

Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 14, 2010

SCHEDULE FOR : March 14, 2010 – March 21, 2010

Sunday	Children's Liturgy of the Word	9:30 a.m.
Tuesday	Parish Office Closed Staff In Service Day	
Tuesday	Mass	12:05 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.
Thursday	Mass	12:05 p.m.
Friday	Way of the Cross In Church	5:30 p.m.
Saturday	Lenten Mission Introduction Mass	4:00 p.m.
Sunday	Lenten Mission Introduction	All Masses

The parish office will be closed Tuesday, March 16 for a staff in-service. Emergency phone calls will be handled.

"Yet if we have gone away, if we have wasted all our father's inheritance in a life of debauchery, if we should happen to have committed some fault or misdeed or fallen into the mire of irreligiosity and complete dissipation: let us rise up for good and all and return to this Best of Fathers, summoned by such a beautiful example."

Saint Peter Chrysologus, Doctor of the Church

**The Sanctuary Lamp this week burns in memory of
Bobby Charles Guidry**

**The Blessed Mother Devotional Candle this week burns
in memory of
Cleo deGraauw, Barbara Ashley
& Jo-Ann Claire Windstein**

MASS INTENTIONS

for the Week of March 15th—21st, 2010

MONDAY: Is 65:17-21; Jn 4:43-54
6:30 A.M. J.C. Ledet

TUESDAY: Ez 47:1-9, 12; Jn 5:1-16
6:30 A.M. Justin Broussard

12:05 P.M. Souls in purgatory without families to pray for them

WEDNESDAY: Is 49:8-15; Jn 5:17-30 St. Patrick

6:30 A.M. M/M Richard D. Gordon; 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.; Linh hon mo coi; John Vidos; George Veazey Fly.; J.C. Ledet; Joseph L. Broussard; Ta Nguyen; Dôminicô Giac Tran; M/M Theodore Broussard; Lorena Broussard; Joseph Long Bui & Maria Vui Do; Royce Frederick

THURSDAY: Ex 32:7-14; Jn 5:31-47

6:30 A.M. M/M Chester B. Thibodeaux

12:05 P.M. Rosa & Jim Ferguson

**FRIDAY: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22;
Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a St. Joseph**

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

SATURDAY: Jer 11:18-20; Jn 7:40-53

6:30 A.M. Personal Intentions

VIGIL OF THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Is 43:16-21; Phil 3:8-14; Jn 8:1-11

4:00 P.M. Carmen L. Wood (Ann.); Jim Bouse; M/M Murphy Libersat & Fly.; 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 no one to pray for them; Those who have passed away; Robie Russo; Elvina Bourque & Fly.; Whitney & Rita Bonin; Othon & Alma Trahan; M/M Sam Guarino & Fly.; Mrs. Enid Guarino; Josephine Guarino; Roger Sellers; Ta Nguyen; Peter Thong Minh Tran; John Vidos; Leonard & Wayne Sellers; Bobby Charles Guidry; J.C. Ledet; Mrs. Gile Vincent (Ann.); Liz Romero; Mason Romero; Julie Guidry; Lula Mae Meaux Broussard; Blanche Haydell; Joseph Long Bui & Maria Vui Do; Maria Tuyet Nguyen; Rita Suire; James Clostio

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Is 43:16-21; Phil 3:8-14; Jn 8:1-11

7:00 A.M. Felicien Romero & Fly.

9:30 A.M. Sadie Noel Guidry

11:00 A.M. For the Parishioners

5:30 P.M. Murphy Anthony Broussard, Jr.

Spiritual Life and Worship

ST. MARY MAGDALEN PARISH LENTEN MISSION

The St. Mary Magdalen parish Lenten Mission will be presented by Fr. Jim Brady, Associate Pastor of St. Michael the Archangel in Crowley. The topic of the mission will be **"The Nature of Suffering"** and will be presented within the context of Mass each evening.

The mission will explore the nature of suffering, including the origin of suffering, how suffering is redeemed by Jesus Christ, and how we process suffering in our lives by configuring our suffering to Jesus. More specifically, the mission will try to answer these common questions- If God is all good, why do people suffer? What does it mean to "offer up" suffering? Why do bad things happen to good people, and good things happen to people we think are bad?

The weekend of March 20 & 21, Fr. Brady will speak at all Masses to introduce the mission and then the mission will continue for the next two evenings, March 22 & 23 at 6:30 p.m. All are invited to join us for this event.

ST. MARY MAGDALEN PARISH LENTEN EVENTS

Weekday Masses ~

Monday- Saturday at 6:30 a.m.

Tuesdays & Thursdays: additional Mass at 12:05 p.m.

Note: Mass on Mondays and Wednesdays at 12:10 p.m. at St. Theresa

ALL FRIDAYS IN LENT ~ DAYS OF ABSTINENCE

Way of the Cross ~

Every Friday in Lent at 5:30 p.m. in Church

Confessions ~

Saturdays: 2:30- 3:30 p.m.

Sundays: 4:45- 5:15 p.m.

Before all weekday Masses or by appointment

Parish Lenten Mission ~

Lenten Mission will be held on March 21, 22, 23 presented by Fr. Jim Brady.

Tenebrae ~

Palm Sunday, March 28th at 7:00 p.m.

A program of prayer, chant and choral music featuring adult and children's choirs

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

The Children's Liturgy of the Word ministry is very popular with the little children of our parish. They are able to attend a short lesson on the Gospel and themes of the week, do a simple craft (usually coloring a picture or puzzle pertaining to the lesson), and get a small prize like stickers or pencils. Sadly, we may not be able to continue this ministry if we do not have volunteers to help the children.

Please consider becoming a volunteer. All materials (a kit containing the lesson, copies and projects are provided for you). All supplies for the children are already located in the Ministries Building. ***We extend a special invitation to those parents whose children attend Children's Liturgy on a regular basis.*** You will be placed on a rotation schedule so you may serve as little as once a month or less. In fact, the more volunteers we have, the less any one person will have to serve.

Please call Melissa at 893-0391 if you are interested in finding out more information or becoming a volunteer for this great program.

MASS FOR HEALING

Father Manny Fernandez

Friday, March 19, 2010

St. Nicholas Catholic Church, Lydia, LA
(7809 Weeks Island Road)

The Church doors will open at 4:00 p.m.

Confessions will begin at 5:00 p.m.

Mass will begin at 7:00 p.m.

Individual blessings will begin following the Mass

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

****This has been very popular and is getting wonderful response so please do not delay in registering for this event!**

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

MALTRAIT MEMORIAL 2010 SPRING BAZAAR

Maltrait Memorial Annual Spring Bazaar will be held **March 26, 27, and 28** on the Maltrait School grounds located at 612 North Hebert Avenue, Kaplan. We would like to invite you, your family and friends to join us in the celebration. There will be live music, a street fair, Bingo, games, sweets, a boutique, Spring plants, Grand Raffle and more. The best food around will be featured daily at the Bazaar: Friday night enjoy the seafood patio and other seafood delights, Saturday night a delicious gourmet supper will be served and Sunday the popular Jambalaya cook-off will take place. There will be something everyone will enjoy. For more information, please call the school office at 337-643-7765 or visit our website at www.vrml.k12.la.us/mmcs/. We look forward to seeing you at the Bazaar!

Angola Trip

Sunday, March 28, 2010

Bus leaves at 7:00 A.M. from

St. Paul's Catholic Church (Corner of Simcoe & St. John)

The Office of Justice and Peace will hold a trip to Angola for anyone over 14 years old who would like to visit a friend or loved one. There are rules and guidelines that apply to this trip. For more information call the Diocesan office at 261-5545 or contact Wilber Hegger at 781-3335.

VC-CARMEL MAY FEST RAFFLE TICKETS

VC-Carmel May Fest raffle tickets are on sale now!!! This year's Grand Prize is \$7,500, 2nd prize is \$2,000 and 3rd prize is \$500. Special thanks to Bank of Abbeville, Bank of Erath, Bay City Ford, Capital One Bank, Courtesy of Vermilion, Frenzel Motors, Gulf Coast Bank and Ray Chevrolet for prize monies donated. Tickets are only \$1.00, or buy a book for \$20. Drawing will be held Sunday, May 2nd. Call Mt. Carmel at 898-0859 or VC at 893-6636 for your chance to win and support Catholic education in Abbeville.

FREE SHOWING OF FILM "THE LIST"

On Friday, April 23 the Office of Family Life will host a free showing of *The List*. From the producers of *Fireproof* this is a suspenseful tale of good versus evil, and a touching portrayal of the power of prayer in our everyday lives. The showing will begin at 7:00 p.m. at Fusilier Auditorium, Immaculata Center, Lafayette. Fr. Jude Halphen will have a short discussion after the showing. For more information or to register, please call the Office of Marriage and Family Life at 337-261-5653.

Check out the healthcare reform button on our website www.stmarymagdalenparish.org See the USCCB's position on health care reform, facts and statistics, videos, FAQs, and an E-mail Congress Now Button.

FRIED FISH DINNERS DURING LENT

Vermilion Catholic High School will be selling fried fish dinners on Friday evenings in Lent. The dinners will consist of fried fish, french fries, coleslaw and bread for \$8. The dinners will be available from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. and can be picked up at the school during those hours. Tickets will be available for purchase at the school office during the day from 7:30 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

VC DRAMA CLUB TO HOLD MYSTERY DINNER

The Vermilion Catholic Drama Club presents *Death and Deceit on the Nile* written by Peter De Pietro on **Saturday, April 17th at 6:00 p.m. in the VC Gym**. The performance will begin promptly at 6:00 p.m. and the first course will be served shortly after. Please be at the venue for 5:45 p.m. Seating is first come first serve and limited so be sure to purchase tickets ahead of time. Tickets are \$15 and are available at the school Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.

St. Joseph's Supper

A covered dish supper honoring the Feast of St. Joseph will be held Friday, March 19 at 6:00 p.m. at the Vermilion Youth Recreation Center. Please bring a meatless covered dish. All are welcome to attend.

VACATION BIBLE CAMP JULY 5TH - JULY 9TH

The theme for the week will be *"Cool Kingdom Party- Mary Leads Me Closer To Jesus"*. We need about 50 volunteers to pull this off. We have found all of our core team and now we are looking for crew members. Please pass the word that help is needed, without this help VBC will not be able to accept 100 kids. We need to have all volunteers signed up by no later than April 30th. Please don't delay, call Kessie Thomas (892-7044) or Jenni Boudreaux (893-5962) or email us at cajunpowerfamily@yahoo.com. Last year was a huge success! Is God calling you to be part of that this year? Pray and ask Him and say "yes" to the call.

PILGRIMAGE/RETREAT WITH FR. MANNY JUNE 5-20, 2010

Fr. Manny Fernandez will be the spiritual director on a Pilgrimage/Retreat to the Shrines of Belgium, Amsterdam, Parish and Lourdes. Including visits to the Shrine of the Miraculous Medal in Parish, the incorrupt body of St. Bernadette in Nevers, the Marian Shrines of Beauring, Banneux, Our Lady of All Nations, the Eucharistic Miracle of Bois-Seigneur Isaac, and the relic of the Holy Blood in Bruges. Airline tickets must be confirmed by March so inquire now. For more information call Bonnie at 337-332-2801.

Christian Formation

First Communion Program 2010

Next CCD Preparation Class
Saturday, March 27th 8:00 a.m.—9:00 a.m.
Ministries Building

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

Next Confirmation Preparation Class
Sunday, March 21, 2010 at 6:30 p.m.
VC Auditorium

***Reminder: Sponsor forms must be turned into the parish office as soon as possible!**

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

SAFE ENVIRONMENT PROGRAM 2010

As part of the ongoing mission of the safety of our children the Diocese of Lafayette has approved the use of the **VIRTUS** Protecting God's Children Online Awareness Training. This is only for those volunteers who are in need of **Continuing Education**. Initial Trainings must still be attended in a live session. The **VIRTUS** program brings with it a multitude of advantages, probably the greatest being that now Continuing Education can be done at YOUR convenience.

To access the Protecting God's Children Awareness Training simply go to www.virtus.org click on the "Registration" link highlighted in yellow and select "Begin the registration process". The training module will take approximately one hour and email notification will be sent that you have completed the session.

SAVE THE DATES!!!! SUMMER 2010 CCD PROGRAM JULY 12-16 TO JULY 19-23

IMPORTANT CCD INFORMATION

Attendance Policy:

For the St. Mary Magdalen Summer 2010 CCD program there will be no make-up opportunities. Diocesan policy requires a child miss no more than 2 days of CCD. Days missed (no more than 2) must be documented with a valid medical excuse.

If you know a child will not fulfill the attendance requirements of St. Mary Magdalen's CCD Program, one of three other CCD programs must be attended in it's entirety to avoid repeat of that grade level. This option will require, at time of enrollment, a letter of permission from the Pastor of your church parish.

St. Theresa CCD- June 7-18
Holy Rosary CCD- June 14-25
SMM CCD- July 12-23

1st and 10th Grade CCD:

These grades are very important in laying the foundation for the Sacramental year that follows. Therefore, attendance and passing grade of 1st and 10th grade CCD is a mandatory requirement before moving into the St. Mary Magdalen First Communion and Confirmation Programs. Failure to attend, any absences without a valid medical excuse, and/or missing more than 2 days will result in delay of the Sacrament and repeat of 1st or 10th grade CCD.

For information about Sacramental programs, call Eileen and for information about CCD call Amanda, both at the parish office (893-0244).

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, March 17, 2010 7:30 p.m.
St. Patrick's Day
topic: "How To Pray Like A Catholic"
presenter: Fr. Bryce Sibley

Total Stewardship and Development

WEEKLY OFFERTORY

MARCH 7, 2010

Regular Collection \$ 12,963.18

Second Collection:

Religious Education \$ 1,882.58

Thank You.

This Weekend

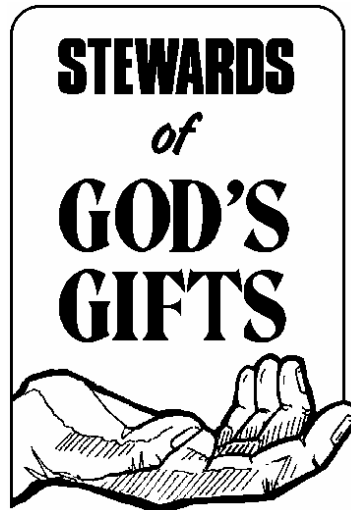
CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Next Weekend

BISHOP'S SERVICES APPEAL

NEWS ABOUT OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

We are aware that there are numerous problems with the current envelope sets and there have been problems in the past few months as well. Some people never received their home sets for February/March and sets that were sent to correct this problem did not include 2nd collection envelopes. We have found a new envelope company and new sets will be sent for April/May. Please call the parish office if you have any questions and thank you for your patience as we make the transition to a new company.



of St. Mary Magdalen Parish through the offering of one's time and talent as well as treasure.

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

Thank you to the lectors, sacristans, extraordinary ministers and altar servers who serve at the daily Masses and at Way of the Cross during Lent.

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

OPERATION RICE BOWL

THE PRODIGAL SON

The story of the Prodigal Son helps us refocus on the meaning of Lent. This is a time to change our ways, to turn back to God our Father, and to appreciate and share the gifts we have received. As we begin the second half of our journey with Catholic Relief Services' Operation Rice Bowl, we remember that we are called to be stewards of what God has given to us, and we connect our prayers and fasting with our giving.

Rice Bowl packets are available in the Parish Office with instructions on how to follow this simple yet powerful Lenten practice. Visit orb.crs.org for more information.

Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 14, 2010

"My son, you are here with me always. Everything I have is yours."

Luke 15: 1-3, 11-32

Jesus tells the story of the man with two sons, one who is ungrateful and leaves to squander half of his father's possessions. Despite his son's ingratitude, the father longs for his son's return. The ungrateful son sinks so low he realizes his mistake and chooses to return to his father to beg forgiveness. The other son is angered by his father's act of love and compassion for the son who abandoned and hurt him. In a similar story in the Talmud the ungrateful son is too ashamed to take the first step to return to his father. His father sends him a note, "Son, come back as far as you can, and I will come the rest of the way!" God has given us all that we have, all that we are and all that we ever will be. Are we sometimes ungrateful for all that God has given to us? Probably! But He longs for our return. If we are reluctant to take the first step, He comes to us.

~ Time, Talent, and Treasure ~

Management and Finance

BULLETIN ADVERTISEMENT

The staff in the St. Mary Magdalen parish office is handling the advertisements on the back of the bulletin. If you have a business this is a wonderful way to reach people while at the same time, showing your support to our parish. We distribute approximately 900 bulletins a week. We also have many people who visit our Church from out of town, both on the weekends and throughout the week. This is a wonderful opportunity to advertise, as we do have a few spaces open and available at this time.

We also want to remind parishioners that we also accept ads in a loved one's memory. This is a wonderful way to keep their memory alive. If you are interested, call the parish office at 893-0244.



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.

Work Status Update

The baseboard molding in the sanctuary and around the doors to the sacristy have been installed. The next step will involve staining and sealing all the wood. More work has been done on the sound system. Additional components have been added, the permanent sanctuary speakers have been installed, and work in the choir loft is also being done. The hearing impaired components of the system will soon be installed and further information will be given to instruct parishioners concerning the manner in which to access it.

Financial Status Update

Phase II gifts and pledges total	\$1,996,052.09
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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.



During the past week, two more pews have been memorialized through donations to the campaign (78 still to be memorialized).

If you consider a donation for a pew in memory of a loved one, you can make a pledge over a three year period. If you choose to pay monthly, the payments are \$50 per month. You can choose other payment plans such as quarterly, semi-annually or annually. The campaign office will send you envelopes each quarter which can be used send in your payments either by mail or by dropping them in any collection.

As a permanent record for the parish, all donations to the capital campaign will be listed in the Capital Campaign Donations Book. When the campaign is complete, all donations will be listed in the book in their appropriate location. Donations for specific items, for example pews, will be listed in the section for pews. This book will be displayed at parish celebrations. Please consider this special gift as a way memorialize your loved one.

Memorial opportunities are still available. 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.