

SCHEDULE FOR :

February 22nd, 2009—February 28th, 2009

Sunday	Children's Liturgy of the Word	9:30 a.m.
Monday	Parish Office Closed	
Tuesday	Parish Office Closed	
Wednesday	Men of Mary Group Attend Mass/Recite Rosary In Church	6:30 a.m.
Wednesday	Ash Wednesday Masses	6:30 a.m. 12:05 p.m. 5:30 p.m.
Wednesday	Adult Choir Rehearsal Ministries Building	6:30 p.m.
Thursday	Mass	12:05 p.m.
Friday	Way of the Cross	5:30 p.m.
Friday	Safe Environment Training Continued & Initial Ministries Building	6:00 p.m.
Saturday	Theology of the Body for Teens St. Theresa's Holy Family Center	10:00 a.m.- 3:00 p.m.
Saturday	Rosary Making Workshop Ministries Building	9:00 a.m.

**There will be no Children's Choir Practice
on Tuesday, February 24th.**

**The Parish Offices will be closed on
Monday, February 23rd and Tuesday, February 24th
in observance of Mardi Gras**

On Monday, February 23rd, the church will be locked after the 6:30 a.m. Mass. On Tuesday, February 24th, the church will be locked after the 6:30 a.m. Mass. The chapel will be open.

**BULLETIN ADVERTISER OF THE WEEK
TERRI LANDRY, STATE FARM INSURANCE**

MASS INTENTIONS

for the Week of February 23rd — March 1st, 2009

MONDAY: Sir 1:1-10; Mk 9:14-29 St. Polycarp

6:30 A.M. Cleo Claudia Songy deGraauw

TUESDAY: Sir 2:1-11; Mk 9:30-37

6:30 A.M. M/M Lenes Duhon (Ann.)

WEDNESDAY: Jl 2:12-18; 2 Cor 5:20-6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Ash Wednesday

6:30 A.M. Jean M. Baudoin Fly.; Stephen Broussard; M/M Ivy Matthews; M/M Sidney Frederick; Mrs. Virgil "Coe" Buck; Freddie Ann Bossley; M/M Morgan LeBlanc; M/M Fernand Montagne; John Vidos; George Veazey Fly.; Frances H. Richard Fly.; Peter Thong Minh Tran; Cleo deGraauw; M/M Luke Langl-nais; Peter Nguyen; Joseph L. Broussard; Special Intentions; Wills Lege (Ann.); For those souls that are forsaken; M/M Leon Faulk & Fly.; Rex Savoy & Fly.; Johnnie Broussard Fly.; Leonard Sellers & Son

12:05 P.M. Sherman Ditch & Fly.

5:30 P.M. Maude Villien

THURSDAY: Dt 30:15-20; Lk 9:22-25

6:30 A.M. M/M Howard Broussard

12:05 P.M. Maude Villien

FRIDAY: Is 58:1-9a; Mt 9:14-15

6:30 A.M. Maude Villien

SATURDAY: Is 58:9b-14; Lk 5:27-32

6:30 A.M. James "Bubba" Frederick

Vigil of the First Sunday of Lent

Gn 9:8-15; 1 Pt 3:18-22; Mk 1:12-15

4:00 P.M. Rufus J. Simon; Joy P. Awwad; M/M Alfred Vincent Fly.; Frances H. Richard Fly.; Peter Thong Minh Tran; M/M John Vigneaux; Nicole LeBlanc; E.J. Adams; Warren E. Broussard; Mattie Primeaux; Freddie Ann Bossley; M/M John Nugier; Eleanor Bares & Fly.; M/M Fernand Montagne; John Vidos; George Veazey Fly.; Giuse Ba Nguyen Bui; Giao Tran; Quet Nguyen; Elvina Bourque & Fly.; Cleo Claudia Songy deGraauw; M/M Sam Guarino & Fly.; Josephine Guarino; Mrs. Enid Guarino; Margaret M. Trahan; Roger Sellers; M/M Dulis J. Mayers & Fly.; M/M E.J. Morvant; Felicia Trahan & Fly.; Louella David Coper; M/M Dicky Broussard; Orphaned Souls; Joseph Long Bui; Maria Vui Do; M/M Fernand LaBauve, Sr. & Fly.; Lori Ellen Belaire Booth; Jeanette M. Motty; Olite B. Trahan; Lula Mae Meaux Broussard; M/M Clay Summers, Jr.; Stephen H. Broussard; Bonnie Barron; M/M L.C. Baudoin & Fly.; Dallas Sonnier & Fly.; M/M Cleve Thibodeaux; Edward L. Wilhelm, Sr.; Irene D. Wilhelm; Aureline D. Buck; Maude Villien

6:00 P.M. Personal Intention

First Sunday of Lent

Gn 9:8-15; 1 Pt 3:18-22; Mk 1:12-15

7:00 A.M. Mark S. Mouton (Ann.) & Fly.

9:30 A.M. For all my departed ancestors

11:00 A.M. For the Parishioners

5:30 P.M. Maria Tran Thi Nhien

Spiritual Life and Worship

Please Pray for

Mrs. Fred O. Villien née Maude Baudoin
Mrs. Gordon Marshall née Robert "Bobbie" Emmett Maydell Putnam
And Mr. Olton "Bruce" J. Broussard
who died recently.

Banns

Lane Frances Domingues and Nicholas Eugene Hoffmeister
Heather Renee' Lege and Ryan Joseph Mayard

Man-to-Man Catholic Men's Conference

The 2009 Man-to-Man Catholic Men's Conference will be held at the **Cajundome Convention Center on Saturday, April 18, 2009 from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.** The conference will inspire, convert, and encourage men. It will reach you where you are in your life today, while also serving as a compass for the future. The 2009 Men's Conference will offer inspirational spiritual direction featuring LSU legend Dale Brown who will present the keynote address, Catholic evangelist/apologist Jesse Romero, radio talk show personality and noted family expert Dr. Ray Guarendi and local favorite Fr. Bryce Sibley. You'll leave a better husband, a better father, and a better man. Registration information can be found at www.mantomance.com. We also have brochures with detailed information and CD's available in the vestibule of church about the conference.

MERCY FEST 2009

All Catholics in the surrounding areas are invited to attend "Mercy Fest 2009", an all day festival celebrating the Catholic faith and the mercy of Christ. **This year's festival will be held on Divine Mercy Sunday, April 19, 2009 at St. Theresa's Holy Family Center in Abbeville.** Events will begin at 10:30 a.m. and conclude with 3:00 p.m. recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet and 4:00 p.m. Mass. Other offerings include children's and youth ministry, music, games, food for the whole family, a presentation by Deacon Cody Miller of Milton, opportunities for Confession and Eucharistic Adoration. Volunteers are needed to help with both the planning phase and on the day of the event. Local business sponsorships are also needed. If you would like to help in any of the areas, please call Greg Mitchell at 337-643-2827 or e-mail fourwindsmarine@cox.net

THERESIANS OF ACADIANA DAY OF RECOLLECTION

The Annual Day of Recollection sponsored by Theresians of Acadiana for all women of Acadiana is scheduled for **Saturday, February 28th, 2009 from 8:30 a.m.—3:00 p.m. at Our Lady of Wisdom Catholic Church on the ULL campus in Lafayette.** The featured guest speakers are Rev. Howard Blessing and Nancy McGuirk. Early registration fee is \$20 before Feb. 18th or \$25 at the door. Lunch will be included. For more information call Sally Babineaux at (337)984-1300 or visit www.acadianatheresians.com

2009 ST. MARY MAGDALEN CHURCH LENTEN SCHEDULE

Ash Wednesday: February 25th, 2009

Masses at 6:30 a.m., 12:05 p.m., & 5:30 p.m.
Fast & Abstinence observed

Weekday Masses: Monday – Saturday at 6:30 a.m.
Tuesdays & Thursdays: additional Mass at 12:05 p.m.

*NOTE: Mass on Mondays & Wednesdays
at 12:10 p.m. at St. Theresa*

Way of the Cross: Every Friday at 5:30 p.m.
Abstinence observed

Confessions: Saturdays: 2:30 -3:30 p.m.
Sundays: 4:45 – 5:15 p.m.
and before all weekday Masses
or by appointment

Lenten Penance Service:

March 26th at 6:30 p.m. at St. Mary Magdalen.
Several priests will be available for confession.
Last opportunity for Confession- 6:00 a.m. Wednesday of Holy Week

Tenebrae: Sunday, April 5 at 7:00 p.m.
*A program of prayer, chant and choral music
Featuring the adult and children's choirs*

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE:

Confessions: before weekday Masses (Mon.-Wed.)
Masses: Monday & Wednesday 6:30 a.m.
Tuesday 6:30 a.m., 12:05 p.m.

Sacred Triduum Schedule:

Holy Thursday: 6:30 p.m. Mass of the Lord's Supper
(Adoration until 11:00 p.m.)
Good Friday: 3:00 p.m. – Veneration of the Cross
Easter Vigil: 8:00 p.m. (fulfills Sunday obligation)
Easter Sunday: 7:00, 9:30, & 11:00 a.m.
Children's Choir will sing at 11:00 a.m. Mass
(Note: 5:30 p.m. Mass will not be held)

LENTEN REGULATIONS 2009

Lent, the penitential season of the Church year, begins on Ash Wednesday and lasts until the celebration of the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday. Traditionally the Lenten Season is a time of sacrifice throughout the universal church. All the Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence from meat. Lent is also a season in which prayer, the reception of the sacraments, charity and almsgiving are emphasized. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of Fasting and Abstinence with a limit of one full meal on these days for all between the ages of 18 and 59 inclusive. All Fridays in Lent are days of abstinence in which all who are 14 yrs. or older are bound to abstain totally from meat. On the weekdays of Lent, there is no obligation to fast. However, voluntary acts of self-denial are recommended.

Community Life and Outreach



MARVELOUS MYSTERY

The Mass Comes Alive
100% Catholic Bible Camp

Vacation Bible Camp Update:

We have received some volunteers but 12-15 more are urgently needed so that we can accommodate 100 children in the program. If we do not get the number of volunteers needed we will be forced to limit the number of children to an even smaller amount or possibly cancel the program. Please consider helping for the week of June 15th - June 19th from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Contact Kessie Thomas if interested in helping at 892-7044 or e-mail cajunpower-family@yahoo.com

If you are unable to give your time there are other gifts you may be able to offer to the program. You may be able to be part of the planning phase which is going on now, monetary donations or providing snacks are just a few examples of the gifts and talents needed for the success of the program. To give monetary donations or to help with snacks, contact Jenni Boudreaux for more information at 893-5962.

We are excited to present a new 100% Catholic Bible Camp program this year that will help children better understand the Catholic Mass and deepen their love for Jesus in the Eucharist. The dates will be June 15th - June 19th; decorating day will be June 14th. The program will end with the celebration of Mass on Friday at Noon.

ST. MARY MAGDALEN CHRISTIAN SERVICE CENTER

701 Chevis Street Abbeville
893-9756

The Christian Service Center announces it will focus its services to assist those in need in three areas-distribution of food, an education training partnership and assistance with medicine, rent and utilities.

In order to better focus the efforts of three ministries, the Christian Service Center will close its thrift store operation as of March, 2009. Effective immediately, the Center will no longer accept donations of clothing and used furniture and appliances. Currently the Center is liquidating its inventory in the thrift store.

"The hope I have seen on the face of our brothers and sisters when we meet their needs through the Christian Service Center reveals Christ present in them. When we serve others in this way we truly serve Christ." Greg Mitchell, Director

Thrift Store Liquidation Sale

All You Can Fit In A
Plastic Bag For \$2.00
All Household Items 1/2 OFF

Yard Sale

Thurs., Feb. 26th 8-Noon
High Quality Winter
Clothing; All You Can Fit In
A 30 Gallon Bag For \$5.00

USHERS SUPPER THIS WEEKEND

An Ushers Supper will be held **Sunday, February 22nd at 7:00 p.m. at the KC Hall in Abbeville.** All ushers, spouses and anyone interested in becoming an usher are invited to attend.

ROSARY MAKING CLASS COMING

The St. Joseph Rosary Makers will be giving a rosary making class here at St. Mary Magdalen on **Saturday, February 28th, 2009 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in the Ministries Building.** The cost is \$10 per person and \$3 per child; this includes all supplies and materials needed and light refreshments. All men, women and children of all ages are invited to attend the class. No pre-registration is needed. You can make a rosary for yourself, a friend or family member. Contact Melissa Vincent for more information at 893-0391.

MT. CARMEL ELEMENTARY PRE-SCHOOL

Applications are now being taken for the
2009-2010 School Year

(Available positions at this time)

405 Park Avenue

Abbeville, LA 70510 (337)-898-0859

Mt. Carmel does not discriminate on the basis of race, gender, religion, or national origin.

WHAT IS FOCA?

The Freedom of Choice Act is legislation that will drastically change restrictions on abortion and establish a "right" to abortion. This proposed law will have far reaching effects on the fundamental right to life.

- ◆ Provide fundamental right to abortion-no restrictions, including late term.
- ◆ Catholic hospitals forced to perform abortions or risk being shut down.
- ◆ All parental notification nullified; minors allowed abortion on demand.
- ◆ Ban on Partial Birth Abortion reversed.
- ◆ Taxpayers required to pay for abortions with their tax dollars under Medicaid programs; Hyde Amendment reversed.

WHAT CAN I DO?

- ★ Pre-addressed postcards to our Senators and Representative were mailed to all registered parishioners at St. Mary Magdalen. Please sign the cards and mail them in.
- ★ Write, call or e-mail your Congressman. Tell them to oppose FOCA. Call U.S. Capital switchboard: 202-224-3121 ask for the offices of your Representative and two Senators and call The White House: 202-456-1111.
- ★ Send an E-mail: visit the special e-mail action page at: www.nchla.org

ENGAGED COUPLES- Spend a weekend away from the cares and distractions of everyday living. Attend a *Catholic Engaged Encounter Weekend* in preparation for your marriage. Upcoming weekend dates are March 6-8, April 24-26, May 29-31. For other dates and to learn more visit our website at www.ceelafayette.org or call Tom & Geraldine Rizzuto at 337-984-7954.

Christian Formation

FIRST COMMUNION PROGRAM 2009

CCD preparation class for 1st Reconciliation and 1st Communion program 2009 are held twice a month from 8:00–9:00 a.m. in the Ministries Building.

MARCH CLASS SCHEDULE:

Saturday, March 7th, 2009
Saturday, March 14th, 2009

Sacrament of First Communion:

Saturday, April 4th at 9:00 a.m.
St. Mary Magdalen Church

2008-2009 CONFIRMATION PROGRAM

Instructional classes for the 2008-2009 Confirmation Program are underway.

MARCH CLASS SCHEDULE:

Sunday, March 1st 6:45 p.m.— 8:30 p.m. VCHS
Sunday, March 15th 5:30 p.m. Mass STMM

***Please Note:** The Confirmation class scheduled for March 15th will take place at St. Mary Magdalen Church beginning with the 5:30 p.m. Mass followed by a Holy Hour. Parents and sponsors are urged to attend with the Candidates.

OTHER IMPORTANT DATES:

Practice: Sunday, March 29th
Sacrament of Confirmation: Tuesday, March 31st

“The Interior Fire of Mother Teresa”

“The entire world associates Mother Teresa with the work for the poorest of the poor. But few outside of her own Community have any deeper understanding of her real message, of the hidden fire which the Lord placed within her, and the grace that moved her to begin her world-wide work of love and compassion.” Missionary of Charity Fathers

St. Mary Magdalen Church will host a presentation by Father Michael Champagne entitled “The Interior Fire Of Mother Teresa” on **Wednesday, March 18th, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. at Vermilion Catholic Auditorium.**

Father Champagne is a recognized scholar on the life and spirituality of Mother Teresa. The presentation will give a brief background of Mother Teresa’s call to religious life as a Sister of Loreto and then what caused the direction of her life to change in 1946 and be moved to leave that congregation and begin working with the poorest of the poor. Also, how her encounter with Jesus’ thirst on the cross caused this change and continued to be the driving force of her life of service.

Everyone is invited to attend. For more information, please call the parish office of St. Mary Magdalen Church at 893-0244. The forty five minute presentation will also include time for questions and answers.

SAFE ENVIRONMENT INITIAL AND CONTINUING EDUCATION 2009 SCHEDULE

“The Diocese of Lafayette takes steps to safeguard minors and all concerned in the circumstances described in the following provisions. This policy establishes requirements and procedures in an effort to prevent sexual abuse, other physical abuse and neglect of minors by personnel of Diocese of Lafayette, through a process of screening, education, and to provide guidance to the personnel of the Diocese as to how to respond to allegations of abuse or neglect of minors if any such allegations are received.”

***** ONLY 3 TRAININGS LEFT! *****

<u>Date:</u>	<u>Time:</u>	<u>Location:</u>
<u>Friday, Feb. 20th</u>	1PM – 2PM (Continued) 1PM – 3PM (Initial*)	At St. Mary Magdalen In Ministries Building
<u>Saturday, Feb. 21st</u>	9AM – 10AM (Continued) 9AM – 11AM (Initial*)	At St. Theresa In Pastoral Center
<u>Friday, Feb. 27th</u>	6PM - 7PM (Continued) 6PM - 8PM (Initial*)	At St. Mary Magdalen In Ministries Building

- ◆ You must call and pre-register by 5:00 p.m. the day before the training session that you plan to attend.
- ◆ Please call the church at which the training is being offered. This will ensure that there is enough space and handouts available for everyone in attendance.
- ◆ We also ask that you please arrive at least 10 minutes before each training, as they will begin promptly at the times indicated on the schedule.
- ◆ To register for a training call:
Amanda 893-0244
St. Mary Magdalen
Loretta 893-5631
St. Theresa

◆ Please bring your Driver’s License to Initial Training Sessions

THE DIOCESAN WEBSITE IS A VERY GOOD SOURCE OF INFORMATION REGARDING THE SAFE ENVIRONMENT PROGRAM. You can find our current schedule of trainings and that of other parishes, on the website as well. Go to www.dol-louisiana.org to find out more.

Total Stewardship and Development

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15th COLLECTION

Loose\$ 5,134.02
 Envelopes.....\$ 5,225.00
Total: \$ 10,359.02

Second Collection:

Bishop's Services Appeal.....\$ 2,156.50

Thank You.



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February 16, 2009

Dear Pastor/Parish Administrator/Parish Community:

The season of Lent is a special time in our Church. Beginning with Ash Wednesday we take 40 days to prepare ourselves spiritually for our great celebration of Easter. We practice justice towards God through our prayer, justice towards ourselves through our fasting, and justice to our neighbors through our almsgiving. Operation Rice Bowl is a resource for our Lenten preparations.

The 2009 Operation Rice Bowl materials are focused on the theme: **Solidarity Will Transform the World**. This year, it is more important than ever that we extend our actions of justice to reach out to our neighbors around the world through Catholic Relief Services' Operation Rice Bowl. Our world faces a global food crisis and worldwide financial downturn that is impacting people in every developing country, as well as people here in the United States. Many families in developing countries are spending most of their income on food, leaving little left over for other necessities.

Operation Rice Bowl provides the opportunity to help those in need around the world and here at home while learning more about our global neighborhood. Seventy-five percent of your donation is sent to Catholic Relief Services to provide much needed financial support for development projects in more than 40 countries. Twenty-five percent will remain here in our diocese to support programs that address hunger and poverty needs.

Let us use this Lenten season as an opportunity to strengthen our relationship with God through our prayers, to simplify our lives through our fasting, to learn more about what we have in common with our brothers and sisters who live far away, and to give what we can to assist those in need.

You may find more information on Operation Rice Bowl by calling the Office of Justice and Peace, Diocese of Lafayette 337-261-5545.

On behalf of all those who benefit from your support of Operation Rice Bowl, I thank you for your prayers and collaboration. Your participation continues to make this program a success each year.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Michael Jarrell

Most Reverend Michael Jarrell
 Bishop of Lafayette

Operation Rice Bowl is the Lenten solidarity program of Catholic Relief Services. We join in the traditional practices of Lent and pray as a community, fast in solidarity with those who are hungry, and give concrete assistance to those in most need. The *Rice Bowl* and *Home Calendar Guides* are available in the parish office.

This Weekend

NO SECOND COLLECTION

Ash Wednesday Collection

CHRISTIAN SERVICE CENTER

Next Weekend

MONTHLY INSURANCE COLLECTION

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 22, 2009

"Which is easier to say?

'Your sins are forgiven!'

or 'Rise and walk!?' Mark 2: 1-12

Jesus returned to Capernaum and a crowd gathered around the house where he was preaching. Friends of a paralytic could not get through the crowd, so they made an opening in the roof (probably a permanent opening to let out smoke from the open fires and to let in light, covered with thatch when not in use) and lowered him down. The paralytic and his friends obviously believed Jesus would heal him. Jesus said, "Child, your sins are forgiven." Jesus knew his words caused concern among the Jewish leaders who heard him. He asked, "Which is easier, to say 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say 'Rise, pick up your mat and walk.'" So he tells the paralytic to "Rise, pick up your mat and walk," And he did just that. Our sin often paralyzes us from being all that God created us to be; from doing all that he gave us the ability to do; from giving all that we can give. Jesus wants to forgive us of our sin and heal us of our paralysis and make us whole. If we have faith like the paralytic and ask forgiveness, we will be forgiven and healed.

~ Time, Talent, and Treasure ~

Management and Finance

MEMORIAL DONATIONS

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN FUND

In memory of James "Bubba" Frederick
By Gene and Phallie Sellers

In memory of Roy Broussard
By the Sam Guarino Family

In memory of Cleo deGraauw
By Gene and Phallie Sellers
By Meg and Byron Hebert
Dr. John Dagate

In memory of Gloria Picard
By Floyd Harrington

In memory of Stephen Broussard
By Jim and Diane Broussard

HENRY SCROGGIN FUND

In memory of Elise Scroggin Mixon
By Gene and Phallie Sellers
By Ruth Odom Prince
By Kotchie and Bubba Russo



The Rectory side of church nears completion as workers lay the slate tile in a random color pattern.



The roof area above the apse is almost complete.

PHASE I

TOTAL PLEDGES: \$1,825,561.51

COMPLETED CAMPAIGN PROJECTS \$ 1,455,355.04
(Paid in full)

- Steeple repairs & roof replacement, restoration of stained glass windows, restoration of slate plaza, waterproofing remainder of exterior of church & chapel.
- Resolve foundation issues at ministries building.
- Replacement of HVAC System and roof at Vermilion Catholic.
- Roof replacement at rectory.

CURRENT REPAIR PROJECTS:

Vermilion Catholic High School

Correct the flooding problems in auditorium and chorus room	\$ 30,850.35
Payment to contractor	\$ 28,150.35
Balance	\$ 2,700.00

OTHER PROJECTS IN PHASE I TO BE STARTED:

Rectory: Repair the balcony structure; cleaning, painting and waterproofing the exterior.

PHASE II

TOTAL PLEDGES: \$1,301,997.33

PHASE II PROJECTS IN PROGRESS

Repair and return of stained glass windows to sanctuary	\$139,211.00
Payment to contractor	\$ 13,921.00
Balance on Project	\$125,290.00
Replace church roof (excluding steeple)	\$735,650.00
Payment to contractor	\$196,000.00
Balance on Project	\$539,650.00