

St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church

6425 West Metairie Avenue Metairie, Louisiana 70003

2nd Sunday of Easter/Divine Mercy Sunday



SO THAT YOU MAY BELIEVE

It is not often that the author of one of the books of the Bible comes right out and tells us directly why he is writing what he is writing. In this Sunday's Gospel reading, taken from the conclusion of John's Gospel, the author tells us that he has chosen to record these events so "that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that through this belief you may have life in his name" (20:31). The letter of John echoes this idea by saying that "[e]veryone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is begotten by God" (5:1)—what we might refer to as being "born again." Our reading from the Acts of the Apostles for this Second Sunday of Easter shows us exactly what it looks like when believers are born again through faith.

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April 8, 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

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.....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/HumanResources/Policies/PolicyonInfantBaptism 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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Shari Mader & Caren Favaloro, Co-Directors

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, April 9

Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord

6:30 AM Cindy Spence

8:30 AM Billy Kentzel

Tuesday, April 10

Tom Benson

Living Intention for Steve Scalise

Wednesday, April 11

Living Intention for J.A.

Joe Paci

Thursday, April 12

Ronco Family

George Collet, III

Friday, April 13

Fr. Nick Perricone

Fr. Martin Smullen

Saturday, April 14

Stanley Millet

Saturday, April 14

3rd Sunday of Easter Vigil

Jack & Rosalie Couch, Joan Ferry,

Joe Paci, Kevin Reynolds, Aimee

Marus, Elizabeth Fabregas, Dean

D’Arcangelo, Dot Leonard, Larry

Schmitt, Lori Lambert, Mary Floyd,

James Maunoir, Bob Legendre

Sunday, April 15

3rd Sunday of Easter

Cindy Spence

SMM Parishioners

Gordon Landry, Effie Sarti, Harris

Miller, Madeleine Landry, Ian Racine,

Fr. Michael Joseph Nguyen, Felicie

Borne

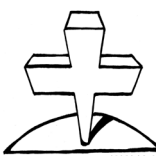
Shirley Adler

8:00 AM

9:30 AM

11:00 AM

6:00 PM



2nd Sunday of Easter (or Sunday of Divine Mercy)
April 8, 2018

Who indeed is the victor over the world but the
one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

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

FOSTERING STEWARDSHIP

In gratitude for God's gifts we gratefully appreciate:

Envelopes (3/25)	\$ 6876.00
Loose Collection	<u>\$ 2286.55</u>
Total	\$ 9162.55

Thank you for your generosity!

VOCATIONS

Easter! Resurrection and new life; a new life shared from an earthen tomb. This has been the meaning of life for Christian people for two thousand years. There is nothing more secure, nothing more lasting. Come and share the thrill of proclaiming this truth through your life as a priest, religious or deacon.

Prayer for Vocations

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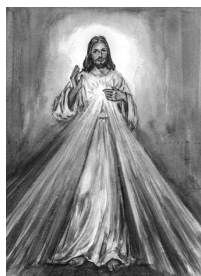
Loving God, How awesome are your ways! Through your abundant love, you bless us with gifts that can make our world holy and just. Dwell deep in our hearts that we may know how to share these gifts. Inspire many to respond generously to your call to service in the Church. May the fire of your love direct 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.

Pray for Vocations



BURIED IN CHRIST

Mary Corley



DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

With the canonization of Saint Faustina, the Pope has declared that "the Second Sunday of Easter, henceforth throughout the Church will also be called **Divine Mercy Sunday.**" The Holy Father further enriched Mercy Sunday with a Plenary Indulgence. From the diary of Saint Faustina, Our Lord said, "**Whoever approaches the Fountain of Life (Holy Communion) on this day will be granted complete forgiveness of sins and punishment.**(300)." This year, Divine Mercy Sunday is **April 8.** To receive this special grace of mercy on that day, the following things are required: Place complete **trust** in God's mercy; **Repent** of all your sins & go to **Confession** sometime during Lent; Celebrate God's mercy by **attending Mass** on the Sunday after Easter; Go to **Communion** (as always, while in a state of grace); **Venerate the Image**; **Be merciful** to others by actions, words or prayer.

SUGGESTION BOX

What's the latest from our suggestion box?

- Install an awning over stain glass window behind tabernacle so sun doesn't blind parishioners @ 4PM Mass. Put some type of film on windows that run along back wall of church all the way at the top so they don't blind priests/lectors @ 8AM Mass. Install hand sanitizers @ all church entrances Install railings on altar steps for priests/deacons/EMCs.

Submitted to Parish Maintenance Committee

Readings for Sunday, April 15:

First Reading — The God of our fathers has glorified his servant Jesus (Acts 3:13-15, 17-19).

Psalm — Lord, let your face shine on us (Psalm 4).

Second Reading — The way we may be sure that we know Jesus is to keep his commandments (1 John 2:1-5a). **Gospel** — Jesus stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you" (Luke 24:35-48).

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FOR THE CHILDREN

CELEBRATING CATHOLIC FAMILIES

Living the Word

2nd Sunday of Easter



Second Sunday of Easter/
Sunday of Divine Mercy.
Continue to sign Alleluia and
Easter hymns as you prayer
before or after dinner. Keep

fresh flowers on the table or in your prayer space.
Young children enjoy arranging flowers, so give
them this task.

CHILDREN'S CORNER

APRIL: Month of EASTER. Prayer Center Theme
is: *During this Easter Season please help me to grow
in your love by...* Put written intentions in prayer
pig; they will be offered up at all Masses every
Sunday.

SMM SCHOOL & PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION PROGRAMS

In March, SMM students participated in the Mis-
sionary Childhood Association's Stamp Contest.
This year's theme was "Mission at the Heart of the
Church." Our students' artwork beautifully re-
flected this theme! Thank you to our religion teach-
ers for supporting the Missions!

SMM SCHOOL—COUGAR NEWS

Please join us for adoration tomorrow, 4/9 from 9:00
-10:00 and for our Lady Bug Rosary this Friday,
4/13 beginning at 7:45 a.m. SMM Cane's Night will
be this Wednesday, 4/11. Mention SMM at the
Cane's located at the corner of Airline and Elise.
Keep our 2nd grade class in your prayers as they re-
ceive their First Communion on Saturday, 4/14.

EVANGELIZATION

12 Tips for Effective Catholic Evangelization

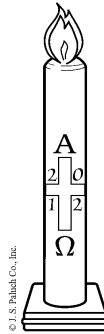
10. *Facilitate incorporation into the Body of Christ*

- Carefully inquire as to the person's readiness
to receive the Church's Sacraments and assist
accordingly.
- Continue to serve as a "spiritual mentor" or
"sponsor" to ensure that the initial
proclamation of the Gospel and initial
commitment take root in this persons' life.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

NEW CATHOLIC FAMILY MEMBER

Gayle K. Regel has been preparing for
some time to enter the Church and the
Grand Event happened at the Easter Vigil
this year. What a glorious celebration it
was as we joined with her to prepare for
the Lord's Resurrection and to anticipate
our own resurrection. Please continue to
keep her in your prayers as she continues to
travel on her faith journey.



ADULT CONFIRMATION PROGRAM

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

RESPECT LIFE

SPIRITUAL ADOPTION PROGRAM

THE EIGHTH MONTH AFTER CONCEPTION

You're in the homestretch with your spiritually adopted
baby. All of the organs that were developed by the 8th
week are now basically completely formed. The baby is
just gaining weight and making the mother uncomfortable
with his or her size. An interesting detail about this time of
development is that the eyes are usually blue, regardless
of the permanent color. The final formation of eye pigment
or color usually happens a few weeks after birth. In a short
time the baby will be born. The mother has planned to
bring him or her home or place the baby up for adoption.
Either way, she knows she can receive the assistance she
needs from the Catholic Church and from the crisis preg-
nancy centers. The prayers you have said for this baby
and his or her mother have certainly been appreciated and
helpful. It hasn't been easy, but your prayers have given
the baby's mother the grace to seek the help she has
needed throughout the pregnancy.

SOCIAL JUSTICE

Catholic social teaching emerges from the truth of what
God has revealed to us about himself. We believe in the
trune God whose very nature is communal and social.
God the Father sends his only Son Jesus Christ and
shares the Holy Spirit as his gift of love. God reveals him-
self to us as one who is not alone, but rather as one who is
relational, one who is Trinity. Therefore, we who are made
in God's image share this communal, social nature. We
are called to reach out and to build relationships of love
and justice.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Monday, April 9

SMM School Adoration in Chapel 9:00 AM
 Come, Lord Jesus in Convent Bldg 9:00 AM
 Parish School of Religion Classes, 6:45PM-8:00 PM

Tuesday, April 10

Marian Servants® of Our Father's Love in Convent Bldg, 9:30AM-12Noon
 KC Meeting in Massett Hall 6:30 PM
 Come, Lord Jesus in Convent Bldg 7:00 PM

Wednesday, April 11

Social Services Building open from 5:30PM-6:30PM
 Parents' Club Meeting in Massett Hall 7:00 PM

Thursday, April 12

Come, Lord Jesus in Convent Bldg 7:00 PM

Friday, April 13

1st Communion Retreat, 9AM-3PM

Saturday, April 14

1st Communion Mass in Church at 10:00 AM,
 followed by Reception in Massett Hall
 Confessions in Church, 2:30-3:30 PM
 Baby Bottle Campaign after Mass

Sunday, April 15

Baby Bottle Campaign after Masses
 Family Mass/Scout Mass 9:30 AM
 Parish Family Picnic on Backfield, 12Noon-4PM
 Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 12:15-1:15 PM



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SPECIAL PARISH EVENTS



PARISH FAMILY PICNIC Sunday, April 15 12Noon-4PM on the backfield

Field will be open starting at 10:30AM. Hot-dogs, chili, buns, condiments, sodas & water will be provided while supplies last. Due to safety concerns - NO vehicles & NO frying, barbecuing or cooking food allowed on the field. Bring your own canopies, chairs, tables, food, games, etc. *All are invited to bring your family & friends!!!*

INTRODUCTION TO EVANGELIZATION *The Mission is ME!*

We believe that faith shared is faith strengthened! The challenges of our culture point out that *NOW* is an evangelizing moment; *NOW* is the time for Catholic Christians to proclaim the Lord Jesus with renewed conviction and fervor! Pope Francis calls all of us to be "Missionary Disciples". The task of Evangelization belongs to everyone! *So how can this be accomplished?* All are invited to a special parish presentation on **Thursday, April 26 at 7PM** in the Chapel by Very Rev. David G. Caron, OP, Archdiocesan Office of Evangelization.



HOLY WEEK & EASTER THANK YOUS

We are grateful to all who attended and enriched our Holy Week & Easter Services. A hearty thanks to Parish Music Director/Organist Carol Temes & our Cantors who enhanced our Masses and special events with song. A big thank you 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 celebrate the resurrection of our Savior! Thanks also to the 1st Communion Class and their teachers, the "12 Apostles", Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Ushers, Altar Servers and ALL who helped to make our Holy Week & Easter Celebrations meaningful. Last but not least, thanks to all who contributed to the Holy Land Fund & Easter Collections. We are most grateful to all who made our Easter at SMM so very special this year.



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