

St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church

6425 West Metairie Avenue Metairie, Louisiana 70003

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

CHOICE

"If you choose you can keep the commandments," Sirach tells us. God "has set before you fire and water; to whichever you choose, stretch forth your hand" (Sirach 15:15, 16). This is a great mystery: God does not control us so completely that we cannot choose our own path. We have certain boundaries, of course, but no one but we can choose our way within those boundaries. In today's reading from Matthew's Gospel, Jesus reminds us of our freedom and our responsibility for our lives. He calls us to look beyond the words of the commandments, all the way to their meaning. Look beyond the adultery to the selfishness that poisons our love. Look beyond the murder to the anger that eats away at our compassion. Look beyond the perjured testimony to the lies and deception that drive our behavior. Our vocation is to choose life for ourselves, and to choose a path through our part of the world that helps make life possible and more abundant for others as well.

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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 (504) 733-0922

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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 LIFE 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/Policy on Infant Baptism OR may be found on the Parish website.

1st RECONCILIATION/1st COMMUNION & YOUNG

ADULT CONFIRMATION PROGRAMS: Contact Parish Religious Education at 733-8980 for further information.

RCIA & ADULT CONFIRMATION PROGRAMS:

Contact Parish Religious Education at 733-8980 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 on 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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Shari Mader & Caren Favaloro, Co-Directors

PLEASE HELP US UPDATE OUR RECORDS

PARISHIONERS: Do we have your current phone number and/or email address??? Please send your updated info to bcroy@arch-no.org or call 733-0922.

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, February 17

6:30 AM

Amelia Alvarez de Ibarra

8:30 AM

Poor Souls

Tuesday, February 18

6:30 AM

Fr. Michael Joseph Nguyen

8:30 AM

Philip Viet Nguyen

Wednesday, February 19

6:30 AM

Special Intention for J.A.

8:30 AM

Susan Quigley

Thursday, February 20

6:30 AM

Theodore Kirn, III

8:30 AM

Gus Barbier

Friday, February 21

6:30 AM

Mickey Joe Guzzardo

8:30 AM

Alida Vliet

Saturday, February 22

Feast of Chair of St. Peter the Apostle

8:00 AM

Dennis Showalter

Saturday, February 22

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time Vigil

4:00 PM

Joan Ferry, Hollingsworth & DeLuca Family, Jack & Rosalie Couch, James Maunoir, Lauretta LeBlanc Erwin, Joe Paci, Aimee Marus, Julio Anleu, Gracia Anleu, Vetter Amdaeo Taylor, Geraldine Blanke, Theodore Kirn, III

Sunday, February 23

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM

Coughlin & Gravois Families

9:30 AM

SMM Parishioners

11:00 AM

Carol J. Kleindienst, Cynthia Cook, Marilyn Reynolds, Ray Bianchini, Sr., Dave & Jane Pugh
George Fried, Jr.



*The eyes
of God
are on those
who fear God*

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PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH

Mark Lucich, Sherry Gaffney, Norvin Schexnaildre, Joyce Chiusano, Richard LeBlanc, Rose Keller, Leah Conlin, Abigail Robertson, Patrick Mulhern, George "Mickey" Krause, Tommy Keller, Brenda Simon, Jena Serigne, Deborah Woodward, Kevin Pineo, Rosemarie Entringer, Teresa Lacour, Mary Ann Meaux, Gayle Songy, Jerry Fender, Tommy Bittel, Jr., Judy Massa, Kevin & Kenneth Teen, Gracelynn Chaplain, Celine Wild, Carol P. Ramos, Dominic Manthey, Deavon Dill, Larry & Clara Leslie, Dennis Coughlin, Jr., Hector Benoit, Kevin Colton, Russell Palmer, Ann Robert, Gaynell Robin, Linda Speciale, Rose Mary Pizza, Baby Sean, Daphne Dufour, Dave "Brother" Dupuy, Janice Liang, Macy Guidry, Matt Niclosi, Riley Joseph Growl, Kenneth Blanke, Michelle & Jason Branch, Kelli Broussard & Family, Janice LeBlanc, Lynn Cailouette, Kevin & Philomena Colton, Dianna Parks, Alfred Alphonso, Jr., Elizabeth Truxillo, Claire Noble, Rhonda & Keith Haviel, Evie Williamson, Nancy Lawrence, Mary Johnson, Edmund & Shirley Blancher, Donald Bock, Harry Bilbe, Phyllis Mustacchia

FOSTERING STEWARDSHIP

In gratitude for God's gifts we gratefully appreciate:

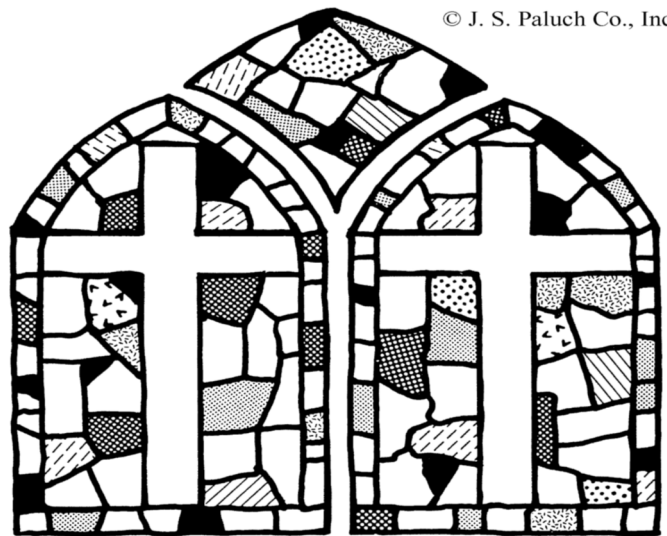
Envelopes (2/02)	\$6081.00
Loose Collection	\$2540.60
Total	\$8621.60
2nd Collection-Bldg & Maintenance	\$3113.00

Thank you for your generosity!

THE CLARION HERALD

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What eye has not seen, and ear has not heard, and what has not entered the human heart, what God has prepared for those who love [God], this God has revealed to us through the Spirit.

— 1 Corinthians 2:9-10

SPIRITUALITY

MARIAN SERVANTS®



The Marian Servants® is a community based Public Association of the Christian Faithful. The founding community formed in 1987 in Clearwater, FL, with our local community established in 2007. Our Mission is to bring Catholic Christians to a deeper understanding of their vocation and mission in Christ, in the Church, and in the world. Our

spirituality is Marian—seeking to emulate Mary's virtues of holiness, obedience, and service; it is also charismatic—with a special devotion to the Holy Spirit, with openness to His gifts. Membership is open to Catholics in good standing with the Catholic Church. The chapter located at SMM is the Marian Servants® of Our Father's Love which meets on Tuesdays from 9:30AM-12Noon. Anyone interested in learning more about the Marian Servants® may contact Patsy Ricau @ (504)813-4327.



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Readings for Sunday, February 23:

First Reading — Take no revenge and cherish no grudge; love your neighbor as yourself. (Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18). **Psalm** — The Lord is kind and merciful (Psalm 103). **Second Reading** — You are the temple of God, and holy (1 Corinthians 3:16-23). **Gospel** — Offer no resistance; love your enemies (Matthew 5:38-48).

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FOR THE CHILDREN

CELEBRATING CATHOLIC FAMILIES

Living the Word

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time



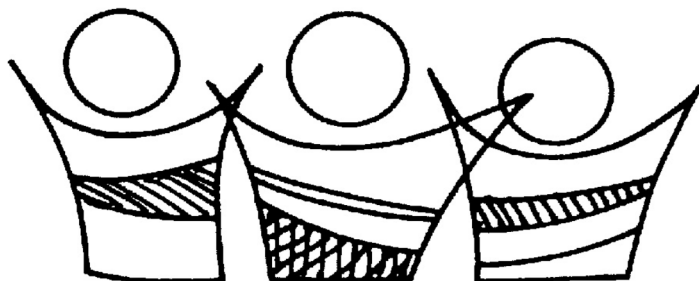
When we feel bored or restless this week: Remember God knows what we need, so listen to what God is trying to suggest for us to do. Some possibilities are: a healthy snack, a rest, a hug, a walk outside, an opportunity for creative self expression through drawing or singing, etc. We all have an inner restlessness that comes from our need for the unconditional, never-ending love of God.

CHILDREN'S CORNER

FEBRUARY: Month of *Jesus loves me*. Prayer Center Theme is: *I can show Jesus how much I love Him by....*



Put written intentions in prayer pig; they will be offered up at all Sunday Masses once a month.



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MARRIAGE & FAMILY LIFE

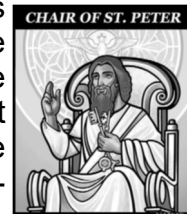
A PRAYER FOR EVERY FAMILY

by St. John Paul II

God, from whom all fatherhood in heaven and earth descends, Father, who are Love and Life, ensure that every human family on earth shall become, through Your Son, Jesus Christ, "born of woman," and through the Holy Spirit, the source of divine charity, a true shrine of life and love for the generations which are always renewing themselves. Ensure that Your grace shall guide the thoughts and the works of spouses toward the good of their families and of all families in the world. Ensure that the young generations shall find firm support in the family for their humanity and their growth in truth and love. Ensure the love, reinforced by the grace of the Sacrament of Matrimony shall show itself to be stronger than any weakness and every crisis through which our families pass at times. Amen.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

This feast commemorates Christ's choosing Peter to sit in his place as the servant-authority of the whole Church. The Pentecost event when the Apostles were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to express themselves in foreign tongues completed Peter's experience of the risen Christ. Peter becomes the spokesman for the Twelve about their experience of the Holy Spirit and he is the first to preach the Good News to the Gentiles.



TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

In brushing up for "Catholic Jeopardy," it might help to know that there is only one feast on the calendar for a thing, rather than a person or mystery. It's for a chair: Saint Peter's chair in fact. After the Resurrection, there can be no doubt that the disciples reserved a special place for Simon Peter in the upper room. Later, Peter became the



bishop of Antioch in today's Syria, the place where we were first called "Christians." From there, he went to Rome, the center of the Empire, where it is said that Peter sat in a chair in the house of Priscilla and Aquila to instruct his flock. Jesus, in entrusting the keys of the Kingdom to Peter and his successors, entrusted his compassion and mercy to them, and charged them with pointing to the Kingdom of God. Compassion and mercy are to resonate through their teaching. Since the ancient sign of a teacher is the chair ("disciple" literally means one who sits at the feet of a teacher), Peter's chair has long been treasured. Today there is a symbolic shrine of Peter's chair above the main altar of St. Peter's Basilica in Rome. This monument is the last work of Bernini, a huge bronze throne supported by four doctors of the Church: Augustine and Ambrose from the Western Church, and Chrysostom and Athanasius from the East. High above it is the alabaster window of the descent of the Holy Spirit.

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

ADULT CONFIRMATION PROGRAM

This program is for Baptized, catechized Catholics who have received their 1st Communion, but were never confirmed. Classes will be held during the Easter Season with Adult Confirmation Mass at St. Louis Cathedral on Pentecost Sunday, MAY 31. For more information or to register for classes, please call the Parish Religious Education Office at 733-8980.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Monday, February 17-Presidents Day

Come, Lord Jesus in Church, 2nd Floor 9:00 AM
Parish School of Religion Classes, 6:45PM-8:00 PM

Tuesday, February 18

Marian Servants® of Our Father's Love in Ministries Bldg, 9:30AM-12Noon
Come, Lord Jesus in Church, 2nd Floor 7:00 PM
Boy Scout Meeting, Rm. 1 7:30 PM

Wednesday, February 19

Social Services Building open from 5:30PM-6:30PM
St. Jude Society Meeting in Chapel 7:00 PM

Thursday, February 20

ALPHA in Massett Hall 6:30 PM
Come, Lord Jesus in Church, 2nd Floor 7:00 PM

Friday, February 21

Saturday, February 22

Confessions in Church, 2:30-3:30 PM

Sunday, February 23

Family Mass 9:30 AM
Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 12:15-1:15 PM

MEN'S CLUB CRUISE/BIKE NIGHT

Please join us for our monthly car and bike cruise night on **Friday, February 28**. Visit with old friends, or make new ones while you walk around and enjoy classic and (some not so classic) cars and bikes. While you are here, you can buy tickets for our 50/50 raffle which also includes giveaways every 30 minutes for tools and car products. We also have food, drinks and music. We are located in the St. Mary Magdalen Church Parking lot, on the northeast corner of Airline Park and W. Metairie.



SPECIAL PARISH EVENTS

Ash Wednesday, February 26

Mass with Distribution of Ashes

6:30 AM, 8:30 AM and 7:00 PM

Prayer Service with Distribution of Ashes

12:15 PM

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Fridays in Lent in Church

February 28 & Good Friday at 7:00 PM
March 6, 13, 20 & 27 at 2:30PM & 7:00 PM

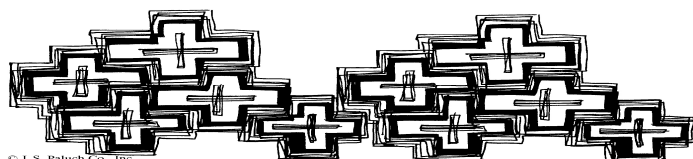
CYO LIVING WAY of the Cross

Friday, April 3 at 8:00 PM

OUTSIDE PARISH EVENTS

BEGINNING EXPERIENCE WEEKEND

Lost your spouse? By either death or separation/divorce? Beginning Experience Weekend, sponsored by the Archdiocese of New Orleans Family Life Apostolate, can give you a new start! The next weekend scheduled will be April 24-26 at Rosaryville Spirit Life Center in Pontchatoula, LA. Those who have attended this weekend attest to the new hope they have received and the powerful safe and loving environment they found in the experience. For more information contact: Roslyn (504) 481-1083 or rosemill@charter.net



OPEN HOUSE—NDS LAY PROGRAMS

Wednesday, March 11, 6-7:30 PM

RSVP by 3/09/20 (504) 866-7426, Ext. 742
maoffice@nds.edu

LAY ECCLESIAL MINISTER PROGRAM (ILEM)

ILEM is a 2 1/2 year leadership program that allows participants to dive deeper into their faith. It offers holistic education through study of theology, formation days and retreats, all carried out in a community of scholarship, faith and fellowship. SMM is very proud to announce that parishioners, **Jody Moreau & Judith Scholzen**, have completed and **Jack Biven** is currently enrolled in the ILEM Program at Notre Dame Seminary.