

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time January 31, 2010

SCHEDULE FOR : January 31, 2010 — February 6, 2010

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| Sunday | Mass of Dedication St. Mary Magdalen | 11:00 a.m. |
| Sunday | Confirmation Class VC Auditorium | 6:30 p.m. |
| Tuesday | Blessing of the Candles Presentation of the Lord | 6:30 a.m. Mass |
| Wednesday | Blessing of the Throats Feast of St. Blaise | 6:30 a.m. Mass |
| 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. |
| Thursday | Blessed Sacrament Exposed in Chapel for 24 hours of Eucharistic Adoration in Chapel | After 6:30a.m. Mass |
| Friday | Benediction After Mass in St. MM Chapel | 6:00 a.m. |
| Saturday | CCD First Communion Class Ministries Building | 8:00 a.m. |
| Saturday | Outreach "Search and Rescue" Meet at Ministries Building | 9:00 a.m. |

PLEASE NOTE CHANGE IN MASS TIME

Please remember that on Sunday, January 31st the time of Mass has been changed to 9:00 a.m. to allow for last minute preparations for the Mass of Dedication at 11:00 a.m.

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.

**The Sanctuary Lamp this week burns in memory of
Mr. & Mrs. Nedier Richard**

**The Blessed Mother Devotional Candle this week burns
in memory of
Jillian Ashley**

MASS INTENTIONS

for the Week of February 1st—7th, 2010

**MONDAY: 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30, 16:5-13; Mk 5:1-20
6:30 A.M.** Personal Intentions

**TUESDAY: Mal 3:1-4; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40
6:30 A.M.** Helen Watkins

**WEDNESDAY: 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17; Mk 6:1-6 St. Blaise
6:30 A.M.** Leah Broussard; Those who have no one to pray for them; Those who have passed away; M/M Fernand Montagne; Therese & Luke Langlinais & Fly.; Dr. & Mrs. P.O. Landry & Fly.; Peter Thong Minh Tran; M/M Murphy Libersat & Fly.; John Vidos; Justin Broussard; George Veazey Fly.; Rita LeBlanc

**THURSDAY: 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12; Mk 6:7-13
6:30 A.M.** Hazel Duhon (Ann.)

**FRIDAY: Sir 47:2-11; Mk 6:14-29 St. Agatha
6:30 A.M.** Justin Broussard

**SATURDAY: 1 Kgs 3:4-13; Mk 6:30-34 St. Paul Miki
& His Companions
6:30 A.M.** William Barras, Sr. (Ann.)

VIGIL OF THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Is 6:1-2a, 3-8; 1 Cor 15:1-11; Lk 5:1-11

4:00 P.M. Ralph Sagrera; M/M Murphy Libersat & Fly.; Jim Bouse; 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; Robie Russo; John Vidos; Elvina Bourque & Fly.; Whitney & Rita Bonin; Othon & Alma Trahan; M/M Sam Guarino & Fly.; Mrs. Enid Guarino; Josephine Guarino; Joy P. Awwad; Inez Faulk; Francis LeBlanc; Peter Thong Minh Tran; M/M Dicky Broussard; Agnes F. Stakes; Antonia "Ann" C. Sonnier; M/M Francis "Chanky" Motty; Walton Sellers; Anna Lou Stelly; Peter Russo (Ann.); P.W. Bordelon (Ann.); Joseph Long Bui & Maria Vui Do; Maria Tuyet Nguyen

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Is 6:1-2a, 3-8; 1 Cor 15:1-11; Lk 5:1-11

7:00 A.M. George Duhon (Ann.)

9:30 A.M. Joe Rogers

11:00 A.M. For the Parishioners

5:30 P.M. Phaolo Huynh Van Chuong

Spiritual Life and Worship

Please Pray for

Robert Charles Guidry, Sr. who died recently.

Banns

April Lyn Meaux and Damian Craig Hebert

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.**

BLESSING OF CANDLES

Candles will be blessed on the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord on **Tuesday, February 2nd at the 6:30 a.m. Mass.**

At His Birth, Jesus Christ was hailed as the Light of the World. According to the Law of Moses, forty days after His Birth, (February 2nd) Jesus was brought to the Temple in Jerusalem and presented to the Lord. His entry into the Temple is as the Light entering into His Holy Place. For this reason, on the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord in the Temple the Church blesses candles, which symbolize Jesus as the Light of the World.

BLESSING OF THROATS

Throats will be blessed on the Feast of St. Blaise, **On Wednesday, February 3rd at the 6:30 a.m. Mass.**

St. Blaise was a bishop saint who suffered martyrdom early in the 4th century. Legends say that he was a physician before becoming a bishop. While in prison he miraculously cured a young boy who was choking from a fishbone in his throat. St. Blaise became one of the most popular saints during the Middle Ages, being invoked as a helper in times of sickness related to the throat. The tradition of blessing the throats of parishioners with two crossed candles has been popular for centuries. The ritual prayer is: "Through the intercession of St. Blaise, bishop and martyr, may the Lord free you from evils of the throat and from any other evil."

Catholic Customs & Traditions by Greg Dues

Desiring to win over the whole world and bring its inhabitants to God the Father, raising all things to a higher condition and, in a sense, renewing the face of the earth, the Lord of the universe "took the form of a servant" (Phil 2:7) and brought the Good News to the poor. This, he said, was why he had been sent (Lk 4:18). Now by the poor we may understand those who were then deprived of all spiritual blessings and who lived in the world without hope and without God, as Scripture says. Through this they have become sharers in the kingdom of heaven and companions of the saints. They have inherited blessings impossible to express or comprehend, for "eye has not seen" says Scripture, "nor ear heard, nor human heart conceived what God has prepared for those who love him" (1Cor 2:9)

St. Cyril of Alexandria

Baptisms

Colin Tam Nguyen, son of Tuyen Dinh Nguyen and Tram Mai Ngo

FIRST FRIDAY OF FEBRUARY OCCURS THIS WEEK

Mass will be celebrated at 6:30 AM

BLESSED SACRAMENT TO BE EXPOSED IN THE CHAPEL THIS THURSDAY MORNING AFTER 6:30 AM MASS, UNTIL FRIDAY FOLLOWING 6:30 AM MASS EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FEBRUARY 2010

Scholars

General: For all scholars and intellectuals, that by means of sincere search for the truth they may arrive at an understanding of the one true God.

The Church's Missionary Identity

Missionary: That the Church, aware of its own missionary identity, may strive to follow Christ faithfully and to proclaim His Gospel to all peoples.

DIVINE MERCY CONFERENCE 2010 "God's Mercy Endures Forever"

Guest Speakers

Rev. Hampton Davis, Immaculee Ilibagiza, Marcus Grodi, Dr. Bryan Thatcher, Annie Karto, Rev. Michael Champagne

Saturday, April 10, 2010

Doors open at 7:00 a.m.
Cajundome Convention Center
Conference fee- \$25 per person

Contact

Mary Bergeron 337-654-8682
mbergeron@centralregiononline.org

Conference may be used for Catechist Cert. credits/Religion Hours. Call for information regarding catechist credits. In addition to the conference on Saturday there will be a Mass on **Divine Mercy Sunday, April 11, 2010 at 2:00 p.m. at Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church, 2319 Johnston St., Lafayette.** Celebrant for the Mass will be The Most Reverend Michael Jarrell and guest Homilist will be The Most Reverend Glen Provost, Bishop of Lake Charles. All are invited to attend!

Community Life and Outreach



Search and Rescue Outreach Program

The primary focus is to identify any un-met needs among our own parishioners and offer materials and information to those who may have been away from Christ and his Church for sometime.

Volunteers are needed: men, women and children are welcome and can be effective in this outreach mission. Groups meet at the Ministries Building once per month. You do not have to commit to every month, but please try it once! Contact the parish office at 893-0244 for more information.

When: Saturday, February 6, 2010
Where: Conference Room
Time: 9:00 am-1:00 pm

DIOCESAN MARRIAGE ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

Couples celebrating 50, 60, or more years
St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church
February 7, 2010 at 2:00 p.m.
(Registration for this event is now closed)

The second celebration will recognize those celebrating 25 and 40 years of marriage. This celebration will take place on August 8, 2010 at 2:00 p.m. at the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist. Registration for these couples will be held April 6-June 30, 2010. For more information call 261-5653.

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.

VERMILION CATHOLIC REGISTRATION

Vermilion Catholic High School will begin accepting applications for the 2010-2011 school year on Monday, February 1, 2010. Financial assistance is available. Call now, discover one of the best gifts you could ever give your child, a Catholic education. For more information call 893-6636 or visit our website at www.vermilioncatholic.com.

Vermilion Catholic does not discriminate on the basis of physical disability, race, religion, sex, national or ethnic origin in its educational programs, activities, or employment policies.

VC BOOSTER CLUB SKEET SHOOT

Vermilion Catholic High School Booster Club Skeet Shoot will be held on Saturday, February 13th at GOL Shooting Range in Maurice. Entry/registration forms are available on Vermilion Catholic's website at www.vermilioncatholic.com. Please call 893-6636 for more information or to enter a team.

Rediscover Your Marriage- Retrouvaille simply means "rediscovery". The program offers the chance to rediscover yourself, your spouse, and a loving relationship in your marriage. Thousands of people headed for divorce have successfully saved their marriages by attending. Retrouvaille is not a spiritual retreat, not a sensitivity group, not a seminar, not a social gathering. The program is highly successful in saving hurting marriages, even bringing reconciliation to couples who have separated or divorced. For confidential information about or to register for the Retrouvaille of Acadiana February program, which begins with a weekend on February 26-28, 2010 call 1-800-470-2230 or visit www.helpourmarriage.com.

Young Apostles Youth Group Coming Events!

February Schedule:

Feb. 14th: Come, Lord Jesus Meeting @ 6:45 p.m.
Ministries Building

Feb.13 – Feb.16th: Mardi Gras Events @ Nursing Home

Feb. 13th: Mardi Gras Party @ Nursing Home

Feb. 15th: Float Decorating

Feb. 16th: Kaplan Mardi Gras Parade with residents

**Times to be announced, check the website or
Young Apostles Facebook page for details*

Christian Formation

First Communion Program 2010

Next CCD Preparation Class
Saturday, February 6, 2010 8:00 a.m.–9:00 a.m.
Ministries Building

Important Upcoming Dates!

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:

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

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS



DIVIDENDS FOR LIFE

Vermilion Catholic High School

Catholic Schools Week
January 31– February 6

Come and Visit!
Register Now for 2010-2011

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:

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

BIBLE SEMINAR

A Bible Seminar instructed by Karlo Broussard entitled "**Genesis to Jesus: A Journey through Scripture**" will be held in 6 sessions beginning Wednesday, February 10, 2010 at 6:30 p.m. at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church in Crowley. There is no fee to attend. To register e-mail kbrous12@yahoo.com or call 581-5230.

VOCATIONS SUPPER FOR YOUNG WOMEN

A vocations supper for young women will be held at Bishop Michael Jarrell's residence on **Wednesday, February 24, 2010 at 6:30 p.m.** It is customary that the pastor or religious accompany the candidate to the Vocation Supper. **Contact the parish office if you or someone you know is interested in attending (893-0244).** If the young person is under the age of 18 and is the only candidate sponsored by a priest, then a parent must also attend the supper. Space will be limited so please contact the St. Mary Magdalen parish office so that a spot can be reserved. The deadline to register will be February 12, 2010.

VOCATIONS SUPPER FOR YOUNG MEN

A vocations supper for young men will be held at Bishop Michael Jarrell's residence on **Wednesday, March 24, 2010 at 6:30 p.m.** It is customary that the pastor or religious accompany the candidate to the Vocation Supper. **Contact the parish office if you or someone you know is interested in attending (893-0244).** If the young person is under the age of 18 and is the only candidate sponsored by a priest, then a parent must also attend the supper. Space will be limited so please contact the St. Mary Magdalen parish office so that a spot can be reserved. The deadline to register will be March 15, 2010.

Total Stewardship and Development

WEEKLY OFFERTORY

JANUARY 24, 2010

Regular Collection \$ 10,333.90

Second Collection:

Vermilion Catholic \$ 2,118.42

Thank You.

STEWARDS
of
GOD'S
GIFTS



VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

Thank you to Charles and Mary Ellen Sonnier for the use of Magdalen Place and to the countless volunteers who have helped for all the weekend events.

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

SPECIAL COLLECTION HAITI RELIEF EFFORT

This is a mandated special collection for disaster relief due to the earthquake in Haiti. Funds collected will be distributed to catholic charities for general relief operations in Port-Au-Prince, Haiti. Please be generous.

Next Weekend

INSURANCE COLLECTION

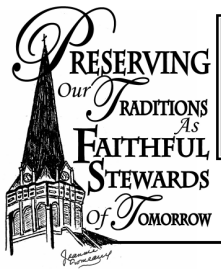
Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 31, 2010

"Isn't this the son of Joseph?"
Luke 4:22

In his home town of Nazareth Jesus read a passage from Isaiah that prophesied the coming of the Messiah. He closed the scroll and claimed it had been fulfilled in their hearing. They "all spoke highly of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth." But they instinctively realized that if Jesus, the son of Mary and Joseph, the carpenter, was truly the Messiah, he was destined to do great things. And, if he did great things he might challenge them to do great things. He had grown up among them and was like them. They became fearful and agitated and tried to throw him off of a high cliff at the top of a craggy hill where Nazareth is located. From our youth we have learned about Jesus through the revealed Word of God. We have come to know him as the Messiah who did great things and who saved us by his death and resurrection. We know he expects us to be all that God created us to be. How do we respond? Do we try to throw Jesus over a high cliff? Or do we try to imitate Jesus and do great things?

~ Time, Talent, and Treasure ~

Management and Finance



St. Mary Magdalen Parish Capital Campaign

CAMPAIGN OPERATIONAL CHAIRS:

Pat & Vickie Patout and Charles & Mary Ellen Sonnier
 Brady Broussard, Jr. Chairperson of Stewardship and Development Commission
 Contact Peggy Ashley at the Campaign Office at 893-0244.

Capital Campaign Memorial Opportunities Still Available

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| 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.