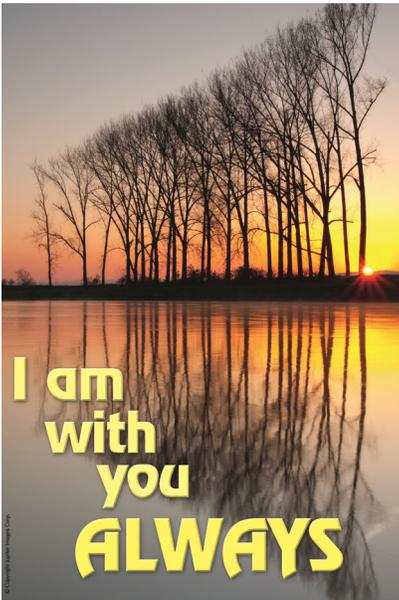


Church of St. Mary Magdalene

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

MAY 24, 2020



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Deacon Ralph Skiano

• Mass Schedule •

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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:

- Jesus tells the disciples that they will be witnesses to the ends of the earth (Acts 1:1-11).

Psalm:

- God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord (Psalm 47).

Second Reading:

- May the Father of glory give you a Spirit of wisdom and revelation (Ephesians 1:17-23).

Gospel:

- Jesus instructs the Eleven to baptize and teach people of all nations (Matthew 28:16-20).

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Readings for the Week

- Monday: Acts 19:1-8; Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab;
Jn 16:29-33
- Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27; Ps 68:10-11, 20-21;
Jn 17:1-11a
- Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38; Ps 68:29-30, 33-36ab;
Jn 17:11b-19
- Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11;
Jn 17:20-26
- Friday: Acts 25:13b-21; Ps 103:1-2, 11-12,
19-20ab; Jn 21:15-19
- Saturday: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Ps 11:4, 5, 7;
Jn 21:20-25
- Sunday: Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or
Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5; Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35,
27-28, 29-30; Rom 8:22-27; Jn 7:37-39
Day: Acts 2:1-11; Ps 104:1, 24, 29-31, 34;
1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13; Jn 20:19-23

The Ascension of the Lord A Scriptural Reflection

Staring Into The Sky

We have choices to make in this Christian life. One choice is to be frozen, like the disciples just as Jesus ascends into heaven. They stand there and stare up into the sky, probably waiting for Jesus to return to them immediately. Too often we, too, take this stance. We stare into the sky, waiting to discover the presence of the Lord. Unfortunately, this choice will yield few results, if any. It is the Lord himself who summons us to opt for a second choice. That choice involves us turning our gaze from the sky to the world around us. He says, "Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations . . . And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age" (Matthew 28:19, 20).

Grace Builds On Nature

A seminary theology professor of mine was always reminding us of this second choice with the words, "Gentlemen, remember that grace builds on nature." It is through the world around us—through those God has planted into our experience—that God will be revealed. People who are involved in the Church's work of Christian initiation learn this through their ministry. As they listen to the stories of people who are experiencing deep conversion, they begin to meet the Lord in new ways. It is as if the Lord Jesus is being born again right before their very eyes. Perhaps in the past you have heard today's Gospel mandate and cast it aside saying, "Oh, Jesus really meant those words for priests, and I'm certainly not a priest." Perhaps today's feast is the opportunity to realize that these words are meant for each one of us. If grace does build on nature, let's open our eyes to possibilities of discovering Christ all around us, rather than staring blankly into the sky.

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Some Facts to Consider During Mental Health Awareness Month:

- According to the Surgeon General, one in every five Americans experiences a mental disorder in any given year and half of all Americans have such disorders at some time in their lives.
- These illnesses of the brain affect all of us, regardless of age, gender, economic status, or ethnicity.
- About one in 17 lives with a serious mental illness such as schizophrenia, major depression or bipolar disorder
- One in five U.S. service members who served in Iraq or Afghanistan suffers from major depression or combat stress (PTSD)
- One in ten children and youth has a serious mental illness condition
- About half of students with a serious mental illness in special education drop out of high school – the highest dropout rate of any disability group
- Fewer than one-third of adults and one-half of children who live with mental health needs receive any level of treatment in any one year
- Only one in three adults who lives with a serious mental illness is employed, even though most want to work
- 26% of the homeless population lives with a severe mental illness
- One out of every five community hospital stays involves a primary or secondary diagnosis of mental illness
- About 20-25% of jail and prison inmates and youth involved with juvenile justice live with a serious mental illness
- We lose one life to suicide every 15.8 minutes. The suicide rate for older adults is 50% higher than the national rate as a whole
- One in four persons sitting in our pews has a family member struggling with mental health issues
- 60% of individuals with a mental health issue go **first** to a spiritual leader for help
- Our faith communities **can** be a caring congregation for persons living with a mental illness and their family members

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Behavioral Health Ministries (continued)

People with mental conditions are our neighbors. They are members of our congregations, members of our families, they are everywhere in this country. If we ignore their cries for help, we will be continuing to participate in the anguish from which those cries for help come. A problem of this magnitude will not go away. Because it will not go away, and because of our spiritual commitments, we are compelled to take action.
(Rosalynn Carter)

For more information, go to:

www.mentalhealthamerica.net
www.nami.org
www.up2sd.org
www.whatthehealth.com
www.mentalhealthministries.net

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 were cancelled.

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.



Call to Spread the Gospel

Jesus' instructions are as clear as can be imagined: the Church's missionary task is to take the Gospel to the whole world. As St. Luke records it in Acts, "You will be my witnesses ... to the ends of the earth." Or, as we read it in St. Matthew, "Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them ... teaching them."

The early Christians dedicated their talents to serve Christ. They studied the Old Testament scriptures to find how Jesus had fulfilled the prophecies. They worked to figure out how best to appeal to those to whom they were preaching. "I have become all things to all, to save at least some," St. Paul wrote (1 Cor 9:22). His intention was not to deceive but to find the best way to reach each group with God's saving words. We also have the task of determining how we can most effectively share the Good News of God's work in Christ to those who do not know him.

The apostolic band also used their financial resources, their treasure, to serve the Lord Jesus, leaving the comforts of home to spread the news. God still calls men and women to share in missionary work of the Church. Those of us who do not have that vocation can still participate through our financial contributions by which the missions are supported.

Two thousand years have passed since the Ascension, when the Church received the missionary charge to spread the Gospel throughout the world. That charge required the time, the talent, and the treasure of the apostles and their companions. It requires the same from us today.

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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.

Covid-19: A Prayer of Solidarity

For all who have contracted coronavirus,
We pray for care and healing.

For those who are particularly vulnerable,
We pray for safety and protection.

For all who experience fear or anxiety,
We pray for peace of mind and spirit.

For affected families who are facing difficult decisions between food on the table or public safety,
We pray for policies that recognize their plight.

For those who do not have adequate health insurance,
We pray that no family will face financial burdens alone.

For those who are afraid to access care due to immigration status,
We pray for recognition of the God-given dignity of all.

For our brothers and sisters around the world,
We pray for shared solidarity.

For public officials and decision makers,
We pray for wisdom and guidance.

Father, during this time may your Church be a sign of hope, comfort and love to all.

Grant peace.
Grant comfort.
Grant healing.
Be with us, Lord.

Amen.

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Your Gift of Treasure for the Weekend of May 17, 2020

With gratitude for the gifts we have received, parishioners and visitors made a joyful return to the Lord of the following:

eGiving:	\$ (reported semi-monthly)
Plate:	\$ 0.00
Envelopes:	\$ <u>1,304.75</u>
Total Offertory:	\$ 1,304.75
Budgeted Income:	\$ <u>12,745.88</u>
Difference:	\$11,441.13
YTD Budget vs Collection	\$45,513.28
Registered Families:	1697
eGiving Families:	186
Envelope Families:	180

Average Budgeted Income is the minimum amount needed each week for ministries & maintenance of our parish (liturgies, sacraments, utilities, repairs, ongoing maintenance, and salaries & benefits for our staff. Does not include major projects.)

Prayer to Make a "Spiritual Communion"

Saint Alphonsus Liguori

Saint Thomas Aquinas defined "spiritual communion" as "an ardent desire to receive Jesus in the Holy Sacrament and a loving embrace as though we had already received Him. Saint Teresa of Avila wrote: "When you cannot receive Communion and cannot attend Mass, you can make a spiritual communion, which is a most beneficial practice; by it the love of God will be greatly impressed on you."

An Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus,
I believe that You
are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love You above all things,
and I desire to receive You into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment
receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace You as if You were already there
and unite myself wholly to You.
Never permit me to be separated from You.
Amen.



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.

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.

From the Diocesan Office For Family Life and Spirituality

Family LiVe Friday:

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

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).

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

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