

## SAINT MARY MAGDALENE PARISH

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**SUNDAY, APRIL 20, 2025**

## EASTER SUNDAY



The women who had come from Galilee with Jesus took the spices they had prepared and went to the tomb. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb; but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. - Lk 24:1b-3





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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Welcome! We are looking forward to meeting you!  
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**WEBSITE:** [smarymag.org](http://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 April 20, 2025

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 Lk 24:1-12

Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/Mt 28:8-15

Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20 and 22/Jn 20:11-18

Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 24:13-35

Thursday: Acts 3:11-26/Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 24:35-48

Friday: Acts 4:1-12/Ps 118:1-2 and 4, 22-24, 25-27a/Jn 21:1-14

Saturday: Acts 4:13-21/Ps 118:1 and 14-15ab, 16-18, 19-21/Mk 16:9-15

Next Sunday: Acts 5:12-16/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 (1)/Rv 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19/Jn 20:19

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

**Saturday:** 8am: Si Lily Spitzner  
4:30pm: +Mary & Joseph Lucarelli

**Sunday:** 7am: Si Barbra Johnson  
9am: +Ruby Gonzalez  
11:30: +Carlson Family  
4:30: Pro Populo

**Monday:** 8am: Si For all engaged couples

**Tuesday:** 8am: + Phil Infante

**Wednesday:** 8am: + Baby King

**Thursday:** 8am: +Holy Souls in purgatory

**Friday:** 8am: Si Aaron & Gemma Dietz

**Saturday:** 8am: +Alain Spitzner  
4:30: + Pir Salancy

## 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 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 faithfully 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:** 10pm **T:** 10am, 11pm  
**Th:** noon **Sat:** 5pm

### Visit this QR code:

Contact Chris at [Liturgy@smarymag.org](mailto:Liturgy@smarymag.org) with questions.



## Parish Communities

### Respect Life Initiative:

**Contact:** Ashley Laswell  
[respectlifesmarmag@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:jdtortorici@yahoo.com) (602) 430-0264

### Catholic Daughters of America:

**Contact:** [2779cda@gmail.com](mailto:2779cda@gmail.com) (480) 279-6737

### Knights of Columbus:

**Contact:** Tom Axline  
[GkTaxline@gmail.com](mailto: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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or Instagram [@catholictruthseekers](https://www.instagram.com/catholictruthseekers)



# A Letter From Your Pastor

## Hello St. Mary Magdalene,

Happy Easter! Christ lives! What joyous news for us as we celebrate the ultimate victory of God's Love as sin and death are deprived of their sting and given hope by Christ's own Death and Resurrection. Before Holy Week started, I found myself reflecting on Christ's stalwart Will going into Jerusalem. He knew what was coming and still He went willingly, boldly, lovingly. Love sent Him to Jerusalem to die and Love motivated and emboldened Him during the events of the past week as He prays, is betrayed, suffers, dies, and finally rises from the grave! In John 17 we see what's referred to as Jesus's priestly prayer where John masterfully illustrates Christ in a prayer that gazes through time and sees everyone who ever lived or ever will live.

I find that incredibly moving, Christ saw me in His prayer and He saw you, and He loved us and died for us. How awesome that we can appropriate these words personally and celebrate these realities not from some historically distant event, but as some perennial, ever ancient and ever new, something applicable to each of us individually. This is why in the reality of the empty tomb we find the fullness of our joy; a joy not just from an event long ago, but something that continues to ripple through time, space, and history to each of us personally. But, reflecting on the events that led up to today's glorious celebration we find a God who never leaves us, a God who gives meaning to suffering and shows His power by even fashioning trials and tribulations into avenues of grace and mercy.

In his Easter homily from 2006 Pope Benedict XVI wrote about this personal connection that each of us continues to have with the Resurrection as he says, "The Resurrection is not a thing of the past, the Resurrection has reached us and seized us. We grasp hold of it, we grasp hold of the risen Lord, and we know that He holds us firmly even when our hands grow weak." Christ never lets us go. He carries us with Him always through paths that He himself trod so that in His Resurrection we need not be afraid. Easter is so joyous because it's the victory of Christ, the Word made flesh and on this Easter day we rejoice as He reminds us that He has the last word, "I live and you will live also" (John 14:19).

On a personal note, as this is the last Easter I will celebrate with you due to my new assignment, know that it has been my absolute joy to be able to walk with you these 12 years. Literally, I grew up here as a priest, showing up as a newly ordained priest to your pastor for the last seven years. Though we part physically, we continue to see each other in the Eucharist, the font of life and love. Thank you for letting me be a part of your family. Know that you are, and always will be, in my prayers. Happy Easter and God bless!

Fr. Chris





# Upcoming Parish Events

Teens, Young Adults & all who want to learn about these inspirational young men are invited to a night adoration and fellowship. Sponsored by GS24, CTS & Adult Formation

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## AN EVENING WITH THE SAINTS

FRIDAY  
APRIL 25TH  
7-8:30PM

Young saints scheduled for canonization this year! Find out what they did and how they continue to inspire so many







# Adult Formation

**April 27<sup>th</sup>** is Divine Mercy Sunday! Come at **3pm** to join us for Confessions and pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet and bask in the Mercy of Jesus! Jesus, I trust in You!



Saturday, May 3rd

During 8am Mass

## May Crowning

Come crown the statue of our Blessed Mother to begin her month with us!

*St. Gerard's Mass*  
of Comfort and Hope  
*for couples in the season of infertility*

**May 10, 2025**

**MASS 5:30 PM | SATURDAY**

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If you struggle with infertility, you may feel isolated and wrestle with a lot of conflicting emotions - especially on Mother's Day. If this is your burden, you don't have to carry it alone!

The Office of Natural Family Planning of the Diocese of Phoenix, through its St. Gerard Outreach is offering a mass to support couples carrying the cross of infertility Saturday, May 10th. Come with your spouse or on your own.

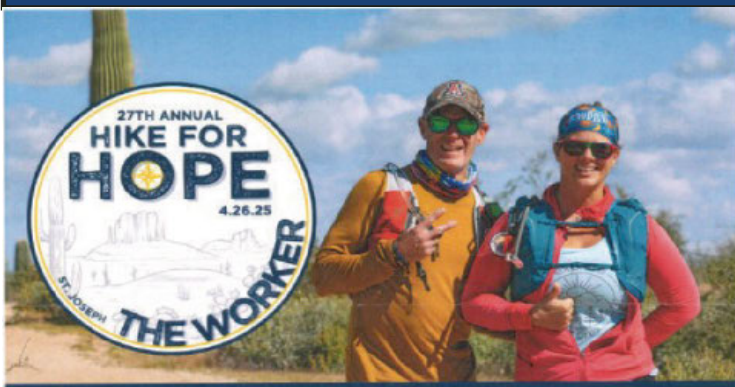
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The Knights of Columbus will be hosting a Pancake Breakfast after all the morning masses on Divine Mercy Sunday, April 27, 2025. They will be serving Eggs, Pancakes and Sausages. Come enjoy breakfast and learn more about the Knights of Columbus.

## HIKE FOR HOPE 2025: PATHWAYS TO POSSIBILITIES

Join us for our annual Hike for Hope this spring! Together, we'll enjoy stunning views, fresh air, and the rewarding experience of making a meaningful difference in our community. Your participation helps raise awareness and critical funding to provide resources and opportunities that connect unhoused, low-income, and disadvantaged individuals with quality employment. With your support, we can create life-changing pathways to stability and self-sufficiency for those who need it most. Let's take this hike together and transform lives along the way.

Location: Mc Dowell Mountain Regional Park **26 | April 2025**  
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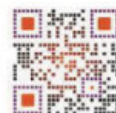
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May 18 4:30pm

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### VBS Volunteers still needed!

If you're interested please contact Mary Molina at [mary@smarymag.org](mailto:mary@smarymag.org)

Keep an eye out for **VBS registration** which will start on **June 1st!**

**St. Mary Magdalene Priesthood Discernment Group**

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- Get to know more about the priesthood
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Join a fun Easter Egg Hunt to unite families in the joyful Easter spirit with laughter and enjoyment. Pancakes provided by KofC!

For all participating kids please drop off 10 filled eggs per child to the office by 4/25. Please avoid chocolate due to weather.

April  
**27**

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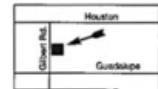
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