



SAINT MARY MAGDALENE PARISH

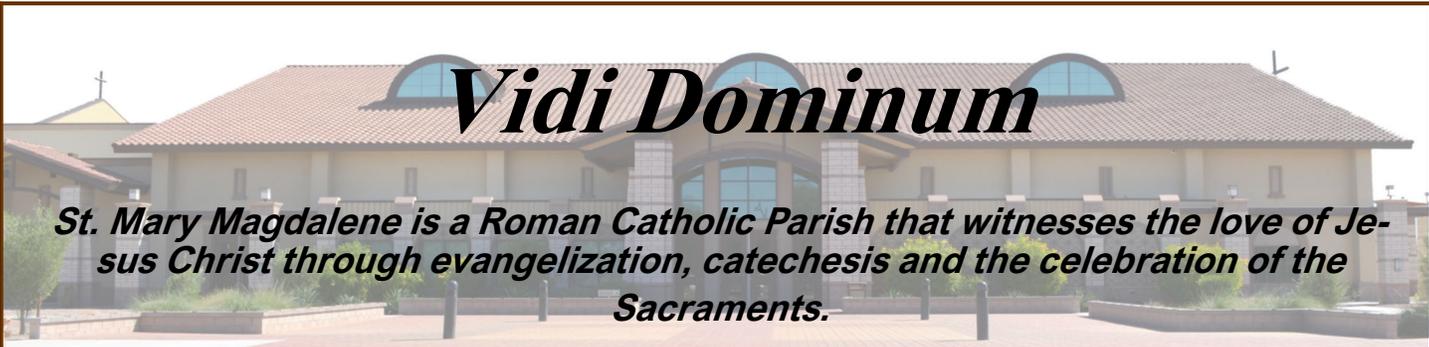
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SUNDAY, MARCH 5, 2023

2ND SUNDAY OF LENT



“This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased;
listen to him.” - Mt 17:5b



Vidi Dominum

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

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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

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

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Every Friday of Lent at 6:00pm-8:00pm with soup potluck in the church hall. Except March 10th or April 7th due to concert.

CLERGY

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FROM YOUR FINANCE COUNCIL

Collections/Faith Direct Totals,

2/19 Collection (cash & checks)	\$8,467.66
2/19 Capital Campaign (cash & checks)	\$280.00
2/23 Collection (cash & checks)	\$5,589.53

New to St. Mary Magdalene?

We are looking forward to meeting you! Please visit the Parish Office or smarymag.org/about-parishregistration to formally register as a parishioner.

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Need Help?

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

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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 currently scheduling Masses for January 2024.

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

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 admin@smarymag.org to have your records updated.
9am,

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 pastoralcare@smarymag.org to arrange a visit.

Adoration

The following hours are in need of Weekly Adorers: **Sun.: 1pm, Mon.: 12am, 2am, 3am, Tue.: 2am, Wed.: 1am, Fri.: 4pm, 9pm, Sat.: 12am, 5am, 4pm.**



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 smm.weadorehim.com to sign up or login. Contact Roger at Liturgy@smarymag.org

with questions.

Readings for the Week

Sunday: Gn 12:1-4a/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22 (22)/2 Tm 1:8b-10/Mt 17:1-9
Monday: Dn 9:4b-10/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13/Lk 6:36-38
Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/ Mt 23:1-12
Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20/Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16/Mt 20:17-28
Thursday: Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 16:19-31
Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
Next Sunday: Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 (8)/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

This Week's Saints, Special Observances & Mass Intentions

Sunday: 2nd Sunday of Lent, 7am: †Helen Z. Garcia, 9am: †Carol Kovach, 11:30am: Pro Populo, 4:30pm: †Brenda Newell,
Monday: 8:00am: †Holy Souls,
Tuesday: Sts. Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs. †Pedro Balderrama Caballero,
Wednesday: St. John of God, Religious. SI Mary Ann Mizenko.
Thursday: St. Frances of Rome, Religious. 8:00am: †Sutedjo,
Friday: 8:00am: †Marlene Fox,
Saturday: 8:00am: †Kathy Herrman, 4:30pm: †Dorothy Loehr.
Next Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Lent, Daylight Saving Time begins.

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TV Mass

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STS. PERPETUA AND FELICITY were Christian martyrs who lived during the early persecution of the Church in Africa by the Emperor Severus.

With details concerning the lives of many early martyrs unclear and often based on legend, we are fortunate to have the actual record of the courage of Perpetua and Felicity from the hand of Perpetua herself, her teacher Saturus, and others who knew them. This account, known as "The Passion of St. Perpetua, St. Felicitas, and their Companions," was so popular in the early centuries that it was read during liturgies.

In the year 203, Vivia Perpetua, a well-educated noblewoman, made the decision to follow the path of her mother and become a Christian, although she knew it could mean her death during the persecutions ordered by the Emperor Severus. Her surviving brother (another brother had died when he was seven) followed her leadership and became a catechumen as well, meaning he would receive instruction from a Catechist in the Catholic Christian faith and be prepared for Baptism.

Her pagan father was frantic with worry and tried to talk her out of her decision. At 22-years-old, the well-educated, high-spirited woman had every reason to want to live -- including a baby son whom she was still nursing. We know she was married, but since her husband is never mentioned, many historians assume she was already a widow.

Perpetua's answer was simple and clear. Pointing to a water jug, she asked her father, "See that pot lying there? Can you call it by any other name than what it is?" Her father answered, "Of course not." Perpetua responded, "Neither can I call myself by any other name than what I am -- a Christian."

This answer upset her father and he attacked her. Perpetua reports that after that incident she was glad to be separated from him for a few days -- even though that separation was the result of her arrest and imprisonment.

Perpetua was arrested with four other catechumens, including two slaves, Felicity and Revocatus, and Saturninus and Secundulus. Their instructor in the faith, Saturus, chose to share their punishment and was also imprisoned.

Perpetua was baptized before taken to prison. She was known for her gift of "the Lord's speech" and receiving messages from God. She tells us that at the time of her baptism she was told to pray for nothing but endurance in the face of her trials.

The prison was so crowded with people that the heat was suffocating. There was no light anywhere and Perpetua "had never known such darkness." The soldiers who arrested and guarded them pushed and shoved them without any concern. Perpetua had no trouble admitting she was very afraid, but during all this horror, her most excruciating pain came from being separated from her baby.

The young slave, Felicity was even worse off, for Felicity suffered the stifling heat, overcrowding, and rough handling while being eight months pregnant.

Two deacons who ministered to the prisoners paid the guards to place the martyrs in a better part of the prison. There, her mother and brother were able to visit Perpetua and bring her baby to her. When she received permission for her baby to stay with her she recalled, "my prison suddenly became a palace for me." Once more her father came to her, begging her to give in, kissing her hands, and throwing himself at her feet. She told him, "We lie not in our own power but in the power of God."

When she and the others were taken to be examined and sentenced, her father followed, pleading with her and the judge. The judge, out of pity, also tried to get Perpetua to change her mind, but when she stood fast, she was sentenced with the others to be thrown to the wild beasts in the arena.

Perpetua recanted how her brother spoke to her, "Lady sister, you are now greatly honored, so greatly that you may well pray for a vision to show you whether suffering or release is

in store for you." Perpetua, who spoke to the Lord often, told her brother she would tell him what happened the next day.

While she prayed, Perpetua was shown a golden ladder of the highest length, reaching up to heaven. On the sides of the ladder were swords, lances, hooks and daggers so that if anyone did not climb looking up on Heaven, they would be severely injured. At the bottom of the ladder laid a large dragon to try to scare those journeying up away from Heaven.

Perpetua first saw Saturus go up. After he reached the top of the ladder he said, "Perpetua, I wait for you, but take care that the dragon does not bite you." To which she replied, "In the name of Jesus Christ, he will not hurt me," and the dragon put his down his head. Perpetua traveled up the ladder and saw a beautiful vast garden with a tall man with white hair dressed like a shepherd and milking sheep. "Thou art well come, my child," he said to Perpetua, giving her some of the curds from the milk. She ate and all those around her said, "Amen."

Perpetua woke from her dream with a sweet taste still in her mouth. At once, she told her brother what happened and together, they understood they must suffer.

Meanwhile, Felicity was also in torment. It was against the law for pregnant women to be executed. To kill a child in the womb was shedding innocent and sacred blood. Felicity was afraid that she would not give birth before the day set for their martyrdom and her companions would go on their journey without her. Her friends also didn't want to leave so "good a comrade" behind.

Two days before the execution, Felicity went into a painful labor. The guards made fun of her, insulting her by saying, "If you think you suffer now, how will stand it when you face the wild beasts?" Felicity answered them calmly, "Now I'm the one who is suffering, but in the arena, another will be in me suffering for me because I will be suffering for him."

She gave birth to a healthy girl who was adopted and raised by one of the Christian women of Carthage.

The officers of the prison began to recognize the power of the Christians and the strength and leadership of Perpetua. In some cases, this helped the Christians: the warden let them have visitors -- and later became a believer. But in other cases, it caused superstitious terror, as when one officer refused to let them get cleaned up on the day they were going to die for fear they'd try some sort of spell.

Perpetua immediately spoke up, "We're supposed to die in honor of Ceasar's birthday. Wouldn't it look better for you if we looked better?" The officer blushed with shame at her reproach and started to treat them better.

There was a feast the day before the games, so that the crowd could see the martyrs and make fun of them. But the martyrs turned this all around by laughing at the crowd for not being Christians and exhorting them to follow their example.

When those at the arena tried to force Perpetua and the rest to dress in robes dedicated to their gods, Perpetua challenged her executioners. "We came to die out of our own free will so we wouldn't lose our freedom to worship our God. We gave you our lives so that we wouldn't have to worship your gods." She and the others were allowed to keep their clothes.

The men were attacked by bears, leopards, and wild boars. The women were stripped to face a rabid heifer. The two were thrown out and attacked, but the crowd cried out they had had enough. The women were removed and clothed again. Perpetua and Felicity were thrown back into the arena to face the gladiators.

Perpetua called out to her brother and other Christians, "Stand fast in the faith, and love one another. Do not let our sufferings be a stumbling block to you."

Perpetua and Felicity stood side by side and were killed by sword at Carthage in the Roman province of Africa.

Sts. Perpetua and Felicity are the patron saints of mothers, expectant mothers, ranchers and butchers. Their feast day is celebrated on March 7.



Readings and Liturgical Music: Second Sunday of Lent

*For the full order of worship with dialogues and acclamations,
also refer to the purple laminated pew card "Lenten Order of Mass".*

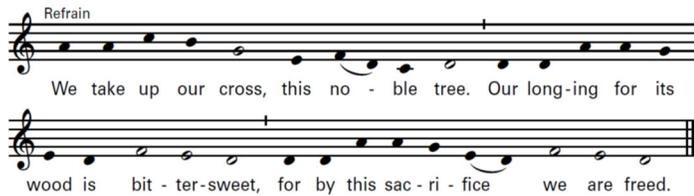
LENTEN INTROIT

Antiphon for 1st Sunday, sung by cantor/schola:

Of you my heart has spoken: Seek his face. It is your face, O Lord, that I see; hide not your face from me.

Refrain sung by all:

Refrain



We take up our cross, this no - ble tree. Our long-ing for its
wood is bit - ter-sweet, for by this sac - ri - fice we are freed.

*Additional seasonal verses may be sung.
The same Latin antiphon may also sung by the schola
in Gregorian chant.*



FIRST READING Gn 12: 1-4a

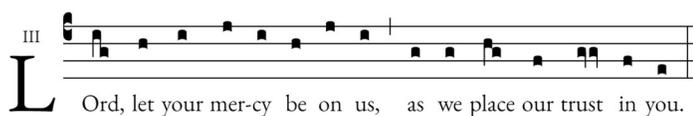
The LORD said to Abram: "Go forth from the land of your kinsfolk and from your father's house to a land that I will show you.

"I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you; I will make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you and curse those who curse you. All the communities of the earth shall find blessing in you."

Abram went as the LORD directed him.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Psalm 33

III



L Ord, let your mer-cy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

Upright is the word of the LORD,
and all his works are trustworthy.
He loves justice and right;
of the kindness of the LORD the earth is full. {R}

See, the eyes of the LORD are upon those who fear him,
upon those who hope for his kindness,
To deliver them from death
and preserve them in spite of famine. {R}

Our soul waits for the LORD,
who is our help and our shield.
May your kindness, O LORD, be upon us
who have put our hope in you. {R}

SECOND READING 2 Tim 1: 8b-10

Beloved: Bear your share of hardship for the gospel with the strength that comes from God.

He saved us and called us to a holy life, not according to our works but according to his own design and the grace bestowed on us in Christ Jesus before time began, but now made manifest through the appearance of our savior Christ Jesus, who destroyed death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.

LENTEN GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Jacob I. Flaherty



Praise to you, Lord Je - sus Christ, King of end-less glo - ry!

GOSPEL Mt 17: 1-9

Jesus took Peter, James, and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light. And behold, Moses and Elijah appeared to them, conversing with him. Then Peter said to Jesus in reply, "Lord, it is good that we are here. If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." While he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud cast a shadow over them, then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." When the disciples heard this, they fell prostrate and were very much afraid. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Rise, and do not be afraid." And when the disciples raised their eyes, they saw no one else but Jesus alone.

As they were coming down from the mountain, Jesus charged them, "Do not tell the vision to anyone until the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

11:30 OFFERTORY ANTIPHON Chanted in Latin by schola.

Translation: I will ponder your statutes, which I have greatly loved; and I will lift my hands to your commandments, which I have loved.

—Text: Psalm 119: 47,48 | Music: mode II, Gregorian Missal

OFFERTORY HYMN

How Lovely Is Your Dwelling Place

Randall DeBruyn

Refrain

O how love-ly is your dwell-ing place, dwell-ing of the Lord of hosts! How we long for your house, O Lord, sing-ing out a song of joy to the liv - ing God!

Verses

1. E - ven spar - rows find a home with you, and
2. Bless'd are those who find their strength in you, whose
3. Hear our prayer, O Lord — God of hosts; re -
4. For one day with - in your house ex - ceeds a
5. For our God pro - tects us from all harm; he

1. swal-lows lay their young to rest. Bless-ed are — those who
2. hearts are high-ways for your will. Bring-ing joy to those a -
3. ceive our lives in - to your hands! Look in - to the hearts of
4. thou-sand spent a - way from you. We would rath - er serve with-
5. gives his fa - vor and his love. All good things will come to

to Refrain

1. dwell in you and sing your praise, O God!
2. round — them, they go from strength to strength.
3. those you love and grant us all we need!
4. in your house than wealth and pow'r re - ceive.
5. those who love the Lord, and walk with him.

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EUCCHARISTIC ACCLAMATIONS

See Purple Pew Card.

RECEPTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

If you are not Catholic, or if you are Catholic but are not properly disposed to receive Holy Communion at this time, you are invited to remain in your pew and pray the following prayer, or another prayer, from the silence of your heart.

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.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON *Mt. 17; verses Ps. 45*

This is my be-lov-ed Son, with whom I am well pleased; lis-ten to him.

COMMUNION HYMN

The Glory of These Forty Days

1. The glo - ry of these for - ty days We
2. A - lone and fast - ing Mo - ses saw The
3. So Dan - iel trained his mys - tic sight, De -
4. Then grant us, Lord, like them to be Full
5. O Fa - ther, Son, and Spir - it blest, To

1. cel - e - brate with songs of praise; For Christ, by whom all
2. lov - ing God who gave the law; And to, E - li - jah,
3. liv - er'd from the li - on's might; And John, the Bride - groom's
4. oft in fast and prayer with thee; Our spir - its strength - en
5. thee be ev - 'ry prayer ad - drest; Who art in three - fold

1. things were made, Him - self hath fast - ed and hath prayed.
2. fast - ing, came The steeds and char - i - ots of flame.
3. friend, be - came The her - ald of Mes - si - ah's name.
4. with thy grace, And give us joy to see thy face.
5. Name a - dored, From age to age the on - ly Lord.

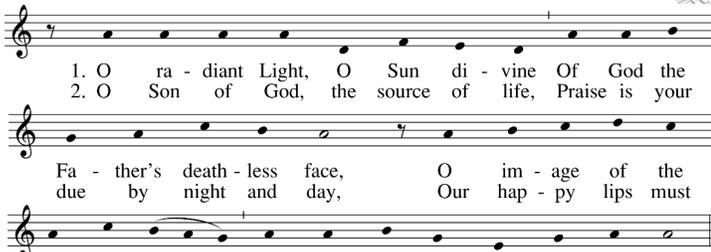
Clarum decus jejunii
Tr. by Mauricio F. Bell 1867-1947

Joseph Klug's Geistliche Lieder, Wittenberg, 1543



COMMUNION HYMN II

O Radiant Light, O Sun Divine



1. O ra - diant Light, O Sun di - vine Of God the
2. O Son of God, the source of life, Praise is your

Fa - ther's death - less face, O im - age of the
due by night and day, Our hap - py lips must

Light sub - lime That fills the heav'n - ly dwell - ing place.
raise the strain Of your es - teemed and splen - did name.
with the Son, The Spir - it blest, and with them one.

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Music: JESU DULCIS MEMORIA, LM; Mode I; acc. by Richard Proulx

Additional verses:

3. O Sun of justice, Jesus Christ,
Dispel the darkness of our hearts,
Till your blest light makes night time flee,
And bring the joys your day imparts.

4. In this our "time acceptable",
Touch every heart with sorrow, Lord,
That, turned from sin, renewed by grace,
We may press on toward love's reward.

5. This day, your day, in beauty dawns,
When in your light earth blooms a-new;
Led back again to life's true way,
May we, forgiv'n, rejoice in you.

6. O Jesus, joy of loving hearts,
The fount of life and our true life,
We seek the peace your love imparts
And stand rejoicing in your sight.

7. Your truth unchanged has ever stood;
You save all those who heed your call;
To those who seek you, you are good,
To those who find you all in all.

8. We taste you, Lord, our living bread,
And long to feast upon you still;
We drink of you, the fountain head,
Our thirsting souls to quench and fill.

9. For you our restless spirits yearn
Where'er our changing lot is cast;
Glad, when your presence we discern,
Blest when our faith can hold you fast.

10. O Jesus, ever with us stay;
Make all our moments calm and bright;
Oh, chase the night of sin away,
Shed o'er the world your holy light.

11. O loving Trinity, our God,
To you we bow through endless days,
And in your grace newborn, we sing
New hymns of gratitude and praise. Amen.

SMM BUILDING PRAYER

All-powerful and all-merciful Father, You have created all things through Your Son, and have made Him the unshakable foundation of Your Kingdom. Through the gift of Your eternal wisdom, grant that our effort to build the parish of Saint Mary Magdalene, for Your glory and our own well-being, may progress day by day to its successful completion. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

Jesus, Remember Me



Je - sus, re - mem - ber me when you come in - to your king - dom.

Je - sus, re - mem - ber me when you come in - to your king - dom.

PRAYER AFTER MASS

Lord, let your Eucharistic presence fortify me against all evil, visible and invisible, putting to rest every disturbance of flesh and spirit, binding me firmly to you, the one true God, and bringing me peacefully to my last breath. May I await with joyful hope that eternal banquet, wonderful past all telling, where you, with your Son and the Holy Spirit, feast your saints with the vision of yourself, who are true light, the fulfillment of all desires, the joy that knows no ending, gladness unspeakable, and perfect beatitude: through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.



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Coordinates Marriage Preparation and Weddings. Liaison to St. Joseph's Family Fellowship



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Parish Life Communities



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St Joseph's Family Fellowship: Community & prayer. Contact: Stjosephsfamily.smm@gmail.com



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Catholic Truth Seekers: Bible Study for Young Adults, aged 18-30. Email: smarmagcts@gmail.com or Instagram @catholictruthseekers



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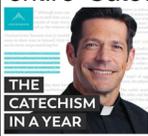
ADULT FORMATION

Interested in becoming Catholic? Never been Confirmed? Inquiry, RCIA & Adult Sacramental Preparation is year round. Contact Lita@smarymag.org to get started and for the info to join a weekly Google Meet, Wednesdays 7:00pm-8:00pm.

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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: Jared DeAsis with questions smarymagcts@gmail.com

The Catechism in a Year: It's not too late to join other parishioners and friends in reading and discussing the entire Catechism of the Catholic Church together using "The Catechism in a Year" podcast with Fr. Mike Schmitz! Visit: www.smarymag.org/porta-fidei for more information and to join one of our Discussion Groups.



PARISH LIFE COMMUNITIES

Respect Life Initiatives: Holy Hour for Life is sponsored by Respect Life Initiatives this Thursday. Adoration and Rosary for the unborn is every Thursday from 5:30 - 6:30pm in the St. Michael Adoration Chapel. Prayers are led by Parish Life Communities and Ministries. Community prayer begins at 6:00pm. All are welcome to join us in this powerful hour for Life!

Crochet and Knit for Life: The Crochet & Knit for Life Group welcomes donations of supplies! Please place any type, color, age of yarn in the labeled bin which is in the narthex near the door to the kitchen. No amount of yarn is too small or too big. If you have questions, please contact Helen O'Neill at 617-504-2841. Thank you!

Emmanuel: We have been blessed with generous donations! We've given over 600 blankets, and many warm clothes. There is still a need for people to help give the food on the streets. We have grown from two people to four. More is needed! Homelessness is increasing as costs of living continues to rise. Please consider helping see the parish website or contact Kim Chambal at: kimsmarymag.org@gmail.com

40 Days for Life: Spring Campaign is underway through April 2nd! Please join other Christians for peaceful prayer on the sidewalk near Tempe Planned Parenthood. SMM will strive to fill all Friday afternoon hours from Noon until 7:00pm. For more information and sign-up visit <https://www.40daysforlife.com/en/tempe>



Around the Diocese Called to Serve?

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Help Making Rosaries: Rosary making classes meet every other Thursday in the Frasatti Room from 9:30-11:30am Please check the calendar to verify the dates. Hope to see you there!

Catholic Daughters: Please Join the Catholic Daughters meeting Saturday, March 18th at 10:00 am in the Holy Family Room. Members donate to charities, administer scholarship programs and strive "to be helping hands where there is pain, poverty, sorrow or sickness." You can contact us for more information at court2779stjohnvianney@gmail.com



Blood Drive: Up to 237 LIVES will be SAVED as a result of your generosity! The next blood drive will be Sunday, April 30TH. Sign up online at donors.vitalant.org (Blood Drive Code : P106X).

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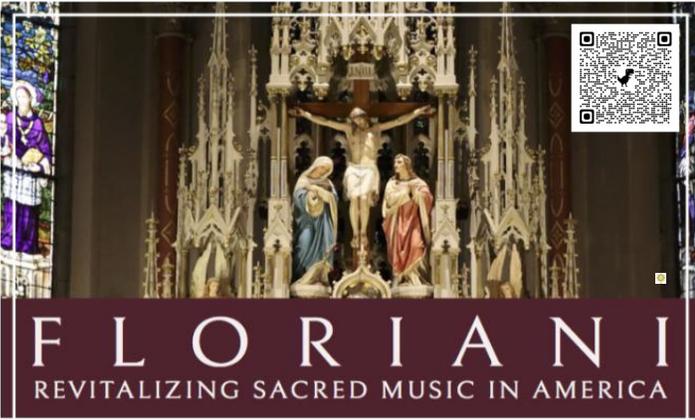
Grieving Mothers: Are you suffering from the loss of a child or grandchild, regardless of how much time has passed? Sacred Sorrows & the Crosier Community invite you to an Afternoon of Reflection & Memorial Mass on Sat. 3/11/23, 1 - 3 pm at the Crosier Village. Reservations are required. Suggested donation: \$20. To register, visit www.sacredsorrows.org



Pray for Us

Please **Pray for those who are sick**, including Michael Levinsky, Gloria Esteta, Carol Dickenson, Phyllis Naujokaitas, Tom White, Debbie Shanks, Jane Fraser, Steve Hughes, Chris Converso, Greg Bruns and all of those in our parish book of Intentions.

We extend **Our Prayers and Sympathy** to Robert Bauer, Bishop David O'Connell, Leonard Roy, Benjamin Esteta, Jonathan Bronson, Henry Garcia, Betty M. Cassil, Edward Sandoval and to those lost due to the massive earthquakes in Turkey and Syria, all deceased parishioners, 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.



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