

## ST MARY MAGDALENE PARISH

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**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2023**

## THE HOLY FAMILY



The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom;  
and the favor of God was upon him. - Lk 2:40



# 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, Tuesday and  
Wednesday: 1:00 pm—5:00 pm, Other Times by Appointment

## 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

## CLERGY

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## FROM YOUR FINANCE COUNCIL

### Collections/Faith Direct Totals,

Dec 17 Plate collection (cash & checks) **\$25,325.28**

Dec 17 Capital Campaign (cash & checks) **\$422.00**

Dec 12 Plate collection (Faith Direct) **\$38,315.50**

Dec 12 Capital Campaign (Faith Direct) **\$2,920.51**

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## Need Help?

### 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 [smarymag.org/about-parishregistration](http://smarymag.org/about-parishregistration) 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.

**Emmanuel Outreach Ministry:** A Saint Mary Magdalene Catholic Church ministry serving the needy of our community. A **Donation Box** is located in the west wall of the narthex. Refer your questions to the parish office.

**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 December, 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](mailto:admin@smarymag.org) 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 [pastoralcare@smarymag.org](mailto:pastoralcare@smarymag.org) 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, 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 [smm.weadorehim.com](http://smm.weadorehim.com) to sign up or login. Contact Juan at [Liturgy@smarymag.org](mailto:Liturgy@smarymag.org) with questions.



## Readings for the Week

**Sunday:** Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 or Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9/ Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19/ Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40  
**Monday:** Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 (2a)/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21  
**Tuesday:** 1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 1:19-28  
**Wednesday:** 1 Jn 2:29—3:6/Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6/Jn 1:29-34  
**Thursday:** 1 Jn 3:7-10/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9/Jn 1:35-42  
**Friday:** 1 Jn 3:11-21/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Jn 1:43-51  
**Saturday:** 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:23-38 or 3:23, 31-34, 36, 38  
**Next Sunday:** Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 (see 11)/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

## This Week's Saints, Special Observances & Mass Intentions

**Saturday:** 8am: St Adam & Caitlyn Bergen, 4:30 pm: Apolinaria Pascual  
**Sunday:** *The Holy Family; New Year's Eve*, 7am: St Fr. Antonio Speedy, 9am: Pro Populo, 11:30am: +Tina Battani, 4:30pm: +John Bossaert  
**Monday:** *Mary, The Holy Mother of God; New Year's Day*, 8am: +The Holy Souls in Purgatory  
**Tuesday:** *Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen*, 8am: +Michael William Burke  
**Wednesday:** *The Most Holy Name of Jesus*, 8am: +Joseph Sparveri  
**Thursday:** *St. Elizabeth Ann Seton*, 8am: +Robert Dyer  
**Friday:** *St. John Neumann*, 8 am: +Jesus Sanches  
**Saturday:** *St. André Bessette*, 8am: St Benincasa Family, 4:30 pm: +Rita & Willie Williams

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## TV Mass

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

Tune in to *Relevant Radio* from your car or computer, or download the app to listen with your smart phone! Visit [relevantradio.com](http://relevantradio.com) for the schedule of shows, including The Patrick Madrid Show and an interactive Family Rosary. Also, visit [dphx.org/catholic-media](http://dphx.org/catholic-media) for local shows like The Bishop's Hour; Saturdays at 9:00am.

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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 [smarymag.org/bulletin-announcement-request](http://smarymag.org/bulletin-announcement-request). We reserve the right to edit, include or not include any submission.

# Upcoming Events

The weekend of January 13-14, 2024, Father Steven Borello will be visiting our parish on behalf of Fellowship of Catholic University Students (FOCUS). FOCUS is a national organization serving college students at more than 232 campus/locations including eight international locations, 23 parish venues and nine digital expansion campuses. To learn more, please visit [www.focus.org](http://www.focus.org).

**National Eucharistic Congress:** Did you know there is going to be a gathering in Indianapolis, IN from July 17-21, 2024 where there is expected to be over 60,000 Catholics for the first Eucharistic Revival in over 80 years? Would you want to be a part of this? Do you want to know and understand more about the Eucharist, the source and summit of our faith? Come Saturday, January 6th for our parish Eucharist Revival kick-off! You won't want to miss it! Stay tuned for more details.

## FORMATION

**Interested in becoming Catholic? Never been Confirmed?** Inquiry, RCIA & Adult Sacramental Preparation is year round. Contact Nicole Carlson at [adultformation@smarymag.org](mailto: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 [smarymagcts@gmail.com](mailto:smarymagcts@gmail.com)

**The Catechism in a Year:** Join other parishioners and friends in reading the Catechism of the Catholic Church via the daily Catechism-in-a-Year podcast with Fr. Mike Schmitz! Visit [www.smarymag.org/porta-fidei](http://www.smarymag.org/porta-fidei) for information about how to join the Tuesday morning Discussion Group. Questions? Contact [kathy.dyer020@gmail.com](mailto:kathy.dyer020@gmail.com).



**Prayer Line Ministry: Prayer Line Ministry:** Would you like to receive regular messages to pray for the needs of our parish? Email [prayerline@smarymag.org](mailto: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.

**RCIA Sponsors:** would you be willing to serve as an RCIA Sponsor? 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](mailto:adultformation@smarymag.org) for more details.

## PARISH LIFE COMMUNITIES

**Respect Life Initiatives:** Holy Hour for Life is sponsored by Pastoral Care and Liturgical Ministries 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 Min-

istries. Community prayer begins at 6:00pm. All are welcome to join us in this powerful hour for Life!

**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 scholarship programs and strive "to be helping hands where there is pain, poverty, sorrow or sickness." Contact us for more information at [court2779stjohnvianey@gmail.com](mailto:court2779stjohnvianey@gmail.com)

**Magis Women:** Next Magis Women study - Jan 29th! Join us for Lost & Found in the Desert: A Spiritual Survival Guide. In the church every other Monday 6:30 - 8:00pm, Jan 29 - May 6. \$30 for the book and course. Questions? [cpingle.az@hotmail.com](mailto:cpingle.az@hotmail.com)

**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 .

**Trivia Night:** Save the date for the 6th Annual Trivia Night at Saint Mary Magdalene. Get your team of eight and join us Friday, February 9, 2024. Registration will be available soon.



**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](mailto:mecalgaro@gmail.com)

## Around the Diocese Pray for Us

Please **Pray for those who are sick**, including Aziz Khair, Olive Sullivan, Diane Ericsson, and all of those in our parish book of Intentions.

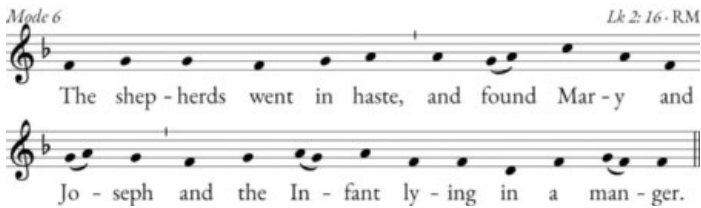
We extend **Our Prayers and Sympathy** to all deceased parishioners, *Therese O'Connor, Rodrigo Vela*, all those lost through abortion, all the Holy Souls in Purgatory, and all those who have recently passed away. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.





# Order of Mass: Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

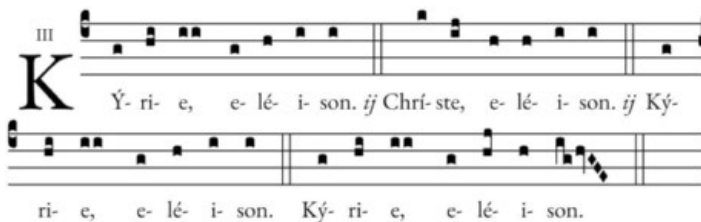


## PENITENTIAL ACT

I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, [All strike their breast] through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

## KYRIE *Roman Missal Chant*

Each line by cantor(s), then all:



## GLORIA

*Roman Missal Chant*

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

## FIRST READING

*Sir 3:2-6, 12-14*

God sets a father in honor over his children;  
a mother's authority he confirms over her sons.  
Whoever honors his father atones for sins,  
and preserves himself from them.  
When he prays, he is heard;  
he stores up riches who reveres his mother.  
Whoever honors his father is gladdened by children,  
and, when he prays, is heard.  
Whoever reveres his father will live a long life;  
he who obeys his father brings comfort to his mother.

My son, take care of your father when he is old;  
grieve him not as long as he lives.  
Even if his mind fail, be considerate of him;  
revile him not all the days of his life;  
kindness to a father will not be forgotten,  
firmly planted against the debt of your sins  
—a house raised in justice to you.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Psalm 128*

**R. Blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways.**

Blessed is everyone who fears the LORD,  
who walks in his ways!  
For you shall eat the fruit of your handiwork;  
blessed shall you be, and favored.

**R. Blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways.**

Your wife shall be like a fruitful vine  
in the recesses of your home;  
your children like olive plants  
around your table.

**R. Blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways.**

Behold, thus is the man blessed  
who fears the LORD.

The LORD bless you from Zion:  
may you see the prosperity of Jerusalem  
all the days of your life.

**R. Blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways.**

## SECOND READING

*Col 3:12-21*

Brothers and sisters:

Put on, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved,  
heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and  
patience,

bearing with one another and forgiving one another,  
if one has a grievance against another;  
as the Lord has forgiven you, so must you also do.

And over all these put on love,  
that is, the bond of perfection.

And let the peace of Christ control your hearts,  
the peace into which you were also called in one body.  
And be thankful.

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly,  
as in all wisdom you teach and admonish one another,  
singing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs  
with gratitude in your hearts to God.

And whatever you do, in word or in deed,  
do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus,  
giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Wives, be subordinate to your husbands,  
as is proper in the Lord.

Husbands, love your wives,  
and avoid any bitterness toward them.

Children, obey your parents in everything,  
for this is pleasing to the Lord.

Fathers, do not provoke your children,  
so they may not become discouraged.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



### GOSPEL

Luke 2:22-40

When the days were completed for their purification according to the law of Moses, They took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord, just as it is written in the law of the Lord, Every male that opens the womb shall be consecrated to the Lord, and to offer the sacrifice of a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons, in accordance with the dictate in the law of the Lord. Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon. This man was righteous and devout, awaiting the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he should not see death before he had seen the Christ of the Lord. He came in the Spirit into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to perform the custom of the law in regard to him, He took him into his arms and blessed God, saying: "Now, Master, you may let your servant go in peace, according to your word, for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in sight of all the peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel." The child's father and mother were amazed at what was said about him; and Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, "Behold, this child is destined for the fall and rise of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be contradicted—and you yourself a sword will pierce—so that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed." There was also a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years, having lived seven years with her husband after her marriage, and then as a widow until she was eighty-four. She never left the temple, but worshiped night and day with fasting and prayer. And coming forward at that very time, she gave thanks to God and spoke about the child to all who were awaiting the redemption of Jerusalem. When they had fulfilled all the prescriptions of the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

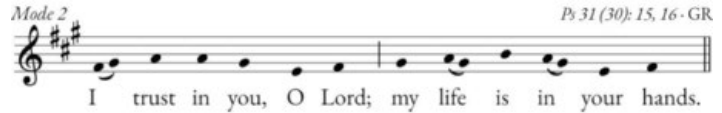
### PROFESSION OF FAITH

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## OFFERTORY ANTIPHON

Mode 2

Ps 31 (30): 15, 16 - GR



## OFFERTORY HYMN

What Child is This?



## PREFACE ACCLAMATION

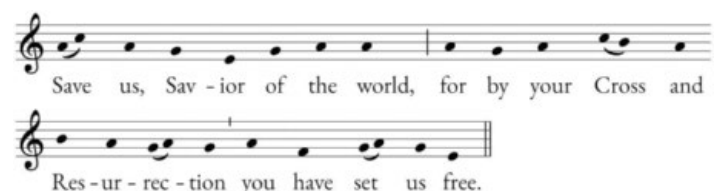
Heritage Mass

Owen Alstott



## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER CONSECRATION

## MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION *Roman Missal Chant*





## LAMB OF GOD

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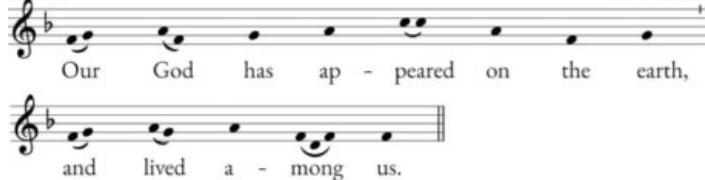


Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the  
world, have mer-cy on us. world, grant us peace.

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Mode 6

Bar 3: 38 · RM



Our God has ap - peared on the earth,  
and lived a - mong us.

## COMMUNION HYMN

Away in a Manger



1. A - way in a man-ger, no crib for a bed, The  
2. The cat-tle are low-ing, the ba-by a - wakes, But  
3. Be near me, Lord Je - sus, I ask thee to stay Close  
1. lit - tle Lord Je - sus laid down his sweet head; The  
2. lit - tle Lord Je - sus, no cry - ing he makes; I  
3. by me for ev - er, and love me, I pray; Bless  
1. stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay, The  
2. love thee, Lord Je - sus! Look down from the sky, And  
3. all the dear chil-dren in thy ten - der care, And  
1. lit - tle Lord Je - sus, a - sleep on the hay.  
2. stay by my cra - dle till morn-ing is nigh.  
3. fit us for heav-en to live with thee there.

## COMMUNION HYMN

Sing of Mary



1. Sing of Mar - y, pure and low - ly,  
2. Sing of Je - sus, Son of Mar - y,  
1. Vir - gin moth-er un - de - filed; Sing of God's own  
2. In the home at Naz-a - reth. Toil and la - bor  
1. Son most ho - ly, Who be - came her lit - tle Child.  
2. can - not wea - ry Love en - dur - ing un - to death.  
1. Fair-est Child of fair-est Moth-er, God the Lord who  
2. Con-stant was the love he gave her, Though he went forth  
1. came to earth, Word made flesh, our ver - y Broth-er,  
2. from her side, Forth to preach, and heal, and suf - fer,  
1. Takes our na - ture by his birth.  
2. Till on Cal - va - ry he died.

## COMMUNION HYMN

Once in Royal David's City



1. Once in roy - al Da - vid's cit - y Stood a  
2. He came down to earth from hea - ven, Who is  
3. And, through all his won - drous child - hood, He would  
4. For he is our child - hood's pat - tern; Day by  
5. And our eyes at last shall see him, Through his  
1. low - ly cat - tle shed, Where a moth - er laid her Ba - by  
2. God and Lord of all, And his shel - ter was a sta - ble,  
3. hon - or and o - bey, Love and watch the low - ly maid - en,  
4. day, like us he grew; He was lit - tle, weak and help-less,  
5. own re - deem-ing love, For that Child so dear and gen - tle  
1. In a man - ger for his bed: Mar - y was that  
2. And his cra - dle was a stall; With the poor, and  
3. In whose gen - tle arms he lay: Chris - tian chil - dren  
4. Tears and smiles like us he knew; And he feels for  
5. Is our Lord in heav'n a - bove, And he leads his  
1. moth - er mild, Je - sus Christ her lit - tle Child.  
2. mean, and low - ly, Lived on earth our Sav - ior ho - ly.  
3. all must be Mild, o - be - dient, good as he.  
4. all our sad - ness, And he shares in all our glad - ness.  
5. chil - dren on To the place where he is gone.

## 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.

## RECESSIONAL HYMN

Angels We Have Heard on High



1. An - gels we have heard on high, Sweet - ly sing - ing  
2. See Him in a man - ger laid, Whom the choirs of  
1. o'er the plains; And the moun - tains in re - ply,  
2. an - gels praise; Mar - y, Jo - seph, lend your aid,  
1. Ech - o - ing their joy-ous strains. Gló - - -  
2. While our hearts in love we raise. Gló - - -  
- - - ri - a in ex - cël - sis De - o!  
Gló - - - ri - a  
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# Parish Ministries

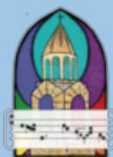
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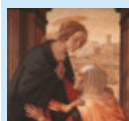
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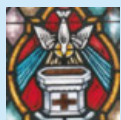
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**COMICS** by Tom Gould

Luke 2:22-26



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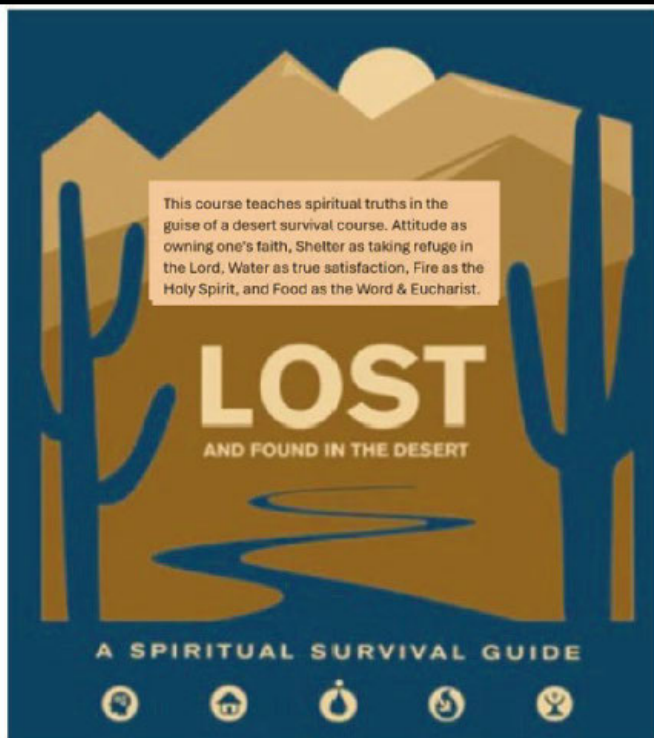
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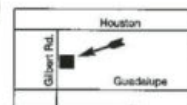
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