

St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church

6425 West Metairie Avenue Metairie, Louisiana 70003

Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord

FINDING GOD

The splendid magi, all sparkle and dash and solemnity, march right up off the pages of Matthew's Gospel and into our churches today. Matthew alone tells us this grand and seductive story so that we might see the light and know that the child these magi visited is the fulfillment of prophecy, the king of the world that stretches to the magi's home country and beyond, right down the ages to us. We too see and understand anew. Like the magi, our patron saints for this day, we see in the newborn child the king of the universe and light of the world. Like the magi, we find in ourselves a new faith and a new life. Like them, we return to our home by a new route. We are asked to come away from this festive season ourselves renewed and awake to the presence of God among us. We are asked to find God where God is to be found, to be attentive and surprised and ready to bow down in adoration and to offer our gifts.

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January 6, 2019

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.

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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/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.

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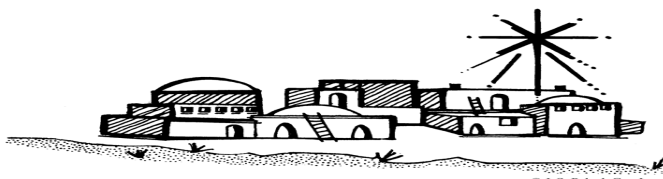
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WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, January 7

6:30 AM Mike Bevis
8:30 AM Barbier, Blancher & Newell Families

Tuesday, January 8

6:30 AM John Coyle
8:30 AM Living Intention for Louis & Gloria Scimeca—58th Wedding Anniversary

Wednesday, January 9

6:30 AM Cindy Haro
8:30 AM Cindy Spence

Thursday, January 10

6:30 AM John Coyle
8:30 AM Living Intention for Tammy Scimeca

Friday, January 11

6:30 AM Albert & Henrietta Levy
8:30 AM Ronald Romagossa, Sr.

Saturday, January 12

8:00 AM Tyler Levy

Saturday, January 12

Feast of the Baptism of the Lord Vigil

4:00 PM Joe Paci, Joan Ferry, Aimee Marus, Jack & Rosalie Couch, Julio Anleu, Gracia Anleu, James Maunoir, Karl Striegman, Jr.

Sunday, January 13

Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

8:00 AM Cindy Spence
9:30 AM SMM Parishioners
11:00 AM Lou Martello, Sr., Madeleine Landry, Effie Sarti, Gordon Landry, Harris Miller, Alois Balsler
6:00 PM Bonura & Harman Families



PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH

Mark Lucich, 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, 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, Russell Palmer, Ann Robert, Nancy Fitzsimmons, Gaynell Robin, Linda Speciale, Rose Mary Pizza, Baby Sean, Daphne Dufour, Dave "Brother" Dupuy, Janice Liang, Macy Guidry, Matt Niclosi, Richard Moss, Gay Foto

FOSTERING STEWARDSHIP

In gratitude for God's gifts we gratefully appreciate:

Envelopes (12/23)	\$ 9770.00
Loose Collection	\$ 2657.92
Total	\$12,427.92
Feast of Christmas	\$10,235.00

Thank you for your generosity!

2018 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

All contributing parishioners will receive their 2018 statement of contributions to the Church in the mail. Call rectory office (733-0922) if you have any questions.

2019 SMM CHURCH DONATION ENVELOPES

SMM parishioners may now pick up their church donation envelope box sets for 2019 at the rectory office during regular business hours.

RESPECT LIFE

SPIRITUAL ADOPTION PROGRAM

THE FIFTH MONTH AFTER CONCEPTION

Your spiritually adopted baby's weight is up to 1 pound, and he or she is now big enough for the mother to feel movement. Although the baby has already been moving around in the mother's womb, it wasn't until now that this baby became big and strong enough for the mother to feel his or her movements such as kicking. Hair and eyebrows are growing and visible by this time. The baby can also recognize sounds of the mother, such as her voice, heartbeat, and breathing. Though not yet born, this baby now has phases of sleeping and waking and may prefer a favorite sleeping position. We are midway through the pregnancy now. Your prayers have helped your baby's mother continue with her pregnancy and seek the help she needs.

Louisiana Life March South

The Louisiana Life March South will be **Saturday, January 26, 2019**, in Baton Rouge. There will be a chartered bus leaving St. Edward the Confessor in Metairie at 7:45 AM. The price is \$15 per seat (includes bus driver tip and 2 bottles of water). The deadline to reserve a seat is Friday, January 18, 2019. Please bring your own lunch and beverages. Royal blue and white "life" t-shirts are available for \$10.00 each. For more information contact Yvette Fouchi at 504-874-9225 or email yfouchi@yahoo.com.

The Epiphany of the Lord

January 6, 2019

Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem!
Your light has come, the glory of
the Lord shines upon you.

Isaiah 60:1



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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.

Readings for Sunday, January 13:

First Reading — Isaiah speaks of the Servant whom the Lord upholds; he shall bring forth justice to the nations (Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7) or *Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11*.

Psalm — The Lord will bless his people with peace (Psalm 29) or *Psalm 104*. **Second Reading** — Jesus was anointed by God with the Holy Spirit; he went out healing and doing good (Acts 10:34-38) or *Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7*. **Gospel** — A voice comes from heaven proclaiming Jesus as the beloved Son, with whom God is well pleased (Luke 3:15-16, 21-22).

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FOR THE CHILDREN

CELEBRATING CATHOLIC FAMILIES

Living the Word

Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord

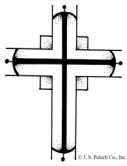


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Today we celebrate the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord, and hear the Story about the magi who come to see Jesus. The word

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



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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.

ARE YOU EDUCATING YOUR CHILDREN IN THE CATHOLIC FAITH?

When a child is baptized into the Catholic Church, it is the parents responsibility to commit to raise and educate that child in the Catholic faith. In order to help parents with this education, each parish offers a *School of Religion Program* (Grades 1-12) for those children attending a public or private school. Call the Parish School of Religion Office at 733-8980.



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ADULT FAITH FORMATION

SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD



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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 + 19.” 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 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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THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Monday, January 7

School Adoration in Chapel 9:00 AM
Come, Lord Jesus in Discipleship Ctr 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 8

Marian Servants® of Our Father's Love in Disciple
ship Ctr 9:30AM-12Noon
Come, Lord Jesus in Discipleship Ctr 7:00 PM
KC Meeting in Massett Hall 7:00 PM
Boy Scout Meeting, Rm. 1 7:30 PM

Wednesday, January 9

Social Services Building open from 5:30PM-6:30PM
Visionary Tricia Talbot in Church, 7:00-10:00 PM

Thursday, January 10

Come, Lord Jesus in Discipleship Ctr 7:00 PM

Friday, January 11

School Rosary in Chapel 7:45 AM

Saturday, January 12

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

Sunday, January 13

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Holy Name Society Mtg in Ministries Bldg 9:00 AM
Family Mass 9:30 AM
Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 12:15-1:15 PM

PARISH COUNCIL INSTALLATION

The *Parish Pastoral Council* will install its' members on Sunday, January 6, 2019 at the 9:30 AM Mass. **Current Parish Council members:** Lorraine Mylie, Charlotte Bourgeois, Jack Biven, Deborah Bradbury, Jennifer Edwards, Shirley Bertucci, Kelan Madore, Mark Fleming, Mike Condon. **Ex-Officio Members:** Fr. Chris DeLerno, Deacon Chuck LeBlanc, Deacon Jim Heneghan, Valerie Rodriguez (Principal), Linda Earle (PCL) & Susie Sullivan (PCL/PC). **Newly elected Parishioner-at-Large:** Judy Scholzen. **Newly appointed member:** David Gaumont

SPECIAL PARISH EVENTS

PARISH MINISTRIES FAIR

January 5 & 6, 2019

after all Masses
in Massett Hall

Come One!!! Come All!!!

Now is the time to learn about & join the ministries & organizations in SMM Parish.

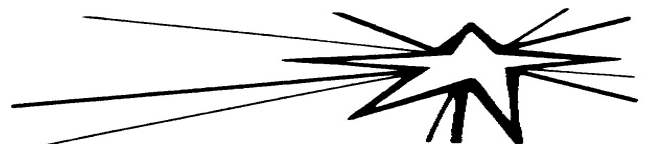
We Want You!!! We Need You!!!

New members and new ideas are needed to make our parish a true community.

ALSO, for your convenience, 2019 Contribution envelope box sets will be available for pick-up at the Ministry Fair. After that, they may be picked up at the rectory office during regular business hours.

SMM MEN'S CLUB

The Men's Club would like to invite you to our monthly meeting on **Monday, January 7th** at 7:00pm in the school cafeteria. We will be serving dinner and refreshments. Feel free to bring any friends who may be interested in joining, whether they live in the parish or not. The Men's Club has many purposes. We do little projects around the school. We award scholarships for (2) 7th graders each year. We donate money to some of the teachers' events throughout the year as well as purchase items for the classrooms and school. Our Annual Events include: Annual Softball Tournament / King Cake Breakfast / Lenten Fish Fry's / Crawfish Boil / Turkey Fry / Seafood Festival / Crawfish Cook-off. Come out and join us – It will be fun! President - Art Florez (504) 450-7621; Vice President – Cary Delaune (504) 473-7731.



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