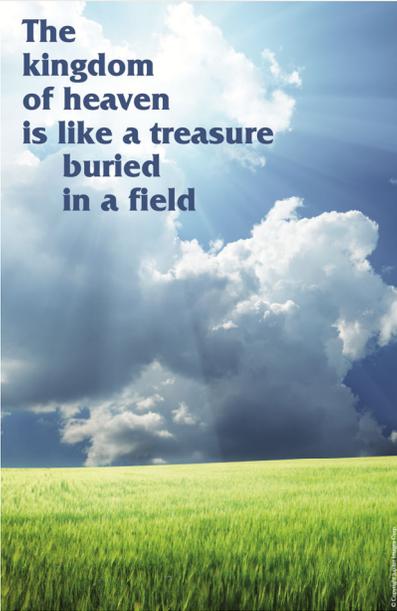


Church of St. Mary Magdalene

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JULY 26, 2020

**The
kingdom
of heaven
is like a treasure
buried
in a field**



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• **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!



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:

- Solomon prays for an understanding heart (1 Kings 3:5, 7-12).

Psalm:

- Lord, I love your commands (Psalm 119).

Second Reading:

- All things work for good for those who love God (Romans 8:28-30).

Gospel:

- The one who knows of the kingdom of heaven brings new and old from the storeroom (Matthew 13:44-52 [44-46]).

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Readings for the Week

Monday:	Jer 13:1-11; Dt 32:18-21; Mt 13:31-35
Tuesday:	Jer 14:17-22; Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13; Mt 13:36-43
Wednesday:	Jer 15:10, 16-21; Ps 34:2-11; Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42
Thursday:	Jer 18:1-6; Ps 146:1b-6ab; Mt 13:47-53
Friday:	Jer 26:1-9; Ps 69:5, 8-10, 14; Mt 13:54-58
Saturday:	Jer 26:11-16, 24; Ps 69:15-16, 30-31, 33-34; Mt 14:1-12
Sunday:	Is 55:1-3; Ps 145:8-9, 15-18; Rom 8:35, 37-39; Mt 14:13-21

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time A Scriptural Reflection

Treasures and Pearls

The Gospel of Matthew continues with parables that hint at what the reign of God might be like. The first parable doesn't tell us what the man was doing digging in a field that was not his, but it doesn't matter. He stumbles upon a great treasure, and recognizing its value, gives up everything he has for it. The same is true of the pearl merchant. Pearls were very rare and expensive up until the twentieth century. They are found in oysters, deep in salt or fresh water, and divers, then without any air tanks, had to dive for them and collect many thousands of oysters to find good pearls. Enough beautiful, matched pearls for a necklace were a rare and expensive find. A single rare, large pearl was a king's ransom!

Diving and Dragnets

The image of the dragnet is a good one for our unconscious mind. Hidden there is everything we experience, good and bad, that influences us in our lives. Hidden there also is the Holy Spirit, at work sorting the good from the bad, the treasure from the dross, and freeing us to begin to know our deepest desires for God. Great saints like John of the Cross and Teresa of Ávila, both doctors of the Church, wrote about our deepest selves being the dwelling place of God. While our active minds prance around all kinds of ideas and distractions, our deepest selves dwell in wordless contemplation of God. To have this revealed to us is a great gift, a priceless treasure. Because the Holy Spirit is at work in us, purifying and drawing us closer, it does not mean we do nothing. We are given free will to seek God and to pay attention to these inner workings, as God strips away whatever impedes us. This is not always comfortable. When we willingly allow God to work in us, being attentive to what the Spirit is doing, we will find God. The treasure and the pearl are real. One was found by accident, the other by much searching. It doesn't matter which we use. If we are attentive, we will find God, for God waits to be found!

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PASTOR'S **M**ESSAGE

Dear Parishioners:

I thought I would share with you for our reflection this week a brief passage from the Encyclical *Deus Caritas Est* (God is Love) by Pope Benedict. In this section the Holy Father writing about the nature of Christian charity states: Christian charitable activity must be independent of parties and ideologies. It is not a means of changing the world ideologically, and it is not at the service of worldly stratagems, but it is a way of making present here and now the love which man always needs. The modern age, particularly from the nineteenth century on, has been dominated by various versions of a philosophy of progress whose most radical form is Marxism. Part of Marxist strategy is the theory of impoverishment: in a situation of unjust power, it is claimed, anyone who engages in charitable initiatives is actually serving that unjust system, making it appear at least to some extent tolerable. This in turn slows down a potential revolution and thus blocks the struggle for a better world. Seen in this way, charity is rejected and attacked as a means of preserving the *status quo*. What we have here, though, is really an inhuman philosophy. People of the present are sacrificed to the *moloch* of the future—a future whose effective realization is at best doubtful. One does not make the world more human by refusing to act humanely here and now. We contribute to a better world only by personally doing good now, with full commitment and wherever we have the opportunity, independently of partisan strategies and programmes. The Christian's programme—the programme of the Good Samaritan, the programme of Jesus—is “a heart which sees”. This heart sees where love is needed and acts accordingly. Obviously when charitable activity is carried out by the Church as a communitarian initiative, the spontaneity of individuals must be combined with planning, foresight and cooperation with other similar institutions. Charity, furthermore, cannot be used as a means of engaging in what is nowadays considered proselytism. Love is free; it is not practiced as a way of achieving other ends. But this does not mean that charitable activity must somehow leave God and Christ aside. For it is always concerned with the whole man. Often the deepest cause of suffering is the very absence of God. Those who practice charity in the Church's name will never seek to impose the Church's faith upon others. They realize that a pure and generous love is the best witness to the God in whom we believe and by whom we are driven to love.

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(Pastor's Message continued)

A Christian knows when it is time to speak of God and when it is better to say nothing and to let love alone speak. He knows that God is love (cf. *1 Jn 4:8*) and that God's presence is felt at the very time when the only thing we do is to love. He knows—to return to the questions raised earlier—that disdain for love is disdain for God and man alike; it is an attempt to do without God. Consequently, the best defense of God and man consists precisely in love. It is the responsibility of the Church's charitable organizations to reinforce this awareness in their members, so that by their activity—as well as their words, their silence, their example—they may be credible witnesses to Christ.

Fr. Ed McNulty
Pastor

**Your Gift of Treasure for the
Weekend of July 19, 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>945.00</u>	
Total Offertory:	\$ 945.00	
Budgeted Income:	<u>\$12,745.88</u>	
Difference:	\$11,800.88	
YTD Budget vs Collection		\$11,029.89
Registered Families:	1697	
eGiving Families:	195	
Envelope Families:	161	

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.)

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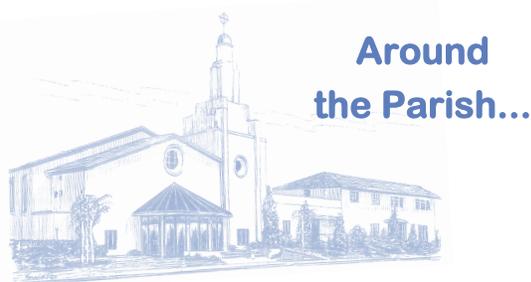
Now that churches have closed again, we depend the most on online giving to continue our ministry.

How eGiving benefits you and our parish:

- ◆ Consistent giving and community support
- ◆ Convenience of giving from home or any location
- ◆ Cost-effective and better for the environment

Please consider making a recurring or one-time donation today. It's easy to get started! Sign up today by visiting faith.direct/CA840.

Thank you for your support of our parish family!



Following the guidelines we have been given by the Diocese, St. Mary Magdalene Church is:

- **Suspending public celebrations of the liturgy until further notice.**
- **Suspending Saturday confessions until further notice. Please contact the Parish Office if you would like an appointment.**
- **Note: You continue to be dispensed from your obligation to attend Sunday Mass celebration.**

Masses are broadcast on the radio, online, and on TV. Below is a list of opportunities to hear or see Masses.

Relevant Radio AM 1000:

Sunday at 7:00 a.m. and daily at 5:30 p.m.

Streamed Through The Diocesan Website:

sdcatholic.org

On TV:

Broadcast TV



Provider	Channel	Day	Time	Network / Station
KFMB	Ch. 8.2	Sunday	8:30 AM	CW

Cable TV

Provider	Channel	Day	Time	Network / Station
AT&T U-Verse	Ch. 6	Sunday	8:30 AM	CW
Cox	Ch. 6	Sunday	8:30 AM	CW
Cox	Ch. 67	Sunday	8:00 AM	WGN America
Spectrum (Time Warner)	Ch. 6	Sunday	8:30 AM	CW
Spectrum (Time Warner)	Ch. 3	Sunday	8:00 AM	WGN America
University of San Diego	Ch. 8	Sunday	8:30 AM	CW

Satellite TV

Provider	Channel	Day	Time	Network / Station
DirecTV	Ch. 9	Sunday	8:30 AM	CW
DirecTV	Ch. 307	Sunday	5:00 AM	WGN America
Dish Network	Ch. 239	Sunday	5:00 AM	WGN America



St. Mary Magdalene
YOUTH MINISTRY

For the students who have completed their 8th grade year, please contact Jessica for more information about our Confirmation program.

Stay tuned for updates via email and Instagram.

For more information on St. Mary Magdalene Youth Group events, contact Jessica Brophy, Director of Youth Ministry (619) 276-6814; youthministry@stmarymagonline.org



Is anything worth giving up everything else, so you can obtain it? Jesus says there is. Just as the one man sold everything he had so he could buy a field that had a buried treasure, or like the merchant who disposed of all he owned so he could buy a pearl of great price, so Christ's follower finds the Kingdom of God so valuable as to be worth more than all our other possessions.

But when it comes to everyday decision-making, putting our response to God and our other duties into the right order is often difficult. After all we have responsibilities to bosses, family, and our communities as well. And that's where wisdom is called for.

The young king Solomon knew, when God appeared to him in a dream, to ask for wisdom rather than riches or power. We also need to ask God for wisdom as to how best use the time, the talent, and the treasure he entrusts to us so we can fulfill all our other duties and still find the joy of obtaining the ultimate treasure, the Kingdom of God.

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Annual Catholic Appeal

To all the families who have made a donation/pledge to the Annual Catholic Appeal, **thank you so much!** 

If you have not yet made a donation, it's not too late. Pledge brochures are available in the Parish Office, or secure online donations/pledges may also be made at giving.sdcatholic.org.

Treasures From Our Tradition

Most parishes are now aware of the catechumenate and the journey of new faithful in the RCIA, but this form of sacramental initiation disappeared from view in the thirteenth century along with many other ancient practices. Life back then was hard, and often too short, and priests were increasingly insistent about the responsibility of parents to baptize children in danger of death. Since everyone in that society was under unimaginable threat from famine, warfare, and plague, the liturgical rites changed quickly. Everyone was in danger of death all the time. No longer were babies immersed in fonts, being lowered into the water, although the ritual books never backed down from immersion. Infusion was the new way, a simple pouring of a few drops of water on the child's forehead.

The catechumenate collapsed, being reduced to the recitation of the Creed and an Our Father at every baptism. Amazingly, any provision for adult baptism was shelved, so that as late as the 1950s, a person being baptized was presumed to be an infant, unable to answer for him or herself. Questions of creed and commitment were put to the godparents, not to the person being baptized. Even Dorothy Day and Thomas Merton, famous adult converts, remained mute at their baptisms while their sponsors answered for them. In hindsight all this appears strikingly odd, yet it was accepted as the way things were. We have good reason to give thanks for the vigorous reforms of the last fifty years!

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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.

Flocknote at St. Mary Magdalene

Flocknote is a means of delivering information to our Parishioners and our first messages have been sent. In order to use Flocknote, we need your email. If you did not receive these recently sent messages, we may not have your current email.

To supply or verify your most current email address, please contact the Parish Office at (619) 276-1041 or email Katie Moreno at katie@stmarymagonline.org.

Listed below are ways we anticipate to use Flocknote:

- ▶ To inform parishioners of matters that may require immediate action instead of leaving notes on the church doors
- ▶ To send out schedules instead of mailing them
- ▶ To inform parishioners of upcoming events
- ▶ To request action from our parishioners
- ▶ To extend invitations to our parishioners

Thank you to all who have submitted your emails. Let other parishioners know to submit their emails.

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.

* Community Announcements *

Scholarship Opportunity for Local Catholic College

Are you looking for an affordable and on-campus Catholic education this Fall? To help meet the urgent need of local students whose ability to obtain a Catholic university education has been jeopardized by the COVID-19 pandemic, John Paul the Great Catholic University in Escondido is offering two new scholarship programs for incoming freshmen and transfer students who start at JPCatholic in Fall 2020.

One of these scholarships is the COVID Zero Tuition scholarship for Cal Grant-A eligible students; when combined with state and federal aid, it can cover your FULL tuition without any need for loans! JPCatholic offers programs in creative arts, media, business innovation, and theology - and classes will be on campus this fall. You can learn more about the scholarships, sign up for a Virtual Campus Tour, and apply for free at jpcatholic.edu/local.

M.A. Degree In Pastoral Ministries With An Emphasis In Restorative Justice And Chaplaincy

Are you yearning for something more to enhance your ministry and service to others? Santa Clara University is now offering its M.A. degree in Pastoral Ministries with an emphasis in Restorative Justice and Chaplaincy right here in the Diocese of San Diego. The professors come to you in a 10-week quarter through a convenient blended format for 3 face-to-face Saturday sessions with the remaining 7 class meetings held online one evening a week. Saturday classes are held at the San Diego Diocese Pastoral Center at 3888 Paducah Drive, San Diego 92117.

Fall 2020 courses are completely online via zoom. Please call Joseph Morris, PhD, Director of the MA in Pastoral Ministries program, at (408) 554-2357 for additional information. Apply now. Scholarships and financial aid are available.

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