
**Saturday, March 31**  
*Easter Sunday of the Lord's Resurrection Vigil*  
8:00 PM Deceased Family of SMM Parishioners

**Sunday, April 1**

*Easter Sunday of the Lord's Resurrection*  
8:00 AM Deceased Family of SMM Parishioners  
9:30 AM Deceased Family of SMM Parishioners  
11:00 AM Deceased Family of SMM Parishioners  
6:00 PM SMM Parishioners



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**Palm Sunday of the Passion  
of the Lord  
March 25, 2018**

[Christ Jesus] humbled himself,  
becoming obedient to the point of  
death, even death on a cross.

— *Philippians 2:8*



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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, Larry & Clara Leslie, Dennis Coughlin, Jr., Hector Benoit, Kevin Colton, Gail LeJeune, Russell Palmer, Nancy Fitzsimmons, Gaynell Robin

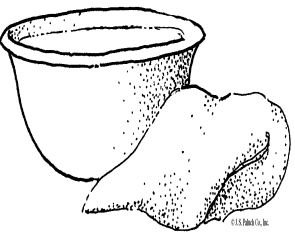


**BURIED IN CHRIST**

*Mary Ganci Floyd*

**HOLY WEEK AND THE PASCHAL TRIDUUM  
Sunday, March 25 - Sunday, April 1, 2018**

"The days of Jesus' life-giving death and glorious resurrection are approaching, the hour he triumphed over Satan's pride, the time we celebrate the great event of our redemption" (Preface of the Lord's Passion II, *Sacramentary*). Thus the Church begins the one week of the year that we formally designate as "Holy." Simple rituals can link the domestic church to parish church and Church universal. Enthron



Sunday's palms where you pray, behind the family crucifix, even as part of front door decorations: "Christ reigns here," they proclaim; "all are welcome!" During the first three days of Holy Week, ready Easter clothes, prepare festal foods, clean the house, beautify the yard. Late Holy Thursday afternoon, share Lent's final meal before the Lord's Supper Mass. Pitcher, bowl, and towel make a fitting centerpiece; perhaps conclude the meal by washing each other's feet. On Good Friday, observe the paschal fast from food—from TV and computer, too! Then come to Holy Saturday's Vigil with mind clear, stomach empty, and heart full of "holy anticipation" that bursts into living flame when the new fire is kindled.

—Peter Scagnelli, © Copyright, J. S. Paluch Co.

**FOSTERING STEWARDSHIP**

*In gratitude for God's gifts we gratefully appreciate:*

<b>Envelopes (3/11)</b>	<b>\$ 6433.00</b>
<b>Loose Collection</b>	<b>\$ 2764.97</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 9197.97</b>
<b>2nd Collection-Catholic Relief Services</b>	<b>\$ 2110.00</b>

*Thank you for your generosity!*



**EASTER FLOWER COLLECTION**

There is a special envelope in your box set of envelopes for Easter Flower Donations. The Altar Society is asking that you consider giving a contribution in order to help defray the added expenses that are incurred for the flowers and decorations of Holy Week and Easter Sunday. Please put your donation into any collection during March.

**EVANGELIZATION**

**12 Tips for Effective Catholic Evangelization  
9. Extend an invitation**

- a. Invite your listener to accept God's salvation and new life offered in Christ, the only Savior of the world, by making an explicit commitment to Him. In a prayer, you might lead them to ask Christ to become the Lord of their life.
- b. Upon this initial commitment (or if the person or circumstances do not presently allow for this prayer), invite your listener to attend an appropriate Church event or liturgy, such as a daily, Sunday, or special Mass, a presentation aimed at adult faith formation, an RCIA class, or another suitable means of furthering the work of conversion that has begun.

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**Readings for Easter Sunday, April 1:**

**First Reading** — Peter is an eyewitness: The Lord is risen (Acts 10:34a, 37-43). **Psalm** — This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad (Psalm 118). **Second Reading** — All who are baptized, set your hearts in heaven (Colossians 3:1-4) **Gospel** — Three witnesses, Mary, Peter, and John; each responds to the empty tomb (John 20:1-9).

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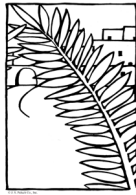
## FOR THE CHILDREN

### CELEBRATING CATHOLIC FAMILIES

#### *Living the Word*

#### **Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion**

Place the palms in the prayer space. Notice that we began Lent by receiving ashes (which were last year's palm branches burned into ash), and now we receive palms. Although this is a solemn week as we journey with Jesus through his Last Supper and his agony and death on the Cross, we can begin to prepare for Easter by cleaning our homes and planning our Easter celebration.



#### **CHILDREN'S CORNER**

**MARCH:** Month of LENT. Prayer Center Theme is: *Jesus, you sacrificed your life to save us. During Lent, I will sacrifice by....* Put written intentions in prayer pig; they will be offered up at all Sunday Masses once a month.



#### **TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION**

Is today "Palm Sunday" or "Passion Sunday"? Though now known officially as Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord, confusion is understandable, since before the 1969 reform of the calendar two separate Sundays bore these titles. Passion Sunday was a week before Palm Sunday. To add to the confusion, the Gospel accounts of the Passion of the Lord were not read on Passion Sunday, but on Palm Sunday! On Passion Sunday, the cross and statues were veiled in full purple drapes. The organ had fallen silent at the beginning of Lent, and now the sanctuary bells were replaced by wooden clappers. The introit (opening chant) for the old Mass of Passion Sunday hints at a reason for reform: "Do me justice, O God, and fight my fight against a faithless people" (Psalm 42). This liturgy was laden with references to the "infidelity" of the Jews, a theme that gave rise to inflammatory preaching and, in some places, attacks against the persons and property of the Jewish people. This does not stand as a "treasure" of any sort in our tradition. Our authentic tradition, rather, is the ability to reflect and repent and to seek reconciliation with the Jews, our brothers and sisters in the love and service of God.

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

## ADULT FAITH FORMATION

### **HOLY WEEK SERVICES**

#### **PALM SUNDAY, March 25**

Solemn Blessing of Palms on Saturday, March 24 at the 4 PM Vigil Mass. Simple blessing & distribution of palms at other Masses.



#### **WEDNESDAY, March 28** **Confessions from 5:00-7:00 PM**

#### **HOLY THURSDAY, March 29**

*(No morning Masses)*

#### **Mass of The Lord's Supper - 7:00 PM**

[Readings for Holy Thursday: *Exodus 12:1-8, 11-14; Psalm 116:12-13, 15-18; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26; John 13:1-15*]

1st Communion Class participates. The Washing of the Feet. Procession to Repository (The Chapel). Visitation of the Most Blessed Sacrament in the Chapel until 11PM.

#### **GOOD FRIDAY, March 30** *(No morning Masses or Confessions)* **Solemn Service at 3:00 PM**

[Readings for Good Friday Service: *Isaiah 52:13-53:12; Psalm 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-17, 25; Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9; John 18:1-19:42*]

Reading of the Passion, Veneration of the Cross and Communion. Way of the Cross at 7:00 PM.

#### **Holy Land Collection**

Your help is needed to protect Sacred Regions of the Holy Land. On Good Friday, this annual collection will be taken up so that we may help preserve the Holy Land for generations to come.

#### **HOLY SATURDAY, March 31** *(No 8:00 AM Mass, Confessions* *or 4:00 PM Vigil Mass)*

A Solemn Easter Vigil Mass at **8:00 PM**, including the Blessing of the New Fire and New Holy Water; Renewal of our Baptismal Promises; Initiation Rite of Confirmation; and Celebrate the Lord's Resurrection.

#### **EASTER SUNDAY, April 1** **8:00, 9:30 & 11:00 AM; 6:00 PM Masses**

Easter favors given to the children.

[Readings for Easter Sunday: *Acts of the Apostles 10:34, 37-43; Psalm 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Colossians 3:1-4; Jn 20:1-9*]

## THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

### Monday, March 26

Come, Lord Jesus in Convent Bldg 9:00 AM  
St. Joseph/St. Jude Day of Prayer, 10AM-6PM  
Parish School of Religion Classes, 6:45PM-8:00 PM  
Bereavement Ministry Mtg in Convent Bldg 7:00 PM

### Tuesday, March 27

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

### Wednesday, March 28

Lenten Prayer Series in Convent Bldg, 9:30-11 AM & 7-8:30 PM  
Social Services Building open from 5:30PM-6:30PM  
St. Jude Society Meeting in Chapel 7:00 PM

### Holy Thursday, March 29

Rectory/Parish Offices CLOSED at 12 Noon  
Come, Lord Jesus in Convent Bldg 7:00 PM

### Good Friday, March 30

Rectory/Parish Offices CLOSED  
Way of the Cross in Church 7:00 PM

### Saturday, March 31

2<sup>nd</sup> Collection - Easter

### Sunday, April 1

2<sup>nd</sup> Collection - Easter  
Family Mass 9:30 AM  
NO Adoration of Blessed Sacrament

### ST. JOSEPH and ST. JUDE DAY OF DEVOTION Monday, March 26

The Service will open with Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at 10:00 AM, followed by prayers to St. Joseph and St. Jude every hour on the hour thereafter until 5:00 PM. The opening prayers to St. Joseph & St. Jude will be followed by the Memorare, Rosary, quiet time for meditation and a rest period. The day will close with Benediction followed by Mass at 6:00 PM. What a wonderful day to re-commit yourself to our Lord for your own personal intentions. All are invited to participate. If you plan to spend the day, please bring your brown-bag lunch. Refreshments will be served after each service.

## SPECIAL PARISH EVENTS

### CYO EASTER EGG HUNT

Sunday, MARCH 25

after 9:30AM Mass on the backfield

All children ages 2-7 are invited to participate and should bring an Easter basket or bag to collect their eggs. KC Ladies will have "Easter Bunny" pictures with your child in the Lodge available. Package info: 1- 5 x 7 \$6.00, 3/\$15.00 or 2 - 5 x 7's & email pictures to you \$15.00 The Easter Bunny will be available for pictures 10:30AM-12:30PM.



### NINE CHURCH PILGRIMAGE

You are invited to join other parishioners in making a traditional East Jefferson 9 Church Pilgrimage on Good Friday, **March 30**. Plan to meet in Airline Park Lot at 8:30AM. Contact Loretta Keane at 812-5400 for more info.

### MEN'S CLUB ANNUAL CRAWFISH COOKOFF SATURDAY, April 7, 2018

*All you can eat crawfish!!*

Doors Open at 5PM – Presale enter 4:30 PM. Live Music (Burger and Fries Band) – Beer - Soft Drinks – Dip n Dots – Rock wall. Tickets at the Door: \$25 Adults; \$12 kids (7-12 yrs) - Kids 6 & under FREE. Pre-sales: \$20 Adults; \$10 kids Info for a Team: 5 person team, \$300 per team, prepare to boil 4-5 sacks of crawfish. Interested in sponsoring our event – Contact Brett Lally. For more info contact Brett Lally (504)261-4502/ [brett.lally@cox.net](mailto:brett.lally@cox.net) or John Illg (504)957- 9970/[johnillgjr@aol.com](mailto:johnillgjr@aol.com)

### ADULT CONFIRMATION PROGRAM

SMM will conduct classes for adult Catholics (18 & over) who wish to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. Classes will be held on **Tuesdays, April 10-May 15, from 7:00-8:00PM**. The celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation for adult Catholics will be held at the St. Louis Cathedral on **Pentecost Sunday, May 20** at 3:00 PM. **PRE-Registration is required.** Please call 733-8980 by Wed. April 4.

