

Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 9, 2010

SCHEDULE FOR :

May 9, 2010 — May 15, 2010

Monday	Baptism Seminar Ministries Building	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 Rehearsal Ministries Building	6:30 p.m.
Thursday	Young Apostles Come Lord Jesus Ministries Building	6:30 p.m.
Friday	Praise on the Plaza	7:00 p.m.
Saturday	Family Rosary in Church	7:00 a.m.

Happy Mother's Day

As we celebrate Mother's Day let us also remember in a special way all mothers around the world.

Our Mothers, Our Heroes

Ken Hackett, President of Catholic Relief Services

Our commemoration of Mother's Day offers us an opportunity to acknowledge the great contribution of women in our lives. From our own mothers, who gave us life and nurtured us as we grew, to our grandmothers, sisters, wives, daughters and friends, we all can be grateful for the love and wisdom women bestow on us.

Around the world, my colleagues at Catholic Relief Services have witnessed the key role played by women in families living in the poorest rural communities. Statistics bear this out:

- ◆ Of the world's 1.3 billion poor people, it is estimated that nearly 70% are women.
- ◆ One in every 4 households in the world is now headed by a woman.
- ◆ Women in the developing world are responsible for between 60-80% of crop production.
- ◆ In most countries, women work approximately twice the unpaid time men do.

In many ways, mothers are heroes. Often it doesn't seem dramatic. Yet at times the day-to-day care they give their families can be very heroic-even sacrificial. Think of the women who take in children orphaned by AIDS, children who may be related to them or may live in their community. Or the mother who participates in a saving and lending community so she can start a business to improve the life of her family.

*The Sanctuary Lamp this week
burns for
1st Communicant—Seth Viator*

*The Blessed Mother Devotional Candle this week
burns for
The Intentions of All Mothers*

MASS INTENTIONS

for the week of May 10th-16th, 2010

MONDAY: Acts 16:11-15; Jn 15:26-16:4a
St. Damien Joseph de Veuster of Moloka'i
6:30 A.M. Giacobe Tran Hieu

TUESDAY: Acts 16:22-34; Jn 16:5-11
6:30 A.M. Dr. & Mrs. P.O. Landry (Ann.) & Fly.

WEDNESDAY: Acts 17:15, 22-18:1; Jn 16:12-15
6:30 A.M. Fabian Faulk (Ann.); M/M Murphy Libersat & Fly.; Those who have no one to pray for them; Those who have passed away; Peter Thong Minh Tran; Leah Broussard; M/M Fernand Montagne; Therese & Luke Langlinais & Fly.; Dr. & Mrs. P.O. Landry & Fly.; John Vidos; Justin Broussard; Sen. & Mrs. Dudley J. LeBlanc; Lorena Broussard; Personal Intentions; M/M Theodore Broussard; George Veazey Fly.; Johnnie Broussard & Fly.; Ruby Lacour

THURSDAY: Acts 18:1-8; Jn 16:16-20
6:30 A.M. Gail Spears

FRIDAY: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; Jn 15:9-17 St. Matthias
6:30 A.M. Marjorie Broussard

SATURDAY: Acts 18:23-28; Jn 16:23b-28
6:30 A.M. Michael Vincent

VIGIL OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Acts 1:1-11; Eph 1:17-23 or Heb 9:24-28, 10:19-23; Lk 24:46-53
4:00 P.M. Gerald C. Harrington; M/M Murphy Libersat & Fly.; M/M Sam Guarino & Fly.; Mrs. Enid Guarino; Josephine Guarino; Justin & Jay Broussard; 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; Those who have no one to pray for them; Those who have passed away; Robie Russo; Whitney & Rita Bonin; Othon & Alma Trahan; Roger Sellers; Peter Thong Minh Tran; John Vidos; Michael B. Faulk; Elvina Bourque & Fly.; Joy P. Awwad; Marion Faulk Fly.; Rita Suire; Giacobe Tran Hieu; Charles Lee Pierce; James Clostio; Joseph Long Bui & Maria Vui Do; Joe Rogers; Holy Souls in Purgatory

ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Acts 1:1-11; Eph 1:17-23 or Heb 9:24-28, 10:19-23; Lk 24:46-53
7:00 A.M. Wendell Trahan
9:30 A.M. Personal Intentions
11:00 A.M. For the Parishioners
5:30 P.M. Maria Tuyet Nguyen

Spiritual Life and Worship

Please Pray for

Mr. Charles Lee Pierce
who died recently.

Baptisms

Sophia Ella-Rose Cessac, daughter of Jeremie Scott Cessac and
Cassie Lynn Drew

Ella Marie Duhon, daughter of Lacey Nichole Duhon

Alayna Kaye Henry, daughter of Scott James Henry and
Alicia Kaye Ryder

MAY DEVOTIONS TAKE PLACE THIS MONTH

Rosary and Litany of our Blessed Mother will be recited before morning weekday Masses and at 3:30 p.m. on Saturdays. May is the month during which we especially honor the Blessed Mother.

NEW ALTAR SERVERS

Any child who will be in the 5th through 12th grades this fall is eligible to become an altar server. If your child is interested in becoming an integral and important part of the celebration of the Eucharist, please call Mrs. Peggy Ashley at the parish office at 893-0244. Information needed is the child's name and grade in 2010-2011 school year, the parents' names, address and phone number. A training date will be scheduled in the near future. Please consider carefully this opportunity to serve at the altar of God.

Consecration to Jesus through Mary

Fr. Guillory will lead those interested in the Consecration to Jesus through Mary according to the method of St. Louis de Montfort. The preparation is done individually but there will also be a weekly talk offered by Father to help those in the process.

The remaining dates are as follows:

Monday, May 24 @ 6:30 p.m.: Knowledge of Mary & Christ

Monday, May 31 @ 6:30 p.m.: Mass & Consecration

HURRICANE SEASON PRAYER SERVICE AND MASS

The Diocese of Lafayette has planned regional prayer services and/or Masses to take place at the start of hurricane season which begins June 1, 2010. **The West Region will have a Mass at St. Peter the Apostle Catholic Church, 603 Main Street, Gueydan on Thursday, May 27th at 6:30 p.m.** An Ecumenical Prayer Service for the South Region of the Diocese will be held on Thursday, May 27th at St. Marcellus Catholic Church, 6100 Avery Island Road, New Iberia, at 6:30 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend.

A Musical Tribute To The Blessed Virgin Mary

As we honor the Blessed Virgin Mary next month, the Voices of St. Mary Magdalen Choir will present a musical tribute to Mary at every 11:00 a.m. Mass in May. When we hear the title Ave Maria (Hail Mary), most of us think of the famous setting by the nineteenth century Austrian composer, Franz Schubert-the setting we hear at many weddings and funerals. However, several composers throughout the centuries have been inspired to set this beautiful prayer to music. The choir and soloists will present five different settings of the *Ave Maria*, one each Sunday during the month of May at the 11:00 a.m. Mass.

GUIDELINES FOR RECEIVING COMMUNION

For Catholics

As Catholics, we fully participate in the celebration of the Eucharist when we receive Holy Communion. We are encouraged to receive Communion devoutly and frequently. In order to be properly disposed to receive Communion, participants should not be conscious of grave sin and normally should have fasted for one hour. A person who is conscious of grave sin is not to receive the Body and Blood of the Lord without prior sacramental confession except for a grave reason where there is no opportunity for confession. In this case, the person is to be mindful of the obligation to make an act of contrition, including the intention of confessing as soon as possible (Code of Canon Law, canon 916). A frequent reception of the Sacrament of Penance is encouraged for all.

For our fellow Christians

We welcome our fellow Christians to this celebration of the Eucharist as our brothers and sisters. We pray that our common baptism and the action of the Holy Spirit in this Eucharist will draw us closer to one another and begin to dispel the sad divisions which separate us. We pray that these will lessen and finally disappear, in keeping with Christ's prayer for us "that they may all be one" (Jn 17:21).

Because Catholics believe that the celebration of the Eucharist is a sign of the reality of the oneness of faith, life, and worship, members of those churches with whom we are not yet fully united are ordinarily not admitted to Holy Communion. Eucharistic sharing in exceptional circumstances by other Christians requires permission according to the directives of the diocesan bishop and the provisions of canon law (canon 844 § 4). Members of the Orthodox Churches, the Assyrian Church of the East, and the Polish National Catholic Church are urged to respect the discipline of their own Churches. According to Roman Catholic discipline, the Code of Canon Law does not object to the reception of Communion by Christians of these Churches (canon 844 § 3).

For those not receiving Holy Communion

All who are not receiving Holy Communion are encouraged to express in their hearts a prayerful desire for unity with the Lord Jesus and with one another.

For non-Christians

We also welcome to this celebration those who do not share our faith in Jesus Christ. While we cannot admit them to Holy Communion, we ask them to offer their prayers for the peace and unity of the human family.

May also be found on the inside back cover of church missalette
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Community Life and Outreach

SEMINARIAN BANQUET

St. Theresa KC Council will hold a Seminarian Banquet on Saturday, May 22, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. at the St. Theresa Holy Family Center in Abbeville. Tickets are \$10.00 and are available for purchase in the parish office.

DIOCESAN MARRIAGE ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

The Office of Family Life Ministry is sponsoring a Diocesan Marriage Anniversary Celebration to honor couples who have been married 25 and 40 years. These couples will be honored on **Sunday, August 8, 2010 at 2:00 p.m. at the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist, 914 St. John St., Lafayette.** Bishop Michael Jarrell will celebrate the special Mass and will give certificates, suitable for framing, to all couples being honored. A reception will follow in the Cathedral Carmel Gymnasium. Registration for this celebration is being held now. Couples from our parish who wish to be honored must register no later than Friday, June 25, 2010. Call the St. Mary Magdalen parish office at 893-0244 to register. Registrations will not be accepted at the door prior to the celebration.

Following Fr. Blanda's homily in which he spoke about Jesus as the Good Shepherd and the topic of vocations, many people had very positive feedback, especially on the subject of vocations. A parishioner found the following prayer in a prayer book dated 1905 and we wanted to share so that it may be used for personal prayer.

A PRAYER TO OBTAIN FOR MY SON A VOCATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD

Divine Savior, how great is Thy desire for salvation of men, and how great is Thy desire therefore for holy priests. To this end thou dost admonish us to pray, saying: "Pray the Lord of the harvest, that He may send workmen into his Vineyard" O Jesus! Would I be mindful of these words if I had no desire to see a son of mine a priest? I beseech Thee, therefore, O Lord, if it be not contrary to Thy holy decrees, inspire my son with a holy desire to work for the salvation of souls in the priesthood, and receive him among the number of Thy sacred ministers. "Thou directest the hearts of men like rivers of water" Thou didst change a persecuting Saul into an Apostle Paul. With Thee all things are possible. Show then, O Most Powerful God the Power of Thy Grace, Grant my petition, O Lord, I know and confess that I am unworthy of so great a grace; but Thou art rich in graces, even unto those who are not worthy of them. Show Thyself merciful also unto me? If I may hope that my request shall be granted, I will endeavor to the utmost to lead my son, blessed and enriched with so sublime a vocation into acquirement of the true fear of God and piety, that he may become a worthy minister at the altar. Amen.

HIGH SCHOOL ALTAR SERVERS AND YOUNG APOSTLES SUMMER CANOE TRIP

We invite all high school altar servers (9th grade in the Fall and older) and members of the Young Apostles to join Fr. Guillory for an exciting summer canoe trip on **Saturday, July 17.** Transportation will be provided for this one day trip to the Ouiska Chitto River. Bring your own lunch and snacks in a water tight container and lots of sunscreen! Chaperones (18 yrs and older please) are needed. Contact the parish office if you are interested in attending or need more information at 893-0244.

PRAISE ON THE PLAZA

Friday, May 14 7:00 p.m.—11:00 p.m.

The Young Apostles will sponsor Praise on the Plaza which will be a fundraiser to help defray the cost of Steubenville. Come and enjoy live music, food, fun jump and more! All are invited to attend and admission is free. Concessions will be also be sold. Bring your chairs and blankets and join us on the plaza for family fun.

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STUDENTS WHO ATTEND CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOLS MORE LIKELY TO GRADUATE, GO TO COLLEGE, REPORT FINDS

WASHINGTON – Students who attend Catholic high schools are more likely to graduate and attend college than students attending other schools, according to The Annual Statistical Report on Schools, Enrollment and Staffing, United States Catholic Elementary and Secondary Schools 2009-2010, a report recently released by the National Catholic Educational Association (NCEA).

Catholic secondary schools report a graduation rate of 99.1 percent, higher than rates reported by other religious schools (97.9 percent), non-sectarian schools (95.7 percent) and public schools (73.2 percent). Students graduating from Catholic high schools are also more likely to attend four year colleges (84.7 percent) than students graduating from other religious (63.7 percent) and non-sectarian (56.2 percent) schools. Catholic school graduates are twice as likely to attend four year colleges as graduates of public schools (44.1 percent).

Data for this analysis was collected from several publications of the U.S. Department of Education's National Center for Educational Statistics (NCES), as well as information collected by the NCEA.

"This report illustrates the ongoing excellence of Catholic schools," said Marie Powell, Executive Director of the Secretariat of Catholic Education of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB). "Catholic high schools have a remarkable record of graduating their students and preparing them well for post-secondary education. Their effectiveness in educating students, even from disadvantaged backgrounds, has been cited consistently in research published over the last 25 years.

Christian Formation



In the past we have reported on the academic excellence of our students at Vermilion Catholic utilizing such standardized measurements as the ACT test scores. We would also like the community to know how strong our theological program is at Vermilion Catholic. Recently, the Assessment for Catholic Religious Education (ACRE) test was administered to our seniors. The ACRE is an assessment tool measuring knowledge of theology provided by the National Catholic Education Association which compares our students' scores with those of students nationwide. VC seniors scored at or higher than the national average in 7 of the 8 domains in which they were tested. During the 2010-11 school year, this test will be administered to freshmen and seniors to provide a measurement for the level at which students enter VC and the level they are at the time they graduate from VC. Listed below are the test areas and scores.

<u>Domain</u>	<u>VC Average</u>	<u>National Average</u>
God – Father, Son & Holy Spirit	84%	79%
Church – One, Holy, Catholic & Apostolic	86%	81%
Liturgy and Sacraments	85%	76%
Revelation, Scripture and Faith	61%	61%
Life in Christ – Personal Morality and Catholic Social Teaching	65%	64%
Church History	59%	61%
Prayer/Religious Practices	87%	76%
Catholic Faith Literacy	74%	68%

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).

AQUINAS INSTITUTE SUMMER 2010 COURSES Registration begins May 3 and ends May 14

Learn more about your faith! Credit (\$250)/Audit (\$50)
Offered twice weekly, Community of Jesus Crucified classrooms, 421 1/2 Carmel Avenue, Lafayette from 6:30–8:15 p.m. and include:

LAT 102-Ecclesiastical Latin II Mr. Larry Jagneau
THE 102-Introduction to Scripture Fr. Clinton Sensat
THE 306-Catholic Sexual Ethics Miss Jennifer Miller

To register or obtain more information call Lynne Broussard at 261-5674 or go to our website at www.diolaf.org/aquinasinstitute.

Saint Teresa of Avila (1515-1582) Doctor of the Church

Once while I was recollected in this company I always bear with me in my soul, God seemed so present to me that I thought of St. Peter's words: "You are the Christ, Son of the Living God" (Mt 16,16). For God was thus living in my soul. This presence is not like other visions, because it is accompanied by such living faith that one cannot doubt that the Trinity is in our souls by presence, power, and essence. It is an extremely beneficial thing to understand this truth. Since I was amazed to see such majesty in something so lowly as my soul, I heard: "It is not lowly, daughter, for it is made in my image" (Gn 1,27).

"Whoever loves me will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our dwelling with him" John 14: 23

Total Stewardship and Development

WEEKLY OFFERTORY

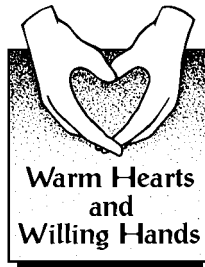
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Regular Collection \$11,409.60

Second Collection:

Insurance \$ 2,202.70

Thank You.



VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

Thank you to those volunteers who assist with Children's Liturgy of the Word.

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

CAPTIAL CAMPAIGN COLLECTION

Next Weekend

CHRISTIAN SERVICE CENTER

This collection will be used to help with the general operations of the Christian Service Center. The Christian Service Center is active in helping the people of our community with their physical, spiritual and education needs. Thank you for your continued generosity.

The following item has been donated as a memorial. We thank those individuals for choosing to honor their loved ones in this way.

Oil of the Catechumens Cruet

In memory of Gerald C. Harrington
by Joyclyn Harrington

One cruet is still available and can be donated as a memorial to a loved one.

Oil of Chrism cruet \$200

Stewardship Thought

May 9, 2010

Sixth Sunday of Easter

"I saw no temple in the city for its temple is the Lord God almighty and the Lamb" Revelations 21: 10-14, 22-23

The Apostle John was banished to Patmos for refusing to give up his mission to bring Christ to all people. Patmos is a charming small island in the Aegean Sea between Greece and Turkey where John wrote the Book of Revelations, a *letter* he addressed to the *Seven Churches of Asia*. Today they are on the western side of Turkey along the shores of the Dardenelles and the Aegean Sea. John employs sinister images and applies coded references to people and groups to convey the beauty of the Love of God and to challenge disciples of Jesus to stay firm in the faith. He taught that God was not confined to a building, the temple in Jerusalem. Rather, Jesus, the Lamb, and all who believe in Him and imitate Him, are temples. This challenged the beliefs and threatened the livelihood of the Jewish leaders. John also challenges us to believe in God as the source of all that we have, all that we ever will be. Are we good stewards of all that God has given to us?

~ Time, Talent, and Treasure ~

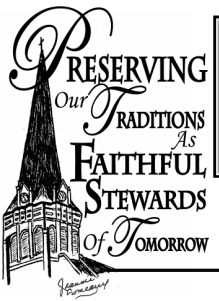
Management and Finance

PASTORAL COUNCIL ELECTIONS

The Pastoral Council provides leadership and is advisory to the Pastor. Five members are elected and the terms are staggered so that three members are elected one year and two the following year. This year there are three members whose elected terms end this May. The members whose terms are ending are George Veazey, Mike Guilbeaux and Calvin (Woody) Woodruff. George Veazey has served two terms and is not eligible for re-election. The parish is most appreciative of George's service and we thank him for the time he has given as a member of the Pastoral Council. Mike Guilbeaux has served one term and is eligible to serve another term, if nominated. Woody Woodruff was appointed to fill the unexpired term of Mike Russo when the Bishop appointed Mike as a parish trustee. Woody is eligible to be elected for the upcoming term. The two year term will begin June 1st.

All members of St. Mary Magdalen who are 18 or over, received the Sacrament of Confirmation, and are capable of participating in the sacramental life of the church are eligible for membership on the Council. Staff members are not eligible to serve on the Council.

Nominations for three Council seats are currently being accepted. Please call Peggy Ashley at the parish office at 893-0244 to nominate someone. Deadline for nominations is Tuesday, May 11th at 5:00 p.m. After the nominations are closed and if there are more than three candidates, a ballot will be included in the bulletin on the weekend of May 15-16 so that parishioners can vote.



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.

Total gifts and pledges in Phase II
\$ 2,015,475.66

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, more pews have been memorialized through donations to the campaign.

If you are interested in donating a church pew as a memorial you have the option of pledging the \$1,800 over a 3 year period.

You could make payments monthly (\$50), quarterly (\$150), semi-annually (\$300) or annually (\$600).

The campaign office will mail you a set of envelopes each quarter that you can use to send in payments.

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.