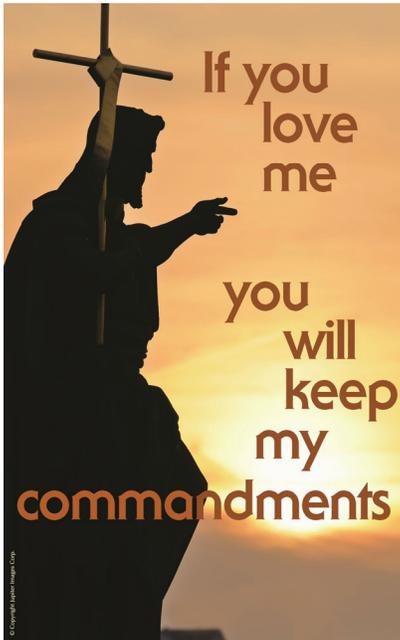


Church of St. Mary Magdalene

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 17, 2020



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Rev. John B. Farley
Associate Pastor

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In residence

Rev. Michael T. White, C.S.Sp.
Weekend supply

Deacon Ralph Skiano

• Mass Schedule •

Monday - Saturday mornings 7:45 a.m.

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!



Sixth Sunday of Easter A Scriptural Reflection

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:

- The people of Samaria accepted the word of God preached by Philip; they received the Holy Spirit (Acts 8:5-8, 14-17).

Psalm:

- Let all the earth cry out to God with joy (Psalm 66)

Second Reading:

- Act with gentleness and reverence toward all, so that when you are maligned those who defame you will be the ones put to shame (1 Peter 3:15-18) or 1 Peter 4:13-16.

Gospel:

- I will not leave you orphans, but will come to you (John 14:15-21) or Jn 17:1-11a.

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Readings for the Week

Monday:	Acts 16:11-15; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Jn 15:26 — 16:4a
Tuesday:	Acts 16:22-34; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8; Jn 16:5-11
Wednesday:	Acts 17:15, 22 — 18:1; Ps 148:1-2, 11-14; Jn 16:12-15
Thursday:	Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9; Eph 1:17-23; Mt 28:16-20 (for Ascension); otherwise Acts 18:1-8; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 16:16-20
Friday:	Acts 18:9-18; Ps 47:2-7; Jn 16:20-23
Saturday:	Acts 18:23-28; Ps 47:2-3, 8-10; Jn 16:23b-28
Sunday:	Acts 1:12-14; Ps 27:1, 4, 7-8; 1 Pt 4:13-16; Jn 17:1-11a; or (for Ascension) Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9; Eph 1:17-23; Mt 28:16-20

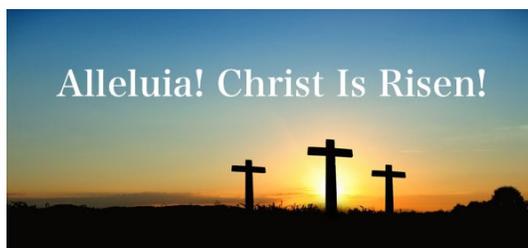
Remembering Grandmother

When I was a child, I loved spending time with my grandmother, a large woman with a big welcoming lap. Her house had such unique aromas—a mixture of my grandfather's sweet-smelling cherry tobacco and the food that was always under preparation in the kitchen. When we were very little, she would sit us in her lap, take a deck of cards, and begin to bend the deck back and forth. Before our very eyes the deck was transformed into a swirl of cards. Whenever I find myself missing my grandmother, I take out a deck of cards and bend them back and forth until the swirl of cards once again magically appears. As I bend the cards back and forth, I can imagine her generous lap beneath me. When I close my eyes and inhale, I can almost smell the cherry-scented pipe tobacco mixed with the aroma of her wonderful food.

The Presence of Christ

Today the Lord Jesus promises his fearful disciples, "I will come to you" (John 14:18). The Church's sacraments are visible signs of the Lord Jesus continuing to "come to us" through the power of the Holy Spirit. Each time we share in Christ's body and blood, he is made present through the Spirit. In a way, the Church's sacramental life is like my experience of taking out a deck of cards and bending them back and forth in order to bring the memory of my grandmother to life. We take ordinary elements, like bread, wine, water, words, and oil, and when we accompany these elements with sacred gestures and words, we experience the very presence of Jesus Christ. As we look forward to Pentecost, let us grow in our awareness and love for the sacraments that bring us into contact with the Lord Jesus through the power of the Holy Spirit.

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**OUR PARISH COMMUNITY
WHO WE ARE**

***“WELCOME TO ST MARY MAGDALENE BINGO!
WE’RE GOING TO GET STARTED BY READING
THE RULES.”***

If you play Bingo on Tuesday nights, you no doubt recognize that announcement. It’s the voice of Jeremy Freeman, active parishioner, plumber, husband, and dad. A year and a half ago, Jeremy starting volunteering for Tuesday-night bingo, first as a floorwalker, then as an announcer. Jeremy is also a Minister of the Eucharist at the Sunday 6 p.m. Mass, a Lector of the Word, is active in the St. Mary Magdalene Men’s Group, and is helping launch *Vision 25*, a group that looks for areas of potential growth within the parish community.

Jeremy was born in Arcadia, California in 1979. His family moved up and down the coast of California every 6-9 months totaling 10-15 moves during his childhood. Along with his parents and sister, Christina, Jeremy grew up hosting foreign exchange students from Japan, China, and Finland. He ran track and participated in the Triple Jump and Long Jump. Jeremy remembers being an honor student in high school but being bored. He had a strong relationship with God until about age 17 when he drifted away. “I went through a divorce at a very young age followed by depression and a downfall. I felt like I had better answers than the church.” Away from ages 18-26, “I was surrounded by ash. I felt like I didn’t matter. My parents gave me so many chances. I had 33 jobs before I met my wife. At my lowest point, I decided I was done with pain, but before anything else I would pray one last time. God answered: *‘Call Your Father.’* My dad knew something was up. He came over and we prayed together. He took me to church. Everyone was accepting and appreciative. Dad said, ‘you have hundreds of chances left.’ Thinking back, it’s humbling. Pride has always been one of my downfalls. It’s difficult for me to release control. But I’ve only experienced positive things when I do let go. I’ve been brought back into the church by the love in people’s hearts.”

And then ... “It was love at first sight. I had been attending the same house party for 3 years. I tried to do the ‘cool guy’ thing, but I was very shy. I asked the host, ‘is your hot friend coming to the party again this year?’” And there was my destiny. Rachel grabbed me out of that muddy pit and showed me there’s love in the world. I’m still not a shiny diamond, but that’s ok.”



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“Early in the relationship, Rachel told me she had been fighting thyroid cancer. She had also been foster parenting twin girls and managed to single-handedly rear and home school them. She was a strong and independent single mother and wanted to adopt them.

I met the girls when they were 10 years old. Julia was outgoing, showing me her new hip-hop moves. Lanie was more cautious and held back. They had never seen their mother date anyone before. I fell in love with them immediately and knew what I wanted. Rachel and I married in 2016. She and the girls were ‘Freemans,’ so I took their last name.”



Today the twins are sophomores at Serra Mesa High School and are active in the parish Youth Group. “I try to be a role model. Every moment is a new and interesting experience. My favorite part of being a dad is when either of them displays a personality trait that I might have imprinted on them. We share a sense of humor and they tolerate my embarrassing ‘dad jokes.’ Lanie and I go on coffee dates where we sit and talk about our hopes, fears, and dreams for the future. Julia and I share a love of music. We have song battles, challenging each other to “name that tune” after just a few notes. Wife, Rachel, likes to take ‘mystery tours’ heading out in the car with no particular destination in mind”.

Jeremy and Rachel were brought to St. Mary Magdalene Parish through a friendship between Rachel’s parents and Fr. Tony May. Fr. Tony talked about the parish he loved ~ St. Mary Magdalene ~ and offered Rachel the Sacrament of the Sick. A friendship ensued. Thereafter Jeremy and Rachel moved to Mission Valley and became parishioners. “I have nothing but love in my heart for him.”

“I feel privileged to be a Catholic. It’s the Body and Blood of Christ made real. I participated in RCIA in 2016 with Fr. Steve as well as Bishop Baron’s series, ‘Word on Fire’ and got to feel the truth of Jesus’ words, *‘this is my body.’* Taking inspiration from Ralph Waldo Emerson, Jeremy echoes: *“what lies behind us and what lies ahead of us are tiny matters compared to what lies within us.”*





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 McCrerey at (619) 922-6059.

One-on-one counseling remains available through the parish Behavioral Health Ministry. Sessions are currently being offered online through the HIPAA-compliant video platform, "Clocktree." To set up an appointment or for more information, please contact the parish Pastoral Counselor, Rita McCrerey, at (619) 922-6059 or email rita@ritamccrerey.com.

Saint Paul, writing from prison declared:

Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests know to God. Then the peace of God which surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:6-7

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*.

Create A Family Prayer Space At Home

Families are spending more time together at home. One good use of this time would be to pray together on a regular basis. This prayer time together can be enhanced by creating a place in your home dedicated to prayer.

Making a place for prayer in our home can help us do what the Gospel tells us, to go into an "inner room" to pray (Matthew 6:6). Make your prayer place as quiet, uncluttered, and "desert-like" as possible. It can be the corner of a room or any unused space. Furnish your prayer place with a Bible, prayer books, cross, rosary, icons, and a candle. Encourage family members to use the prayer place for personal as well as family prayer. You can bless your place of prayer, saying:

Come, Holy God. Dwell in this place of prayer,
and bless it with your peace and presence.
Bless all who seek you here.
In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

If you are unable to go to Mass, one idea for prayer together is to find a resource with the prayers and reading for Sunday Mass and pray those together. Your parish may have something you can take home and use. You can find the readings online at www.usccb.org.

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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.

During this time of social distancing, St. Mary Magdalene depends on online donations to continue our ministry.

We prayerfully invite you to sign up for eGiving from your computer, smartphone, or tablet and set up a recurring donation or make a one-time gift.

Sign up today by visiting faith.direct/CA840.

You can also just mail your check to the rectory in a regular envelope. St. Mary Magdalene 1945 Illion St. San Diego, CA 92110.

Thank you for your continued support of our parish family.

From the Diocesan Office For Family Life and Spirituality

Family LiVe Friday:

Every Friday at 10am on [facebook.com/sdfamilyl...](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 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*

For Workers and People Who Are Unemployed

God of Creation, the work of human beings is a participation in your continuing work of creation.

Watch over those who are working under difficult or dangerous conditions (*especially...*).

Help them stay safe.

Extend your support and care to those who have lost—or will lose—a job (*especially...*).

Help them and their families to persevere.

Inspire people who are discovering innovative ways to address pressing needs.

Help all who turn new ideas into practical realities (*especially...*).

Help all of us to contribute to the common good to the best of our ability, through Christ our Lord.

Amen

Reporting Allegations of Sexual Misconduct

The Diocese of San Diego treats all allegations of sexual misconduct seriously and deals with them in a prompt, confidential, and thorough manner.

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:

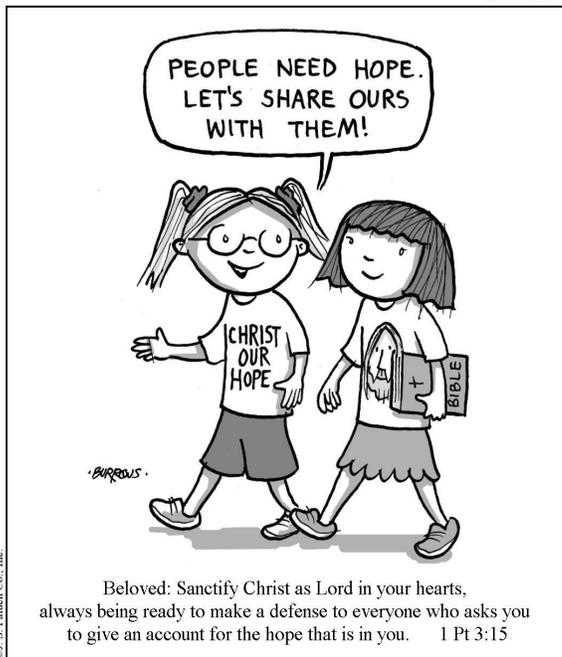
- Dr. Ashley Cirillo
- Lynn Doras
- Philip Ho
- Daniel Mateos
- Dominic McCarron
- Joseph Nason
- Nilbert Ng
- Elizabeth P.
- Michael Piano
- Sebastian Paloma
- Jorge Ramirez
- Miguel Valverde

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



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