

St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church

6425 West Metairie Avenue Metairie, Louisiana 70003

3rd Sunday of Lent



THIRSTING FOR LIFE-GIVING WATERS

Especially during the Lenten, Holy Week, and Easter seasons, the prayer texts of the Eastern Church revel in paradoxical images of Christ: the eternal life who is put to death, the host of the supper who is also its meal, the thirsty crucified one with living water streaming from his side. These images flow from the evangelists' portrayals of Jesus and from his very ministry, during which he often upset or reversed people's expectations about him or the ways of God. This "reversal" is at play in today's Gospel, as Jesus speaks to an enemy foreigner who is also a woman beneath his status. In addition he, the thirsting one, shows the woman to be the one truly thirsting. He—whose parched lips will say "I thirst" before he dies—is the source of life and life-giving water. Lent calls upon us to dwell on how each of us is thirsting for Christ, and it leads us, ultimately, back to the life-giving waters of our baptism into his Body.

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March 15, 2020

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 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/PolicyonInfantBaptismOR 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.

PARISH WEEKLY BULLETIN

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Metairie, Louisiana

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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, March 16

6:30 AM Cindy Spence
8:30 AM Philip Viet Nguyen

Tuesday, March 17

Feast of St. Patrick, Bishop

6:30 AM Amelia Alvarez de Ibarra
8:30 AM Michael Chaisson

Wednesday, March 18

6:30 AM Patrick LeBlanc
8:30 AM Grandparents of All SMM Students

Thursday, March 19

Solemnity of St. Joseph, Spouse of Blessed Virgin Mary

6:30 AM Kenny Strickland
8:30 AM Lloveras Wegmann

Friday, March 20

6:30 AM Stella DeCaro
8:30 AM Alida Barbier Vliet

Saturday, March 21

8:00 AM Gerald Cross

Saturday, March 21

4th Sunday of Lent Vigil

4:00 PM Joan Ferry, Jack & Rosalie Couch,
James Maunoir, Joe Paci, Norma &
Lance Hubble, Aimee Marus, Vetter
Amadeo Taylor, Geraldine Blanke,
Floyd Hyer, Theodore Kim, III, Dean
D'Arcangelo, Vincent Degroustola, Sr.

Sunday, March 22

4th Sunday of Lent

8:00 AM Cindy Spence
9:30 AM SMM Parishioners
11:00 AM Ray Bianchini, Sr., Marilyn Reynolds,
Ian Michael Racine
6:00 PM Sappho Samaros Wilde

SAVE THE DATE

The 2020 SMM Fair will be
September 25, 26 & 27

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, 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, Pat Klamann, Mark Merrell

FOSTERING STEWARDSHIP

In gratitude for God's gifts we gratefully appreciate:

Weekly Collection Total (3/01) \$9274

Weekly Budget \$9,500

Thank you for your generosity!

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES COLLECTION

Next WEEKEND (March 21/22) the 2nd Collection will be for Catholic Relief Services (CRS). Your donations are providing educational opportunities for refugee children including catch-up and remedial classes. Now, over 6000 students in 21 schools are getting the education they need to protect the future ahead of them. Your donations are putting these children on a road of hope. As you walk with these children, you walk with Jesus in disguise.

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.

IMPORTANT PARISH NEWS

Due to the recent outbreak of the coronavirus and at the request of Archbishop Aymond, it is recommended that we dispense with the greeting before Mass, the Sign of Peace. AND, if possible, communion should be received in the hand rather than on the tongue...until further notice. Thank you for cooperating in assisting us to limit the spread of germs leading to serious illness.

BURIED IN CHRIST

Alma Blancher

**Third Sunday of Lent
March 13, 2020**

While we were still sinners Christ died for us. — Romans 5:8



Readings for Sunday, March 22:

First Reading — As the prophet Samuel anointed David with oil, the spirit of the LORD rushed upon David and remained with him from that day forward (1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a). **Psalm** — The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want (Psalm 23). **Second Reading** — You who were once darkness are now light in the Lord. Live as children of light (Ephesians 5:8-14). **Gospel** — The man who was blind from birth proclaimed: The one called Jesus made clay with his saliva, anointed my eyes with it, and told me to wash. When I washed, I was able to see! (John 9:1-41 [1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38])

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FOR THE CHILDREN

CELEBRATING CATHOLIC FAMILIES

Living the Word

3rd Sunday of Lent



We are nearing the midpoint of Lent. Depending on where you live, signs of spring may be appearing. Bring this to your prayer space. Some possibilities include a budding branch (forsythia or pussy willow are good choices), or a bowl of water (keep it clean and fresh each day). Consider who is "the other" for you and your family. Perhaps do a little research on this group of people, or if possible, find a way to meet and talk together.

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.



**St. Mary Magdalen Catholic School
NOW REGISTERING - All grade levels
PK - 7th grade
Please contact the office
for more information
504-733-1433**

SAINT PATRICK—BISHOP OF IRELAND

Feast Day: March 17

Patrick, born in Scotland to Roman parents who were in charge of the British colonies, was kidnapped at age 14 and taken to pagan Ireland to herd sheep. He learned the Druid language and practices of the people, which later helped him to evangelize them when he returned as bishop.



IRELAND

No reptiles are found there [in Ireland], and no snake can live there; for, though often carried thither out of Britain, as soon as the ship comes near the shore, and the scent of the air reaches them, they die.

—Venerable Bede

RESPECT LIFE



PRAY FOR LIFE

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

ADULT CONFIRMATION PROGRAM

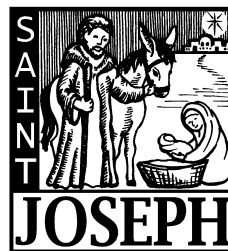
This program is for Baptized, catechized Catholics who have received their 1st Communion, but were never confirmed. Classes will be held during the Easter Season with Adult Confirmation Mass at St. Louis Cathedral on Pentecost Sunday, MAY 31. For more information or to register for classes, please call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

MARRIAGE & FAMILY LIFE

SAINT JOSEPH

HUSBAND OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Feast Day: March 19



Joseph, someone once joked, was indeed the perfect husband: the only major character in Jesus' story who never utters a word! But the Gospel recounts and the liturgy celebrates his silent witness of faith-filled deeds: "With a husband's love he cherished Mary, the Virgin Mother of God; with

fatherly care he watched over Jesus" (Preface of Saint Joseph, *Sacramentary*). Catholic devotion, therefore, hails him as patron-protector of the universal Church. Some cultures set a festive "Saint Joseph's Table," welcoming the poor and strangers to feast with family and friends. Tradition keeps today as the anniversary of his death, which we presume was peaceful, with Jesus and Mary present. Thus, Catholics invoke Joseph as "patron of a happy death." Descended from David's house, which God finished "building" through Joseph's provision of a home for Mary and Jesus, he was, fittingly, a carpenter by trade; thus, patron of workers. Spring, nature's rebirth, begins between his feast and Annunciation (March 25), appropriately, since Joseph's silent obedience and Mary's "Let it be done to me according to your word" (Luke 1:38) usher in humanity's spiritual rebirth.

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**Fridays in Lent
at 2:30PM & 7:00 PM
in Church**

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Monday, March 16

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

Tuesday, March 17

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, March 18

SMM School Grandparents Day Mass 8:30 AM
Social Services Building open from 5:30PM-6:30PM
Confessions in Church 5:00 PM
Exposition/Adoration in Chapel 5:30 PM
Mass in Chapel 6:30 PM

Thursday, March 19

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

Friday, March 20

Men's Club Fish Fry in Massett Hall
Way of the Cross in Church, 2:30PM & 7:00 PM

Saturday, March 21

Confessions in Church, 2:30-3:30 PM
2nd Collection - Catholic Relief Services

Sunday, March 22

2nd Collection - Catholic Relief Services
Family Mass 9:30 AM
Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 12:15-1:15 PM

40 CANS FOR LENT

Throughout this Lenten season the SMM Knights of Columbus will be collecting canned goods to help the Social Apostolate, which uses approximately \$1,000 in food each month. The goal is to have every SMM family donate one canned good for each of the 40 days in Lent. Donations may be dropped off at the table near the main entrance to Church, please make sure donated food items have not expired. Last year's collection was 1600lbs.



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SPECIAL PARISH EVENTS

LENT EXPOSITION/ADORATION, CONFESSIONS & MASS

Wednesdays:

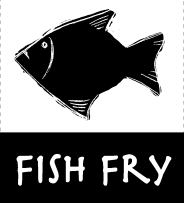
March 18, 25 & April 1

All are invited to Exposition/Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 5:30-6:30PM in the Chapel. Also during this time, Confessions will be available (5-6:30 PM). Celebration of the Mass will conclude the evening of prayer at 6:30 PM.

MEN'S CLUB LENTEN FISH FRY

Friday, March 20
5:30-8:00 PM

Stop by for a "bite" at this great event in Massett Hall and support the parish! Fish, shrimp or combo dinners served with hot potatoes, coleslaw & bread (\$9); Crawfish pies (\$3), gumbo (\$4) & cheese pizza (\$2 per slice). Soft Drinks & Beer will also be available. To-Go and Drive-Thru orders also available (Cardinal Street & Horseshoe lots).



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OUTSIDE PARISH EVENTS

GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

The Archdiocesan Golden Anniversary Celebration will take place on **Sunday, June 7, 2020** at 3:00 PM in St. Philip Neri Church, Metairie, for all couples married 50 years this year. This ceremony will be a Prayer Service, not a Mass. Attendance of Mass for Sunday obligation must be met within one's parish. To register call 733-8980 by **March 20**.

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