

Baptism of the Lord

January 10, 2010

SCHEDULE FOR : January 11, 2010 — January 16, 2010

Monday	Baptism Seminar Ministries Building	6:30 p.m.
Wednesday	First Communion Parent Meeting VC Auditorium	6:30 p.m.
Wednesday	Men of Mary Group Attend Mass/Recite Rosary	6:30 a.m.
Wednesday	Children's Choir Practice Ministries Building	5:00 p.m.
Wednesday	Adult Choir Practice Ministries Building	6:30 p.m.
Saturday	CCD First Communion Class Ministries Building	8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.
Saturday	Family Rosary in Chapel	9:00 a.m.

2010 CALENDERS AVAILABLE

2010 Church calendars are still available in the parish office. We thank the sponsors of our calendars, Menard's Marble & Granite and Vincent's Funeral Home.

Memorials are now available on a weekly basis for the Sanctuary Lamp and the Blessed Mother Devotional Candle. These can be given in memory of a loved one or for a special intention. The memorials are \$25 each and will burn for a week for the specified intention. Please come in to the parish office to reserve your memorial.

Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

As for us, let us venerate today the baptism of Christ and celebrate this feast in worthy fashion... Wash yourselves and keep yourselves clean. For God rejoices in nothing so much as the amendment and salvation of humankind, on whose behalf all these words and mystery are directed. Be like lights in the world (Phil 2:15), a life-giving force to others. Stand as perfect lights beside that great Light and learn the mystery of the illumination of heaven, enlightened more purely and more clearly by the blessed Trinity.

*Saint Gregory Nazianzen (330-390)
Bishop and Doctor of the Church*

**The Sanctuary Lamp this week burns in memory of
Edward & Julice Trahan**

**The Blessed Mother Devotional Candle this week burns
in memory of
Clemille & Leonie Hebert**

MASS INTENTIONS

for the Week of January 11, 2010—January 17, 2010

MONDAY: 1 Sm 1:1-8; Mk 1:14-20

6:30 A.M. Sandra LeBlanc Meche & Ryan Dubois

TUESDAY: 1 Sm 1:9-20; Mk 1:21-28

6:30 A.M. Emile Hebert

WEDNESDAY: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20; Mk 1:29-39 St. Hilary

6:30 A.M. Ruby Lacour; M/M Fernand Montagne; Therese & Luke Langlais & Fly.; Dr. & Mrs. P.O. Landry & Fly.; Those who have no one to pray for them; Those who have passed away; Peter Thong Minh Tran; M/M Murphy Libersat & Fly.; John Vidos; Justin Broussard; Francis C. Greco

THURSDAY: 1 Sm 4:1-11; Mk 1:40-45

6:30 A.M. Robie Russo (Ann.)

FRIDAY: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a; Mk 2:1-12

4:00 P.M. M/M Laurent Libersat (Ann.)

SATURDAY: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19, 10:1a ; Mk 2:13-17

6:30 A.M. Jesse Hebert & Fly.

VIGIL OF THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Is 62:1-5, 1 Cor 12:4-11; Jn 2:1-11

4:00 P.M. John Carney; Bill Bonwell; Justin "Jay" Broussard, Jr.; Justin Broussard; Phero Nguyen; Nicole LeBlanc; E.J. Adams; M/M John Vigneaux; M/M Fernand Montagne; Jeannette M. Motty; Eleanor Bares & Fly.; M/M John Nugier; George Veazey Fly.; Dôminicô Giac Tran; Maria Quet Nguyen; Michael B. Faulk; Those who have passed away; Those who have no one to pray for them; M/M Murphy Libersat & Fly.; Peter Thong Minh Tran; Robie Russo; John Vidos; Elvina Bourque & Fly.; Scott & Adam Desormeaux (Deployment); Personal Intentions; Rita Suire; M/M Eddia Hardy & Fly.; Della D. LaPlace; Ray Frederick; M/M Stanley Morton

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Is 62:1-5, 1 Cor 12:4-11; Jn 2:1-11

7:00 A.M. Whitney Bourque

9:30 A.M. Emery "Bichon" Toups

11:00 A.M. For the Parishioners

5:30 P.M. Nella Faulk

Spiritual Life and Worship

Please Pray for

Mr. Danny Foster and
Mrs. Joseph Cleveland Landry née Cecilia Lemaire
who died recently.

Baptisms

Amy Hien Nguyen, daughter of Joseph Ly Ngoc Nguyen and
Ann Mindy Thao Tran

Tony Thinh Tran, son of Dominic Thuc Minh Tran and
Agnes Thu Anh Thi Tran

Banns

Joshua Ray Dubois and Jill Anne Standridge

Sacrament of First Reconciliation
Sunday, January 17, 2010, 6:45 p.m.

Please keep our students in your prayers as they prepare for
the Sacrament of Reconciliation and First Communion.

ATTENTION LITURGICAL MINISTERS

If you serve as an Usher, Reader, or Eucharistic Minister and
were unable to attend the meetings that were held for Liturgi-
cal Ministers, please come to the parish office to pick up writ-
ten instructions.

ALTAR SERVER MEETING

A very important meeting for all altar servers AND at least one
parent will be held **Saturday, February 13th at 9:00 a.m. in
the Church.**

**Voices of St. Mary Magdalen will resume their regular
rehearsal and Mass schedule on January 13, 2010.**

ANNUAL DAY OF RECOLLECTION

Bishop Michael Jarrell will be the Celebrant for the 12:10 p.m.
Mass for the St. Edmond Altar Society Day of Recollection at
St. Edmond Church, 4131 W. Congress St., Lafayette on
Thursday, February 18, 2010. Donuts and coffee in the Atrium
will be served at 8:00 a.m., rosary will begin at 9:00 a.m. fol-
lowed by presentation by Fr. Clinton Sensat entitled "**Medicine
for the Soul**". In addition there will be Benediction and Way of
the Cross. Tickets are \$9.00, includes lunch and must be pur-
chased in advance. For tickets, please send check by Febru-
ary 12, 2010 to St. Edmond Altar Society, c/o 116 Delmar
Lane, Lafayette, LA 70506; ticket chairperson Ra Nelle Simon
at 337-232-2849.

NATIONAL VOCATIONS AWARENESS WEEK JANUARY 10-16, 2010

The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord marks Jesus' initiation
into public ministry. At his baptism Jesus was named the
beloved Son of God. With this celebration we recommit our-
selves to follow in the footsteps of Jesus. Initiated through
our baptism we too are the Beloved of God, commissioned
to proclaim the Good News with our lives.

*Please pray for an increase in vocations to the
ordained ministry and the consecrated life:*

Lord Jesus, as You once called the first disciples to
make them fishers of men, let your sweet invitation
continue to resound: Come, follow me!

Give young men and women the grace of responding
quickly to Your voice. Support your bishops, priests
and consecrated people in their apostolic labor.

Grant perseverance to our seminarians and to all
those who are carrying out the ideal of a life
totally consecrated to Your service.

Awaken in our community a missionary eagerness.
Lord, send workers to your harvest and do not allow
humanity to be lost for the lack of pastors, missionaries
and people dedicated to the cause of the Gospel.

Mary, Mother of the Church, the model of every
vocation, help us to say "Yes" to the Lord Who calls
us to cooperate in the divine plan of salvation.

We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen

Pope John Paul II

Saint Agnes Memorial: January 21

The life of Saint Agnes (d. 304?) comes to us embroidered
with many legends. Nonetheless, most historians agree
that when she was twelve years old, she was martyred for
refusing to renounce her Christian faith and to sacrifice
her virginity. In the centuries since her death, this child
martyr has become one of the most popular of Christian
saints. She is a patron of chastity, engaged couples, and
rape victims.

*St. Agnes's death was "a new kind of martyrdom!"
She taught us adults the meaning of valor while she was
still a child.*
Saint Ambrose

Community Life and Outreach

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS EDUCATION CONTEST

The Catholic Daughters Court of St. Mary Magdalen (instituted in 1923) is sponsoring an education contest. The theme of the contest is: "The Joys of God Surrounds Us" and "The Joys Life Brings Through Others". The contest is open to students in grades 2-12. The categories are: art, essay, poetry, computer art, music, and photography. Entries must reflect one or both of the themes. The deadline for the local contest is February 10, 2010. Entries can be brought to the St. Mary Magdalen Parish Office. If mailed, entries must be postmarked by February 10, 2010 and mailed to Ms. Tina Faulk, 500 E. Lafayette St., Abbeville, LA 70510.

A first, second, and third place winner will be selected from each category at the local level. The first place winners from each category will be sent to the State Catholic Daughters Court for judging. The first place winners in each category are sent to the National Level. At the National Level there will be a monetary rewards for first place (\$100), second place (\$50) and third place (\$25).

You may pick up your entry form and contest rules from the St. Mary Magdalen Parish Office or call Tina Faulk at 893-5813 for forms or more information.

SOUTH REGION MARCH FOR LIFE

Please join us in praying for an end to abortion and all pro-death activities in our nation and world.

The South Region March for Life will be held Tuesday, January 19, 2010 at St. Peter's Catholic Church in New Iberia. Guest Celebrant for Eucharistic Procession and Mass will be Fr. Jason Vidrine.

- ◆ Silent Eucharistic Procession from Lourdes Grotto on Main Street to St. Peter's Church at 5:30 p.m.
- ◆ Mass for Life
- ◆ Five Day Rosary Congress (24 hour Eucharistic Adoration for five days following March and Mass with Pro-Life Rosary recited every hour on the hour)

For more information contact St. Peter's Church at 337-369-3816.

PRO-LIFE WALK IN LAFAYETTE

St. Edmond Catholic Church KC Council is sponsoring it's annual Pro-Life Walk beginning at 8:00 a.m. January 23, 2010 at St. Edmond's Church with Bishop Jarrell leading the opening prayer. There will also be reflective music. The walk will be from St. Edmond's Church on W. Congress to St. Mary Church on Doucet Rd. and back to St. Edmonds (approx. 4.4 miles). Police escort and Acadian Ambulance is provided throughout the route. A rosary is recited during the walk. All Christian denominations, youth groups and families are invited to attend and help pray for an end to abortion. Call Pat LaBorde at 298-3586 or church office at 981-0874 for more information.

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS COOKBOOKS FOR SALE

Help the Louisiana State Catholic Daughters Court raise money to build a Habitat for Humanity Home in New Orleans by purchasing a Catholic Daughters Cookbook for \$15. If you are interested call Tina Faulk at 893-5813.

Mount Carmel Elementary School



Open House and Applications

for all new students for 2010-2011 School Year

Monday, January 25, 2010

8:00 a.m. 12:00 Noon

405 Park Avenue

Abbeville, Louisiana 70510

Phone: 337-898-0859 Fax: 337-893-5968

E-Mail: carmel@mceschool.com

Web Site: <http://www.mceschool.org>

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ST. MARY MAGDALEN CHRISTIAN SERVICE CENTER

701 Chevis Street Abbeville

893-9756

This year the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. award recipient for our parish is Mary Harris. Mary has been a very dedicated volunteer at the Christian Service Center and will be honored at a celebration Mass and awards ceremony on January 15, 2010 at the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist. Bishop Michael Jarrell will present the award to Mary because she has exemplified the characteristics and heroic virtues of Rev. King and has contributed to the greater community in a substantial way. Congratulations to Mary and thank you for your dedication to the Center!

WORLD YOUTH DAY MADRID, SPAIN

The next World Youth Day event will be held in Madrid, Spain in August 2011. St. Theresa Parish along with St. Anne Parish in Youngsville is in the process of making arrangements to attend. Plans are being made to visit Rome, Lourdes, Fatima, Avila and tour Madrid. Anyone 18 and over (youth under 18 must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian) is invited to attend. An informational meeting will be held as soon as exact dates and prices become available. The pilgrimage will be coordinated through Associated Travel in Lafayette. Call St. Theresa's at 893-5631 if you are interested in traveling with the group.

Christian Formation

First Communion Program 2010

Next CCD Preparation Class
Saturday, January 16, 2010 8:00 a.m.—9:00 a.m.
Ministries Building

Mark Your Calendar ... Important Upcoming Dates!

Parent meeting for ALL 2nd graders:
Wednesday, January 13th, 2010 at 6:30 p.m. VC Auditorium

Sacrament of First Reconciliation:
**** Please note change in date ****
Sunday, January 17, 2010 at 6:45 p.m. SMM Church

Practice for First Communion:
Saturday, April 10th, 2010 8:00 -9:00 a.m. SMM Church

Sacrament of First Communion:
Saturday, April 17th, 2010 9:00 a.m. SMM Church

CONFIRMATION PROGRAM

IMPORTANT DATES:

Male Interviews Sun., Jan. 10
Boy's Retreat Fri., Jan. 22nd—Sun., Jan. 24th, 2010
Female Interviews Sun., Jan. 24

Next Confirmation Preparation Class
Sunday, January 31, 2010 at 6:30 p.m.
VC Auditorium

Practice for Confirmation Ceremony
Sunday, April 18th, 2010 6:45 p.m. in St. MM Church

Sacrament of Confirmation Ceremony
Sunday, April 25th, 2010 5:30 p.m. in St. MM Church

FRIENDS DAY

Friends Day begins at 9:00 a.m. and ends with the celebration of Holy Mass at noon. Held at the Center of the Community of Jesus Crucified, 421 1/2 Carmel Avenue, Lafayette. Pre-registration is not required and all are invited to attend. For more information, you may call 337-232-7491.

Saturday, January 30, 2010

"Understanding the unique thought of Benedict XVI"

Presenter Jim Seghers, Master of Sacred Scripture, Apologetics

Topics will include:

- ◆ The Pope's recent encyclical *Caritas In Veritate*
- ◆ What to expect of Pope Benedict XVI's leadership in 2010

Saturday, February 20, 2010

"Forty-Day Journey in the Lenten Way to the Cross"

Topics will include:

- ◆ Liturgical Development in the Lenten Readings
- ◆ Spirituality of Purification and Redemptive Suffering

ST. MARY MAGDALEN ADULT CONFIRMATION PROGRAM

The instruction for Adult Confirmation is for those adult individuals who have received the Sacraments of Baptism and First Communion, but were never confirmed. A meeting should be scheduled in advance with the Parish Office prior to the start of the program. Call Eileen at 893-0244 to schedule and/or inquire about the program.

Dates for the 2010 program are as follows:

Monday	February 8, 2010	6:00 p.m.
Monday	February 15, 2010	6:00 p.m.
Monday	March 15, 2010	6:00 p.m.
Monday	March 22, 2010	6:00 p.m.

The 2010 Confirmation ceremony is scheduled for Sunday, April 25, 2010 at the 5:30 p.m. Mass.

THEOLOGY ON TAP

This event is open to ALL young adults (ages 18-35, married or single). This program is designed to assist young adults in deepening their faith and to encourage them to live out the Gospel message in their daily lives. The young adults attending the program are encouraged to come early, order appetizers and drinks, enjoy fellowship, and meet members of the clergy from the Diocese of Lafayette. For more information call Mary Rose Verret at 261-5653. Want an email reminder? Email mverret@diolaf.org or look for our Facebook Group on the web "Diocese of Lafayette LA Young Adults".

where: Tsunami Restaurant (Downtown Lafayette)
date/time: Wednesday, January 20, 2010 7:30 p.m.
topic: "Abortion, Religion and the Law"
presenter: Judge Richard Haik, Chief Federal Judge for the Western District of Louisiana

Total Stewardship and Development

WEEKLY OFFERTORY

JANUARY 1, 2010

Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin \$ 4,988.84

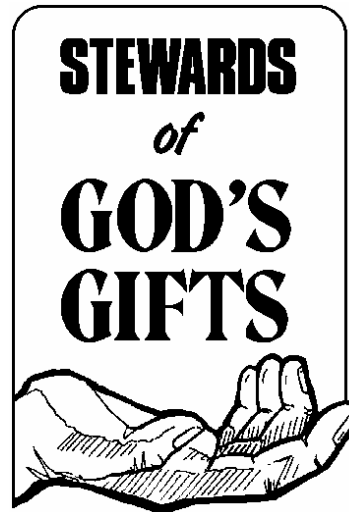
JANUARY 3, 2010

Regular Collection \$ 11,187.03

Second Collection:

Insurance Collection \$ 2,754.00

Thank You.



VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

Thank you to everyone who has been involved with the St. Mary Magdalen Confirmation Program. This includes instructors, Retreat Team, administrators and all volunteers who have helped out in many different capacities.

These individuals along with so many others in our parish are visible signs of the spirituality of Christian stewardship. We continue to invite all parishioners to our parish plan of total stewardship which includes being meaningfully involved in the life of St. Mary Magdalen Parish through the offering of one's time and talent as well as treasure.

This Weekend

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Reminder: The envelope company sent a mailing with a single envelope incorrectly dated January 4th that was intended for this weekend.

Next Weekend

BISHOP'S SERVICES APPEAL

Oh what remorse we shall feel at the end of our lives, when we look back upon the great number of instructions and examples afforded by God and the Saints for our perfection, and so carelessly received by us! If this end were to come to you today, how pleased are you with the life you led last year?

~ SAINT FRANCIS DE SALES

Baptism of the Lord

January 10, 2010

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

"You are my beloved Son;

with you I am well pleased." Luke 3: 15-16, 21-22

Those are the words that a voice from heaven spoke after Jesus convinced John to baptize him in the Jordan River. Imagine how we would feel if a voice from heaven said to us, as we stood among our family and friends, and even our enemies, "You are my beloved child; with you I am well pleased." We may not be standing in the Jordan River with John the Baptist pouring water over us, but we, who are baptized Catholics, are "children of God". To the extent that we are doing our best to be all that God created us to be; to identify, accept, develop and use all of the talents, abilities and gifts that God has given to us for ourselves and for others, we can be sure that God is well pleased with us. And, if we are good stewards of our prayer life and truly listen to God's will for us, we may not hear his voice with our ears, but we will know in our hearts that God is saying to us, "You are my beloved child, with you I am well pleased."

~ Time, Talent, and Treasure ~

Management and Finance

Capital Campaign Memorial Opportunities Still Available

Individual Church Pews	\$1,800 each
Pews have been refinished, cushions have been added for comfort and to help with acoustics. (80 still to be memorialized)	
Sacrificial Altar	\$20,000
A new sacrificial altar painted in a marble finish to complement the other marble altars has been constructed	
<u>Sanctuary Railings</u>	
Intricately designed marble sanctuary rail obtained from St. Rose of Lima Church in New Orleans	
St. Joseph Altar	\$25,000
Main Sanctuary Area	\$25,000
General Enhanced Church Lighting	\$30,000
Recessed lights have been added throughout the ceiling in the main and side aisles for general illumination.	
Pulpit	\$50,000
Magnificently adorned marble pulpit obtained from St. Rose of Lima Church in New Orleans	
Sound System	\$80,000
Custom designed sound system with speakers in the pews and hearing impaired access	
St. Joseph Side Altar	\$150,000
Marble side altar with reredos and marble statute of St. Joseph with reliquary for sacred relics obtained from St. Rose of Lima Church in New Orleans	
Blessed Mother Side Altar	\$150,000
Marble side altar with reredos and marble statute of Blessed Mother with ambry for sacramental oils obtained from St. Rose of Lima Church in New Orleans	

Memorials may be pledged over a three year period. To reserve a remaining memorial please contact Peggy Ashley at the campaign office at 893-0244. Memorials are available on a first come, first serve basis.

**PHASE II
TOTAL PLEDGES: \$1,962,502.36**

PHASE II PROJECTS COMPLETED

- ~ Repair and return of stained glass windows to sanctuary
- ~ Replace church roof (excluding steeple)
- ~ Scaffolding of interior of church
- ~ Organ console and relays
- ~ Pew refinishing

PHASE II PROJECTS IN PROGRESS

Interior Repair & Décor	\$792,226.61
Payment to contractor	<u>\$738,657.61</u>
Balance on Project	\$ 53,569.00
Church Lighting	\$198,494.77
Payment to contractor	<u>\$187,770.07</u>
Balance on Project	\$ 10,724.70
Marble Furnishings	\$246,643.73
Payment to contractor	<u>\$145,559.25</u>
Balance on Project	\$101,084.48
Flooring	\$108,885.00
Payments to contractors	<u>\$101,373.77</u>
Balance on Project	\$ 7,511.23
Sound System	\$ 66,964.39
Payments to contractors	<u>\$ 8,173.12</u>
Balance on Project	\$ 58,791.27