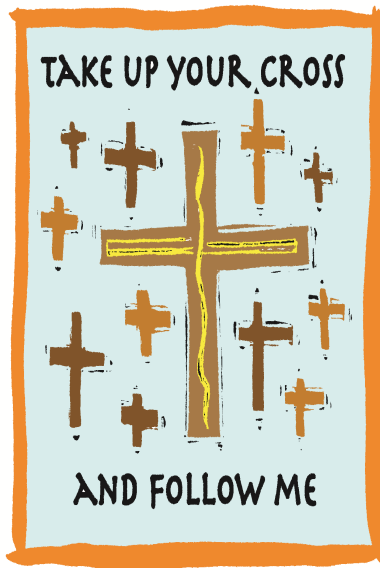


Church of St. Mary Magdalene

TWENTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

AUGUST 30, 2020



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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 Parish Office.
- **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**
 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 the Director of Religious Education 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**Sunday, August 30**

- 9:00 AM - John Tomicich✠
- 11:00 AM - Evie Jackson✠
- 11:00 AM - Stanley Laba✠

**Sunday, September 6**

- 9:00 AM - Ernie Branch✠
- 11:00 AM - John Ekstrom✠
- 11:00 AM - Fr. Tony May✠

Please note: If you had a Mass Intention scheduled when a Mass was not celebrated, you will be given the opportunity to reschedule your intention. Thank you for your understanding.

Today's Readings**First Reading:**

- The name of the LORD has become like fire burning in Jeremiah's heart (Jeremiah 20:7-9).

Psalm:

- My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God (Psalm 63).

Second Reading:

- Be transformed; renew your mind; discern what is good (Romans 12:1-2).

Gospel:

- Those who lose their lives for Jesus' sake will find them (Matthew 16:21-27).

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Readings for the Week

- Monday: 1 Cor 2:1-5; Ps 119:97-102; Lk 4:16-30
- Tuesday: 1 Cor 2:10b-16; Ps 145:8-14; Lk 4:31-37
- Wednesday: 1 Cor 3:1-9; Ps 33:12-15, 20-21; Lk 4:38-44
- Thursday: 1 Cor 3:18-23; Ps 24:1bc-4ab, 5-6;
Lk 5:1-11
- Friday: 1 Cor 4:1-5; Ps 37:3-6, 27-28, 39-40;
Lk 5:33-39
- Saturday: 1 Cor 4:6b-15; Ps 145:17-21; Lk 6:1-5
- Sunday: Ez 33:7-9; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Rom 13:8-10;
Mt 18:15-20

Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time A Scriptural Reflection

Who Is Peter?

We are at something of a disadvantage this week, having a separation of seven days between last week's Gospel reading and this week's. In Matthew's Gospel, these two passages follow immediately upon one another. So we don't realize that, in only a hundred words or so, Jesus has moved from referring to Peter as the rock on which the church will be built to calling him "Satan." So the point is Jesus founded the church on a "Satan"? Of course not. Jesus Christ founded, and continues to build—through the presence of his Body given to us, the church, by the Spirit of baptism—on human beings. He knows now, as he knew then, our frailness and built-in shortcomings. Today he begins his explanation of what his role as Messiah will mean during his last days in Jerusalem. And poor Peter leaps to the wrong conclusion, as many of us would, and still do. Peter is insistent upon following the conventional religious wisdom, the status quo, the commonly understood view of the Messiah. But it was this very view that Jesus came into this world to subvert.

Who Are We?

The spiritual author C. S. Lewis once wrote, in reflecting on how hard it is to pray for one's enemies as Christ commanded, that he had particular difficulty praying for people like Stalin or Hitler. This was because he had to come to terms with the fact that the very human failings that made them who they were are also present in each one of us. We can never be sure exactly how or why we are prevented from exercising that degree of evil and hatred; it is only through the grace and will of God that we don't. All the weakness and ignorance present in Peter today are present in all of us. We could not name one single baptized follower of Christ in whom these mortal failings were not or are not present. It is helpful for us to be alert about this, lest we follow in the way of Peter today and fail to realize that to follow Christ means following him to Jerusalem. It means actively taking up a cross, making our bodies a living sacrifice, as Paul says. It means examining the religious status quo of our day to make sure it is consistent with the sometimes harsh message of Jesus' good news. And it means making sure that we are more like last week's Peter, professing faith in Christ revealed to us by God, so we may continue to be strong and sturdy stones on which the church continues to be built.


PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Parishioners:

It is that time of year again when schools are starting back up and education is at the forefront of our minds. This year, of course, classes started a little different but our mission is the same, helping our students become well rounded, faith filled, young men and women. I am so thankful for our School of the Madeline teachers and staff who have worked diligently throughout the summer to prepare for the school year with the challenges and blessings, which await us.

It is my sincere hope that our Religious Education and RCIA programs will resume as soon as possible and those who are awaiting the celebration of the Sacraments of Initiation will be able to join us at the Altar of the Lord in the near future. I am grateful to all of those who have so patiently waited during these interesting times.

Recently the Vatican published a document on the Role of Parish Community. Over the next few weeks I would like to share some parts of this document for our reflection. The authors write: In virtue of this discernment, the Parish is called upon to read the signs of the times, while adapting both to the needs of the faithful and to historical changes. A renewed vitality is required that favors the rediscovery of the vocation of the baptized as a disciple of Jesus Christ and a missionary of the Gospel, in light of the Second Vatican Council and subsequent Magisterium. The Council Fathers were prescient in writing: "the care of souls should always be infused with a missionary spirit". In continuity with this teaching, Saint John Paul II specified that: "Whilst the Parish is perfected and integrated in a variety of forms, it nevertheless remains an indispensable organism of primary importance in the visible structure of the Church", whereby "evangelization is the cornerstone of all pastoral action, the demands of which are primary, preeminent and preferential". Subsequently, Benedict XVI taught, "the parish is a beacon that radiates the light of the faith and thus responds to the deepest and truest desires of the human heart, giving meaning and hope to the lives of individuals and families". Lastly, Pope Francis recalled how "the parish encourages and trains its members to be evangelizers".

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In order to promote the centrality of the missionary presence of the Christian community in the world, it is important not only to think about a new experience of Parish, but also about the ministry and mission of priests, who, together with the lay faithful, have the task of being "salt and light of the world" (cf. Mt 5:13-14), a "lamp on a lamp-stand" (cf. Mk 4:21), showing forth the face of an evangelizing community, capable of an adequate reading of the signs of the times and of giving witness to coherent evangelical living. Beginning with a consideration of the signs of the times, it is necessary, in listening to the Spirit, to produce new signs. With the Parish no longer being the primary gathering and social center, as in former days, it is thus necessary to find new forms of accompaniment and closeness. A task of this kind ought not to be seen as a burden, but rather as a challenge to be embraced with enthusiasm. Imitating their Master, the Lord's disciples, in the school of Saints and shepherds, learned, not without suffering, how to await the times and ways of God, thus nurturing the certainty that He is present until the end of time, and that the Holy Spirit – the beating heart in the life of the Church– gathers together the children of God dispersed throughout the world. As a result, the Christian community should not be afraid to begin and accompany processes within territories that are host to diverse cultures, in the sure and certain hope that, for the disciples of Christ, "nothing genuinely human fails to raise an echo in their hearts".

Fr. Ed McNulty
Pastor



Memorials

Please pray for the repose
of the souls of

Jose Bascon
Jane Marciano
Richard Wade

May their souls, and the souls of
all the faithful departed,
through the mercy of God,
rest in peace. Amen.



Our CCSA Collection Is Next Week

Next week we will resume our first Sunday of the month collection of non-perishable goods for CCSA. The collection area will be located just as you enter the school grounds. Thank you in advance for your donations.

The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults



- ◆ Have you ever thought about becoming a Catholic?
- ◆ Were you Baptized Catholic as a child but never received the other Sacraments of Initiation (Reconciliation, Eucharist & Confirmation) and would now like to become a fully-initiated Catholic?
- ◆ Were you Baptized in another Christian faith and would now like to find out more about the Catholic Church and receiving the Sacraments?
- ◆ Do you know friends or family who might be interested in learning about becoming a Catholic Christian?

If you answered 'yes' to any of the above, please contact the Parish Office at (619) 276-1041 for more information.

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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

Your Gift of Treasure for the Weekend of August 23, 2020

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

eGiving:	\$10,137.00	
Plate:	\$ 774.05	
Envelopes:	\$ 4304.50	
Total Offertory:		\$15,215.55
Budgeted Income:		\$12,745.88
Difference:		\$ 2,469.67
YTD Budget vs Collection		\$13,666.56
Registered Families:	1697	
eGiving Families:	196	
Envelope Families:	159	

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.)

Faith Direct - eGiving

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!

LIVING STEWARDSHIP NOW

Stewardship: An Attitude of Gratitude

“Gratitude is not only the greatest of virtues, but the parent of all others.”- Cicero

Sometimes when a parish does not have enough involvement in its ministries, or is having difficulties with finances, the first reaction is, “stewardship didn’t work”. This presumes that stewardship is about generosity. Somehow, the parish has not done enough to encourage parishioners to be more generous in their donations of time, talent, and treasure.

Stewardship is never about generosity, but rather about gratitude. Everyone can embrace this as a way of life. Gratitude is the strongest motivation for giving. When people give of themselves to the parish, the diocese, the community, they do so because they are grateful. It makes no difference who the pastor or bishop or mayor is. A mature faith allows us to realize **that we have enough and more than we need and that giving is a celebration of life.** This is stewardship: giving after reflecting on your blessings, and giving out of gratitude. How do we do this?

“Stewardship is God’s way of raising people-not our way of raising money.”-Wesley Willmer

We have a sense of what God expects from us because we are so aware of what he gives us. Serving the needs of others beyond the parish is something he expects.

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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.

Ministers of the Word Sunday, September 6th



9:00 a.m.
Bevin Melody

11:00 a.m.
Anne Williams

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.

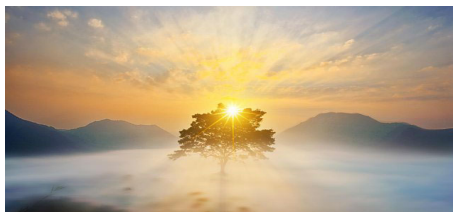
The Cross of Jesus

The perception of a cross changed dramatically after Jesus’ crucifixion. Before that event, death on a cross was not only horrible, it was degrading. It was a penalty reserved only for the most wretched of criminals. The word “glory” would not have found its way into the same sentence containing the word “cross.” But all that changed with Jesus. Over time, believers began to venerate and honor the cross. They painted, sculpted, and carved images of it. Many lost their own lives for their association with it. Today our reverence for and relationship with the cross recalls little of the contempt originally associated with it. As it has been through the ages, it is our perception of the cross that determines how we follow Jesus.

* Community Announcements *

Live Stream Mass for Survivors of Suicide Loss:

If you are a survivor of suicide loss, join the virtual Mass of remembrance to pray for your loved ones on September 13th at 7:30 a.m. at <https://www.sdcatholic.org/event/mass-for-survivors-of-suicide-loss/>. The recording will be available after Mass at the previous link. Please provide the name of your loved ones to kcallier@sdccatholic.org. Let's pray for the families affected by suicide and raise awareness in September, National Suicide Prevention Month. Visit www.soslsd.org/ to learn about suicide.



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