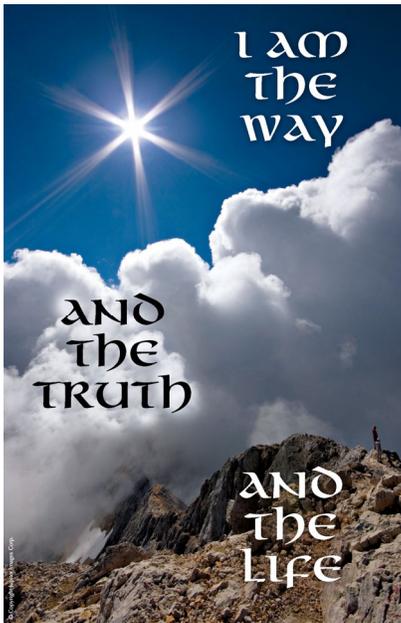


Church of St. Mary Magdalene

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 10, 2020



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Saturday Vigil 5:30 p.m., Sunday 7, 9, 11 a.m., 6 p.m.
Holy Day Vigil 5:30 p.m., Holy Day 7:45 a.m., 7 p.m.

• Sacrament of Reconciliation •

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St. Mary Magdalene Mission Statement

**We the Eucharistic Community of St. Mary Magdalene
are called to conversion in Jesus Christ.**

**Our community life and worship are based on the Bible,
the Sacraments, and the teachings of the Catholic Church.**

**Living the love of Christ impacts our moral, intellectual, and
religious life, and makes us a caring community that brings hope
to our families, neighborhood, and society.**

- **PARISH OFFICE HOURS**
Monday-Friday: 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
(closed from 12 noon-1:00 p.m.)
- **TO BECOME A REGISTERED PARISHIONER**
Stop by the Parish Office during regular business.
- **FUNERAL PRE-PLANNING**
Arrangements for a funeral liturgy may be made in advance. Contact the Director of Liturgy, Mary Kay Evanko.
- **RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS**
Those who are interested in becoming Catholic, or those baptized Catholics, who wish to become fully initiated in the Church, should call the Parish Office.
- **SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**
Baptismal preparation classes are required of all parents and godparents. Call the Parish Office for an appointment.
- **SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE**
Call the Parish Office at least nine months in advance.
- **SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**
Saturday, from 4-5 p.m. in the church or call the Parish Office for an appointment.
- **SACRAMENT OF THE SICK**
In event of serious illness or medical emergency, anointing of the sick and Eucharist may be arranged by contacting the Parish Office.
- **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**
Classes are held on Sunday mornings at 10:15 a.m. Contact Rachel Freeman, for more information.
- **EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**
Every Friday from 1-5:00 p.m. in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel.
- **MINISTRIES/ORGANIZATIONS**
To become involved in a parish ministry, call the ministry contact found on page seven of this bulletin.

Welcome!

No matter what your present status in the Catholic Church,
No matter what your current family or marital situation,
No matter what your past or present situation,
No matter what your personal history,
age, background or race,
No matter what your own self image or self-esteem.
You are invited, welcomed, accepted, loved,
and respected at St. Mary Magdalene Church!
We are so happy to have you here!



Mass Intentions

If you had a Mass Intention scheduled during this time of 'No Public Masses Being Celebrated', you will be given the opportunity to reschedule the Mass as soon as we resume public Masses. Thank you for your understanding.

Today's Readings

First Reading:

- To meet their growing needs, the community chooses seven reputable men to serve the new Greek believers (Acts 6:1-7).

Psalm:

- Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you (Psalm 33).

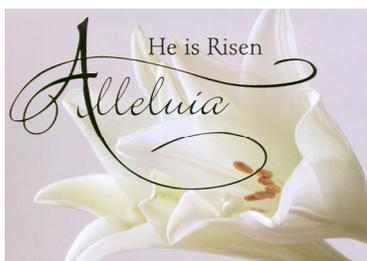
Second Reading:

- We, like living stones, let ourselves be built into a spiritual house (1 Peter 2:4-9).

Gospel:

- "Show us the Father," Philip asks Jesus. To which Jesus replies: "Whoever sees me, sees the Father" (John 14:1-12).

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Readings for the Week

Monday:	Acts 14:5-18; Ps 115:1-4, 15-16; Jn 14:21-26
Tuesday:	Acts 14:19-28; Ps 145:10-13ab, 21; Jn 14:27-31a
Wednesday:	Acts 15:1-6; Ps 122:1-5; Jn 15:1-8
Thursday:	Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; Ps 113:1-8; Jn 15:9-17
Friday:	Acts 15:22-31; Ps 57:8-10, 12; Jn 15:12-17
Saturday:	Acts 16:1-10; Ps 100:1b-3, 5; Jn 15:18-21
Sunday:	Acts 8:5-8, 14-17; Ps 66:1-7, 16, 20; 1 Pt 3:15-18 or 1 Pt 4:13-16; Jn 14:15-21 or Jn 17:1-11a

Fifth Sunday of Easter A Scriptural Reflection

Lost In Rome

A few years ago, while on a pilgrimage to Rome, I found myself boarding a bus that I thought was headed in the direction of my hotel. As the bus continued along its route I began to wonder if we were going in the right direction. The hotel was close to St. Peter's basilica, so as long as I could glimpse the dome of St. Peter's I figured I was all right. High on one of Rome's famous hills, the bus came to a stop and the driver announced that this was the end of the line. I disembarked and could very clearly see the dome of St. Peter's. It seemed like I could just reach out and touch it. Unfortunately, I had no way of knowing how to get there. It looked close enough, but with Rome's winding streets, it was probably miles away.

The Way

During our spiritual journey we can become frustrated by what we perceive as a lack of progress toward an intimate union with our God. Because we have tasted the goodness of God in the past, we know what that taste is like, yet it so often remains elusive. It's like glimpsing the dome of St. Peter's but having no idea how to return there. Today we are reminded once again that there really is only one way to achieve intimate union with God. Jesus reminds us that he is the way, the truth, and the life. If we are frustrated with our lack of progress on our faith journey, then coming to Mass this week has been the best remedy, for here we listen to the Lord's very words and become intimately connected with him in the Eucharist. After a lot of effort, I was able to get a taxi back to my hotel in Rome. Our journey to God requires effort on our part as well. This is why we make the commitment to gather each week with fellow pilgrims, traveling the journey of discipleship that we hope will one day lead to one of the many dwelling places prepared for us in God's house.

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May Is Mental Health Month

Since 1949, Mental Health organizations across the country have led the observance of May as Mental Health Month by reaching millions of people through media, local events and screenings. While 1 in 5 people will experience a mental illness during their lifetime, all of us face challenges in life that can impact our mental health.

Follow this link <https://www.mhanational.org/2020toolkit> to find practical tools to improve mental health and increase resiliency. These tools—even those that may need to be adapted for the short term because of COVID-19 and social distancing—will be more useful as time goes on. Articles include: *Owning Your Feelings*, *Finding the Positive*, *Eliminating Toxic Influences*, *Creating Healthy Routines*, *Supporting Others* and *Connecting with Others*.



Seasons of Hope Group for the Bereaved

Seasons of Hope is a Christ-centered bereavement support group designed to assist participants through the experience of the loss of a loved one to death. This group process is a comforting blend of commentary, scripture, prayer, simple group exercises, faith sharing, and Catholic tradition. A *Seasons of Hope* bereavement support group will meet 6 consecutive Wednesday afternoons: Wednesday, May 13, 20, 27, June 3, 10 & 17 from 4 p.m. – 5:15 p.m., via the online platform, Zoom. Participation in all 6 sessions is recommended. For more information or to register, contact Rita McCreery at (619) 922-6059.

Nourish for Caregivers

In addition to our online monthly meeting, **Nourish for Caregivers** is offering **connect LIVE**, a way to be encouraged, share challenges, find support and be spiritually nourished...**every single day** during these uncertain times.

"House Calls" for Caregivers!

Daily at 8 a.m. pdt - Via Zoom Live Web Video

Join by computer/tables: <http://zoom.us/j/940374710>

or

By phone: +1 312 626 6799 (US) and enter Meeting ID 940 374 7100

Join us! We're here for you.



The Behavioral Health Ministry's in-person workshops, *Ten Warning Signs of Alzheimer's Disease* and *Alzheimer's Disease: Diet, lifestyle and Healthy Living* scheduled for April and May have been postponed.

In the meantime, please consider using the following Alzheimer's resources:

- 24/7 Helpline for information, referrals and emotional support. 200 languages available. (800) 272-3900
- Education Programs for people with memory concerns, caregivers, friends, etc.: www.alz.org.
- Education and Training Center: Alzheimer's and Dementia-related courses available online, 24/7. Visit training.alz.org or training.alz.org/espaol.
- Support groups for families dealing with Alzheimer's and related disorders: www.alz.org.
- Care Consultation with clinical staff for assessment and planning around issues such as safety, future care, and management of challenging situation: www.alz.org.
- Online tools accessible through www.alz.org.
- Info and fact sheets
- AlzConnected: a free online community for anyone affected by Alzheimer's or other dementia: www.alzconnected.org
- Questions re: COVID-19, call 2-1-1 to speak to someone or visit 211sandiego.org.

Why is May the Month of Mary?

The ways Mary is honored in May is as varied as the people who honor her.

It's here. May, the month in which the earth springs into bloom (at least in the Northern Hemisphere) and we start thinking about planting gardens, family picnics and making vacation plans.

It's also the Month of Mary.

Having gone to a Catholic grade school run by the Schoenstatt Sisters of Mary, my early childhood memories include honoring Mary during May – a practice I've continued all of my life and taught my children to do as well. It's as natural and essential to me as my morning coffee (only far, far more joy-filled if you can even imagine that).

I know a number of Catholics who see May as the Month of Mary, and we all get the same question from time to time:

Why is May Mary's month? Here's a brief explanation.

For centuries, the Catholic Church has set aside the entire month of May to honor Mary, Mother of God. Not just a day *in* May, mind you, but the entire month.

The custom spans both centuries and cultures, with roots going back as far as the Ancient Greeks. In early Greece, May was dedicated to Artemis, the goddess of fecundity. In Ancient Rome, May was dedicated to Flora, the goddess of blooms, or blossoms. They celebrated *ludi florals*, or floral games, at the end of April and asked the intercession of Flora for all that blooms. In medieval times, similar customs abounded, all centering around the practice of expelling winter, as May 1 was considered the start of new growth. During this period, the tradition of *Tricesimum*, or "Thirty-Day Devotion to Mary," came into being. Also called, "Lady Month," the event was held from August 15-September 14 and is still observed in some areas. The idea of a month dedicated specifically to Mary can be traced back to baroque times. Although it wasn't always held during May, Mary Month included thirty daily spiritual exercises honoring Mary. It was in this era that Mary's Month and May were combined, making May the Month of Mary with special devotions organized on each day throughout the month. This custom became especially widespread during the nineteenth century and remains in practice until today.

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(Why is May the Month of Mary? continued)

The ways Mary is honored in May is as varied as the people who honor her. It's common for parishes have a daily recitation of the Rosary during May, and many erect a special May altar with a statue or picture of Mary as a reminder of Mary's month. Additionally, it's a long-standing tradition to crown the statue of Mary during May – a custom known as May Crowning. Often, the crown is made of beautiful blossoms representing Mary's beauty and virtue. It's also a reminder to the faithful to strive to imitate our Blessed Mother's virtue in our own lives. May Crowning, in some areas, is a huge celebration and is usually done outside of Mass, although Mass may be celebrated before or after the actual crowning.

But May altars and crownings aren't just "church" things. We can and should be doing the same in our homes. When we echo the customs and traditions of the Church in our homes – our domestic churches – we participate more fully in the life of the Church. If you haven't already, I encourage you to erect a prayer corner in your home. No matter how fancy or simple it is. The main point is that it's a place designated for God, and more specifically, for spending time with him. Just as you need proper atmosphere to sleep, you also need proper atmosphere to pray. For May, give Mary a special spot in your prayer corner. It can be a statue or picture, but place there some representation of our Blessed Mother. Make it appealing and a real tribute to her beauty and virtue. Then, crown Mary. You can give her an actual or spiritual crown and you can make it a subtle gesture or ornate ceremony of your own device. The meaning is far more important than the action. You can do it in the beginning, at the end of May or anywhere in between.

Just do it. Why? Not because it's a long-standing tradition in the Church, although it is. Not because there are any special graces connected to it, although there is. No, do it because Mary is Mother – your mother, my mother, everyone's mother – and because she cares for all of us day-in-and-day-out without fail, interceding for us in even the tiniest matters. For that, she deserves an entire month in her honor.

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Please be aware of the fact that the church is continuing operation and continues to have expenses. Please do not forget your parish just because you are not going to Mass on weekends. You can make your donations online at faithdirect.net, church code CA 840 or just mail your check in to the rectory in a regular envelope. St. Mary Magdalene 1945 Illion St. San Diego, CA 92110. We are most grateful to those who already do this.

From the Diocesan Office For Family Life and Spirituality

Family LiVe Friday:

Every Friday at 10am on [facebook.com/sdfamilylife](https://www.facebook.com/sdfamilylife)

We have just started a weekly webisode series called "Family LiVe Friday". Each Friday, we will have a conversation with someone either locally or nationally (or maybe even internationally!) who is involved in family ministry. Join us live at 10am every Friday, or watch the replay anytime on our facebook page @sdfamilylife. (www.facebook.com/sdfamilylife).

This month's guests and topics include:

May 1: Gerardo Rojas, Director of the Diocesan Institute of San Diego Theme: *Exploring the intersection between Star Wars, Faith and Family*

May 8: Pam & Jyllian Rhoades, mother-daughter team from the Faith & Family Collective Theme: *Mothers Day Ideas and Resources*

May 15: Sr. Mary Elizabeth Clark, SSJ, author of Teaching Kids How to Care for Creation Theme: *Creation Care as a Family*

May 22: Imam Hassane Taha, Director of the Islamic Center of San Diego Theme: *Ramadan and Family Traditions in Islam*

May 29: Leaders of San Diego's Beginning Experience Theme: *Support for the Divorced and Widowed*

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To report sexual misconduct including abuse contact: Mary Acosta, Victim Assistance Coordinator, (858) 490-8353, misconduct@sdcatholic.org.

Prayer List for Deployed Military

As a faith community let's pray for all those who serve our country during these troubled times. We pray especially for those of our parish who are deployed or will soon be deployed:

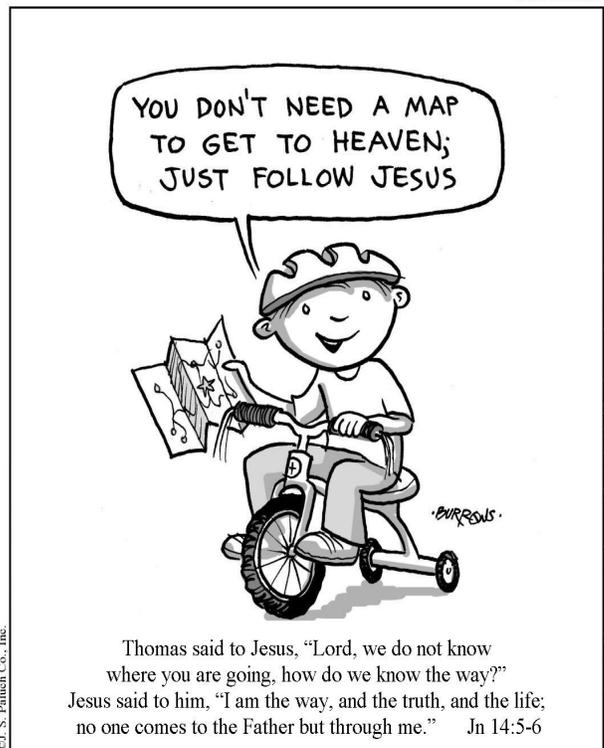
- Dr. Ashley Cirillo
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- Philip Ho
- Daniel Mateos
- Dominic McCarron
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- Nilbert Ng
- Elizabeth P.
- Michael Piano
- Sebastian Paloma
- Jorge Ramirez
- Miguel Valverde

Almighty God, be their constant companion and strength in every adversity. May they always experience your presence, love and comfort.

If you have a friend or relative who is serving in our military, please contact the Parish Office.

The Little Ones

Jim Burrows



Thomas said to Jesus, "Lord, we do not know where you are going, how do we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through me." Jn 14:5-6

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