

# Church of St. Mary Magdalene

TWENTY FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SEPTEMBER 13, 2020



**We  
are the  
Lord's**



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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** •

Saturday 4 - 5 p.m.  
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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**  
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 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

#### **Saturday, September 12**

7:45 AM - Mike & Agnes Flavin✠

5:30 PM - Publio Cavallini✠

#### **Sunday, September 13**

7:00 AM - Parishioners of St. Mary Magdalene

9:00 AM - Sue Moore & Family

11:00 AM - Ted Armijo✠

6:00 PM - Intentions of Our Blessed Mother

#### **Monday, September 14**

7:45 AM - Candido & Juanita Azada✠

#### **Tuesday, September 15**

7:45 AM - Lucy Johnson

#### **Wednesday, September 16**

7:45 AM - Howard Price✠ & Dennis Price

#### **Thursday, September 17**

7:45 AM - Paul Hughes✠

#### **Friday, September 18**

7:45 AM - Thomas R. McCall✠

#### **Saturday, September 19**

7:45 AM - Agnes Flavin✠

5:30 PM - Ross Morrill✠

#### **Sunday, September 20**

7:00 AM - Richard Winter✠

9:00 AM - Doug Wagner✠

11:00 AM - Lucy Castiglione✠

6:00 PM - Parishioners of St. Mary Magdalene

### Readings for the Week

Monday: Nm 21:4b-9; Ps 78:1-2, 34-38; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17

Tuesday: 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a; Ps 100:1b-5; Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35

Wednesday: 1 Cor 12:31 — 13:13; Ps 33:2-5, 12, 22; Lk 7:31-35

Thursday: 1 Cor 15:1-11; Ps 118:1b-2, 16ab-17, 28; Lk 7:36-50

Friday: 1 Cor 15:12-20; Ps 17:1bcd, 6-8b, 15; Lk 8:1-3

Saturday: 1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49; Ps 56:10c-14; Lk 8:4-15

Sunday: Is 55:6-9; Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18; Phil 1:20c-24, 27a; Mt 20:1-16a

## Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time A Scriptural Reflection

### **Role Models**

The “average” Christian has two role models in today’s Gospel: Peter and the indebted servant. Peter thinks he’s going to get the jump on Jesus and express his offer to be even more generous in forgiveness than he is expected to be. In a culture that was based on parity in revenge (an eye for an eye), to forgive somebody once or even twice was a generous gesture. So Peter was probably a bit self-righteously smug when he offered the biblically perfect number of seven as the amount of forgiveness he is willing to extend to another. But Jesus tells him that, no matter how good and forgiving we think we are, we need to be at least ten times more. The indebted servant hits what people in recovery programs refer to as “rock bottom” when his wife, family, and possessions are threatened. He has no choice but to fling himself on the king’s mercy. It is this act of pleading, of self-recognition of his extreme indebtedness to the king, that causes the compassionate release of regal mercy to flow freely. This is how the divine throne of grace interacts with us, Jesus illustrates.

### **Role Reversal**

But once the indebted servant’s plea for patience has been answered compassionately, he misses the opportunity to go forth and imitate the graciousness he has just received. When faced with his own smaller situation of being the creditor rather than the debtor, he develops the sort of amnesia that afflicts so many of us when we feel we have been wronged, slighted, or not paid in full. The indebted servant evidently did not know or did not heed the wisdom from Jesus ben Sirach in today’s first reading. He could not call to mind that a sinner is characterized by hugging wrath and anger tightly. When we hug wrath and anger this tightly, our arms are completely incapable of reaching out in the loving embrace of forgiveness. Peter, and all of us, must learn to keep the wisdom of Sirach and this parable in our hearts and close at hand each time we are called upon to forgive as we have been forgiven. In that way, we can truly live our prayer for God’s will for boundless mercy, forgiveness, and compassion to be done on earth as it is in heaven.

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**PASTOR'S MESSAGE**

Dear Parishioners:

Believe it or not we are almost half way through September already! This week our school started back with in person instruction. We are starting with what we are calling the "hybrid model" in which half of our students are on campus Monday and Wednesday and the other half is on campus Tuesday and Thursday and then Fridays are distance learning days. I would ask you to keep all the families, teachers, and staff of our school in your prayers as they strive to implement this new model.

Unfortunately our parish religious education program will be a little delayed this year as we have had a slight set back. The person we had hired as our new Religious Education Director withdrew from the position and so we will once again begin the search for a new Director. If you know of any potential, candidates please have them contact the parish office.

Now that we are back in the church for our liturgies, I hope you will continue to join us for mass. Our mass schedule will remain the same with weekday masses at 7:45 am and weekend liturgies at 5:30 p.m. Saturday and 7,9,11 a.m. and ,6 p.m. Sundays. However, now that Fr. Bill and I are the only priests available for the celebration of mass we may need to look at adjusting our liturgy schedule in the near future. I will certainly keep you informed as we look toward the future.

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: The aforesaid missionary conversion, which naturally leads to a reform of structures, concerns the Parish in particular, namely that community gathered around the Table of the Word and the Eucharist. The Parish has a long history and from the outset, it has played a fundamental role in the life of Christians and in the development and pastoral work of the Church. We can see this in the writings of Saint Paul. Several of the Pauline texts show us the formation of small communities as domestic churches, which the Apostle simply calls a "house". With these "houses", we get a foretaste of the birth of the first "Parishes".

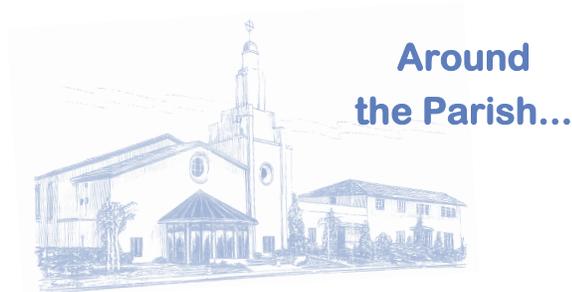
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Since its inception, the Parish is envisioned as a response to a precise pastoral need, namely that of bringing the Gospel to the People through the proclamation of the faith and the celebration of the Sacraments. The etymology of the word makes clear the meaning of the institution: the Parish is a house among houses and is a response to the logic of the Incarnation of Jesus Christ, alive and active among the community. It is visibly characterized then, as a place of worship, a sign of the permanent presence of the Risen Lord in the midst of his People. The territorial configuration of the Parish, however, must confront a peculiar characteristic of our contemporary world, whereby increased mobility and the digital culture have expanded the confines of existence. On the one hand, people are less associated today with a definite and immutable geographical context, living instead in "a global and pluralist village"; on the other hand, the digital culture has inevitably altered the concept of space, together with people's language and behavior, especially in younger generations. Moreover, it is quite easy to hypothesize about how the continuous development of technology will ultimately change our way of thinking, together with the understanding of self and of social living. The speed of change, successive cultural models, the ease of movement and the speed of communication are transforming the perception of space and time. As a living community of believers, the Parish finds itself in a context whereby the territorial affiliation is increasingly less evident; where places of association are multiplied and where interpersonal, relationships risk being dissolved into a virtual world without any commitment or responsibility towards one's neighbor. It is noteworthy how such cultural changes and the evolving territorial ties are fostering within the Church, through the grace of the Holy Spirit, a new discernment around community, "which consists in seeing reality with the eyes of God, with a view to unity and communion". The whole People of God must urgently embrace the Holy Spirit's invitation to begin the process of "renewing" the face of the Church.

Fr. Ed McNulty  
Pastor





### Birthline Collection

Our 3rd Sunday of the month collection for Birthline will resume next week. *Birthline's* mission is to provide life-affirming support and resources to pregnant women and families with young children.

Requested items include:

- Baby formula (powdered, not soy)
- Sleepers (3 to 6 month)
- T-shirts (3 to 6 month)

Thank you in advance for your generosity to this outreach program in our parish.

### Pontifical Collection Thank You

Thank you to those who generously donated to the Pontifical Collection this weekend.

Visit [www.myfranciscan.org/good-friday](http://www.myfranciscan.org/good-friday) for more information about Christians in the Holy Land or to make a donation.

### Mom's Catholic Book Study

Moms' Catholic Book Study has been going strong for well over twenty years! Even in these trying times we are meeting via zoom. Please consider joining us as we begin our new year starting September 2. Our first book is *Jesus and the Jewish Roots of the Eucharist: Unlocking the Secrets of the Last Supper* by Brant Pitre. The list of books and calendar is on our website at <https://momscatholicbookstudy.weebly.com>. Being a mom is not required! All are welcome! If you would like to join us, please email [diane.kenney@att.net](mailto:diane.kenney@att.net).

### St. Mary Magdalene's Bulletin

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It is also available on our website at [stmarymagonline.org](http://stmarymagonline.org).



*St. Mary Magdalene*  
YOUTH MINISTRY

### Interested In Registering Your Teen For Confirmation This Fall?

Email Jessica at [youthministry@stmarymagonline.org](mailto:youthministry@stmarymagonline.org) to sign up and receive information about the upcoming parent zoom meeting on **September 14th**.



**Confirmation sessions will begin on  
September 20th!**

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

### Your Gift of Treasure for the Weekend of September 6, 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:	\$ 2,252.75
Envelopes:	\$ <u>2,365.00</u>
Total Offertory:	\$ 4,617.75
Budgeted Income:	\$12,745.88
Difference:	\$ <b>8,128.13</b>
YTD Budget vs Collection	\$ <b>31,577.57</b>
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.)

### Remember to Support Our Advertisers!

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**LIVING STEWARDSHIP NOW**

**Stewardship — A Way of Life**

**Questions and Answers for Sacrificial Living**

**Doesn't the Church talk about money too much?**

Jesus told us: "Go and sell what you have and give to the poor; you will then have treasure in heaven." (Mark 10:21)

The reality is that God's work requires money. The Church sees so much suffering and so many needs in the community and in the world. It has a responsibility to lessen that suffering and meet some of those needs.

Considering all our responsibilities, each of us must decide for ourselves what we count as our Stewardship of treasure. For example, in the true meaning of Stewardship, payments for tuition would not be included in Stewardship of treasure because it is a payment for services received, Catholic education. Stewardship is giving in gratitude to God with no expectation of receiving anything concrete in return. However, while tuition may not be included in Stewardship of treasure it can affect the percentage of income that some families can give to the Church and other charities, and may shape the very nature of what is proportionate giving in the case of many families with school age children.

Today the Church focuses much more on Stewardship than on "talking about money".

**Stewardship is based on the individual's need to give, not on the Church's need to receive.** All we have and are comes from God. We thank God for all His blessings by returning a portion of the time, talent, and treasure given to us.

*"God can multiply His favors among you so that you may always have enough of everything and even a surplus for good works."* (2 Cor. 8:8)

**September is**

**National Suicide Prevention Month**

- The San Diego Access and Crisis Line (888) 724-7240 (24 Hours a Day/7 Days a Week) serves as a suicide prevention/intervention hotline. It provides mental health crisis intervention and information and referral to mental health services in San Diego County.
- The Survivors of Suicide Loss supports those who have lost a loved one to suicide. Their goal is to give survivors a place where they can be comfortable expressing themselves, a place to find comfort and hope in a judgment-free environment. Visit [www.soslsd.org/](http://www.soslsd.org/) to learn about suicide support services and resources.

**Come and See!**  
**The Rite of Christian Initiation  
for Adults**

RCIA is the Church's process for those who are interested in becoming Catholic, and for those baptized Catholics who wish to be fully initiated into the Church. Are you interested in learning more about this process? The program for the coming year will begin soon. For more information, contact the Parish Office at (619) 276-1041.

**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.  
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.

**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@sdccatholic.org](mailto:misconduct@sdccatholic.org).

## \* Community Announcements \*

### Loving God Through Creation Webinar

Pope Francis encourages the faithful to celebrate the season of creation and implement the message of *Laudato Si*. A webinar entitled *Loving God Through Creation* will be held **September 16th**, 7 p.m. For more information visit: <https://www.sdatholic.org/event/loving-god-through-creation-webinar/>.

### The Feast of St. Francis of Assisi Mass

The Feast of St. Francis of Assisi Mass will be held on Saturday, **October 3rd** at 10 a.m. at The Immaculata Parish, 5998 Alcalá Park, San Diego, CA 92110. Aux. Bishop John P. Dolan will be the main celebrant. Mass is open for attendance, but seating is limited. Reserve your spot by emailing [kcallier@sdatholic.org](mailto:kcallier@sdatholic.org). The Mass will also be live-streamed. For further information visit <https://www.sdatholic.org/event/feast-of-st-francis-of-assisi-annual-mass/>.

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