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PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD



"Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord." - Mt 21:9





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

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STATIONS OF THE CROSS

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

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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: Mt 21:1-11/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 (2a)/Phil 2:6-11/Mt 26:14—27:66 or 27:11-54

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

Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/ Ps 116:12-13, 16-16bc, 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 (Luke 23:46)/ Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/Jn 18:1—19:42

Saturday: *Easter Vigil:* 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)/ Is 54:5-14/ Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13 (2a)/Is 55:1-11/Is 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/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23/Mt 28:1-10

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 Mt 28:1-10

This Week's Saints, Special Observances & Mass Intentions

Sunday: Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord, Holy Week begins. 7am: †Marilyn Kenny, 9am: Pro Populo, 11:30am: St Adam Skotniski, 4:30pm: †Michael Nitschke.

Monday: 8am: †Holy Souls

Tuesday: 8am: St Josh & Allison Bryant Family

Wednesday: 8am: †Vallerie Nigro

Thursday: Holy Thursday, 7pm: Veneration of the Cross, Pro Populo.

Friday: Good Friday

Saturday: Holy Saturday, 4:30pm: Pro Populo,

Next Sunday: Easter Sunday

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Liturgy of the Word: Palm Sunday of the Passion of Our Lord

GOSPEL



Mt 21: 1-11

When Jesus and the disciples drew near Jerusalem and came to Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go into the village opposite you, and immediately you will find an ass tethered, and a colt with her. Untie them and bring them here to me. And if anyone should say anything to you, reply, 'The master has need of them.' Then he will send them at once." This happened so that what had been spoken through the prophet might be fulfilled: / Say to daughter Zion, / "Behold, your king comes to you, / meek and riding on an ass, / and on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden." / The disciples went and did as Jesus had ordered them. They brought the ass and the colt and laid their cloaks over them, and he sat upon them. The very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and strewed them on the road. The crowds preceding him and those following kept crying out and saying: / "Hosanna to the Son of David; / blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; / hosanna in the highest." / And when he entered Jerusalem the whole city was shaken and asked, "Who is this?" And the crowds replied, "This is Jesus the prophet, from Nazareth in Galilee."

FIRST READING

Is 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.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Ps 22*

Response: My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

All who see me scoff at me;
they mock me with parted lips, they wag their
heads:
"He relied on the LORD; let him deliver him,
let him rescue him, if he loves him." {R}

Indeed, many dogs surround me,
a pack of evildoers closes in upon me;
They have pierced my hands and my feet;
I can count all my bones. {R}

They divide my garments among them,
and for my vesture they cast lots.
But you, O LORD, be not far from me;
O my help, hasten to aid me. {R}

I will proclaim your name to my brethren;
in the midst of the assembly I will praise you:
"You who fear the LORD, praise him;
all you descendants of Jacob, give glory to him;
revere him, all you descendants of Israel!" {R}

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



Mt 26: 14–27: 66

+ = Christ N = Narrator V = Voice C = Crowd

N One of the Twelve, who was called Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests and said,

V “What are you willing to give me if I hand him over to you?”

N They paid him thirty pieces of silver, and from that time on he looked for an opportunity to hand him over.

N On the first day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread, the disciples approached Jesus and said,

C “Where do you want us to prepare for you to eat the Passover?”

N He said,

+ “Go into the city to a certain man and tell him, ‘The teacher says, “My appointed time draws near; in your house I shall celebrate the Passover with my disciples.”’”

The disciples then did as Jesus had ordered, and prepared the Passover. When it was evening, he reclined at table with the Twelve. And while they were eating, he said,

+ “Amen, I say to you, one of you will betray me.”

N Deeply distressed at this, they began to say to him one after another,

C “Surely it is not I, Lord?”

N He said in reply,

+ “He who has dipped his hand into the dish with me is the one who will betray me. The Son of Man indeed goes, as it is written of him, but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed. It would be better for that man if he had never been born.”

N Then Judas, his betrayer, said in reply,

V “Surely it is not I, Rabbi?”

N He answered,

+ “You have said so.”

N While they were eating, Jesus took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and giving it to his disciples said,

+ “Take and eat; this is my body.”

N Then he took a cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying,

+ “Drink from it, all of you, for this is my blood of the covenant, which will be shed on behalf of many for the forgiveness of sins. I tell you, from now on I shall not drink this fruit of the vine until the day when I drink it with you new in the kingdom of my Father.”

N Then, after singing a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. Then Jesus said to them,

+ “This night all of you will have your faith in me shaken, for it is written: *I will strike the shepherd, I and the sheep of the flock will be dispersed; I* but after I have been raised up, I shall go before you to Galilee.”

N Peter said to him in reply,

V “Though all may have their faith in you shaken, mine will never be.”

N Jesus said to him,

+ “Amen, I say to you, this very night before the cock crows, you will deny me three times.”

N Peter said to him,

V “Even though I should have to die with you, I will not deny you.”

N And all the disciples spoke likewise.

N Then Jesus came with them to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to his disciples,

+ “Sit here while I go over there and pray.”

N He took along Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to feel sorrow and distress. Then he said to them,

+ “My soul is sorrowful even to death. Remain here and keep watch with me.”

N He advanced a little and fell prostrate in prayer, saying,

+ “My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me; yet, not as I will, but as you will.”

N When he returned to his disciples he found them asleep. He said to Peter,

+ “So you could not keep watch with me for one hour? Watch and pray that you may not undergo the test. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak.”

N Withdrawing a second time, he prayed again,

+ “My Father, if it is not possible that this cup pass without my drinking it, your will be done!”

N Then he returned once more and found them asleep, for they could not keep their eyes open. He left them and withdrew again and prayed a third time, saying the same thing again. Then he returned to his disciples and said to them,

+ “Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? Behold, the hour is at hand when the Son of Man is to be handed over to sinners. Get up, let us go. Look, my betrayer is at hand.”

N While he was still speaking, Judas, one of the Twelve, arrived, accompanied by a large crowd, with swords and clubs, who had come from the chief priests and the elders of the people. His betrayer had arranged a sign with them, saying,

V “The man I shall kiss is the one; arrest him.”

N Immediately he went over to Jesus and said,

V “Hail, Rabbi!”

N and he kissed him. Jesus answered him,

+ “Friend, do what you have come for.”

N Then stepping forward they laid hands on Jesus and arrested him. And behold, one of those who accompanied Jesus put his hand to his sword, drew it, and struck the high priest’s servant, cutting off his ear. Then Jesus said to him,

+ “Put your sword back into its sheath, for all who take the sword will perish by the sword. Do you think that I cannot call upon my Father and he will not provide me at this moment with more than twelve legions of angels? But then how would the Scriptures be fulfilled which say that it must come to pass in this way?”

N At that hour Jesus said to the crowds,

+ “Have you come out as against a robber, with swords and clubs to seize me? Day after day I sat teaching in the temple area, yet you did not arrest me. But all this has come to pass that the writings of the prophets may be fulfilled.”

N Then all the disciples left him and fled.

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N Those who had arrested Jesus led him away to Caiaphas the high priest, where the scribes and the elders were assembled. Peter was following him at a distance as far as the high priest's courtyard, and going inside he sat down with the servants to see the outcome.

N The chief priests and the entire Sanhedrin kept trying to obtain false testimony against Jesus in order to put him to death, but they found none, though many false witnesses came forward. Finally two came forward who stated,

V "This man said, 'I can destroy the temple of God and within three days rebuild it.'"

N The high priest rose and addressed him,

V "Have you no answer? What are these men testifying against you?"

N But Jesus was silent. Then the high priest said to him,

V "I order you to tell us under oath before the living God whether you are the Christ, the Son of God."

N Jesus said to him in reply,

+ "You have said so. But I tell you: / From now on you will see 'the Son of Man / seated at the right hand of the Power' / and 'coming on the clouds of heaven.'" /

N Then the high priest tore his robes and said,

V "He has blasphemed! What further need have we of witnesses? You have now heard the blasphemy; what is your opinion?"

N They said in reply,

C "He deserves to die!"

N Then they spat in his face and struck him, while some slapped him, saying,

C "Prophecy for us, Christ: who is it that struck you?"

N Now Peter was sitting outside in the courtyard. One of the maids came over to him and said,

V "You too were with Jesus the Galilean."

N But he denied it in front of everyone, saying,

V "I do not know what you are talking about!"

N As he went out to the gate, another girl saw him and said to those who were there,

V "This man was with Jesus the Nazorean."

N Again he denied it with an oath,

V "I do not know the man!"

N A little later the bystanders came over and said to Peter,

C "Surely you too are one of them; even your speech gives you away."

N At that he began to curse and to swear,

V "I do not know the man."

N And immediately a cock crowed. Then Peter remembered the word that Jesus had spoken: "Before the cock crows you will deny me three times." He went out and began to weep bitterly.

N When it was morning, all the chief priests and the elders of the people took counsel against Jesus to put him to death. They bound him, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate, the governor.

N Then Judas, his betrayer, seeing that Jesus had been condemned, deeply regretted what he had done. He returned the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and elders, saying,

V "I have sinned in betraying innocent blood."

N They said,

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C "What is that to us? Look to it yourself."

N Flinging the money into the temple, he departed and went off and hanged himself. The chief priests gathered up the money, but said,

C "It is not lawful to deposit this in the temple treasury, for it is the price of blood."

N After consultation, they used it to buy the potter's field as a burial place for foreigners. That is why that field even today is called the Field of Blood. Then was fulfilled what had been said through Jeremiah the prophet, *And they took the thirty pieces of silver, the value of a man with a price on his head, a price set by some of the Israelites, and they paid it out for the potter's field just as the Lord had commanded me.*

N Now Jesus stood before the governor, who questioned him,

V "Are you the king of the Jews?"

N Jesus said,

+ "You say so."

N And when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he made no answer. Then Pilate said to him,

V "Do you not hear how many things they are testifying against you?"

N But he did not answer him one word, so that the governor was greatly amazed.

N Now on the occasion of the feast the governor was accustomed to release to the crowd one prisoner whom they wished. And at that time they had a notorious prisoner called Barabbas. So when they had assembled, Pilate said to them,

V "Which one do you want me to release to you, Barabbas, or Jesus called Christ?"

N For he knew that it was out of envy that they had handed him over. While he was still seated on the bench, his wife sent him a message,

V "Have nothing to do with that righteous man. I suffered much in a dream today because of him."

N The chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowds to ask for Barabbas but to destroy Jesus. The governor said to them in reply,

V "Which of the two do you want me to release to you?"

N They answered,

C "Barabbas!"

N Pilate said to them,

V "Then what shall I do with Jesus called Christ?"

N They all said,

C "Let him be crucified!"

N But he said,

V "Why? What evil has he done?"

N They only shouted the louder,

C "Let him be crucified!"

N When Pilate saw that he was not succeeding at all, but that a riot was breaking out instead, he took water and washed his hands in the sight of the crowd, saying,

V "I am innocent of this man's blood. Look to it yourselves."

N And the whole people said in reply,

C "His blood be upon us and upon our children."

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N of thorns, they placed it on his head, and a reed in his right hand. And kneeling before him, they mocked him, saying,

C "Hail, King of the Jews!" N They spat upon him and took the reed and kept striking him on the head. And when they had mocked him, they stripped him of the cloak, dressed him in his own clothes, and led him off to crucify him.

N As they were going out, they met a Cyrenian named Simon; this man they pressed into service to carry his cross.

N And when they came to a place called Golgotha — which means Place of the Skull—, they gave Jesus wine to drink mixed with gall. But when he had tasted it, he refused to drink. After they had crucified him, they divided his garments by casting lots; then they sat down and kept watch over him there. And they placed over his head the written charge against him: This is Jesus, the King of the Jews. Two revolutionaries were crucified with him, one on his right and the other on his left. Those passing by reviled him, shaking their heads and saying,

C "You who would destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, save yourself, if you are the Son of God, and come down from the cross!"

N Likewise the chief priests with the scribes and elders mocked him and said,

C "He saved others; he cannot save himself. So he is the king of Israel! Let him come down from the cross now, and we will believe in him. He trusted in God; let him deliver him now if he wants him. For he said, 'I am the Son of God.'"

N The revolutionaries who were crucified with him also kept abusing him in the same way.

N From noon onward, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. And about three o'clock Jesus cried out in a loud voice,

+ "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthan?"

N which means,

+ "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"

N Some of the bystanders who heard it said,

C "This one is calling for Elijah."

N Immediately one of them ran to get a sponge; he soaked it in wine, and putting it on a reed, gave it to him to drink. But the rest said,

C "Wait, let us see if Elijah comes to save him."

N But Jesus cried out again in a loud voice, and gave up his spirit.

[All kneel and pause for a short time.]

N And behold, the veil of the sanctuary was torn in two from top to bottom. The earth quaked, rocks were split, tombs were opened, and the bodies of many saints who had fallen asleep were raised. And coming forth from their tombs after his resurrection, they entered the holy city and appeared to many. The centurion and the men with him who were keeping watch over Jesus feared greatly when they saw the earthquake and all that was happening, and they said,

C "Truly, this was the Son of God!"

N There were many women there, looking on from a distance, who had followed Jesus from Galilee, ministering to him. Among them were Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James and Joseph, and the mother of the sons of Zebedee.

N When it was evening, there came a rich man from Arimathea named Joseph, who was himself a disciple of Jesus. He went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus; then Pilate ordered it to be handed over. Taking the body, Joseph wrapped it in clean linen and laid it in his new tomb that he had hewn in the rock. Then he rolled a huge stone across the entrance to the tomb and departed. But Mary Magdalene and the other Mary remained sitting there, facing the tomb. The next day, the one following the day of preparation, the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered before Pilate and said,

C "Sir, we remember that this impostor while still alive said, 'After three days I will be raised up.' Give orders, then, that the grave be secured until the third day, lest his disciples come and steal him and say to the people, 'He has been raised from the dead.' This last imposture would be worse than the first."

N Pilate said to them,

V "The guard is yours; go, secure it as best you can."

N So they went and secured the tomb by fixing a seal to the stone and setting the guard.



Hello St. Mary Magdalene,

Happy Palm Sunday! We begin Holy Week by accompanying Christ into Jerusalem. He enters in glory amid songs and hymns of praise and yet, only four days later, those same voices that now cheer for our Lord in glory and majesty will be the same voices that cheer for His death! How moving and yet telling too about the human heart, especially how often we turn away from the Lord through sin. This most sacred and powerful week highlights for us the full weight that Our Lord paid for our sins and His most splendid victory as He rises in glory on Easter. In her great wisdom, the Church gives us through her liturgy a re-presentation of these final days through the eyewitness account of the evangelists and the Church's Tradition. Hold on to that as we go through Holy Week, these are not just some past events we recall, we are active participants in these sacred mysteries. That's the power of the Mass! For us too, this week carries some additional significance as it marks the completion of the installation of our sacred art. May the saints and angels depicted here pray for us and lead us closer to Christ.



God Bless, Fr. Chris Axline



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Upcoming Events

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 monthly Google Meet, Wednesday 7:00pm-8:00pm.

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: Crochet for Life meets every other Thursday from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. in the Frasatti 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. Please check the Parish calendar to verify the dates.

Emmanuel Food Ministry: 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 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>



Bingo Night: April 14th - A Bingo Night fundraiser at St. Mary Magdalene, for Support Our Seminarians, Inc. Did you know the average personal expenses for each seminarian is \$1,200 per semester? Support Our Seminarians, Inc. helps seminarians pay for unexpected expenses while they are in seminary. Early bird \$30 price through March! Register at sosphx.org.



Around the Diocese Called to Serve?

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Help by Greeting: We have a current need for more help with greeters and ushers for our weekend masses. Contact Roger at Liturgy@smarymag.org

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: The next blood drives are on Sundays April 30th and October 22nd. Be a hero and save one or more lives. There is no age limit, most recovered cancer patients cancer-free for one year can donate, and most medications do not disqualify you from donating. Sign up online at donors.vitalant.org (Blood Drive Code: P106X) to make an appointment, text Fred Meyers at 480-309-0901 or call Vitalant at 877-258- 4825. Because of you life goes on.

Earthquake Relieve: The need in Turkey and Syria remains great after the recent earthquakes that have affected the area. If you would like to help consider donating by using the following link www.justgiving.com/page/turkey-earthquake



Pray for Us

Please **Pray for those who are sick**, including Margeret Birchem, Michelle Edwards, Jane Fraser, David Areghini, Steve Hughes, Guy Carusso, Renee Behnke and all of those in our parish book of Intentions.

We extend **Our Prayers and Sympathy** to Robert Bruggeman, Linda Ennen, Sheila Hammer, Emmanuel Gntu, Richard Mizenko, Fred Abieta, Andrew Merck, Mildred Krzywicki, Ed and Milly Nink, Victoria Cuevas, Joni Markham and to 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.



Dear Saint Mary Magdalene,

It is bittersweet that I share the news with you of Mr. Roger Molieri's retirement. For the past six years Roger has faithfully served Saint Mary Magdalene and has worked with many of you in various roles throughout his tenure. I want to thank Roger for his work providing beautiful, reverent liturgies, taking care of our sick and homebound, and helping couples prepare for marriage here at Saint Mary Magdalene. Roger will be serving these duties until early May 2023 at which time I am pleased to say that Mr. Juan Paredes will be assuming Roger's responsibilities. Thank you Roger for all these years of service to Saint Mary Magdalene and may the Lord bless you in your future endeavors.

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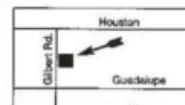
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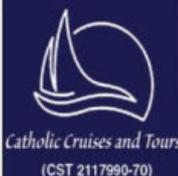
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