



SAINT MARY MAGDALENE PARISH

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SUNDAY, MARCH 30, 2025

4TH SUNDAY OF LENT



"His son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son.' But his father ordered his servants, 'Let us celebrate with a feast, because this son of mine was dead, and has come to life again.'"

- Lk 15:21-22a, 23b-24a



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

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



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New to St. Mary Magdalene?

Welcome! We are looking forward to meeting you!
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WEBSITE: smarymag.org



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Only for emergencies, call 480-678-3353.



Daily Parish Life

Readings for the Week

Readings for the week of March 30, 2025

Sunday: Jos 5:9a, 10-12/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 (9a)/2 Cor 5:17-21/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
Monday: Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b/Jn 4:43-54
Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 5:1-16
Wednesday: Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18/Jn 5:17-30
Thursday: Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23/Jn 5:31-47
Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
Saturday: Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12/Jn 7:40-53
Next Sunday: Is 43:16-21/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 (3)/Phil 3:8-14/Jn 8:1-11

This Week's Saints, Special Observances & Mass Intentions

Saturday: 8am: Si For all the sick and suffering 4:30pm: +John Lue
Sunday: 7am: +Ronald Chehy
 9am: Pro populo
 11:30: +Carol Gomey
 4:30: Si Berths Macias
Monday: 8am: Si Lucas Sabbs
Tuesday: 8am: +Christopher Racioppi
Wednesday: 8am: Si Fr. Arthur
Thursday: 8am: + Michael Flynn
Friday: 8am: +Jeffery LeVoir
Saturday: 8am: Si Lily Splitzner
 4:30: +Mary & Joseph Lucarelli

Pray for Us

Please **pray for those who are sick** including all of those in our parish Book of Intentions and submitted to our Prayer Line. We extend **Our Prayers and Sympathy** to all the deceased including **Michael James, Michael Christy**, 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
Th: noon **Sat:** 2pm

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. They are on break now through the fall.
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.

Catholic Truth Seekers: Young Adult aged 18-30 seeking fellowship and to grow in your faith?

Come join us at 7pm on Fridays!
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Marriage and Family

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SMM vacation Bible School will be held

June 23-27th

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Lenten Mission

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. Families welcome!

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A Mother's Passion

A dramatic reflection of
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through the eyes of
HIS MOTHER

April 5, 2025

10 am

St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church
2654 E Williams Field Rd, Gilbert, AZ 85295





Do you know your purpose in life?

Do you ever wonder about your purpose? Have you taken different inventories at work, like Strength Finders and Myers-Briggs and other such “tests” that are supposed to help you figure out what motivates you and how you work, wondering how all this plays into what brings you joy, whether you are in the right field, or how to make sense of your life? I worked in “corporate” for 25 years, working up the ladder, getting degrees, all the while feeling like I was in the wrong place. During my time working for a retail giant, I often had the thought that I worked for a company that had mastered how to get me to put more things in my cart but how were they making the world a better place? How could I make the world a better place while I was there? I was often told I was good at my job, but that gave me little satisfaction. Even when I was able to volunteer and start a club at work that helped inner-city kids dig out of poverty by pursuing a career in science and technology and hosted “Girls Science & Technology day” with 150 teens girls from local high schools at our HQ, I still felt like I wasn’t fulfilling my mission. Something was missing.

It wasn’t until 2019 when I attended a class that my pastor encouraged me to go to that things finally clicked for me. “Called & Gifted” was being offered, which taught about the Spiritual Gifts—the charisms—that we are all given at Confirmation. You see, we are all given the same “sanctifying gifts” for our own salvation, but we receive **different** gifts that we are called to use to build up the Kingdom of God. If I don’t use my charisms—if I don’t actively say “yes” - there is a whole in what can be accomplished. The Called & Gifted process helps you discern what gifts you might have, and then, one by one, you discern whether you have them or not. Why is this important? Because God wants to empower you to participate in His plans, but He also waits for you to say “yes!” He will give you opportunities, and you may passively say yes here and there, but the discernment process through Called & Gifted helps you see more tangibly, on a day-to-day basis, how you can serve the Lord. Do you feel called to pray for others? Perhaps you have the charism of Intercessory Prayer. Do you have a deep desire for others to feel included and welcome? Perhaps you have the gift of Hospitality. Do you feel energized when people share their problems/concerns with you; do people say they feel drawn to talk to you? Perhaps you have the charism of Encouragement, or of Wisdom.

I have gone through the discernment process several times now, discerning God’s gifts of Administration (ability to effectively delegate and manage large projects), Evangelism (a deep desire to lead those who have left the Church or don’t know Christ into communion with him), and Teaching. I get such joy and energy every time God asks me to use my gifts. I’ve worked through my fears and cleared the way for God to use me whenever He desires. I’ve also discerned that I do NOT have Leadership (coming up with ideas that people want to rally around to accomplish) or Music (though I enjoy it and share the natural talents God gave me & skills I’ve developed). My most recent discernment process took me through Writing: in the past I loved to write but I had been wounded and as a result, had a lot of fear to be too vulnerable. Going through all the healing processes included in Called & Gifted (which include encouragement to frequent the sacraments and adoration), and being open to God’s purposes, I rediscovered my love of writing and began sharing more and more—in bulletin articles, and even bigger—started writing a story that has been in my heart for some time. But, after much discernment, I determined that I do not believe I have the charism of Writing. I am happy to use the natural talent God gave me and share it with others, but it is just not at the level of joy and I do not feel the NEED to use it daily as the other gifts that I cannot help but use every day.

Last Sunday at the 4:30pm mass, we commissioned the first parish-group of discerners that went through the Called & Gifted process at St Mary Magdalene. Our staff went through it last year, and now we have 14 more parishioners who discerned about a specific charism and have said “yes” to serving God as he calls them. I have seen some amazing work already taking place in these individuals—seen them take steps they wouldn’t have otherwise taken. God is good and wants to give us joy! [Congratulations to those who completed this discernment process: Adrienne McGurran, Amanda Ruiz, Ashley Laswell, Ashley Strand, Cynthia Zahrt, Ceclia Sawyer, Deborah Guy, George Brown, Jessica Sisson, Joshua Menefee, Melanie Lisowski, Rudy Quiroz, Veronica Meecham!](#) *(continued on the next page: Adult Formation)*



Adult Formation

(Called & Gifted: continued from previous page)

Our next offering for Called & Gifted will be announced soon—and most likely will happen over the summer. We hope to offer it 2 times per year, giving all parishioners the opportunity to discern how you can best serve our Lord! We desire to be a Called & Gifted-driven parish to best serve our parish-family and community. If you want to be notified when registration is open, you can go to our website: <https://www.smarmag.org/adultformation> and fill in the quick-form that will alert me of your interest and put you on the list to be emailed as soon as registration is open for our next class (it isn't obligating you—just alerting you!) You can also read more about charisms on the Catherine of Siena website: <https://www.siena.org/charisms-faq>



I hope to see YOU at our next session!

-Nicky C
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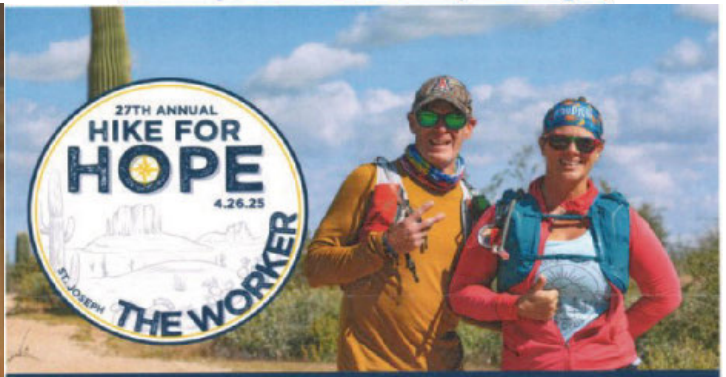
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tempe40daysforlife@gmail.com

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Location: Mc Dowell Mountain Regional Park **26** | April 2025
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April **27** **St. Mary Magdalene** 2654 E Williams Field Rd. Gilbert, AZ 85295 **STARTS 1PM**



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 • Mass of the Lord's Supper 7pm followed by
 • Outdoor Adoration until midnight

18 **Good Friday:** No Morning Mass
Stations of the Cross 3pm
Liturgy of the Passion of the Lord 7pm

19 { **Holy Saturday:**
No Morning Mass or confession
No 4:30pm mass
Easter Vigil Mass:
8pm-This is a three hour mass



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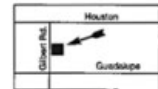
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