# St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church

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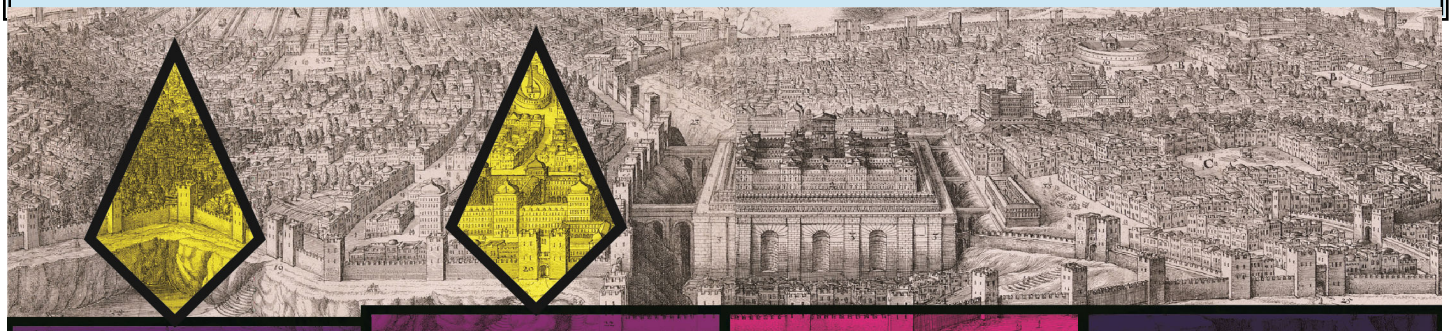

Up, Jerusalem! stand upon the heights; look to the east
and see your children gathered from the east and the west
at the word of the Holy One,
rejoicing that they are remembered by God. *Baruch 5:5*

*Prospect of Jerusalem*
Wenceslaus Hollar
(Bohemian, 1607–1677)
1660
Metropolitan Museum of Art
New York

# Second Sunday of Advent

December 5, 2021

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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...9:00 AM - 3:00 PM
After hours by appointment only

**WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE**
Monday-Saturday, 8:30 AM

**CONFESSIONS**
Saturdays, 2:30-3:30 PM

**WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE**
Saturday Vigil Mass - 4:00 PM
Sunday Masses - 8:30 AM & 10:30 AM; 6:00 PM

**EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**

Sundays, 11:30 AM-12:30 PM

**SOCIAL APOSTOLATE MINISTRY**
Hours: Wednesdays, 5:30PM-6:30PM
Facility Entrance on W. Metairie Ave. to right of church.

**GIFT SHOP & PRAYER GARDEN**
Saturdays.....3:00 PM-5:00 PM
Sundays.....8:00 AM-12:00 PM
Phone:.....734-5833

We invite our regular attendees to SMM Church, who have not yet done so, to please register with us as a member of the SMM family. Current parishioners are also encouraged to update your info and let us know how we can best serve you. Call the rectory at 733-0922 or go online to the parish website at:
stmarymagdalenchurch.com

**BAPTISMS:** Please call the office to schedule a baptism. We reserve the 3rd Sunday after 10:30 AM Mass but other dates are available upon request.
Pre-Registration for Baptism Seminars is also 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:**

**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. No fee charge—donations to the Church welcomed.

**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

## HOW CAN WE HELP YOU?

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## WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

**Monday, December 6, 2021**

**8:30am** Charlotte & Jacob Roth

**Tuesday, December 7, 2021**

**8:30am** St. Enda Eileen Byrne, MSC,

**6:00 pm** The Croy Family

**Wednesday, December 8, 2021**

**8:30 am** Jack & Rosalie Couch and Joseph Severa Family

**6:00 pm** Shelly Breaux

**Thursday, December 9, 2021**

**8:30 am** Corinne Treuting

**Friday, December 10, 2021**

**8:30 am** Louis Costa

**Saturday, December 11, 2021**

**8:30 am** Barbier, Blancher & Newell Families

**4:00 pm** Jack & Rosalie Couch, James Maunoir, Ian Michael Racine, Joan Ferry, Aimee Marus, Joe Paci, Bernard & Dean D'Arcangelo, Margaret Broussard, Claudia Pfeffer, Cabrini Frantz, Angelica Garcia, Patrick Kirn, Cossett Harbison, Evelyn Easley

**Sunday, December 12, 2021**

**8:30 am** Jud Mitchell/Lacinak Family

**10:30 am** Vida Bourgeois, Effie Sarti, Madeleine Landry, Gordon Landry, Harris Miller, Hiep Dang, Nancy Guy, Barry H. Clark, Shelley G. Breaux, Corrine Treuting, Robert & Beverly Girardot, Vic Landry, Joseph Severa Family, Patrick Kirn, Leonard Kuckelman, Cosette Harbison

**6:00 pm** Parishioners of St. Mary Magdalen Church

In your charity, please pray for the soul of

Don Dessauer

and for all who mourn him.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH**

Rebecca Canady, Carol P. Ramos, Dennis Coughlin, Jr., Rosemarie Entringer, Nanette Macstreet, Debbie Simmons, Brenda Simon, Carter Bilbe, Richard LeBlanc, Robin Desforges, Timothy Pelman, Kathleen Jones, Julie Rodgers, Peter Maunoir, and Residents of St. Anthony Nursing Home & Lafreniere

*In gratitude for God's gifts we gratefully appreciate:*

November 21st **$5,489.25**
November 28th **$5,691.46**

Campaign for Human Development **$1,658.00**

## IMPORTANT NOTICE TO ALL ORGANIZATIONS

**BULLETIN DEADLINES FOR HOLIDAYS**

**December early deadlines:**

The deadline for December 19th issue is
**Wednesday, December 9th**
**For the December 26 issue is Wed, Dec 15th**
**For the January 2, 2022 issue is Wed. Dec 23rd**

**Please remember our regular bulletin deadlines are always the Thursday of the previous week for any bulletin (10 days in advance). We must prepare and get a printable layout to our printer by 9:00 am on Monday morning.**

## SILVER WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

The Office of Marriage and Family Life is pleased to announce that the annual Silver Wedding Anniversary Celebration will be held on

Sunday, March 27, 2022 at 3:00 p.m.

at St. Joseph Church, New Orleans. This prayer service will honor couples who are celebrating or have recently celebrated their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary. The celebration is open to couples married between 1992 - 1997.

**To register, please contact your parish office before Monday, January 24, 2022**

**Please Note: The Silver Wedding Anniversary celebration is a prayer service, not a Mass and will not fulfil the couple's Sunday obligation.** Couples should plan to attend Mass at their home parishes.

## A message from Archbishop Aymond

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Pope Francis often highlights the role older adults play in conveying faith from one generation to the next. Recently, he noted that "there is no retirement age from the work of proclaiming the Gospel." As we approach the annual Retirement Fund for Religious collection-an appeal that benefits some 26,000 elderly Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests-I am reminded that senior religious never retire from their vows.

Instead, the prayer and ministry of older religious are an ongoing witness to the Gospel. In their younger years, they laid the foundation for Catholic schools, hospitals, and works of mercy. Today, many serve in volunteer ministry. Others are frail and need assistance. Yet all remain wholly committed to their vocations, accepting the limitations of aging and embracing the opportunity to spend more time praying for our Church and world.

Most senior religious worked for little pay, and now their religious communities do not have enough retirement savings. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious offers support that helps religious communities provide loving care for older members while ensuring younger ones can continue the good works of their elders.

I recognize you may be experiencing your own financial difficulties, I ask only that you give what you can. Most importantly, please join me in praying for God's continued blessing on our nation's elderly sisters, brothers, and religious order priests.

Wishing you God's blessings and with the assurance of my prayers, I am,

Sincerely in Christ,

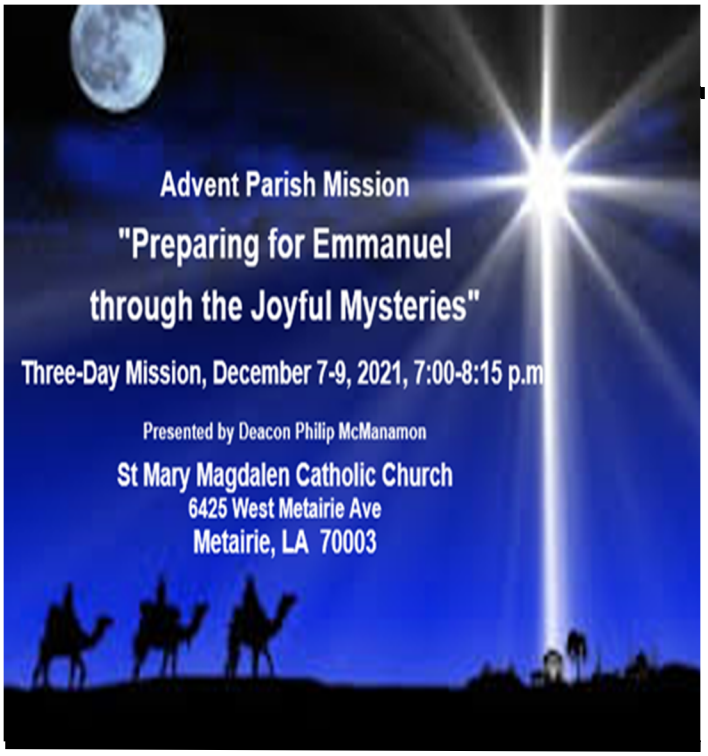
Most Reverend Gregory M. Aymond
Archbishop of New Orleans

## "Gifts from the Angels"
### Christmas Giving Project

*A special project to help the Christmas Season be a little brighter for those less fortunate.*

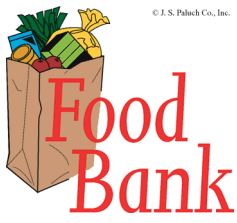
Thank you for participating in this important holiday project. Please place your Angel Project envelopes in the collection basket this weekend. These monetary donations will be used to purchase gift certificates that will be distributed to the families at a later date in December.

We very much appreciate you helping us spread a little Christmas cheer to others by participating in this annual project. It will bring joy to the needy members of our parish.




## Our Social Apostolate thanks you!

The parishioners of St. Mary Magdalen have been most generous in donations of food to the Social Apostolate which has enabled up to help many needy people in our parish. Our pantry is currently overstock with canned goods. At this time we would appreciate monetary donations that would allow us to purchase other perishable food items.




# MEET OUR MINISTRIES
## SMM Men's Club

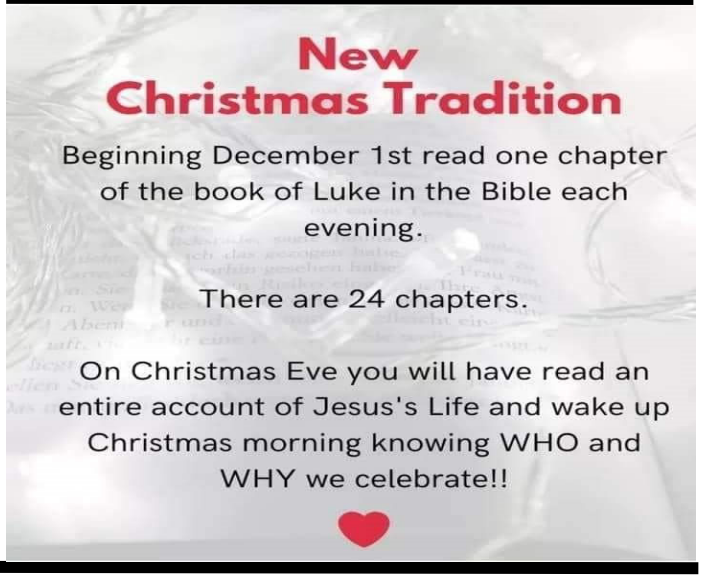
The Men's Club wants to invite you to our next monthly meeting on **Monday, December 6, 2021** at **7:00 PM** in Massett Hall. Feel free to bring any friends who may be interested in joining, whether they live in the parish or not, we hope to see everyone there. If you wish to join the Club at this meeting you can pay your 2022 dues of $30.

***Who We Are:***

The Men's Club has many purposes. We do projects, big and small around the school. We award scholarships for (2) 7th graders each year. We donate money to some of the teachers' events throughout the year as well as purchase items for the classrooms and school.

Our annual events include: Back to School Party / Annual Softball Tournament / King Cake Breakfast Lenten Fish Fry's / Crawfish Boil / Turkey Fry / Seafood Festival / Crawfish Cook-off. We hope many of you enjoyed our deep fried turkeys at your Thanksgiving meal!

If you have any questions about our organization, feel free to contact us at ***smmmc6425@gmail.com***.



## THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

**Monday, December 6, 2021**

**Tuesday, December 7, 2021**

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| *33 Days to Morning Glory-Disciple Ctr* | **9:30-11:00 AM** |
| *33 Days to Morning Glory-Disciple Ctr* | **6:30-8:00 PM** |
| Vigil Mass | **6:00 PM** |
| Church Mission-Dc. McManamon | **7:00 PM** |
| CLJ Discipleship Ctr—Luke | **7:30-9:00 PM** |
| Boy Scouts—Room 1 | **7:30-9:00 PM** |

**Wednesday, December 8, 2021**

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| Immaculate Conception Mass | **8:30 AM & 6:00 PM** |
| Social Apostolate | **5:30-6:30 PM** |
| Church Mission-Dc. McManamon | **7:00 PM** |

**Thursday, December 9, 2021**

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| Rosary-Chapel | **9:00 AM** |
| CLJ Discipleship Ctr.—Luke | **7:00-8:30 PM** |
| Church Mission-Dc. McManamon | **7:00 PM** |

**Friday, December 10, 2021**

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| Pack Meeting-Massett Hall | **7:00-9:00 PM** |

**Saturday, December 11, 2021**

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| Confession | **2:30-3:30 PM** |
| **Vigil Mass** | **4:00 PM** |

**Sunday, December 12, 2021**

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| **Mass** | **8:30 AM, 10:30 AM** |
| **Mass** | **6:-00 PM** |

2nd Collection-Retired Religious

## LAST CHANCE THIS WEEKEND

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**
**2022 CALENDAR SALE**

The Knights of Columbus will be selling charity calendars after all Masses this weekend December 4th-5th.

## FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

*(Holy Day of Obligation)*

Tuesday Dec.7th-6:00 PM Vigil

Wednesday Dec.8th
8:30AM & 6:00PM

The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception is **a Catholic feast celebrating Mary's conception without sin**. Even though this feast day occurs in the liturgical season of Advent, which prepares for the birth of Our Lord Jesus Christ, the Immaculate Conception refers to the conception of Mary in the womb of her mother.

## PLEASE REVIEW THE CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

**Vigil Masses on December 24th:**
3:00 PM, 5:00 PM and 11:00 PM

**Feast Day Masses on December 25th:**
8:30 AM & 10:30 AM

**Feast of the Solemnity of Mary**
**January 1, 2021**
6:00 PM Vigil; 8:30 AM & 6:00 PM

## The Christmas Nativity Play is back

We welcome all children to the 5:00 Mass on Christmas Eve and would invite them to participate in the Nativity Play. Children who are interested are asked to arrive at least 15 minutes before the start of Mass. Participants will be assigned a part and given a costume for the play that will occur after the gospel. No experience or rehearsal necessary. Children will walk through the story of Christmas and we will enjoy as it unfolds.

***We are happy to resume this tradition at SMM.***

*Questions about participating in the Christmas Play?*
*Call Lorraine at 504-884-4022*