

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time July 25, 2010

SCHEDULE FOR : July 26, 2010 — August 1, 2010

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

FREE BLESSED CANDLES

Over the years, the remnants of altar candles have been accumulated. We have many that have burned down but may still be lit and used if placed in a votive candle holder of some sort. They could be used for home prayer. If you are interested you may pick them up in the parish office.

"If you then, who are wicked, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the Father in heaven"

The more the human conscience succumbs to secularization, loses its sense of the very meaning of the word "mercy", moves away from God and distances itself from the mystery of mercy, the more the Church has the right and the duty to appeal to the God of mercy "with loud cries". (Mt 15:23) These "loud cries" should be the mark of the Church of our times...

Modern man often anxiously wonders about the solution to the terrible tensions which have built up in the world and which entangle humanity. And if at times he lacks the courage to utter the word "mercy," or if in his conscience empty of religious content he does not find the equivalent, so much greater is the need for the Church to utter his word, not only in her own name but also in the name of all the men and women of our time. She must utter an ardent prayer, a cry that implores mercy according to the needs of man in the modern world.

May this cry be full of that truth about mercy which has found such rich expression in Sacred Scripture and in Tradition, as also in the authentic life of faith of countless generations of the People of God. With this cry let us, like the sacred writers, call upon the God who cannot despise anything that He has made, the God who is faithful to Himself, to His fatherhood and His love.

Pope John Paul II

Paul says: I appeal to you by the mercy of God to present your bodies as a sacrifice, living and holy. The prophet said the same thing: Sacrifice and offering you did not desire, but you have prepared a body for me. Each of us is called to be both a sacrifice to God and his priest. Do not forfeit what divine authority confers on you. Put on the garment of holiness, gird yourself with the belt of chastity. Let Christ be your helmet, let the cross on your forehead be your unflinching protection. Your breastplate should be the knowledge of God that he himself has given you. Keep burning continually the sweet smelling incense of prayer. Take up the sword of the Spirit. Let your heart be an altar. Then, with full confidence in God, present your body for sacrifice. God desires not death, but faith; God thirsts not for blood, but for self-surrender; God is appeased not by slaughter, but by the offering of your free will.

~ from a sermon by SAINT PETER CHRYSOLOGUS
MEMORIAL: JULY 30TH

*The Blessed Mother Devotional Candle this week
burns in memory of Roy Louis LeBlanc*

MASS INTENTIONS

for the week of July 26th-August 1st, 2010

**MONDAY: Jer 13:1-11; Mt 13:31-35 St. Joachim & St. Anne
6:30 A.M.** Hester Broussard & Fly.

**TUESDAY: Jer 14:17-22; Mt 13:36-43
6:30 A.M.** David Hebert

**WEDNESDAY: Jer 15:10, 16-21; Mt 13:44-46
6:30 A.M.** Maria Nguyen; M/M Murphy Libersat & Fly.; John Vidos; Personal Intentions; M/M Fernand Montagne; Therese & Luke Langlinais & Fly.; Leah Broussard; Dr. & Mrs. P.O. Landry & Fly.; Peter Thong Minh Tran; Ronald & Freddie Ann Bossley; Antoine Cossette (Ann.); Joseph L. Broussard; Lam Vu; Nguyen Nghiem; Tang Do; In thanksgiving to God and the Blessed Virgin Mary; For people who have died and have no one to pray for them

**THURSDAY: Jer 18:1-6; Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42
St. Martha**

6:30 A.M. Linh Hon Mo Coi

FRIDAY: Jer 26:1-9; Mt 13:54-58 St. Peter Chrysologus

6:30 A.M. Ta On

**SATURDAY: Jer 26:11-16, 24; Mt 14:1-12 St. Ignatius of Loyola
6:30 A.M.** David Hebert

VIGIL OF THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Ecc 1:2, 2:21-23; Col 3:1-5, 9-11; Lk 12:13-21

4:00 P.M. M/M John Sellers; Nicole LeBlanc; E.J. Adams; Joy P. Awwad; Whitney & Rita Bonin; Elvina Bourque & Fly.; Justin & Jay Broussard; Michael B. Faulk; Lucille Sellers Gooch; Josephine Guarino; Mrs. Enid Guarino; M/M Sam Guarino & Fly.; Personal Intentions; M/M Murphy Libersat & Fly.; M/M Fernand Montagne; Jeannette M. Motty; Eleanor Bares & Fly.; Maria Quet Nguyen; M/M John Nugier; Charles Lee Pierce; Robie Russo; Roger Sellers; Othon & Alma Trahan; Dôminicô Giac Tran; George Veazey Fly.; John Vidos; M/M John Vigneaux; Peter Thong Minh Tran; Phero & Maria Nguyen; Aaron & Hilda Dufour; Nguyen Nghiem; Tang Do; Lam Vu; For people who have died and have no one to pray for them; Joe Rogers; Souls in Purgatory; Edwin Duhon & Son; Leonard & Wayne Sellers; Bobbie Boudreaux; Estelle Petry; Lula Mae Meaux Broussard; Eugene Choate; Celie Haydell

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7:00 A.M. Gertrude Frederick Thomas

9:30 A.M. Bobby Charles Guidry

11:00 A.M. For the Parishioners

5:30 P.M. Charles Breaux

Spiritual Life and Worship

O God, source of life and love, you gave Saint Leopold a tremendous compassion for sinners and a desire for church unity. Through his prayers, grant that we may acknowledge our need of forgiveness, show love to others, and strive to bring about a living unity among Christians. Through Our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.

~ SAINT LEOPOLD MEMORIAL: JULY 30TH

Please Pray for

Anthony Keith LeBlanc who died recently.

Baptisms

Lily Mathilde Akers, daughter of Kory Joseph Akers and Kalyn Elizabeth Guidry

Andrew Michael Arsement, son of Jared Nicholaus Arsement and Camille Ann Guidry

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

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MOTHER TERESA'S RELICS IN LAFAYETTE

First and second class relics of Blessed Teresa of Calcutta will be available for public veneration on Sunday, July 25, 2010.

2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. public veneration at St. Genevieve Catholic Church, Lafayette (417 East Simcoe).

5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. public veneration with 6:00 p.m. Mass at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church, Lafayette (818 12th Street).

The July 25th display will include:

Two first class relics: a reliquary containing some of Mother Teresa's blood and a lock of her hair.

Second class relics: Mother Teresa's crucifix, rosary, sandals and sari (religious habit).

MASS IN SUPPORT OF MILITARY FAMILIES

On **Thursday, August 12, 2010, St. Michael Catholic Church in Crowley will host a special Mass in recognition of military men, women and their families.** The Mass which is scheduled for 6:30 p.m., will be celebrated by Bishop Michael Jarrell.

The purpose of this Mass is to lend support to families with loved ones who are currently serving out military assignments in Iraq and Afghanistan. Prayers will be offered for all women and men who have sacrificed so much in service to others.

Everyone is invited to attend the Mass, which will be followed by a small reception in the parish hall. For more information contact Janeth Harrington at 337-258-0073.



Memorial Mass for Lt. Rev. Joseph Verbis Lafleur


*Tuesday, September 7, 2010 at 6:30 p.m.
St. Landry Catholic Church, Opelousas*

Father Lafleur was a young assistant who came to St. Mary Magdalen in 1938-he later became a chaplain in the Army Air Corps in 1941. He lost his life while a prisoner during WWII aboard a sinking POW ship. Father Lafleur was last seen persuading his men to leave the hold of the vessel; before he did, blessed them and helped them up the ladder to possible safety.

Fr. Guillory would like to organize a group from St. Mary Magdalen parish and surrounding areas to attend this memorial Mass. If you are interested in attending with the group, please contact the parish office at 893-0244.

Community Life and Outreach

FEED HOPE • FIGHT HUNGER




FOOD DRIVE

Benefiting St. Mary Magdalen
Christian Service Center

JULY 26TH — AUGUST 20TH

Donations can be dropped off at Gulf Coast Bank's Main Office in Abbeville, and locations in Maurice, Erath, Delcambre and inside Abbeville WM.

Box or canned non-perishable goods are acceptable.




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, August 7, 2010

Where: Conference Room

Time: 9:00 am-12:00 pm

“Without love, deeds, even the most brilliant, count as nothing.”

St. Therese of Lisieux

NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING AWARENESS WEEK “TRUST, GOD HAS A PLAN FOR YOUR MARRIAGE”
JULY 25–31, 2010

The dates of Natural Family Planning Awareness Week highlight the anniversary of the papal encyclical *Humanae Vitae* (July 25) which articulates Catholic beliefs about human sexuality, conjugal love and responsible parenthood. The dates also mark the feast of Saints Joachim and Anne (July 26), the parents of the Blessed Mother. For further information, visit www.usccb.org/prolife/issues/nfp/nfpweek/index.shtml. The article below is part of the national education campaign to focus attention on NFP methods and Church teachings which support their use in marriage.

The Church does not teach that couples should have a certain number of children, but it does offer teaching about responsible parenthood, which can be summarized in these five points:

1. Husbands and wives have a responsibility to understand and honor the wisdom of the body, including its biological processes.
2. Humans share certain instincts and passions, and Christians are to guard and control them through reason and will.
3. Taking into consideration the physical, economic, psychological and social conditions of their marriage, couples exercise responsible parenthood by a prudent and generous decision to raise a large family, or by a decision (for serious reasons and made according to the moral law) to avoid a new birth for the time being, or even for an indefinite period.
4. Responsible parenthood has its roots in the truth about right and wrong established by God, and spouses have a duty to inform their consciences and make decisions according to this truth. Husbands and wives recognize their duties toward God, themselves, their family and society, and are called to maintain a proper set of priorities.

Offering their marriage in discipleship to the Lord Jesus, couples do not make purely arbitrary or subjective decisions regarding becoming parents but use the wisdom of God as their guide. As in every other aspect of their lives, Christian couples always remain open to God's wisdom and providence regarding family life, including the size of their particular family. Since God brought them together and shares his love with them, he will always guide them along paths that are best for them.

Most Rev. J. Peter Sartain

Christian Formation

ST. MARY MAGDALEN THREE WEEK SCRIPTURE STUDY COURSE

The Great Heresies Of The Church

St. Mary Magdalen will be offering a three week scripture study course beginning in September. The course will be given by Mr. Joshua LeBlanc and will examine the **Great Heresies of the Church**. Please mark the dates of **Sunday, September 12, 19 and 26 from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.** There is no cost for this course, but registration will begin at a later date. If you have any questions, please contact Eileen in the parish office at 893-0244.

RCIA Program Beginning Soon

The church parishes of St. Mary Magdalen, St. Theresa and St. John/St. James are once again participating in a combined RCIA program beginning Tuesday, October 12, 2010. The program consists of priests giving various teaching presentations on the doctrinal elements of Catholic life. In addition, lay members of the Church community will facilitate discussions on prayer, Catholic practices, and day-to-day life as a Catholic.

If you know of someone who wishes to become a Catholic, please contact Eileen at the parish office (893-0244) as soon as possible.

FRIENDS DAY

A morning of spiritual talks on timely topics and Mass, with an opportunity for the celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Friends Day is coordinated by priests and members of the Community of Jesus Crucified. The day begins at 9:00 a.m. and ends with the celebration of Holy Mass at noon. Held at the Center of the Community of Jesus Crucified, 421 1/2 Carmel Avenue, Lafayette. Pre-registration is not required and all are invited to attend. For more information, you may call 337-232-7491.

Saturday, August 7, 2010

"Origin of the Bible and How to Read It"

Fr. Clinton Sensat

Topics will include:

- ◆ Differences between Catholic and Protestant bibles.

Saturday, October 9, 2010

"Why does God allow suffering?"

Mr. Richard Chiasson

- ◆ Panel discussion with lay people who have experienced tragedies in their lives.

Saturday, November 13, 2010

"Making the right decision at the beginning and end of life"

Dr. Kim Hardy and Fr. Michael Champagne,cjc



Vermilion Catholic
All are Welcome
 893-6636

“Lord, Look Upon The Faith Of Your Church”

Salvation comes from God alone; but because we receive the life of faith through the Church, she is our mother: “We believe the Church as the mother of our new birth, and not in the Church as if she were the author of our salvation.” (Faustus of Riez) Because she is our mother, she is also our teacher in the faith.

Total Stewardship and Development

WEEKLY OFFERTORY

July 18, 2010

Regular Collection \$ 11,601.15

Second Collection:

Capital Campaign \$ 2,148.05

Thank You.

This Weekend

NO SECOND COLLECTION

Next Weekend

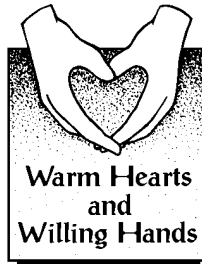
MISSION APPEAL COLLECTION

2010-2011 Annual Insurance Premium Appeal Update

We have received 144 donations for a total of \$10,630.00 to help pay off the remaining balance of the 2010-2011 insurance premium. We continue to receive donations each day. Thanks to everyone who sent in donations, we now need \$4,561.00 to finish paying off the 2010-2011 premium. The amount collected in the insurance second collection from Sunday, July 4th has been placed in savings for the 2011-2012 premium.

Summer Planting

The sidewalk flower bed memorial is still available. If you are interested in making a memorial donation for this bed, please call Deacon Vaughn at the parish office at 893-0244. The cost of the sidewalk bed is \$300.



VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

A special thank you to all the teachers and volunteers who worked so well together to make our summer CCD program such a 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.

MISSION APPEAL

Fr. Erasto Naakule will be visiting our parish to speak about mission appeals for the Diocese of Rulenge Ngara in Tanzania. Fr. Erasto will be speaking at all Masses the weekend of July 31 and August 1, 2010. An envelope titled "Mission Appeal" has been included in the home sets to be used for that weekend.

Stewardship Thought

July 25, 2010

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Lord, teach us to pray!"

Luke 11: 1-13

Abraham bargains to save Sodom. He starts out with fifty innocent people. God agrees. Obviously lacking confidence he will find fifty, he bargains God down to ten. He could not even find ten, so Sodom is destroyed. The Old Testament covenants were bargains with God. God always kept his part. The patriarchs and Israelites were not so faithful. The disciples saw Jesus as a person who was faithful to the Covenant and a man of prayer. They asked Him, "Lord, teach us to pray." He teaches them the Our Father. Then He tells the stories of the persistent woman and fathers who give their children bread and eggs, not snakes and scorpions. Are we confident when we pray to God, Our Father in heaven, that His Kingdom, *not ours*, will come; that His will, *not ours*, be done; for our daily bread, not tomorrow's or next year's; and to forgive our sins *as we forgive others?* Are we good stewards who are persistent in prayer *to learn God's will?* If at first you don't succeed, skydiving may not be your thing. Try prayer instead. *And keep trying.*

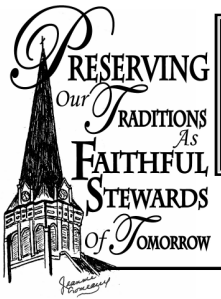
Management and Finance

ST. MARY MAGDALEN CEMETERY MAUSOLEUM NEWS

A vase lifter has been purchased for the large mausoleum at St. Mary Magdalen Cemetery. The lifter had to be custom made so it does not fit all of the vase sizes that are currently in the cemetery. If you are interested in purchasing a vase that will fit the lifter, please contact the Cemetery Office at 893-0244.

Memorial Donations

One way to remember and honor those friends and relatives who have died is through donations to the Capital Campaign.



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
\$ 2,048,842.41

Individual Church Pews \$1,800 each



Pews have been refinished, cushions have been added for comfort and to help with acoustics.

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.