



ST. GREGORY THE GREAT CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 19, 2020

ST. MARY MAGDALENE

FEAST DAY: JULY 22

The feast of St. Mary Magdalene is considered one of the most mystical of feasts, and it is said that of all the songs of the saints, that of Mary Magdalene is the sweetest and strongest because her love was so great. That love was praised by Jesus Himself who said that because much was forgiven her, she loved much. Where she is buried, no one knows. Legend has her dying in Provence, France, in a cavern where she spent her last days, and her body resting in the chapel of St. Maximin in the Maritime Alps. Another has her buried in Ephesus where she went with St. John after the Resurrection. This latter view is more likely, and St. Willibald, the English pilgrim to the Holy Land in the eighth century, was shown her tomb there.

The true identification of St. Mary Magdalene is not quite clear. The Greek Fathers gave her a separate identity than Mary of Bethany, sister of Martha and Lazarus, but most Latin Fathers say she is the same Mary. From *Dictionary of the Bible* by Scott Hahn (Doubleday, 2009):

Tradition often identifies Mary Magdalene either with the sinful woman who anointed Christ's feet in Luke 7:36-50 or with Mary of Bethany, the sister of Lazarus and Martha mentioned in Luke 10:38-42 and John 11-12. By the sixth century A.D., figures such as Gregory the Great had begun to advance the notion that these two women mentioned in Scripture were one and the same person: Mary Magdalene, who hailed from Bethany and who had become a disciple of Jesus after leading a notoriously sinful life. This tradition explains why Mary Magdalene was revered for centuries as the "model penitent." From a biblical



standpoint, it is not impossible that Mary Magdalene could be identified with either one or both of these two women, but decisive evidence is lacking and so it must remain uncertain.

She was the first recorded witness to the resurrection of Jesus, His most ardent and loving follower. She had stood with Mary at the foot of the Cross on that brutal Good Friday afternoon and had been by the side of Mary during these difficult hours. On Easter morning, she went with the other women to the tomb and it was there, in the

garden near the tomb, that Jesus appeared to her. It was she who brought the news of the Resurrection to the Apostles, and Peter and John raced to the tomb to see what had happened.

She was from Magadala, a small fishing town on the Sea of Galilee, between Capernaum and Tiberias. She was known to be a "great sinner," a woman of the streets who heard Jesus speak of the mercy and forgiveness of God and changed her life completely. Her matter-of-fact witness to the Resurrection moved Peter and John to go and see for themselves: "I have seen the Lord and these things he said to me." Jesus had chosen her to

bring the news to them and she simply told them what had happened.

She has always been the example of great love and great forgiveness, one of those close to Jesus who grasped the truth of God's love for human beings and spent her life bearing witness to that love.

*Excerpted from The One Year Book of Saints
by Rev. Clifford Stevens*

PARISH NEWS

Knights of Columbus

The Marysville Knights of Columbus will be having their Annual Chicken BBQ on Sunday, July 19th at the **Knights Hall** at 12:30pm. Chicken, hotdogs, drinks and table service will be provided. Please bring a covered dish. Open to all Knights members, their families and guests.

Live Streamed Mass

Mass will continue to be live streamed on Facebook at 10:30am on Sunday mornings. Beginning Sunday, July 19th it will also be aired on Blue Valley Channel 3 at 10:30am. If this changes, we will let you know.

Parish Bazaar Cancelled

Due to Covid-19 we cancelled the Church Bazaar this year. We are asking each parish family to donate \$100 to help cover the loss of income that is greatly needed and relied upon. Donations can be mailed or dropped off to the parish office. Please make all checks payable to St. Gregory's Altar Society. You may also put your donation in the weekend Mass collection basket, but please put it in a separate envelope and mark it for the bazaar. Please make donations by August 9th. Your continued support of St. Gregory's Church and School is greatly appreciated.

MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

Tuesday, July 21**12:05pm**

† Rich Claeys

Wednesday, July 22**12:05pm**

† Frank Huffman

† Virginia Ring

Thursday, July 23**12:05pm**

† Allen and Gert Holle

Friday, July 24**8:15am**

† Rich Claeys

Saturday, July 25**5:30pm**

~ Family of William and Juanita Lyhane

~ St. Gregory and St. Malachy Parishioners

Sunday, July 26**7:00am**

† Geneva Schmitz Drouhard

10:30am

† Barbara Ring

† Frank and Agatha Temeyer

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, July 19**12:30pm**

K of C Chicken BBQ, Knights Hall

Saturday, July 25**4:30-5:15pm**

Confessions

LIFETOUGH DIRECTORY UPDATE

When Covid first started, Lifetouch shut down production and sent all their workers home until August. They have since then allowed some employees to work from home to get revisions made on directories so they can be ready to be printed. About a month ago, we sent in our (hopefully) last revisions to be made and are waiting to get a final draft back from them. Once we get and approve it, the printing will take a couple weeks to complete, but I'm not sure at this point if they have their printing facilities up and running yet or not. I will give you an update as soon as I know something. Thank you for being patient.

WEEKLY OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Envelope & Plate for July 12th \$ 15,187.14
 (\$11,200 Expected Average Collection needed each week)

BUILDING PROJECT UPDATE

Loan Principle Balance (as of 7/9/20)..... \$889,536.28
 Donations (since 7/01/20)..... (\$ 5,695.00)
 Estimated Outstanding Expenses \$83,272.25
Total Parish Liability \$967,113.53
 Total Contributions to Date \$7,447,080.05
 (\$9,100 needed each month for loan payment)

NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING

Natural Family Planning (NFP) Awareness Week
 July 19th-25th

God designed marriage as an "intimate partnership of life and love" (see *Gaudium et spes*, no. 48). In God's design, marriage is a unique union of one man with one woman "for the whole of life" (see Canon 1055, *The Code of Canon Law*). Marriage is oriented to the good of the spouses and to the creation and nurture of new human life (see *Gaudium et spes*, no. 48). Making decisions therefore, about when and how many children to have in marriage is a sacred responsibility that God has entrusted to husband and wife. This is the foundation of what the Church calls, "Responsible Parenthood"--the call to discern God's will for your marriage while respecting His design for life and love.

The Catholic Church supports the methods of Natural Family Planning (NFP) because they respect God's design for married love. In fact, NFP represents the only authentic approach to family planning available to husbands and wives because these methods can be used to both attempt or avoid pregnancy.

Natural Family Planning is an umbrella term for certain methods used to achieve and avoid pregnancies. These methods are based on observation of the naturally occurring signs and symptoms of the fertile and infertile phases of a woman's menstrual cycle. Couples using NFP to avoid pregnancy abstain from intercourse and genital contact during the fertile phase of the woman's cycle. No drugs, devices, or surgical procedures are used to avoid pregnancy.

NFP reflects the dignity of the human person within the context of marriage and family life, promotes openness to life, and recognizes the value of the child. By respecting the love-giving and life-giving natures of marriage, NFP can enrich the bond between husband and wife.

For more information, visit the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops [website](https://www.usccb.org/nfp/).

RESOURCES

- The Chosen:** This is the first-ever-multi-season TV show about the life of Jesus and allows us to see Him through the eyes of those who knew him. studios.vidangel.com/the-chosen
- Formed.org:** This has a lot of great video series about the faith, faith-filled movies, and even cartoons for children. Maybe make it a family goal to watch a video series together or a faith-filled movie once a week.
- Magnificat:** This resource follows the daily Mass readings and has some prayers for the morning and evening. www.magnificat.com/free
- Laudate:** This is currently the #1 Catholic app on the app store and highly recommended.



ST. GREGORY THE GREAT CATHOLIC SCHOOL



At St. Gregory Catholic School, it is important to us that all children have access to a Catholic education no matter their financial means. Through the Catholic Education Foundation (CEF), we have financial assistance available to help families who would otherwise not be able to choose a Catholic education for their children, K-6. However, this year, the need for financial assistance in our school community is greater than the CEF funds we will receive. Currently, we have three families in need of

assistance for their children above what CEF can provide. This year, school fees for Kindergarten through 6th grade are \$750. Please consider if you can help these families make their dreams of providing a Catholic education for their children a reality. You may mail your donation or drop it off in the school/parish office. For more information please contact Karen Farrell at 562-2831 or through e-mail at kfarrell@stgregorychurch.org. Thank you!

CELEBRATE

BIRTHDAYS

July 20	Christina Miller, Kate Manley, Greg Price
July 22	Connor Halbert, Daniel Schell, Robert Eck, Robert Evans, John Luebcke
July 23	Philip Bruna, Amy Detimore, Buster Schmitz, Rebekah Schotte, Ronda Wassenberg
July 24	Bill Bogdan, Leo Cudney, Clayton Rombeck, Mitchell Shepherd
July 25	Abram Duever, Nanci Bruna, Joshua Cohorst, Kayla Glore, Amber Pacha
July 26	Deb Schwindamann

ANNIVERSARIES

July 22	Tom and Dana Kirkland Matt and Marian Friedrichs Phillip and Kelly Wilson
July 23	Dan and Kim Faulkner Richard and Pam Smith Ben and Keri Byers
July 25	Chad and Sue Rhodes
July 26	Joe and Mary Ellen Wetter

THOUGHT OF THE DAY

"Whenever you face a decision, you first can ask yourself a very dangerous question: 'If I choose this, am I seeking to please the Lord, or am I seeking to satisfy myself?'"

Dynamic Catholic

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS



Please pray for Linda Mitchell, Rick Ham, Mallory LeSage, Lori Stohs, Liz Arth, Evelyn Anderson, Mike Watters, Doug Ryan, Steven Appel, Tony Evans, Shane Molton, Teresa Reiling, Bruce Leonard, Doug Wende, Breckyn File, Melody Germann, Brittany Pappada, Mary Landoll, Scotty Hudson, Fr. Jim Shaughnessy, Dolores Wassenberg, Jim Nordhus, Don Cudney, Tori Dettke, Margaret Schotte, Kristi Meyer, Scott Throm, Joel Rivera, Parker Price, Jessie Sawin, Christen Hatzenbuehler, Janet Kirkland, Mary Feldhausen, Boston Bieler, Hudson Gartner, Raymond Throm, Debra Nietfeld Lambert, Mary Ann Lehman, Keith & Teresa Peeks, James & Jessa Sublette, Annette Pacha Smith, Joan Wacek, Rick Weigel, Barry Baber, Jordan Mackey, Wayne Price, Angie Miller, Scott Frerking, Wayne Kruse, Dorothy Peschel, Andy Kwapnioski, Larry Wissmann, Jane Frangel Williamson, Grace Koelzer, Libby Muchow, Jennifer McKeen, Leah Wassenberg, Walt & Charlotte Zimmerling, Tom Nolte, Margaret Stoehr, Francis Kloecker, Sandy Schmitz, Martha Meier, Marty Clark, Emily Larson, Debbie Jueneman, Jim Davis, Bernard Bussmann, Pat Plegge Pratt, Jim D. Schmitz, Carl Walston, Fred Behrens, Katie Vering, Sally Hall, Brian Studer, Mike Wetter, Zena Allen and Sam Wilson. *To make changes call Margaret Huffman at 713-9653 or the Parish Office.*



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Parish Hall Reservations: Contact Parish Office

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Baptisms: See website for information

Weddings: Contact Father Quentin

If someone is in need of the Eucharist taken to them, please call the Parish Office.

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