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PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

So they brought the colt to Jesus and put their cloaks over it. And he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut from the fields. - Mk 11:7-8

St. Mary Magdalene is a Roman Catholic Parish that witnesses the love of Jesus Christ through evangelization, catechesis and the celebration of the Sacraments.

Vidli Dominum

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday: 9:00 am—Noon, 1:00 pm-5:00 pm

SUNDAY MASS TIMES Saturday (Vigil) 4:30 pm

Sunday 7:00 am 9:00 am 11:30 am 4:30 pm

DAILY MASS SCHEDULE Monday - Saturday 8:00 am

COMMUNAL PRAYER (in the Church) Rosary & Divine Mercy, prayed after 8:00am daily Mass

PERPETUAL ADORATION

The Blessed Sacrament is exposed 24 hours a day 7 days a week. For access after office hours, call the office for a code.

Join us in the chapel for Holy Hour for Life: Thursdays at 5:30pm Holy Hour for Priests: 1st Sunday of each month at 3:00pm

CONFESSIONS

Monday-Friday, 8:45am-9:15am & Saturday, 8:45am-11:15am

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FROM YOUR FINANCE COUNCIL

Collections/Faith Direct Totals,

Mar 10 Plate collection (cash & checks) **\$15,958.45** Mar 10 Capital Campaign (cash & checks) **\$290.00**

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Emergency Anointing of the Sick: Only for emergencies, call 480-678-3353.

New to St. Mary Magdalene? We are looking forward to meeting you! Please visit the Parish Office or <u>smarymag.org/about-parishregistration</u> to formally register as a parishioner.

Catholic Counseling: Call the Parish Office for recommendations of counselors that can offer guidance and therapy from a Catholic perspective.

Offering Masses: If you'd like to offer a Special Intention Mass (for a living person) or In Remembrance Mass (for a deceased person), please come by the Parish Office. There is a stipend of \$10. We are scheduling Masses for January, 2025.

Letter Requests: Please submit request for letters of permission for Baptism or Confirmation sponsors or copies of replacement Sacrament Certificates to the Parish Office. Monday: Please allow for a turn-around of 5 business days. Tuesday:

Family Record Updates: If you have a change of address, phone, email, addition of children or if you are moving out of the parish please call the parish office or contact <u>admin@smarymag.org</u> to have your records updated.

Pastoral Care to the Sick: Our Pastoral Care Ministry volunteers bring Holy Communion to those who are sick, hospitalized or homebound. Please call the parish office or email <u>pastoralcare@smarymag.org</u> to arrange a visit.

Adoration

The following hours are in need of Weekly Adorers: Sun 3am, 11am, 1pm, 2pm, 4pm, 10pm, 11pm; Mon 3am, 7am; Tue 12am, 9pm; Wed 11pm; Thu 12pm, 10pm; Fri 3am, 8pm,



; Wed 11pm; Thu 12pm, 10pm; Fri 3am, 8pm, 9pm, 10pm, 11pm; Sat 1pm, 4pm, 5pm, 10pm. There are currently other hours with only one scheduled adorer. Ideally, we would have at least 3-4 people committed to pray in our Adoration Chapel for every hour of the week. Visit <u>smm.weadorehim.com</u> to sign up or login. Contact John at <u>Litur</u>-

gy@smarymag.org with questions.

Readings for the Week

1.00	
Sunday:	Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16/ls 50:4-7/Ps
-	22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 (2a)/Phil 2:6-
	11/Mk 14:1—15:47 or 15:1-39
Monday:	Is 42:1-7/Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14/Jn 12:1-11
Tuesday:	Is 49:1-6/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 and
	17/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38
Wednesday:	Is 50:4-9a/Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 and 33-
	34/Mt 26:14-25
Thursday:	Chrism Mass: Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9/Ps 89:21
-	-22, 25 and 27/Rv 1:5-8/Lk 4:16-21 Mass of
	the Lord's Supper: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/Ps
	116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18 (see 1 Cor
	10:16)/1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15
Friday:	Is 52:13—53:12/Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16,
-	17, 25 (Lk 23:46)/Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/Jn
	18:1—19:42
Saturday:	Gn 1:1-2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a/Ps 104:1-2, 5-6,
-	10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35 (30) or Ps 33:4-5, 6-7,
	12-13, 20-22 (5b)/Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a,
	10-13, 15-18/Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11 (1)/Ex
	14:15—15:1/ Ex 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18
	(1b)/ls 54:5-14/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13
	(2a)/ls 55:1-11/ls 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 (3)/Bar 3:9-
	15, 32—4:4/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 (Jn 6:68c)/
	Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28/Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3, 4
	(42:2)/Rom 6:3-11/Mk 16:1-7
Next Sunday:	Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-
	23 (24)/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9
	or Mk 16:1-7
This \	Veek's Saints, Special
Observances & Mass Intentions	
Saturday:	St. Turibius Mogrovejo, 8am: SI Alec Mor
-	ris, 4:30: Pro Populo
Sunday:	Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord,
	7am: SI Kaci Brown & Family, 9am:

+Walter Meacham, 11:30am: SI Juan &

Tonya Paredes, 4:30pm: SI Meacham Family

8am: SI Greg & Mary Ann Mizenko 8am: +All Souls in Purgatory 8am: +Bertha Collelmo-Cazares Mass of the Lord's Supper, 7pm: Pro Pop ulo

Friday: Saturday:

Thursday:

Wednesday:

Good Friday, No Mass *Holy Saturday,* 7:30 pm: Pro Populo

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All those who are sick or homebound, and unable to attend Mass, can watch a live broadcast of the Mass at 9:00am, Sunday mornings from Ss. Simon and Jude Cathedral on KAZT-TV (AZ-TV7, Cable 13) Followed by the show "Catholics Matter."

Catholic Radio: 1310 AM

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Bulletin Submissions: All submissions for events, articles, art, or other content must be made by Wednesday, a week-and-a-half prior to any given Sunday via <u>smarymag.org/bulletin-announcement-request</u>. We reserve the right to edit, include or not include any submission.



Meet Saturdays from 9:30am-11:30am in the Church Hall. Last 3 sessions March 23rd, April 6 & 20th Join us and bring a friend!



Have You Heard? WE ARE IN THE MIDST OF A NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL!

The Church needs healing, and the world needs Jesus. The Holy Spirit is inviting us to return to the source and summit of our faith—the Eucharist.



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"I was 57 when I first received the Eucharist."

As a later-in-life convert to the Catholic faith. I was 57 when I first received Jesus in the Eucharist. The joy that filled me with this sacrament changed my life and fulfilled the life-long desire of my heart. I was raised in a loving Protestant home, but from the time that I was very young, I had questions about the many different faiths. Which one was authentic? I wanted to know the truth. They all claimed to be "truth," but how could they be by virtue of their differences? My dad's lineage is 100 percent Ashkenazi Jewish. There was a huge missing piece of the puzzle, and I vowed to find it. From studying Latin, I knew my college's motto, "Doce Me Veritatem," meant "Teach Me Truth." I felt I must be in the right place! (Interestingly, it was a Catholic college, Mount Saint Mary College, Newburgh, New York.) As years passed and I was busy raising a family. I floundered in my faith, not knowing how to respond to God properly. Looking back, there were many ways that God was leading me to the truth. One way He did this was through a dream that recurred at three different times in my life. I dreamed that I was in my own house, and I discovered a door in my house that I never noticed was there before. I felt compelled to find out what this door led to. So I opened the door and then stood in amazement at what lay before me: It was a huge, banquet-sized room, and toward the center was a very large table adorned with beautiful white embroidered linens. On this table was the most magnificent, priceless, golden treasure. I was in awe, shocked that all this beauty and splendor was in my own house all the time, and I never knew it! Our youngest daughter, Jessica, who was on her own spiritual search, came home from college one weekend and announced that she wanted to become Catholic. Her and then our family's spiritual journey was about to take an unbelievable turn.

I was shocked and asked her many questions, the main one about Transubstantiation — how could the bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Jesus? At that moment, the Holy Spirit worked through our daughter to evangelize me because as she answered my questions, my objections melted away and vanished. (to read the rest of the story go to: <u>https://www.iamhere.org/</u> <u>stories/doree-bush</u>)

EUCHARIST REVIVAL NIGHTS:

Our next Revival Night is Friday, April 12th and will be led by our teens. It will include adoration, music, & testimony on the power of the Eucharist. Confession will also be offered. Come experience the power & healing of our Lord in his humblest form: the Eucharist.



Upcoming Events

St. Mary Magdalene parish would like to create a Maintenance and Facilities Volunteer Team to help observe and recommend maintenance needed to repair various mechanical, electrical, plumbing, landscaping and general facility items. Members of the committee would perform periodic walkthroughs, review proposals and bids, oversee contractors and ensure work is performed satisfactorily. PLEASE RE-SPOND to admin@smarymag.org to let us know in what capacity you can help on the committee that will help keep our campus looking loved and well-cared for.

This week is Holy Week. We will have Mass of the Lord's Supper on Thursday at 7 pm, Veneration of the Cross on Good Friday at 7 pm, and Easter Vigil Mass will be at 7:30. Mass times for Easter are 7 am, 9 am, and 11:30 am. There will be no evening Mass.

Support Our Seminarians Bingo Fundraiser: Come play Bingo with our priests and some of our Phoenix seminarians! Support our Seminarians, Inc. is having their Bingo Night fund-



raiser on April 5th at St. Mary Magdalene. Please visit sosphx.org for the details.

FORMATION

Interested in becoming Catholic? Never been Confirmed? Inquiry, RCIA & Adult Sacramental Preparation is year round. Contact Nicole Carlson at adultformation@smarymag.org to get started.

Catholic Truth Seekers: If you are a young adult, ages 18-30, and would like to learn more about your faith and have fellowship with other young adults come join "Catholic Truth Seekers." They meet every Friday at 7pm here at the parish. Email: Luis Cadena with questions <u>smarymagcts@gmail.com</u>

Prayer Line Ministry: Would you like to receive regular messages to pray for the needs of our parish? Email prayerline@smarymag.org or call the office and provide your name, email or phone number (and indicate if you would like text or calls). Let's create a powerful prayer warrior team here at St Mary Magdalene!

Christ in our Neighborhood: We will be rolling out a NEW Adult Bible Study program for Lent. Plan to come and learn more about this dynamic way to study the Bible on Saturday, January 13th so you will be ready and signed-up for the Lent series! Stay tuned for more information.

National Eucharistic Congress: As we continue this year of Eucharistic Revival, we would like to invite you to grow closer to Jesus alongside fellow parishioners through the Jesus and the Eucharist study. This study was specifically designed for this Year of Parish Revival, and we will be joining many other parishes throughout the United States in participating in this small group study as we journey together through this three-year National Eucharistic Revival. The study will begin February 3 from 9:30-11:00

in the Church Hall. For questions, email Nicky at adultformation@smarymag.org

RCIA Team: would you be willing to mentor youth, teens or Adults in the faith? We need people that would be willing to be trained to lead small groups in discussions or to be Sponsors for our Teens or Adults. We will be offering training this summer and putting together a team for next

year that will help evangelize those coming into the Church. If you are an active Catholic in good standing and

could fulfill this role for someone in need of a sponsor, please email adultformation@smarymag.org for more details.

PARISH LIFE COMMUNITIES

Respect Life Initiatives: There will be no Holy Hour for Life this week, while the Blessed Sacrament is reposed over the Easter Holiday

Crochet and Knit for Life: Crochet and Knit for Life: Meets every Thursday from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. in the Frassati Room. All skill levels and all are welcome! If you haven't begun to crochet, but would like to learn, we will teach you how to make blankets for newborns.



Catholic Daughters: Please Join the Catholic Daughters meeting the third Saturday of the month at 10:00 am in the Holy Family Room. Members donate to charities, administer schol-

arship programs and strive "to be helping hands where there is pain, poverty, sorrow or sickness." Contact us for more information at <u>2779cda@gmail.com</u>

Cor: The Knights of Columbus and Saint Mary Magdalene invite men 18 and over to join Cor, our monthly gathering of Catholic men to live their faith and serve their family, parish, community, and country. The mission of Cor is to refocus Catholic men on Jesus Christ and to form and strengthen them in faith and virtue through a brother-hood committed to prayer, formation, and fraternity. Meeting on 2nd Thursday of each month at 6:30 pm.



Help Making Rosaries: Rosary makers needed! We will teach you how to make rosaries for our church other churches, and non profit organizations. We provide all the supplies you need. We meet every

Thursday from 9:30-11:30am in the Frassati room. For information contact Mary Calgaro, mecalgaro@gmail.com

Pray for Us

Please **Pray for those who are sick**, including, *Diane Vigenser, Mary Gormon, Patricia Montiel Navarro, Delanie Madriago,* and all of those in our parish book of Intentions.

We extend **Our Prayers and Sympathy** to all the deceased, August Manzo, Marc Castro, George Parroco, all those lost through abortion, all the Holy Souls in Purgatory, and all those who have recently passed away. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.



Order of Mass: Palm Sunday



san-na in the highest.

GOSPEL DURING PROCESSION Mark 11:1-10

When Jesus and his disciples drew near to Jerusalem, to Bethphage and Bethany at the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples and said to them, "Go into the village opposite you, and immediately on entering it, you will find a colt tethered on which no one has ever sat. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone should say to you, 'Why are you doing this?' reply, 'The Master has need of it and will send it back here at once." So they went off and found a colt tethered at a gate outside on the street, and they untied it. Some of the bystanders said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" They answered them just as Jesus had told them to, and they permitted them to do it. So they brought the colt to Jesus and put their cloaks over it. And he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut from the fields. Those preceding him as well as those following kept crying out: "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the kingdom of our father David that is to come! Hosanna in the highest!"

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Cantor(s): As the Lord entered the holy city, the children of the Hebrews proclaimed the resurrection of life. Waving their branches of palm, they cried:



Ho-san-na in the High-est.

Cantor(s): When the people heard

that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem, they went out to meet him. Waving their branches of palm, they cried: *Response by all*.

FIRST READING

ls 50:4-7

The Lord GOD has given me a well-trained tongue, that I might know how to speak to the weary a word that will rouse them. Morning after morning he opens my ear that I may hear; and I have not rebelled, have not turned back. I gave my back to those who beat me, my cheeks to those who plucked my beard; my face I did not shield from buffets and spitting.

The Lord GOD is my help, therefore I am not disgraced; I have set my face like flint, knowing that I shall not be put to shame.



SECOND READING

Phil 2:6-11

Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God something to be grasped. Rather, he emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, coming in human likeness; and found human in appearance, he humbled himself, becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

Because of this, God greatly exalted him and bestowed on him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, of those in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



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GOSPEL Mark

Mark 14:1-15:47

The Passover and the Feast of Unleavened Bread were to take place in two days' time. So the chief priests and the scribes were seeking a way to arrest him by treachery and put him to death. They said, "Not during the festival, for fear that there may be a riot among the people." When he was in Bethany reclining at table in the house of Simon the leper, a woman came with an alabaster jar of perfumed oil, costly genuine spikenard. She broke the alabaster iar and poured it on his head. There were some who were indignant. "Why has there been this waste of perfumed oil? It could have been sold for more than three hundred days' wages and the money given to the poor." They were infuriated with her. Jesus said, "Let her alone. Why do you make trouble for her? She has done a good thing for me. The poor you will always have with you, and whenever you wish you can do good to them, but you will not always have me. She has done what she could. She has anticipated anointing my body for burial. Amen, I say to you, wherever the gospel is proclaimed to the whole world, what she has done will be told in memory of her." Then Judas Iscariot, one of the Twelve, went off to the chief priests to hand him over to them. When they heard him they were pleased and promised to pay him money. Then he looked for an opportunity to hand him over. On the first day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread, when they sacrificed the Passover lamb, his disciples said to him, "Where do you want us to go and prepare for you to eat the Passover?" He sent two of his disciples and said to them, "Go into the city and a man will meet you, carrying a jar of water. Follow him. Wherever he enters, say to the master of the house, 'The Teacher says, "Where is my 6

guest room where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?"' Then he will show you a large upper room furnished and ready. Make the preparations for us there." The disciples then went off, entered the city, and found it just as he had told them; and they prepared the Passover. When it was evening, he came with the Twelve. And as they reclined at table and were eating, Jesus said, "Amen, I say to you, one of you will betray me, one who is eating with me." They began to be distressed and to say to him, one by one, "Surely it is not I?" He said to them, "One of the Twelve, the one who dips with me into the dish. For the Son of Man indeed goes, as it is written of him, but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betraved. It would be better for that man if he had never been born." While they were eating, he took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them, and said, "Take it; this is my body." Then he took a cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, and they all drank from it. He said to them, "This is my blood of the covenant, which will be shed for many. Amen, I say to you, I shall not drink again the fruit of the vine until the day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God." Then, after singing a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

Then Jesus said to them, "All of you will have your faith shaken, for it is written: I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep will be dispersed. But after I have been raised up, I shall go before you to Galilee." Peter said to him, "Even though all should have their faith shaken, mine will not be." Then Jesus said to him, "Amen, I say to you, this very night before the cock crows twice you will deny me three times." But he vehemently replied, "Even though I should have to die with you, I will not deny you." And they all spoke similarly.

Then they came to a place named Gethsemane, and he said to his disciples, "Sit here while I pray." He took with him Peter, James, and John, and began to be troubled and distressed. Then he said to them, "My soul is sorrowful even to death. Remain here and keep watch." He advanced a little and fell to the ground and prayed that if it were possible the hour might pass by him; he said, "Abba, Father, all things are possible to you. Take this cup away from me, but not what I will but what you will." When he returned he found them asleep. He said to Peter, "Simon, are you asleep? Could you not keep watch for one hour? Watch and pray that you may not undergo the test. The spirit is willing but the flesh is weak." Withdrawing again, he prayed, saying the same thing. Then he returned once more and found them asleep, for they could not keep their eyes open and did not know what to answer him. He returned a third time and said to them, "Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? It is enough. The hour has come. Behold, the Son of Man is to be handed over to sinners. Get up, let us go. See, my betrayer is at hand."

Then, while he was still speaking, Judas, one of the Twelve, arrived, accompanied by a crowd with swords and clubs who had come from the chief priests, the scribes, and the elders. His betrayer had arranged a signal with them, saying, "The man I shall kiss is the one; arrest him and lead him away securely." He came and immediately went over to him and said, "Rabbi." And he kissed him. At this they laid hands on him and arrested him. One of the bystanders drew his sword, struck the high priest's servant, and cut off his ear. Jesus said to them in reply, "Have you come out as against a robber, with swords and clubs, to seize me? Day after day I was with you teaching in the temple area, yet you did not arrest me; but that the Scriptures may be fulfilled." And they all left him and fled. Now a young man followed him wearing nothing but a linen cloth about his body. They seized him, but he left the cloth behind and ran off naked. They led Jesus away to the high priest, and all the chief priests and the elders and the scribes came together. Peter followed him at a distance into the high priest's courtyard and was seated with the guards, warming himself at the fire. The chief priests and the entire Sanhedrin kept trying to obtain testimony against Jesus in order to put him to death, but they found none. Many gave false witness against him, but their testimony did not agree. Some took the stand and testified falsely against him, alleging, "We heard him say, 'I will destroy this temple made with hands and within three days I will build another not made with hands." Even so their testimony did not agree. The high priest rose before the assembly and

questioned Jesus, saying, "Have you no answer? What are these men testifying against you?" But he was silent and answered nothing. Again the high priest asked him and said to him, "Are you the Christ, the son of the Blessed One?" Then Jesus answered, "I am; and 'you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of the Power and coming with the clouds of heaven." At that the high priest tore his garments and said, "What further need have we of witnesses? You have heard the blasphemy. What do you think?" They all condemned him as deserving to die. Some began to spit on him. They blindfolded him and struck him and said to him, "Prophesy!" And the guards greeted him with blows.

While Peter was below in the courtyard, one of the high priest's maids came along. Seeing Peter warming himself, she looked intently at him and said, "You too were with the Nazarene, Jesus." But he denied it saying, "I neither know nor understand what you are talking about." So he went out into the outer court. Then the cock crowed. The maid saw him and began again to say to the bystanders, "This man is one of them." Once again he denied it. A little later the bystanders said to Peter once more, "Surely you are one of them; for you too are a Galilean." He began to curse and to swear, "I do not know this man about whom you are talking." And immediately a cock crowed a second time. Then Peter remembered the word that Jesus had said to him, "Before the cock crows twice you will deny me three times." He broke down and wept. As soon as morning came, the chief priests with the elders and the scribes, that is, the whole Sanhedrin held a council. They bound Jesus, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate. Pilate guestioned him, "Are you the king of the Jews?" He said to him in reply, "You say so." The chief priests accused him of many things. Again Pilate questioned him, "Have you no answer? See how many things they accuse you of." Jesus gave him no further answer, so that Pilate was amazed.

Now on the occasion of the feast he used to release to them one prisoner whom they requested. A man called Barabbas was then in prison along with the rebels who had committed murder in a rebellion. The crowd came forward and began to ask him to do for them as he was accustomed. Pilate answered, "Do you want me to release to you the king of the Jews?" For he knew that it was out of envy that the chief priests had handed him over. But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have him release Barabbas for them instead. Pilate again said to them in reply, "Then what do you want me to do with the man you call the king of the Jews?" They shouted again, "Crucify him." Pilate said to them, "Why? What evil has he done?" They only shouted the louder, "Crucify him." So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released Barabbas to them and, after he had Jesus scourged, handed him over to be crucified. The soldiers led him away inside the palace, that is, the praetorium, and assembled the whole cohort. They clothed him in purple and, weaving a crown of thorns, placed it on him. They began to salute him with, "Hail, King of the Jews!" and kept striking his head with a reed and spitting upon him. They knelt before him in homage. And when they had mocked him, they stripped him of the purple cloak, dressed him in his own clothes, and led him out to crucify him.

They pressed into service a passer-by, Simon, a Cyrenian, who was coming in from the country, the father of Alexander and Rufus, to carry his cross. They brought him to the place of Golgotha— which is translated Place of the Skull —, They gave him wine drugged with myrrh, but he did not take it. Then they crucified him and divided his garments by casting lots for them to see what each should take. It was nine o'clock in the morning when they crucified him. The inscription of the charge against him read, "The King of the Jews." With him they crucified two revolutionaries, one on his right and one on his left. Those

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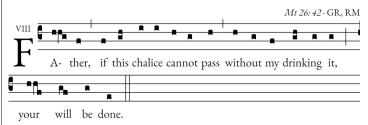
At noon darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon.And at three o'clock Jesus cried out in a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?" which is translated, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" Some of the bystanders who heard it said, "Look, he is calling Elijah." One of them ran, soaked a sponge with wine, put it on a reed and gave it to him to drink saying, "Wait, let us see if Elijah comes to take him down." Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last.

Here all kneel and pause for a short time. The veil of the sanctuary was torn in two from top to bottom. When the centurion who stood facing him saw how he breathed his last he said, "Truly this man was the Son of God!" There were also women looking on from a distance. Among them were Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of the younger James and of Joses, and Salome. These women had followed him when he was in Galilee and ministered to him. There were also many other women who had come up with him to Jerusalem. When it was already evening, since it was the day of preparation, the day before the sabbath, Joseph of Arimathea, a distinguished member of the council, who was himself awaiting the kingdom of God, came and courageously went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Pilate was amazed that he was already dead. He summoned the centurion and asked him if Jesus had already died. And when he learned of it from the centurion, he

gave the body to Joseph. Having bought a linen cloth, he took him down, wrapped him in the linen cloth, and laid him in a tomb that had been hewn out of the rock. Then he rolled a stone against the entrance to the tomb. Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joses watched where he was laid.

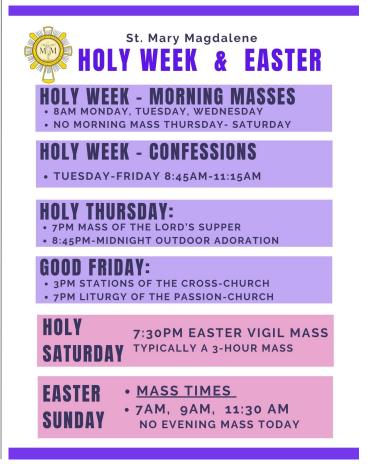
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