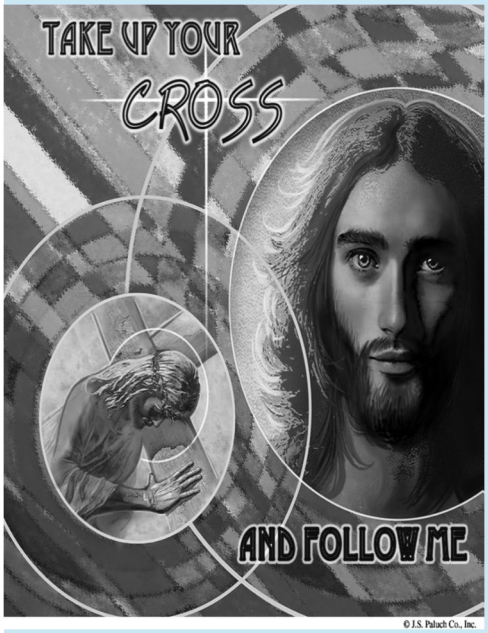
St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church

6425 West Metairie Avenue Metairie, Louisiana 70003

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time



FOLLOWING CHRIST

If you've ever had an unpleasant but somewhat amusing practical joke played on you, then you have some understanding of how Jeremiah feels today when he tells God "good one—you duped me." We can almost see him shaking his head with a bit of a rueful smile, but an angry undertone in his voice. In similar fashion, Peter thinks Jesus is "duping" him when Jesus starts to explain that being Messiah means suffering and dying, and being a follower of the Messiah means taking up a cross and doing the same. Jeremiah tries to deny God's will for him by trying to shut up; Peter—who has just been made the foundation of the church—out and out denies the teaching of Jesus, for which he is named "Satan" today. Fortunately for us, Jeremiah comes to realize that to have the word of God placed in your heart means that it will be futile to try and keep silent, even if it means scorn and derision from those around you. Luckily Peter ultimately returned to the faith he professed in last week's Gospel, and came to understand our need as baptized followers of Christ to follow in his way, even when it means following him to our very death.

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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 - 4PM
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
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HOW CAN WE HELP YOU?

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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, August 31

8:30 AM — Cindy Spence

Tuesday, September 1

8:30 AM — Josephine Dufresne Paine; Claire & George Cook, Sue Chandler

Wednesday, September 2

8:30 AM — Lynne Hladky

Thursday, September 3

8:30 AM — Rose Mary Pizza

Friday, September 4

8:30 AM — Geraldine Keane Wedemyer

Saturday, September 5

8:30 AM — Poor Souls

Saturday, September 5

23rd Sunday on 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, Aimee Marus, Vetter Amadeo Taylor, Ted Kirn, III, Bernard D'Arcangelo, Jody Epperson, Joann Livingston, Eric Dangerfield, Gloria Silcio, Dean D'Arcangelo, Sally Gilmore

Sunday, September 6

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM — Jud Mitchell & Lacinak Family;SMM Parishioners

10:30 AM — Marilyn Reynolds, Norma Mulligan, Ian Michael Racine, Mary Bothner, Donna Lehrmann, Clemon Lehrmann, Celine Wild, Vida Bourgeois, Sally Gilmore, Nicholas Wexler

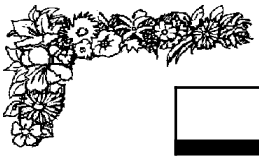
6:00 PM — Richard & Genevieve Ducote, Hal Ducote, Dewey & Alice Ponthier, Hanning & Eudolie Ducote

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, 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, Brian Landry, Keith Russell, Hugh & Ann Ford, Kaden Smith



BURIED IN CHRIST

Janet Oeding
Shirley Eberhardt Campiere

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Be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and pleasing and perfect. *— Romans 12:2*

Readings for Sunday, September 6:

First Reading — Warn the wicked, trying to turn them from their ways (Ezekiel 33:7-9). **Psalm** — If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts (Psalm 95). **Second Reading** — Owe nothing to anyone, except mutual love (Romans 13:8-10). **Gospel** — If two agree about anything for which they pray, it shall be granted to them (Matthew 18:15 -20)

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FOSTERING STEWARDSHIP

In gratitude for God's gifts we gratefully appreciate:

Weekly Collection Total (8/16)	**$**	**5,285**
Weekly Budget	**$**	**9,500**

Thank you for your generosity!

RECTORY OFFICE REQUEST

If you are NOT currently using donation envelopes and you would like to request a box set for 2021 please call the rectory office by Aug. 31.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

It's interesting to imagine the scene when the changes in our liturgy were first tested. Choices for prayer texts were one thing, but responses from the people were another. In early 1967, secret test-drives of the new Mass were conducted in the Vatican. Pope Paul VI was present, and there was a handful of bishops, priests, a few laypeople and two sisters making up the assembly. Everyone had a booklet with every word of the songs, rubrics, and prayers, blank paper, and a pencil for notes. After each Mass, the ordained men in the group met in the pope's library to share their experiences. The laypeople and sisters met separately. Over a week's time they tested what they called a "read Mass with singing," a "Mass entirely recited," and a "Sung Mass." While the ordained were generally in favor, the lay comments were very clear and insightful, and had great impact on the final result. This was a brilliant plan on the part of the pope, who got to see how the reform was going, and to recognize in this small trial run a growing consensus that reform was needed and welcome. Based on his observation, Pope Paul VI called for specific innovations, such as beginning the Mass with the sign of the cross. It's amazing that some of our most familiar rites are really quite new treasures of our tradition.

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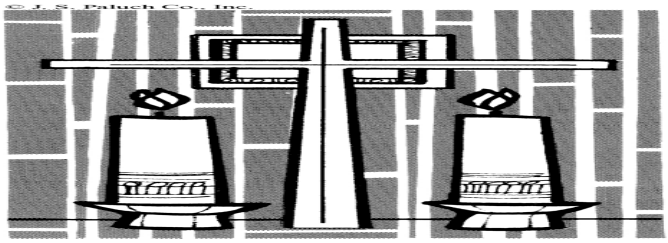

FOR THE CHILDREN

CELEBRATING CATHOLIC FAMILIES
Living the Word
22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

What are some of the things that are hard for you to do? When we face these crosses, carry them, and do it bravely, then we are following in Jesus' footsteps. Jesus promises that when we do these hard things for God, we will be filled with energy and new life because God is right there with us. Remember to pray and ask Jesus for help when you need it.

CHILDREN'S CORNER

SEPTEMBER: Month of Family. Prayer Center Theme is: *Thank you God for my family and please help me to be a more loving member of my family by...* Put written intentions in prayer pig; they will be offered up at all 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

EVANGELIZATION

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ADULT FAITH FORMATION

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

The RCIA Program is for those wishing to become Catholic and Baptized Catholics with little or no religious instruction. For more information, contact the RCIA Coordinator at msteen@arch-no.org

SPIRITUALITY

1st SATURDAY DEVOTION SERVICE—Sept. 5

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).

ALPHA – COME JOIN US

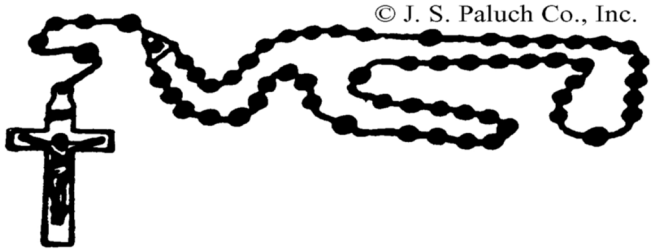
SMM Alpha will be "in person" with social distancing and wearing masks.
Where: SMM Discipleship Center
When: Wednesday, September 16, 2020
Time: 6:30-8:00
Format: Dinner, Video, Sharing

JESUS IS CALLING YOU TO AN EVENING OF FOOD & FRIENDSHIP WITH HIM!

Registration Required – seating limited with restrictions. Register at stmarymagdalenalpha@gmail.com or call 504-813-4327.

COME LORD JESUS PRAYER GROUPS

We are excited to have several Come, Lord Jesus! Study groups within our parish. Anyone interested in joining is welcome on Monday mornings, 9:00-10:30AM to study, discuss & meditate on the Sunday Gospels. For more info contact Susan Gaillot at 616-9606 or email her at dnsgaillot@gmail.com



THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Monday, August 31

Tuesday, September 1
Marian Servants in Chapel 9:30 AM
Come, Lord Jesus in Massett Hall 7:00 PM
Boy Scout Meeting in Room 1 7:00 PM

Wednesday, September 2
Social Services Building open from 5:30PM-6:30PM
Parents Club Meeting in Massett Hall 7:00 PM

Thursday, September 3
Come, Lord Jesus in Massett Hall 7:00 PM

Friday, September 4

Saturday, September 5
St. Joan of Arc Prayer Warriors in Chapel10:00 AM
Confessions in Church, 2:30-3:30 PM

Sunday, September 6
Adoration of Blessed Sacrament11:30AM-12:30PM

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

SPECIAL PARISH EVENTS

SAVE THE DATE

The Essential SMM Fall Festival
will be
Saturday, September 26, 2020
from 4-8PM

ENTRANCE PRIZE TICKETS

With the epidemic this year, it is even more urgent that you support this, our only Parish Fundraiser for 2020, and each family sell at least 2 books of the Entrance Prize tickets. The tickets are available at church entrances & returns can be put in collection basket or directly to rectory office. Thanks!

RESPECT LIFE

SPIRITUAL ADOPTION PROGRAM

Everyone loves the beauty and innocence of a baby. As an expression of that love, our parish announces an adoption program for young and old alike. The members of our parish family have the opportunity to ***"spiritually"*** adopt a child who is newly conceived this month. You see, not all newly conceived babies are allowed to be born. In fact almost 4000 babies lose their lives to abortion each day. It is these babies, who are in danger of having their lives ended before birth, that you are being asked to "adopt". You may "spiritually adopt" a child on your own by naming the child for whom you will be praying, thereby giving the baby the humanity he or she deserves. You are also asked to pray for your unborn child and for all unborn children everyday, for the power of prayer is great. Beginning September 1, you will receive monthly reports in the bulletin describing your baby's development and your child will be born in May. There are millions of unborn babies desperately in need of your prayers. Won't you please 'spiritually' adopt one and share the love for life that God has given you?