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SUNDAY, MARCH 9, 2025

1ST SUNDAY OF LENT



The devil said to him, "All this will be yours, if you worship me."
Jesus said to him in reply, "It is written:
You shall worship the Lord, your God,
and him alone shall you serve."
- Lk 4:6a, 7-8



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

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday (Vigil):
4:30 pm

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

Monday - Saturday:
8:00 am

CONFESSIONS

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

COMMUNAL PRAYER

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

PERPETUAL ADORATION

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WEBSITE: smarymag.org



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Daily Parish Life

Readings for the Week

Readings for the week of March 9, 2025

Sunday: Dt 26:4-10/Ps 91:1-2, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15 (see 5b)/Rom 10:8-13/Lk 4:1-13

Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/Mt 25:31-46

Tuesday: Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19/Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19/Lk 11:29-32

Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8/Mt 7:7-12

Friday: Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8/Mt 5:20-26

Saturday: Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8/Mt 5:43-48

Next Sunday: Gn 15:5-12, 17-18/Ps 27:1, 7-8, 8-9, 13-14/Phil 3:17—4:1 or 3:20—4:1/Lk 9:28b-36

This Week's Saints, Special Observances & Mass Intentions

Saturday: 8am: Si Jose Antonio Gonzalez
4:30pm: pro Populo

Sunday: 7am: Si Jane Jimenez
9am: + Eli Mikus
11:30: Si John & Danny Lockey
4:30: Si Mike Kelly

Monday: 8am: +Caroline Tod

Tuesday: 8am: Si Michelle Romo

Wednesday: 8am: Si First Responders

Thursday: 8am: Si Liz Cox

Friday: 8am: Si Jeff Brown & Family

Saturday: 8am: +Jeffery LeVoir
4:30: +Larry Kelty

Pray for Us

Please pray for those who are sick including **Irene Montiel Navarro, Dorthy Brown,** and all of those in our parish Book of Intentions. We extend **Our Prayers and Sympathy** to all the deceased including **Samit and Kavork Khar-poutley, Mary ordekein, Shirley Rodriguez,** and 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.



Become a Regular Adorer

Please consider signing up to be in the presence of our Lord for one hour a week.

The following hours need to be covered:
Sun: 1pm, 4pm **M:** 5pm, 10pm **T:** 10am, 11pm **W:** 3pm,
Th: Noon **F:** 5pm, 9pm **Sat:** 2pm, 5pm

Visit this QR code:

Contact Chris at Liturgy@smarymag.org with questions.



Parish Communities

Respect Life Initiative:

Contact: Ashley Laswell
respectlifesmarmag@gmail.com

Magis Women:

The bible study meets every other Monday at 6:30pm.
Contact: Jennifer Tortorici
jdtortorici@yahoo.com (602) 430-0264

Catholic Daughters of America:

Contact: 2779cda@gmail.com (480) 279-6737

Knights of Columbus:


Contact: Tom Axline
GkTaxline@gmail.com (951) 303-0960
COR: For men over 18—meets on 2nd Thursday of each month at 6:30 pm for prayer, formation & fraternity.

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Location: Mc Dowell Mountain Regional Park **26** | April 2025
7:00 - 11:00 am

Registration and Event Details: <https://sjwjobs.org/hike4hope>

For sponsorship opportunities, please call Cassidy Penney at 602.309.4061



The Catholic Daughters of America will lead our Holy Hour for Life this week! Join fellow parishioners to pray for the protection of all human life on **Thursdays from 5:30-6:30PM**

The first half is private adoration, followed by the Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet.

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



Eucharist Revival

How can you Walk with One person this year, to invite them back to the Church, or into relationship with Christ?

A couple weeks ago I shared that we will be working on being more intentional about Eucharistic-focus in all that we do. We will be giving ideas on how to incorporate little ways into your life. We will be offering opportunities to grow in faith and trust in our Lord.

In March we are focused on helping develop community. We have a half-dozen Christ in our Neighborhood groups formed. If you would still like to get connected to one for Lent—just email adultformation@smarymag.org and I will connect you to one. You are also encouraged to stop in the chapel just to visit with Jesus in the Eucharist. The most common reaction from people going to the chapel for the first time is: “it is so peaceful in there.” Do you need some peace in your life? While you are in the chapel, ask Jesus to help you to grow in faith, hope and love, and ask that the Prince of Peace (Jesus), would bring peace to your heart.

In April—mark your calendars for this amazing dramatic one-woman show: **A Mother’s Passion** based on the Way of the Cross through Our Blessed Mother Mary’s eyes. You will not want to miss this beautiful presentation. Bring your family and/or a friend. **Sat, April 5th at 10:00am**

Have you heard of Carlo Acutis? He was an amazing young man, and will be canonized on April 27th in Rome—the first Millennial to become a saint! In anticipation of his canonization, we are planning to do talks and celebrate who he was. For now, here are a few things to know about Carlos:

1. Carlos was born May 3, 1991. Carlo was diagnosed with leukemia as a teenager. Before his death at 15 in 2006, he offered his sufferings for Pope Benedict XVI and for the Church, saying: “I offer all of my suffering to the Lord for the pope and for the Church in order not to go to purgatory but to go straight to heaven.”
2. From a young age he had a special love for God, even though his parents weren’t especially devout. After he made his first communion, he went to mass as often as possible. Carlos’ love of the Eucharist inspired a deep conversion in his mother. Carlos would say “there are lines in front of a concert, a football game...but I don’t see lines in front of the Blessed Sacrament.” The Eucharist was the center of his life.



Pray for those you love that are away from the Church and from God. Watch next week’s bulletin for more on Carlos and the Eucharist Revival! -Nicky C





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Vigil hours: 7 am to 7 pm daily

Local contact: Jim Fitzsimmons
tempe40daysforlife@gmail.com
480-712-9733

Learn more ... get involved ... and sign up for prayer times by visiting our campaign at the web address shown below!

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through the eyes of
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10 am

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St Mary Magdalene's Lenten Mission...

plan to come to Stations of the Cross Friday night, then continue the journey with His Mother Saturday morning, or just enjoy this beautiful play by itself.

Prayer Line Ministry: Would you like to receive regular messages to pray for the needs of our parish? Sign-up on Flocknote or email prayerline@smarymag.org to say you want to sign-up as a prayer warrior. Let's create a powerful prayer warrior team here at St Mary Magdalene!



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Lent WEEK 1
THE DESERT

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Week One | Restore: Lent with Sr. Miriam James Heidland, SOLT

In the Week One video for the Restore Lent series, Sr. Miriam James Heidland, SOLT, reflects on the theme of the week—the desert. She explains that Jesus is inviting you to move beyond your comfort zone and into the deepest places of your heart with him. It is Jesus who helps you root out the sin, sickness, and self-hatred in your life. Sr. Miriam assures us that we can look to him for comfort, love, and healing.

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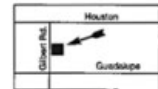
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