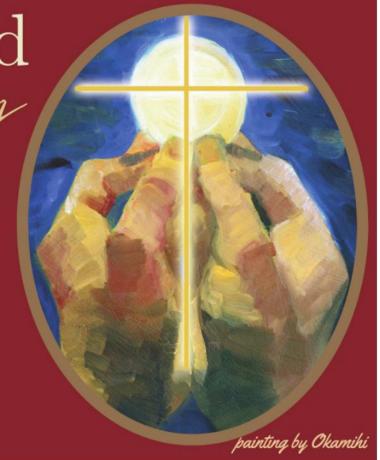
Priesthood

How can I repay the Lord for all the good done for me? I will raise the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people. Lord, I am your servant.

Psalm 116:12-14, 16a



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FROM THE DEACON: RELICS



Most of you may have noticed that over the past year or so, we have started displaying relics in St. Mary Magdalen Church more frequently. This is neither a new practice for Catholics in general, nor for St. Mary Magdalen in particular, but I think the frequency of displaying the relics has become noticeable.

St. Mary Magdalen has been blessed to have been gifted several relics over the years, most of which we keep in the reliquary beneath the St. Joseph statue. On occasion, these relics have been displayed for church tours or solemn events, such as Good Friday's Veneration of the Cross. Are you aware that we have a sliver of the wood of the True Cross upon which Jesus was crucified? Do you realize that we at St. Mary Magdalen venerate this relic each year on

Good Friday and have begun displaying it on the Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross, or that only a few churches in the world (much less in the United States) have a relic of the True Cross? But that is not our only relic. We also have relics of our first Pope, St. Peter; our patroness, St. Mary Magdalene; St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, St. John Bosco, St. John Neumann, St. Cecilia, and, Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos.

Maybe you have wondered, or maybe someone has questioned you about why we display relics and venerate them. First and foremost, it is because we believe in the Resurrection and in our understanding that we are created in the image and likeness of God, with a body and a soul. Jesus' life, death, and Resurrection changed not only how we viewed death, but how we treated the body after death. Even in the Old Testament, the people of God knew to bury their dead in the hope of a better resurrection promised by God. Only pagans and those who did not believe in the resurrection of the body had no regard for burials. They would either burn the bodies or leave them for the wild animals. Because of Jesus' death and burial in a tomb, early Christians buried their dead, usually close to home. They no longer saw the dead body as unclean or feared touching it. Care of the dead became known as one of the seven acts of corporal works of mercy, just like feeding the hungry and tending to the sick.

But, some bodies we know received more attention than others, especially the Apostles and the early church martyrs. These were known as Holy Bones. Whenever a martyr died, Christians would go to extreme risks to rescue the bodies or even just the bones to bury them and keep track of them. As early as 156 A.D., we have a writing that describes St. Polycarp's death. It says, "We took up his bones, which are more valuable than precious stones and finer than refined gold, and laid them in a suitable place, where the Lord will permit us to gather ourselves together, as we are able, in gladness and joy, and to celebrate the birthday of his martyrdom." (The Martyrdom of Polycarp,18.)

From at least the 2nd century, with the death of Polycarp, the bones of saints and martyrs have traveled from church to church, allowing churches and cities without saints to venerate and ask God for miracles. These bodies were treated as holy objects, pieces of matter, through which God, if he so chose, could work miracles. St. Jerome, writing in the 4th century, in opposition to those who argued that bones, even those of martyrs, were "unclean," stated, "But we honor the relics of the martyrs so that we may honor them whose martyrs they are... Are the relics of Peter and Paul unclean? Is the body of Moses unclean, the body which, according to Hebrews, was buried by the Lord himself?... If it is not permissible to honor the relics of the martyrs, why do we read: "Precious in the eyes of the Lord is the death of his saints?" If their bones pollute what they touch, how did the dead Elias raise a dead man; how did that body, which according to Vigiliantius is impure, give life [to a corpse]?"

The Catholic tradition of treating the body of a Christian with respect is linked to our belief in the resurrection and our understanding that our bodies and souls will be unified and glorified at the second coming of Christ. God's use of the relics of saints to dispense Grace and perform miracles, as he sees fit, has been observed since the early church fathers, and we at St. Mary Magdalen have been honored and blessed to continue that tradition. There is so much more that can be, and has been, said throughout the centuries about this subject. Dr. Scott Hahn has written an excellent book called "Hope to Die" if you would like to know more. I hope this brief explanation brings you closer to God, in his loving care for us, and gives you a desire to learn more about not only the relics displayed here, but about all the miracles and graces God has dispensed for our benefit.

In Christ, Deacon Billy Vincent

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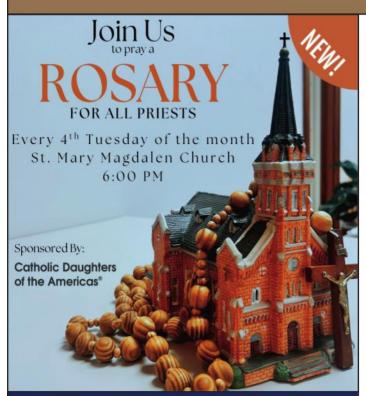


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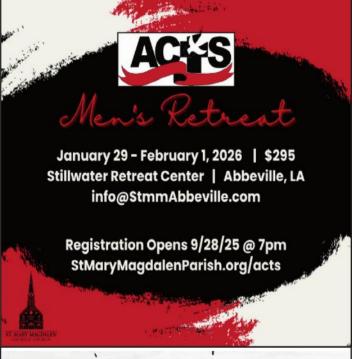
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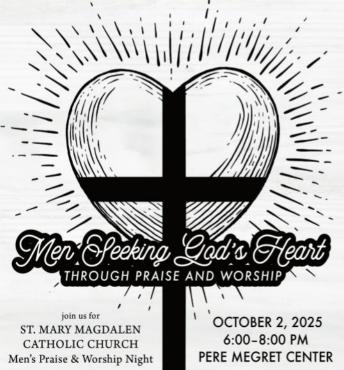
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Oct 1	Grief Support Group 4pm Conference Rm
Oct 4	Relic Display - St Francis of Assisi Church
Oct 4	1st Saturday Mass 8:30am Church
Oct 5	Relic Display - Blessed Francis X. Seelos

Oct 5	EDGE 3:45pm LifeTeen 7pm PMC		
Oct 5	Men's Praise & Worship 6:00pm PMC		
Oct 9	Oct 9 Catholic Daughters 6pm Ministries Hall		
Oct 12	Family Faith Sunday 10am Church		
Oct 12	Confirmation Prep 3:45pm Pere Megret		
Oct 26	Dinner & Movie Holy Family Center		

AROUND THE PARISH

Building God's Kingdom

This week, you will receive a brochure introducing our "Building God's Kingdom"

Program. I'm proud to be a part of the St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church community. On Commitment Weekend, October 4 & 5, I invite each of you to participate in this important program and help us respond to God's great gift of love. I ask that you please review this brochure and prayerfully consider how you and your family can help St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church by financially supporting our ministries, furthering our mission, and reinforcing our future.

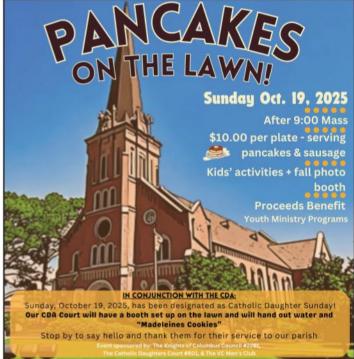
We ask that all faithful parishioners complete a Commitment Card. A card will be included in the brochure mailing for you to:

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The back of the Commitment Card has a place for you to include any prayer intentions you wish to share. We welcome all intentions, and they will be prayed for collectively over the next few weeks. If you would like to speak to a priest, please indicate so on your card, and we will be in contact with you.

Our goal is 100% participation! Thank you for your generosity and support of St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church!





PRAYER CALENDAR

	PRIESTS	RELIGIOUS	DEACONS	SEMINARIANS
Sep 29	Joseph Sai Tran	Carmelita Latiolais	Art Bakeler	Haden Coleman
Sep 30	Chrysanthus Ugorji	Charlotte LeBouef	Scotty Baudoin	Joseph Corso, Jr.
Oct 1	Pope Leo XIV	Elizabeth Le	Harris Bergeron	Blake Dubroc
Oct 2	Bp. Douglas Deshotel	Mary Magdalen	Glen Bertrand	Seminary Faculty Parents Benefactors
Oct 3	Bp. Em. Michael Jarrell	Robert Joseph Mier	Jose Blanco	Sebastian Cramer
Oct 4	Stephen Ugwu	Joel Miller	Reggie Bollich	Charlie Delaughter II
Oct 5	Jason Vidrine	Evelyn Mire	Gerald Bourg	Carter Domingue

MASS INTENTIONS & PRAYER REQUESTS | SEPTEMBER 29 - OCTOBER 5

Mon. Sep. 29, 12:05pm: Mass Intention: The Schexnider Family Prayer Requests: Guarino/Thibodeaux Family, Guise Thanh Viet Cao, Guise Cao Viet Thanh, Guise Tran Duc Hoa, Maria Tran Thi Nghien, Guise Nguyen Duc Thien, Maria Nguyen Thi Tu, Maria Nguyen Thi The, Brooks Michael Prejean, Todd LaPorte, Elizabeth Dardeau

Tue. Sep. 30, 6:30am: Mass Intention: Giuse Nguyen Ngoc Dinh **Prayer Requests:** Daminh Lam Van Tham, Maria Tran Thi Chic, Maria Do Thi Nu, Maria Do Thi Hoang, Guarino/Thibodeaux Family, Giuse Thanh Viet Cao

Wed. Oct. 1, 6:30am: Mass Intention: Kevin Gerard Sellers **Prayer Requests:** Guarino/ Thibodeaux Family, Prayer Blanket Intentions, Guise Nguyen Ngoc Dinh, Maria Do Thi Nu, Guise Bui Huy Long, Maria Do Thi Vui, Cac Dang Linh Hon, Ewell Hebert Family, Giuse Thanh Viet Cao, John & Camille Vidos, Faye Willis (Birthday), Cecil McCrory, R.B. Broussard Family

Thu. Oct. 2, 6:30am: Mass Intention: Lorgie Joseph Peltier (Death Anniversary) **Prayer Requests:** Todd LaPorte, Elizabeth Dardeau, Grace Veazey (Birthday)

Fri. Oct. 3, 6:30am: Mass Intention: Roland F LeBlanc (Death Anniversary) **Prayer Requests:** Davis Menard (Death Anniversary), Guarino/ Thibodeaux Family, Cecil McCrory, Unclaimed Bodies, Sherry Hebert Landry, Souls in Purgatory, Catherine Trahan Miller, Gayle, Evelyn & Kevin Sellers, Giuse Nguyen T Kha, Phaolo Dang V Hiep, Dominico Tran V. Giac, Dominico Tran V. Hoc, Maria Nguyen T. Quet, Maria Nguyen Thi Nhi, Maria Pham Thi Huong, Linh hon Tien Nhan, Gioan Baotixita Pham V Sac, Shelly Trahan, Theresa LeBlanc Rabeaux (Birthday)

Sat. Oct. 4, 8:30am: Mass Intention: Ricky Mitchell Perry **Prayer Requests:** Shelly Trahan, Preston Trahan Family

Sat. Oct. 4, 4:00pm: Mass Intention: Catherine Trahan Miller (Death Anniversary) **Prayer Requests:** Luke Hebert, Hebert/Prejean Families, Dibby & Carroll Faulk, Mary Dyson Duhon, Barbara Gayle & Teddy Lemaire, P.J., Barbara & Daniel Jude Broussard, Paul G. Moresi, Jr., John & Camille Vidos, Souls in Purgatory Orphaned Souls &, Rufus & Sallie Simon, Annie, Leonard, Wayne & Larry Sellers, Lana LeBlanc Touchet, Bella Duhon (Death Anniversary), Robie & Joyce Russo (Wedding Anniversary), Dibby Faulk & The Family of Jules J. Broussard, Antonia "Anne" C. Sonnier, Dolores & Jeffery Meaux, Michelle McLain Whitney (Birthday)

Sun. Oct. 5, 7:00am: Mass Intention: Deanna Hebert (Death Anniversary) **Prayer Requests:** Francis LaCour, Chester & Joyce Thibodeaux, Helen Wyble, Joseph Duhon, Lynn Veazey, Ivy Redmond Family, George & Grace Veazey, P.J. & Mike Veazey, Kaylee McLain, Roland & Maxine LeBlanc, Marshall LeBlanc, Cecile McLain

9:00 am: Mass Intention: Laurence LeBlanc (Birthday) **Prayer Requests:** Davis & Violet Menard, Tommy & Mackie Istre & Family, Mary Lou & CJ Bertrand; Ruth & Andrew, Donnie & Bugga, Rene & Lynn, Sammy & Beverly Broussard; Ronnie Pilcher

11:00am: Mass Intention: St. Mary Magdalen Parishioners

5:30am: Mass Intention: B.R. David Family **Prayer Requests:** R.K Luquette Family

CELEBRANTS NEXT WEEKEND | OCTOBER 4 - 5

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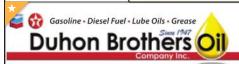
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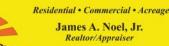
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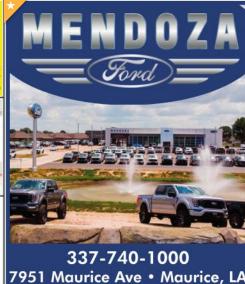


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