

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time August 16th, 2009

SCHEDULE FOR:

August 16th, 2009 – August 22nd, 2009

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

"Truly we are passing through disastrous times, when we may well make our own the lamentation of the Prophet: 'There is no truth, and there is no mercy, and there is no knowledge of God in the land' (Hosea 4:1). Yet in the midst of this tide of evil, the Virgin Most Merciful rises before our eyes like a rainbow, as the arbiter of peace between God and man."

*Pope Saint Pius X
Memorial: August 21*

"God could have given us the Redeemer of the human race, and the Founder of the Faiths in another way than through the Virgin, but since Divine Providence has been pleased that we should have the Man-God through Mary, who conceived Him by the Holy Spirit and bore Him in her womb, it only remains for us to receive Christ from the hands of Mary."

Pope Saint Pius X

Excerpts from The Confessions of St. Augustine Memorial: August 28

O Lord, the depths of a man's conscience lie exposed before your eyes. Could anything remain hidden in me, even though I did not want to confess it to you? In that case I would only be hiding you from myself, not myself from you. But now my sighs are sufficient evidence that I am displeased with myself; that you are my light and the source of my joy; that you are loved and desired. I am thoroughly ashamed of myself; I have renounced myself and chosen you, recognizing that I can please neither you nor myself unless you enable me to do so.

You, O Lord, are my judge. For though no one knows a man's innermost self except the man's own spirit within him, yet there is something in a man which even his own spirit does not know. But you know all of him, for you have made him. As for me, I despise myself in your sight, knowing that I am but dust and ashes; yet I know something of you that I do not know of myself.

I will confess, therefore, what I know of myself, and also what I do not know. The knowledge that I have of myself, I possess because you have enlightened me; while the knowledge of myself that I do not yet possess will not be mine until my darkness shall be made as the noonday sun before your face.

Source: The Liturgy of the Hours - Office of Readings

BULLETIN ADVERTISER OF THE WEEK
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MASS INTENTIONS

for the Week of August 17th – August 23rd, 2009

MONDAY: Jgs 2:11-19; Mt 19:16-22
6:30 A.M. Therese Langlais (Ann.)

TUESDAY: Jgs 6:11-24a; Mt 19:23-30
6:30 A.M. Nellie Mouton (Ann.) & Fly.

WEDNESDAY: Jgs 9:6-15; Mt 20:1-16 St. John Eudes
6:30 A.M. M/M Chester B. Thibodeaux; L.J. Richey; Joseph L. Broussard; Hilda B. Dufour; Christopher Michael Hollier; Peter Thong Minh Tran; M/M Fernand Montagne; M/M Luke Langlais & Fly.; Dr. & Mrs. P.O. Landry & Fly.; John Vidos; Guise Cong Viet Cao; Oflida "Fid" Vice; Hien Nguyen; Those who have passed away, Orphaned Souls; Leona Ognibene & Fly.; Julie Guidry; Aaron Chreene (Ann.); Ray Picard; Nilze Meaux (Ann.); Edias Monteaux (Ann.); Maria Ngo Thi Hoi; Maria Nguyen thi Theo; Peter Tran Van Luan; Personal Intentions

THURSDAY: Jgs 11:29-39a; Mt 22:1-14 St. Bernard
6:30 A.M. Dennis LeBlanc, Sr. (Ann.)

FRIDAY: Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22; Mt 22:34-40 St. Pius X
6:30 A.M. Ruby C. Lacour (Ann.)

SATURDAY: Ru 2:1-3, 8-11, 4:13-17; Mt 23:1-12
6:30 A.M. Elise Ognibene

Vigil of the Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b; Eph 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32; Jn 6:60-69
4:00 P.M. Edmonia Frederick; Nicole LeBlanc; E.J. Adams; Rufus J. Simon; M/M Alfred Vincent Fly.; Peter Thong Minh Tran; M/M John Vigneaux; Warren E. Broussard; Mattie Priemeaux; M/M John Nugier; Eleanor Bares & Fly.; 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; Michael B. Faulk; Christopher Michael Hollier; Phero Nguyen; Elvina Bourque & Fly.; Justin "Jay" Broussard, Jr.; Giuse Cong Viet Cao; M/M Othon Trahan; M/M Whitney Bonin; Lucille Suire & Daughters; John Vidos; Joy P. Awwad; Hien Nguyen; Those who have passed away, Orphaned Souls; M/M Alas Hebert & Fly.; M/M Finelous Sonnier & Fly.; Summerall Guidry; Mary Coldwell; Leonard Sellers & Son; M/M Arno Touchet & Fly.; M/M Gordy Landry, Sr. & Fly.; Lula Mae Meaux Broussard; Frances Richard; Mark Desormeaux; Cody Mire; Ruth Sehon; Maria Ngo Thi Hoi; Maria Nguyen Thi Theo; Peter Tran Van Luan; Lori Ellen Belaire Booth

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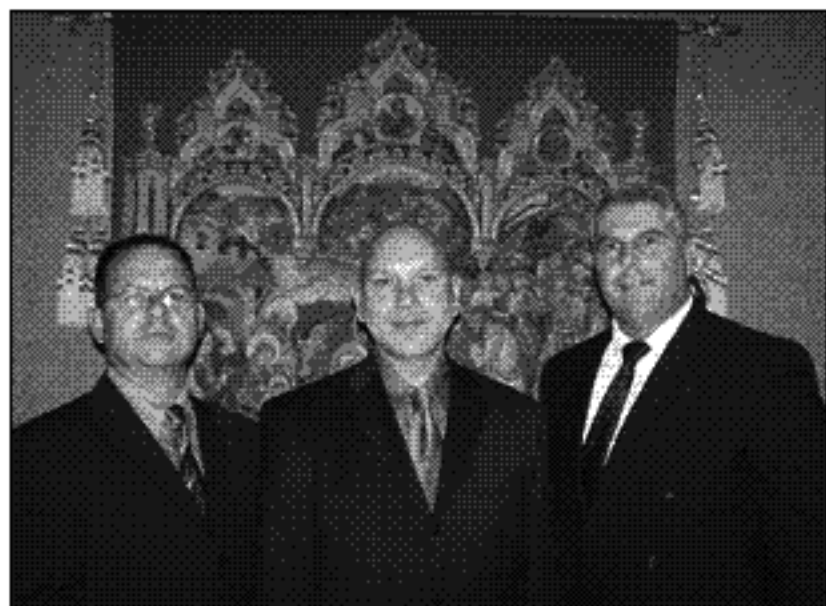
7:00 A.M. Justin "Jay" Broussard, Jr.

9:30 A.M. Brock Wade Huval

11:00 A.M. For the Parishioners

5:30 P.M. Julie Guidry

Spiritual Life and Worship



St. Mary Magdalen Parish Deacon Candidates
L to R: Billy Vincent, Jay Bergeron, Joe Hebert

Permanent Diaconate Candidates

St. Mary Magdalen Parish is truly blessed to have three candidates studying to be ordained as permanent deacons. Jay Bergeron, Joe Hebert and Billy Vincent started the process of discernment for the permanent diaconate in January, 2007. The diaconate formation process, over a 6 year period, involves application for the program, an inquiry phase of about 7 months, and then five years of class instruction. Beginning in January 2008 they were considered aspirants in the diaconate program and have been attending classes at the Diocese. On Saturday, August 8th, these men, along with 23 other candidates in the Diocese of Lafayette, participated in the Ceremony of Admission to Candidacy for Ordination as a Permanent Deacon. At this liturgy the candidates make a public expression of their intention to receive holy orders and the Bishop gives public acceptance of this intention. As candidates for the Permanent Diaconate they will continue to attend classes at the Diocese through May of 2012.

During the Second Vatican Council, the restoration of the diaconate was ratified. The deacons are at the service of the bishop to serve the whole people of God and take care of the sick and the poor. Deacons are entrusted with the duty of taking the Eucharist to the sick, conferring baptism, and attending to the preaching of the word of God in accordance with the will and intention of the bishop. Deacons receive the laying on of hands not unto the priesthood but for a ministry of service for the people of God in communion with the bishop and the presbyterate. In June 1967 suitable canonical norms for the permanent diaconate were established. One who aspires to ordination as a deacon publicly manifests his will to offer himself to God and the Church so that he may exercise a sacred order. The Church in accepting this offering chooses and calls him to prepare himself to receive a sacred order.

*"Great art Thou, O Lord, and greatly to be praised...
Thou hast made us for Thyself, O Lord,
and our hearts are restless until they rest in Thee"*

St. Augustine, Memorial: August 28, Doctor of the Church

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



Children's Choir

The Children's Choir will begin the new season soon. Rehearsals will begin after Labor Day on Wednesday, September 9th, from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. in the Ministries Building. All children ages 8-15 who have adequate reading skills and a love of singing are invited to attend. The choir will rehearse regularly on **Wednesday evenings from 5:00 – 6:00 p.m. in the Ministries Building** and sing for one 9:30 a.m. Sunday Mass a month and for special occasions. Please call the parish office at 893-0244 if you would like more information.

PRAYER CLINIC

A Prayer Clinic will be held at St. Peter's Catholic Church in Carencro on Saturday, August 22nd beginning with the celebration of Mass at 8:00 a.m. followed by prayer clinics on: dealing with distraction in prayer, purification and dryness in prayer, praying with the Psalms, praying the Holy Mass & Holy Communion, praying before the Blessed Sacrament, listening to the Word in meditation, drawing closer to Christ with the rosary, and the use of spiritual reading as prayer. The day will end at 2:00 p.m. with Benediction. Members of the Community of Jesus Christ Crucified are sponsoring the day and everyone is invited to attend. Please bring a brown bag lunch.

Community Life and Outreach

St. Joseph Bereavement Society

The St. Joseph Bereavement Society is a volunteer organization at St. Mary Magdalen. The ministry of this organization is to provide a meal to the family at the time of the funeral of a loved one. We are happy to announce that Mrs. Tammy Choate has taken over as the coordinator of the Bereavement Society. Thank you to Mrs. Dodi Fontenot and Mrs. Patricia Delcambre for all of their hard work and dedication to this ministry over the past years.

FAMILY DAY- A DAY TO EAT WITH YOUR CHILDREN

From 2003 to 2008 research by CASA (National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse) has consistently found that children who have frequent family dinners are less likely to use marijuana, tobacco and drink alcohol. CASA research reveals that compared to children who have frequent family dinners (five or more per week), children who have infrequent family dinners (less than three per week) are: two and a half times likelier to have used marijuana, two and a half times likelier to have used tobacco, one and a half times likelier to have drunk alcohol.

The Office of Family Life of the Diocese of Lafayette will be joining with the National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse (CASA) to promote **Family Day- A Day to Eat with Your Children on Monday, September 28, 2009**. To learn more about Family Day and to join parents across the country in taking the Family Day Pledge, log onto www.CSAFamilyDay.org

VC 4-H CAR WASH

When: Saturday, August 22nd 9:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.

Where: VC High School parking lot

Donations starting at \$10. Sponsored by the Vermilion Catholic 4-H Club. Please come by and show your support.

African American Catholic Youth Conference

The annual African American Catholic Youth Congress, sponsored by the Office of Black Catholic Ministries will take place on **Saturday, November 21, 2009**. The Congress will be held at St. Thomas More Catholic High School in Lafayette from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

The African American Catholic Youth Congress, a youth leadership-training program has been in existence since 1981. Traditionally, the annual event is a day filled with cultural enrichment, dramatic interpretations, music, dance, workshops and key note speakers. The emphasis of each endeavor is simply excellence without excuse. For more information and registration forms please visit the website www.diolaf.org (Black Catholic Ministries).



Deepen your friendship with Jesus Christ!

Meet weekly with your friends

Experience the power of the Word of God

Strengthen your prayer life & enliven your Catholic faith!

Join the St. Mary Magdalen Come, Lord Jesus! Youth Group/Bible Study

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prayer ~ scripture ~ Eucharist ~ Community  
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Come, Lord Jesus! is a program committed to forming small Catholic faith communities. It centers around basic elements—prayer, scripture, Eucharist, and Christian community—elements inspired by the Holy Spirit and practiced in the early Church (Acts 2:42). The primary mission of the program is to help members to be transformed into the very image of Christ, who is Love. **Come, Lord Jesus!** has a simple format that assures successful implementation by the laity. The Scripture study portion of the meeting uses the selections of Scripture read at the upcoming Sunday Mass, with the result of not only greatly enhancing appreciation for the Word of God, but also drastically enriching the entire Sunday Worship experience.

The St. Mary Magdalen Youth Group has adopted the **Come, Lord Jesus!** format for formation and fellowship. The youth of our parish are warmly invited to join us as we enhance our spiritual journey, deepen our faith and join in service to the larger community.

When: Every Sunday after the 5:30 p.m. Mass
Beginning Sunday, September 6th, 2009

Where: The Knights of Columbus Home
(located at the end of Washington St.)

Christian Formation

Rite Of Christian Initiation for Adults

On the topic of **Christian Initiation** the Catechism of the Catholic Church states:

1229 From the time of the apostles, becoming a Christian has been accomplished by a journey and initiation in several stages. This journey can be covered rapidly or slowly, but certain essential elements will always have to be present: proclamation of the Word, acceptance of the Gospel entailing conversion, profession of faith, Baptism itself, the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, and admission to Eucharistic communion.

1233 Today in all the rites, Latin and Eastern, the Christian initiation of adults begins with their entry into the catechumenate and reaches its culmination in a single celebration of the three sacraments of initiation: Baptism, Confirmation, and the Eucharist.

Who is RCIA for?

1. Adults in need of Baptism
2. Persons baptized in another Christian church
3. Adults baptized Catholic who never received the Sacraments of First Communion and Confirmation

The RCIA process was established for individuals to become Catholic and become full participating members in our faith.

RCIA Program Beginning Soon

The church parishes of St. Mary Magdalen and St. Theresa are once again participating in a combined RCIA program beginning Tuesday, September 15th, 2009. 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.

This is one way that teens receive Christ,



Vermilion Catholic is another.
There is always room at our table ...



Enroll Now!
Tuition Assistance
is still available.

893-6636

St. Bartholomew **Memorial: August 24**

Of Saint Bartholomew, one of the Twelve Apostles, relatively little is known. Tradition tells us that he preached the Word in Asia Minor, Ethiopia, India and Armenia, where he met his martyrdom (date uncertain). An apocryphal gospel purported to have been written by him is cited in some writings of the Early Church. He is the patron saint of Armenia and those suffering from neurological diseases.

St. Monica **Memorial: August 27**

Saint Monica, the mother of Saint Augustine of Hippo, is a model and inspiration for those suffering in difficult family relationships. Through her many years of constant prayer and example she led her overbearing mother-in-law, unfaithful husband, and her dissolute son to Christ and the Church. In his *Confessions*, one of the greatest autobiographies in world literature, Saint Augustine painted a full picture of this remarkable woman with her human flaws and great strengths. She died in 387 and is the patron saint of alcoholics, difficult marriages, mothers, and victims of unfaithfulness.

Total Stewardship and Development

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

SUNDAY, AUGUST 9TH COLLECTIONS

Loose.....	\$ 4,465.00
Envelopes.....	\$ 8,035.00
Total:	\$12,500.00

No Second Collection

First Friday Collection:

Christian Service Center.....\$629.03

Thank You.

This Weekend

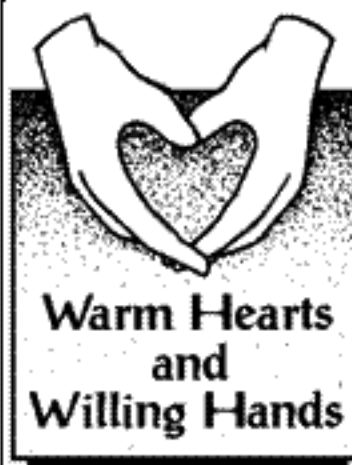
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Next Weekend

UTILITIES COLLECTION

It has been a hot summer. You may have noticed an increase in your home utility bill and the same is true here at the parish. In addition, since we have been celebrating Mass at the VC Auditorium we are responsible for our portion of utilities used there. We are also still paying utilities for the church, as work is being done inside everyday. This utilities collection will be used to help pay for the utility expenses of both the church and the VC Auditorium. Please be generous.

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT



Thank you to Mrs. Tammy Choate for accepting the volunteer leadership position for the St. Joseph Bereavement Society.

This individual 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 August 16th, 2009
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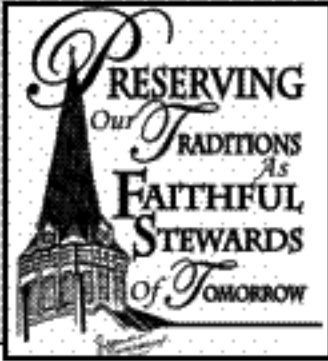
God in His infinite wisdom sets before us every day the Eucharistic table. We good stewards would be wise to attend daily Mass at every opportunity. As stewards of this awesome gift, let us pray that we never take this sacrament for granted.

Christian Service Center Envelope

In the church support envelopes for August and September which were recently mailed, there is an envelope marked "Christian Service Center" and it does not have a particular collection date listed on it. This envelope can be used at any time to make a donation to the Christian Service Center. Parishioners who wish to donate to the Center can drop this envelope in any collection, on any Sunday and your donation will be used by the Center in its ministry to the poor.

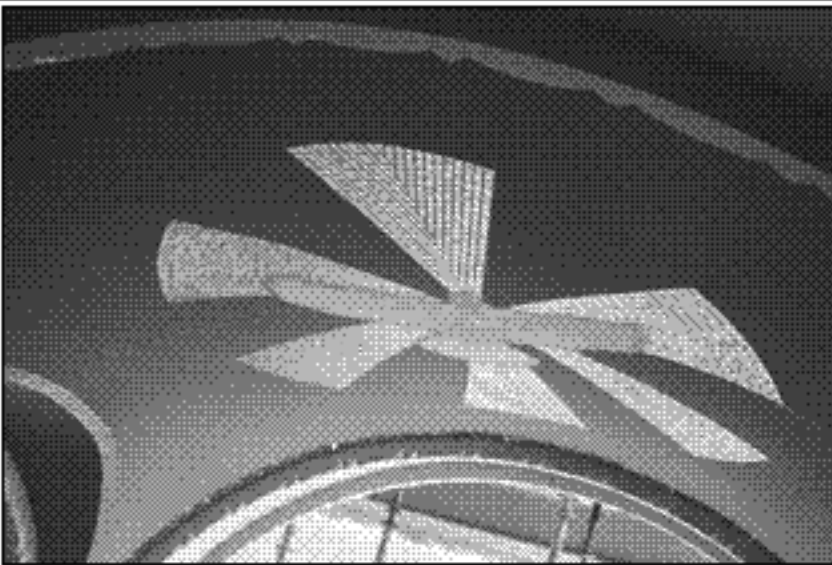
~ Time, Talent, and Treasure ~

Management and Finance

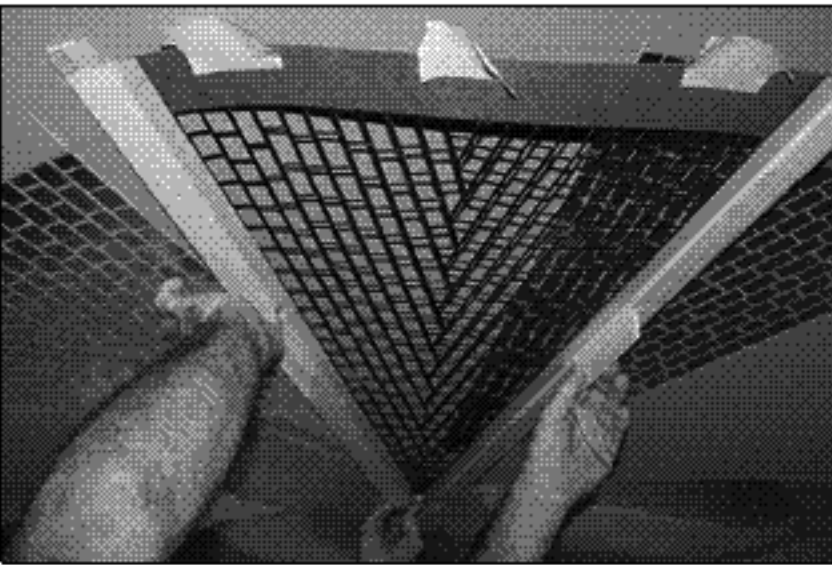


Capital Campaign

Work on the canopy under the baldacchino is underway. The pictures below show the start of this work.



There is a dove with stenciled gold mosaic tile around it.



The mosaic is applied utilizing a stencil and then applying adhesive using a paint roller.



Campaign Packets Distributed	
June 26-28	1,456
Responses since June 29 th	121

Every gift counts toward reaching our goal of \$2.9 million. With only \$1.13 million remaining to reach our goal, we are more than half way. Whatever you choose to give, no matter the amount, is most appreciated. This week we received 10 more letters of intent with gifts from families who have chosen to participate through sacrificial giving. Please call Peggy Ashley in the campaign office at 893-0244 if you have any questions. Thank you for your prayers and your gifts to the campaign.

PHASE II	
TOTAL PLEDGES: \$1,773,907.88	
PHASE II PROJECTS IN PROGRESS	
Repair and return of stained glass windows to sanctuary	\$139,211.00
Payment to contractor	<u>\$107,921.00</u>
Balance on Project	\$ 31,290.00
Replace church roof (excluding steeple)	\$735,650.00
Payment to contractor	<u>\$715,650.00</u>
Balance on Project	\$ 20,000.00
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>\$ 52,636.67</u>
Balance on Project	\$ 39,730.86
Interior Repair & Décor	\$871,903.51
Payment to contractor	<u>\$477,678.12</u>
Balance on Project	\$394,225.39
Church Lighting	\$195,927.00
Payment to contractor	<u>\$ 12,514.50</u>
Balance on Project	\$183,412.50