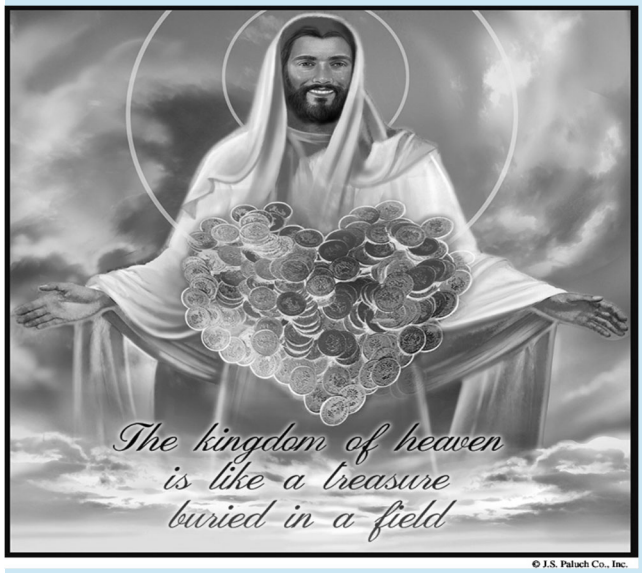
St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church

6425 West Metairie Avenue Metairie, Louisiana 70003

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time



LISTEN TO YOUR DREAMS

God visits Solomon in a dream, and the scripture story nowhere tells us that Solomon awoke to have this conversation with God! So, still in his dream, Solomon answers God's question about what he desires most, and God grants his request for wisdom in abundance. In our waking hours, we are much distracted by work, home, family, traffic, entertainment, and many worries. When we try to think about what we really want out of life, we have trouble even imagining what that might be. But deep inside, our real longings dwell, known to God and to the Holy Spirit. Our dreams, unencumbered by defenses, may hold clues to what our deepest needs are, or what bothers us most. They could be God speaking.

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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
Fax: (504) 733-0869
Website:
www.stmarymagdalenchurch.com
Email Address:
smmchurch@arch-no.org

PARISH OFFICE HOURS
Monday-Thursday.....9:00AM - 4:00PM
Friday……..……..CLOSED
After hours by appointment only

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE
In CHAPEL
Monday-Saturday, 8:30AM

CONFESSIONS
Saturdays, 2:30-3:30PM

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE
Saturday Vigil Mass - 4 M
Sunday Masses - 8:30AM & 10:30AM; 6PM

EXPOSITION OF BLESSED SACRAMENT:
Sundays, 11:30AM-12:30PM

In Church, be sure to visit:
RESPECT LIFE CORNER
ADULT PARISH LENDING LIBRARY
CHILDREN'S CORNER/LIBRARY/PRAYER CENTER
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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 10:30AM Mass & 3rd Sunday at 11:45AM. Pre-Registration for Baptism Seminars is now required by calling 733-0922
Archdiocesan Policy on Infant Baptism:
www.arch-no.org/Human Resources/Policies/Policy on Infant Baptism OR may be found on the Parish website.

1st RECONCILIATION/1st COMMUNION & YOUNG ADULT CONFIRMATION PROGRAMS: Contact 733-0922 for further information.
RCIA & ADULT CONFIRMATION PROGRAMS: Contact 733-0922 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
St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church
Metairie, Louisiana
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HOW CAN WE HELP YOU?

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Shari Mader & Caren Favaloro, Co-Directors

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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, July 27
8:30 AM Gayle Rodriguez

Tuesday, July 28
8:30 AM Cindy Spence

Wednesday, July 29
8:30 AM Corinne DeLuca

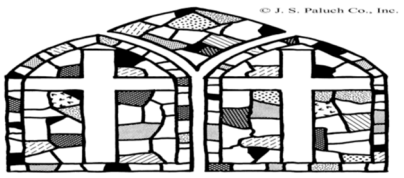
Thursday, July 30
8:30 AM Margie Maloney

Friday, July 31
8:30 AM Laura Pipitone

Saturday, August 1
8:30 AM Gus Barbier

Saturday, August 1
18th Sunday in Ordinary Time Vigil
4:00 PM Joan Ferry, Jack & Rosalie Couch, James Maunoir, Bobb W. Hunley, John & Clare McDermott, Harold & Hazel Howat, Walter Howat, Dee Broussard, Joe Paci, Norma & Lance Hubble, Aimee Marus, Ted Kirn, III, Bernard D'Arcangelo, Jody Epperson, Joann Livingston, Jeanne Fant, Mary Bothner, Gloria Silcio, Steven E. Betz

Sunday, August 2
18th Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:30 AM Jud Mitchell & Lacinak Family;SMM Parishioners
10:30 AM Marilyn Reynolds, Lillie & Lloyd Savoy, Ian Michael Racine, Norma Mulligan, Laura Pipitone, Tommy Meaux, Celine Wild, Lee Ryband, George Brignac, Anthony Centanni
6:00 PM Richard & Genevieve Ducote, Hal Ducote, Dewey & Alice Ponthier, Hanning & Eudolie Ducote



PRAYER DURING HURRICANE SEASON

"Through the intercession of Our Lady of Prompt Succor, may we be spared all loss of life and property during this hurricane season, we pray to the Lord." *Hurricane season began June 1.*

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, Carol P. Ramos, Dominic Manthey, Deavon Dill, Larry & Clara Leslie, Dennis Coughlin, Jr., Hector Benoit, Russell Palmer, Ann Robert, Gaynell Robin, Linda Speciale, 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 Klaman, Kathleen Jones, Regina Lussier, Sally Gilmore

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All things work for good for those who love God. — *Romans 8:28a*

Readings for Sunday, :August 2

First Reading — I saw one like a Son of man coming on the clouds of heaven (Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14). **Psalm** — The Lord is king, the most high over all the earth (Psalm 97). **Second Reading** — Be attentive to the prophetic message, as to a lamp shining in a dark place (2 Peter 1:16-19). **Gospel** — Jesus was transfigured, and his clothes became white as light (Matthew 17:1-9).

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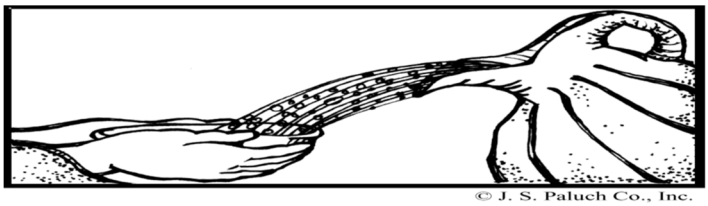
FOSTERING STEWARDSHIP

In gratitude for God's gifts we gratefully appreciate:

Weekly Collection Total (7/12)	**$6,147**
Weekly Budget	**$9,500**

Thank you for your generosity!



TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

The achievement of the late 1960s and early 1970s in enriching the "euchology" or "words of thanksgiving" available in the Church's prayer is important on many levels. Ecumenically, it means that the Latin Rite now reflects the wealth of the East in having more than one prayer available to the Church. Pastorally, it actually acknowledges the place of the assembly in prayer, which is particularly clear in the Masses with Children. In fact, the traditional prayers of the Eastern Church served as models for our new prayers. In the East, what we call the Eucharistic Prayer is called the *anaphora*, and there are three main families of *anaphora*. Each family has a different "recipe" for arranging the usual parts of these prayers. All *anaphora* have "intercessions" included, but the Churches of Antioch place them toward the end of the prayer, Alexandria prefers them at the beginning before the "Holy, Holy," and Syria puts them at the very end. One branch of the Syrian family is unique in not mentioning the words of Jesus at the Last Supper. The Roman Canon we once prayed exclusively has some connection with the Alexandrian family, but once the signal for creativity was given, all the wealth of every prayer tradition was on the table, and our Sunday Mass has been greatly enriched.

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

Prayer for our Men and Women in Military Service

O Prince of Peace, we humbly ask Your protection for all our men and women in military service. Give them unflinching courage to defend with honor, dignity and devotion the rights of all who are imperiled by injustice and evil. Guard our churches, our homes, our schools, our hospitals, our factories, our buildings and all those within from harm and peril. Protect our land and its peoples from enemies within and without. Grant an early peace with victory founded upon justice. Instill in the hearts and minds of men and women everywhere a firm purpose to live forever in peace and good will toward all. Amen.

FOR THE CHILDREN

CELEBRATING CATHOLIC FAMILIES

Living the Word

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Place a treasure box or a single beautiful pearl in your prayer place. Over time, these images help us to understand the parables with our hearts. ***Discuss***: Reflect on the parables: How do you think these men felt when the discovered the treasure or the pearl?

CHILDREN'S CORNER

JULY: Month of St. Mary Magdalen, Patroness. **Prayer Center Theme** is: *St. Mary Magdalen you were a good friend to Jesus. Please help me to be more like you 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

SMM PARISH
1st COMMUNICANTS - 2020

The following students received their First Communion on **Tuesday, July 22.** Please keep them in your prayers.

Aubree Blackard
Mason Blanco
Emily Briseno
Faith Bourgeois
Gabriel Bourgeois
Hope Bourgeois
Foster Cambre
Blake Chaix
Grayson Colvin
Cooper Giovengo
Gabriella Hebert
Brooke Hopkins
Olivia Illanne
Diego Lumetta
Rosalie McAcy
Joel McCoy
Morrigan Meyer
Makenzie Miller
Landri Monica
Gianna Mosteiro
Adelaide Quigley
Matthew Rose
Sydney Sambola
Emily Schmitt
Jacob Thiele
Avery Vinju
Griffin Wattigney

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

Do you know someone who is interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith? Someone who has been thinking about converting to Catholicism, but has not taken the initial step? Someone who is already Catholic but feels that they have not progressed in or fully understand their faith and would like to pursue it further? Our journey of faith will begin in August and continue through Easter. If you are interested in joining the ***RCIA Program*** or have further questions, please contact Maria Steen at msteen@arch-no.org

PARISH ADVOCATES FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

SMM Parish Advocates for Persons with Disabilities are Shirley Bertucci and Cindy Graham. In keeping with the mission of the Archdiocesan Commission, we at SMM want to ensure that individuals with disabilities and their families are full, active participants in all aspects of our church community. If you or a family member is a person with a disability and:

*Would like to know about accessibility at SMM
*Have questions or concern about inclusion in our parish
*Have suggestions about how we can improve participation in the life of our parish as a person with a disability,

we want to hear from you.

Please contact Shirley Bertucci at 504-554-5024 or shirlb2c@cox.net or Cindy Graham at 504-733-3638 or grahamo@cox.net

SPIRITUALITY

1st SATURDAY DEVOTION SERVICE—Aug. 1

The Prayer Warriors of St. Joan of Arc invites everyone every 1st Saturday of the month from 10AM-12Noon in SMM Church for a special program praying for the conversion of Greater New Orleans, our Country & our world to our Lord Jesus Christ. The service will consist of Eucharistic Devotion, Confessions, Holy Rosary, devotional prayers requested by Our Lady of Fatima, Holy Mass, Chaplet of Divine Mercy and other intercessory prayers. Fr. Chris is the group's spiritual director and will be the Celebrant of the mass. For more information please contact Cindy Hemelt (883-5783) or Marylyn Comesana (559-0965).

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Monday, July 27

Tuesday, July 28
Marian Servants in Chapel 9:30 AM
Come, Lord Jesus in Massett Hall 7:00 PM

Wednesday, July 29
Social Services Building open from 5:30PM-6:30PM
St. Jude Society Meeting in Church 7:00 PM

Thursday, July 30
Come, Lord Jesus in Massett Hall 7:00 PM

Friday, July 31

Saturday, August 1
Rosary after Mass in Chapel 9:00 AM
St. Joan of Arc Prayer Warriors in Chapel10:00 AM
Confessions in Church, 2:30-3:30 PM

Sunday, August 2
SMM School Uniform Sale in Massett Hall, 8AM-12
Adoration of Blessed Sacrament11:30AM-12:30PM

SMM CHURCH SUGGESTION BOXES

We would like to hear the desires of all in our faith community so we are soliciting your help. Suggestion boxes are located in the Cardinal Street entrance and near the main entrance. In each box there will be 2 different forms. The yellow card is to be used to express your ideas, suggestions or concerns to help enhance our parish. The blue card is for those who wish to join our parish or for those who would like more information about our ministries or organizations. Please put completed cards in the suggestion boxes or in the collection basket. ***We look forward to hearing from you!***

RESPECT LIFE

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FAIR COMMITTEE NEWS

The Executive Committee met with Fr. Chris recently and regretfully report that this year's fair will be cancelled.

Instead, we will host a one day event "The Essential SMM Fall Festival" on Saturday September 26th. The pandemic-compliant socially distant gathering will begin with 4:00 Mass on the backfield, followed by music and fellowship and concluding at 8PM with the winning raffle tickets being pulled. Food and drinks will be available for purchase and everyone will be asked to bring their own chairs.

WE NEED YOUR HELP! We're asking everyone to buy and sell our raffle tickets. Our goal is to sell out of tickets!! As soon as they come in, we will let everyone know.

In addition, if you would like to make a monetary donation please send the attached form and a check to the rectory. We will not have a stage, t-shirt or booths to acknowledge our donors on. Instead for every donation of $150.00 or more, your name and/or business name will be proudly displayed on our THANK YOU BOARD which will be displayed on campus!! Unfortunately, we are not is a position currently to accept any donations other than monetary donations. Thank you and stay safe!

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SMM PARISH HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS PLANS

When an evacuation is called for by local civic authorities, whether this is a recommended, voluntary or mandatory evacuation - all scheduled parish activities, including liturgical services, will be cancelled immediately. The Blessed Sacrament and parish sacramental records will be secured according to archdiocesan policy, parish facilities will be secured and all parish staff, including clergy, will follow the evacuation order and vacate the parish campus. Please take some time NOW to prepare your own evacuation plans for this hurricane season.

Listed below are web site addresses of agencies with evacuation information:

LA State site: www.lsp.org/evacguide.html
Archdiocese of New Orleans site: www.arch-no.org
SMM Church site: www.stmarymagdalenchurch.com