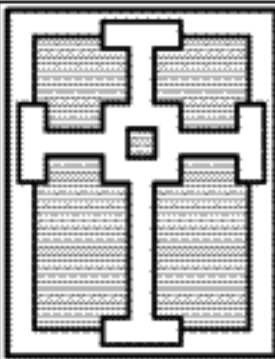


Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time June 21, 2009

SCHEDULE FOR: June 21st, 2009—June 27th, 2009

Sunday No Children's Liturgy of the Word

Wednesday Men of Mary Group 6:30 a.m.
Attend Mass/Recite Rosary
In Chapel



HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

**Masses will be offered this weekend
for all fathers, living and deceased**

RECEPTIONS AFTER ALL MASSES

We would like to extend a warm welcome to both Fr. Guillory, our new Associate Pastor and Mr. Steepleton, new principal of Vermilion Catholic to our parish community. Receptions will be held after each Mass this weekend in the Main Hall at Vermilion Catholic.

Prayer for Vocations

Gracious God,
with grateful hearts we welcome the presence
of Jesus, our Good Shepherd.
We accept the mission of Jesus
to bring good news to the world
by our baptismal commitment to gospel living.
Bless us with discerning hearts.
May we have the courage to give our lives
in loving service through married life, the single life,
the consecrated life, and ordained life.
Inspire men and women to respond generously
And embrace the gift of a religious vocation.
We unite our prayers with the whole Church,
with the communion of saints, with Jesus and the Spirit
in praise and thanksgiving now and forever.

Amen

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MASS INTENTIONS

for the Week of June 22nd—June 28th, 2009

MONDAY: Gn 12:1-9; Mt 7:1-5 St. Thomas More
6:30 A.M. Cody Mire (Ann.)

TUESDAY: Gn 13:2, 5-18; Mt 7:6, 12-14
6:30 A.M. Leonida Bourque

WEDNESDAY: Is 49:1-6; Acts 13:22-26; Lk 1:57-66, 80

The Nativity of John the Baptist

6:30 A.M. Elise Ognibene (Ann.); Peter Thong Minh Tran; Freddie Ann Bossley; Frances H. Richard Fly.; M/M Fernand Montagne; M/M Luke Langlais & Fly.; Dr. & Mrs. P.O. Landry & Fly.; John Vidos; Christopher Michael Hollier; Maria Nguyen; Phero Nguyen; Personal Intentions; Guise Cong Viet Cao; Anyone who has passed away; Orphaned Souls; Dorothy Broussard; Joseph A. Dufour; Johnnie Broussard Fly.; Hester Broussard & Fly.; M/M Lenes Duhon; Ofilda "Fid" Vice; James Kelly "Bubba" Frederick, II; Benson Gary; Hilda B. Dufour

THURSDAY: Gn 16:1-12, 15-16; Mt 7:21-29

6:30 A.M. Maria Ty

FRIDAY: Gn 17:1, 9-10, 15-22; Mt 8:1-4

6:30 A.M. Guise Cong Viet Cao

SATURDAY: Gn 18:1-15; Mt 8:5-17 St. Cyril

6:30 A.M. Maxine L. LeBlanc (Ann.)

Vigil of Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wis 1:13-15, 2:23-24; 2 Cor 8:7, 9, 13-15; Mk 5:21-43

4:00 P.M. Edwin Duhon & Son; John Vidos; Nicole LeBlanc; E.J. Adams; Rufus J. Simon; M/M Alfred Vincent Fly.; Joy P. Awwad; Peter Thong Minh Tran; M/M John Vigneaux; Warren E. Broussard; Mattie Primeaux; Freddie Ann Bossley; M/M John Nugier; Eleanor Bares & Fly.; Mary Ann & Dicky Broussard; M/M Fernand Montagne; George Veazey Fly.; Giuse Ba Nguyen Bui; Giac Tran; Quet Nguyen; M/M Sam Guarino & Fly.; Josephine Guarino; Mrs. Enid Guarino; Roger Sellers; Joseph Long Bui; Maria Vui Do; Frances H. Richard Fly.; Michael B. Faulk; Christopher Michael Hollier; Maria Ty; Maria Nguyen; Phero Nguyen; Lori Ellen Bellaire Booth; Elvina Bourque & Fly.; Personal Intentions; Justin "Jay" Broussard, Jr.; Giuse Cong Viet Cao; Anyone who has passed away; Orphaned Souls; Gordon K. Marshall; Lucille Suire & Daughters; Claudette Melebeck; Bonnie Barren; Floyd Touts; Edmonia Frederick; Dolores Hebert LeBlanc

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wis 1:13-15, 2:23-24; 2 Cor 8:7, 9, 13-15; Mk 5:21-43

7:00 A.M. Betty T. Lowe

9:30 A.M. Jeanette M. Motty

11:00 A.M. For the Parishioners

5:30 P.M. Benson Gary

Spiritual Life and Worship

Baptisms

Hannah Elizabeth Melancon, daughter of
Jeffrey Anthony Melancon and Jennifer Marie Cornell

PRAYER FOR HURRICANE SEASON

O God, Master of this passing world, hear the humble voices of your children. The Sea of Galilee obeyed your order and returned to its former quietude. You are still the Master of land and sea. We live in the shadow of a danger over which we have no control: the Gulf, like a provoked and angry giant, can awake from its seeming lethargy, overstep its conventional boundaries, invade our land and spread chaos and disaster.

During this hurricane season we turn to you, O loving Father. Spare us from past tragedies whose memories are still so vivid and whose wounds seem to refuse to heal with the passing of time. O Virgin, Star of the Sea, Our Beloved Mother, we ask you to plead with your Son on our behalf, so that spared from the calamities common to this area and animated with a true spirit of gratitude, we will walk in the footsteps of your divine Son to reach heavenly Jerusalem where a stormless eternity awaits us. Amen

Imprimatur: August 29, 1967 Maurice Schexnayder, Bishop of Lafayette in Louisiana

PATRIOTIC ROSARY

St. Edmond KC Council is hosting a Patriotic Rosary on Thursday, July 2nd at 6:00 p.m. in St. Edmond Catholic Church, 4131 W. Congress St., Lafayette.

We will pray for the individual 50 states as well as the entire USA. Everyone from Acadiana is invited to attend. To join in or for more information, call Pat LaBorde at 988-5580.

RETREATS SCHEDULED AT JESUIT SPIRITUALITY CENTER

Prayer and Worship in New Testament— Aug. 20th-23rd; Aim is to enrich personal experience of prayer

An Ignatian Guided Retreat—Sept 3rd-6th, 2009; Based on the *Spiritual Exercises* of St. Ignatius

For an application form visit jesuitspiritualitycenter.org

MISSION APPEAL

Next weekend, June 27th & 28th, Deacon Dominic Tam Tran will be traveling to the Diocese of Houma, Thibodeaux. Deacon Tran will be speaking to parishioners at Annunziata Church about the Vietnamese Mission of the Diocese of Xuan Loc in Vietnam. Deacon Tran has asked that the parishioners of St. Mary Magdalen pray for the success of his trip and also pray for the Catholic Mission in Vietnam.



Father Blanda gives the blessing during benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.



Staff of the Christian Service Center, Fr. Blanda, Mayor Piazza, and City Councilmen during the ribbon cutting ceremony for the Christian Service Center.

The Eucharistic procession from St. Mary Magdalen Church to the Saint Mary Magdalen Christian Service Center that took place last Saturday, June 13th was a true and lasting blessing for our parish and community.

Members of our parish had the opportunity to walk with Jesus to the Center where Christ was adored in the Most Blessed Sacrament and the grounds consecrated to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus. The honorable Mayor of Abbeville, Mr. Mark Piazza, was present for the official ribbon cutting ceremony, sponsored by the Abbeville Chamber of Commerce.

All who participated in the event were richly blessed as is the future of this apostolate for our Church and community.

Community Life and Outreach

Hospice of Acadiana's "Camp Brave Hearts"

Hospice of Acadiana is holding its annual **Camp Brave Hearts** for children who are faced with the challenges of grief. Campers will participate in activities such as: swimming, games, art, letter writing, memory boxes, Native American rituals, and peer support. The camp will provide a safe place for Brave Hearts to freely share difficult feelings through fun activities.

When: July 30-31, 2009 from 9:00 a.m.— 3:00 p.m.

Where: Robicheaux Recreational Center
1919 Eraste Landry Rd., Lafayette, LA

Age Group: 7 to 11 years

Cost: \$15.00 (includes lunch, snacks, art supplies, etc.)

Registration: Contact Hospice of Acadiana 237-1332 ext. 3765. Space is limited, so please apply early.

You Can Help Your Marriage— Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue or have just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse? Retrouvaille helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. This program has helped many couples experiencing difficulties in marriage. For confidential information or to register for the August program, beginning with a weekend on August 28-30, call 1-800-470-2230 or visit www.helpourmarriage.com

DONATIONS FOR STEUBENVILLE SOUTH

The St. Mary Magdalen Young Apostles will be attending Steubenville South in Alexandria, LA. If you would be interested in making a monetary donation to assist in offsetting expenses for boarding, vehicle costs and/or food supplies it would be greatly appreciated. The conference is filled with praise and worship, uplifting music, numerous faith filled talks from nationally known speakers, prayer and adoration. This is a powerful Catholic experience that allows our young adults to praise Jesus with thousands of other teens. Please contact Drew David at 893-9387 or drop off your donation to the Ministries Building labeled Young Apostles-Steubenville. Thank you for the support and prayer for our young adults in their on-going journey toward a richer love of our Catholic faith.

Yours in Christ, Drew David

DesOrmeaux Foundation Baby and Me Boutique

Baby and Me Boutique is a new store in Lafayette specializing in maternity and baby items. It is located at 1335 Jefferson Street in the old Saloom Dress Shop and is open for business. Donations of new and gently used maternity clothes, baby items and supplies are needed. All proceeds will be used to support a new home for homeless, pregnant mothers and our pregnancy resource center. Call Michela or Peggy at 337-289-9366. *For the Love of Life ...*

PRO-LIFE MEMBERS OF CONGRESS STAND UP

Washington, DC (LifeNews.com) - They gave it a valiant effort last week, but pro-life members of the House failed to stop President Obama's international abortion agenda. They couldn't overpower the support for H.R. 2410, the Foreign Relations Authorization bill. Despite Rep. Chris Smith's best efforts, his colleagues approved the legislation 235-187 effectively breaking ground on a massive new effort to promote abortion abroad. As Rep. Mike Pence (R-Ind.) told the chamber "...beyond these extraordinary increases (a single year increase of 35% in the State Dept. basic salary and operations), this legislation does a disservice to the values of millions of Americans who cherish the sanctity of life. We deserve a foreign relations budget that respects our pocket-books and values. This does neither."

Eighteen Democrats crossed over to vote with Republicans against the bill. After the final votes had been cast, the Congressional Pro-Life Caucus took a turn on the House floor to blast the public funding of abortion in the D.C. Appropriations bill. Rep. Jean Schmidt (R. Ohio) led the charge, which included Congressmen Marsha Blackburn (R-Tenn.), Virginia Foxx (R-N.C.), Michele Bachmann (R-Minn.), pro-life Democrat Kathy Dahlkemper (Penn.), Reps. Joe Pitts (R-Penn.), and Chris Smith. These stalwart women and men did an outstanding job of communicating a compassionate pro-life message.

ST. MARY MAGDALEN CHRISTIAN SERVICE CENTER

701 Chevis Street Abbeville
893-9756

OPERATING HOURS:

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Thursdays 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

EDUCATIONAL CLASSES STARTING SOON

Incentives are being offered for attending. Call 893-9756 for more information about classes being offered at the Christian Service Center.

OLD TESTAMENT BIBLE STUDY

Thursday, June 25th at 5:30 p.m.
An informative look at the Old Testament.

BUDGETING CLASS

Thursday, July 2nd at 10:00 a.m.
Learning how to use God's generosity wisely.

Christian Formation

2009 SUMMER CCD PROGRAM JULY 6-10 TO JULY 13-17

ATTENDANCE POLICY REMINDER: Diocesan policy allows for a child to miss no more than 2 days of CCD before they must repeat the course or follow make-up procedures. The reason for missing a day are irrelevant. Please keep this in mind when planning vacations, activities, camps, doctors appointments, etc. Call Amanda at the parish office with any questions regarding this matter at 893-0244.



2009 Vacation Bible Camp THE MASS COMES ALIVE!

Thanks to the volunteers and kids for a great week of faith-filled fun!

SEMINARIAN'S TEACHING

by Neil Pettit

While doing research for the biography of Cardinal Gibbons, Monsignor John Tracy Ellis, one of the most prominent historians of the Catholic Church in the United States, learned an interesting story told about Cardinal James Gibbons.

"The man told how as a young boy his parents took him for a walk every Sunday afternoon following dinner. Sure enough, every Sunday they would pass a small but distinguished-looking cleric also on a stroll who would unfailingly tip his hat, smile, and say 'good afternoon' to the family. Each Sunday, the man recalled he would want to return the greeting to the kind gentleman, and even chat with him, so courteous did he seem, but his parents, who never returned the greeting, pulled him quickly along. Seems they were prominent Presbyterians who would explain to their little boy that the man in black was a Catholic priest with whom they did not associate.

Well so engaging was the priest's smile, so sincere his greeting, Sunday after Sunday, even when constantly ignored by the parents, that...he became more and more curious about Catholics, to such an extent that, at twenty-two, to the horror of his blueblood parents, he took instructions and joined the Roman Catholic Church. How moved he was when at the Cathedral of the Assumption to be confirmed, he saw process up the aisle the gracious gentleman who had been unfailingly courteous to him on Sunday strolls, now in regal vestments, blessing the crowd who whispered in awe to one another, 'It's Cardinal Gibbons.'"

Archbishop Dolan recounts this story not only to show how Cardinal Gibbons himself was a bridge due to his personal virtue but also to show how a little courtesy can be a catalyst for major changes in the world. This "unfailingly courteous" priest won a soul for Christ and his Church through his actions and by living out this virtue. Courtesy falls under the virtue of charity, the Christian virtue ranking utmost in importance, and it is based on the three principles of self-respect, respect for others, and the realization that society can only survive and prosper if it is ordered by principles of civility, consideration, and care. St. Augustine believed the greatest of all heresies was a lack of charity, and courtesy cannot exist alongside a lack of charity.

A respect for self is the primary principle that the path to courtesy must be built upon. We must first concentrate on respecting ourselves and our needs before we can serve Christ in others. Through the very recognition of the fact that we are all children of God, made in his image and likeness, we should treat ourselves with dignity. It is through this dignity that we learn to speak and act in a manner worthy of our birthright as a child of God.

Through this recognition of a respect for ourselves, we can then gain a better understanding concerning how we treat others. We are called to treat others with the same respect and dignity we should treat ourselves with, for we are all children of God. Treating other people as a reflection of Christ ensures that another person will be treated with the dignity that human life deserves. The late Henri Nouwen viewed genuine Christian love not merely as an awareness of the needs of others, but an anticipation for the needs of others. This treatment ensures that out of this respect for others, a courtesy will follow in our treatment of others.

Following a concern for the respect of others, we can move to the final section of the threefold path towards courtesy – the necessity of principles for society to operate by. Regardless of the size, society is completely dependent on the courtesy of men towards one another for its survival. As the individual members of society, we are called to recognize our own personal responsibility that we must assume for the survival of society. We should each realize that while living out our vocation in life, we must recognize the need for courtesy in society. Mother Teresa believed "our vocation...must be full of courtesy for others."

We can find a deep tradition within the Cajun culture of families extending themselves in charity and courtesy to others in need. It is this type of hospitality that the people of South Louisiana are known for. Let us pray that in each of our busy lives, we can conform ourselves to this concept of courtesy, so that we may continually reflect a courtesy indicative of Christ and the saints.

Taken from Archbishop Timothy M. Dolan's book
Priests for the Third Millennium
Dolan, Timothy M. *Priests for the Third Millennium*.

Total Stewardship and Development

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

SUNDAY, JUNE 14th COLLECTIONS

Loose	\$ 3,987.25
Envelopes.....	\$ 4,832.00
Total:	\$8,819.25

No Second Collection

Thank You.

This Weekend

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION COLLECTION

Next Weekend

PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION

Our parish will participate in the Peter's Pence Collection for the Works of the Holy Father. This collection enables the Holy Father to respond to requests for emergency funds from the most disadvantaged throughout the world. This special appeal is an opportunity to demonstrate justice and kindness to our brothers and sisters in need. Please pray for the Holy Father's works and contribute generously to the appeal.

CHURCH SUPPORT ENVELOPES

Anyone who has not used envelopes in the past but would like to begin using them may call the parish office at 893-0244 to request them.

STEWARDS of GOD'S GIFTS



VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

Thank you to Kessie Thomas for coordinating Vacation Bible Camp which was held this past week at St. Theresa's Holy Family Center. The program would not have been possible without her leadership effort and the effort of many volunteers who were involved in planning. This program took months of preparation and collaboration. Thank you to all who participated - the week was a great success!

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.

Stewardship Thought for the weekend of June 21st, 2009 Twelfth Sunday of Ordinary Time

In today's Gospel reading we hear Jesus commanding the wind and sea to be at peace, to be still. The Gospel scene depicting Jesus and his disciples on a boat seems appropriate for the summer. It is a season to contemplate nature and to find God in the wonders of His creation. It is also a time to contemplate, as stewards of the Lord's abundant gifts, all of creation as God's gift and that ultimately it is God who has control over the world and not us.

~ Time, Talent, and Treasure ~

Management and Finance

PASTORAL COUNCIL ELECTIONS

In the last few weeks, announcements soliciting nominations for the Pastoral Council were published. 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 two members who are to be elected. Their two year term begins July 1st.

The two nominations for the two Council seats were submitted. A ballot will not be necessary since the nominations are elected without opposition. Congratulations to Durel Romaine and Brandon Gallet.

MAUSOLEUM CRYPTS AT ST. PAUL CEMETERY

With the completion of the new section of the mausoleum at St. Paul Cemetery, the Cemetery Office is now responsible for selling crypts in this section. Single and double crypts are available. Prices are dependent on the section and tier where the crypt is located. If you are interested in more information regarding the purchase of a crypt at St. Paul Cemetery, please contact the Cemetery Office to make an appointment.



Trompe-l'oeil, French for "trick the eye"

An art technique that uses extremely realistic imagery to create the optical illusion that an object is three dimensional instead of a two dimensional painting.



Capital Campaign

PHASE II

TOTAL PLEDGES: \$1,526,727.00

PHASE II PROJECTS IN PROGRESS

Repair and return of stained glass windows to sanctuary	\$139,211.00
Payment to contractor	<u>\$ 74,921.00</u>
Balance on Project	\$ 64,290.00
Replace church roof (excluding steeple)	\$735,650.00
Payment to contractor	<u>\$659,085.00</u>
Balance on Project	\$ 76,565.00
Organ console and relays	\$100,319.24
Payment to contractor	<u>\$ 9,203.60</u>
Balance on Project	\$ 91,115.64
Pew refinishing	\$ 92,367.53
Payment to contractor	<u>\$ 28,574.17</u>
Balance on Project	\$ 63,793.36
Interior Repair & Décor	\$871,903.51
Payment to contractor	<u>\$275,269.00</u>
Balance on Project	\$596,634.51



Ceiling Murals In Progress

Left: St. John Berchmanns

Right: St. Andrew Dung-Lac