



JULY 19, 2020

ST. MARY MAGDALENE, AN EXAMPLE OF MERCY AND GRACE

Mary Magdalene, also called Mary of Magdala, is a name we all know, but details of her life are unclear. What is obvious is her example of God's great mercy, love, and grace. As a Church we honor her and celebrate her feast day on July 22.

Scriptures mention her name at least dozen times, telling us that although a sinner she was a devoted follower of Jesus. She was with our Blessed Mother at the foot of the cross, and was the first to see Jesus, soon after she collapsed, weeping at the empty tomb (John 20:11-18).

According to John's Gospel, Jesus told Mary Magdalene to announce to the apostles He appeared to her, and to tell them, "I am going to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God."

She went straight away to them, declaring, "I have seen the Lord," and shared His message. For that she is referred to as "The Apostle of the Apostles."



There is scholarly debate over her background before she met Jesus, and if she was the same Mary, who wept and washed Jesus' feet with her tears and hair in the Gospel of John.

Despite the difference of opinion, it is what she did after encountering Jesus Christ and His teachings that are significant in her story. Whatever her background, through her we can see how no one is denied the saving grace of God if you believe and follow Christ.

In 2016, Pope Francis raised the level of liturgical memory of Mary Magdalene on July 22 from memorial to feast.

Let us find peace knowing that God declares no sin is unforgivable, when we confess and repent. Let us pray to St. Magdalene, so we are not haunted with the memory of our past sins; and through her story we don't fall from grace by being judgmental Christians.

St. Mary Magdalene, pray for us.



LITANY OF SAINT MARY MAGDALENE

*Saint Mary Magdalene pray for us
to God our father so that our sins
may be forgiven the same way Jesus
Christ forgave your many sins. It
was through the same prayers that
our Lord answered and raised your
Brother Lazarus from the dead back
to life.*

*Pray for us to God oh St Mary
Magdalene so that we can get the
courage to acknowledge our sins and
beg Jesus Christ to forgive us. May
we be encouraged by your example to
always seek to be in the presence of
Jesus Christ because it is in Him that
we will get eternal salvation.*

Amen

VOCATIONS OFFICE WILL INTRODUCE NEW SEMINARIANS IN THE CALLING AUG. 7

By: Colleen Rowan

The Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston's Vocations Office will introduce new seminarians to the Catholic faithful of West Virginia in its upcoming newsletter *The Calling*, which will be featured in *The Catholic Spirit* print and electronic editions Aug. 7.



The newsletter will also feature a piece on a man becoming a priest is today's age by Father Brian Crenwelge, director of Vocations. We'll also be catching up with our newly ordained Deacon Phillip Szabo in his summer assignment with Father Tim Grassi at St. Thomas Parish

in Thomas and Our Lady of Mercy Mission in Parsons. We'll also be checking in with our newly ordained Father Justin Golna at his summer assignments with Very Rev. Dennis R. Schuelkens, Jr., V.E., at St. Joseph the Worker and Sacred Heart of Mary parishes in Weirton, and then with by Father Crenwelge at St. John University Parish and Mountaineer Catholic in Morgantown, before he returns to Rome to continue his studies in canon law.

The Calling's goal is to share all of the news, programs, and events of the diocese's Vocations Office and to provide men who may be feeling the call to priesthood the chance to learn a little more about the priests and seminarians of the diocese and their experiences.

For more news and information from *The Catholic Spirit* visit THECATHOLICSPIRITWV.ORG or follow on Facebook at WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/THECATHOLICSPIRITWV

THE CATHOLIC SPIRIT IS NOW AVAILABLE BY E-MAIL!

You are invited to join our new e-list to receive *The Catholic Spirit* by e-mail. To be added to the e-list, send an e-mail to Colleen Rowan, CROWAN@DWC.ORG, with "*The Catholic Spirit e-list*" in the subject line. Please let us know your preference saying: "E-mail only, and remove me from print mailing list" or "I would like both print and e-mail versions."

By joining the e-mail list, you will receive an e-mail on each issue date of *The Catholic Spirit* with a link to the full issue.

The Catholic Spirit will now be available under "Downloadable Spirit" at

THECATHOLICSPIRITWV.ORG.

AM I BEING CALLED TO BE A PRIEST?

Our world needs priests. It needs strong, faithful, courageous men willing to die to themselves for the sake of Christ's bride, the Church. It also needs men who want to conform themselves to Christ, who can proclaim His word and dispense His mercy in the darkest corners of the culture.

To be precise, a man only "knows" he is called when he is ordained! However, there are many positive signs that can point to a vocation, and which can help a man make the decision to enter the seminary and continue along the path towards the priesthood.

Quick discernment tool:

Now that you are here and no one is watching or listening, read these statements to yourself, take them to prayer, then act on what you know is right. God knows, you may be called to the priesthood!

- A personal relationship with Jesus Christ is important to me.
- People have told me I would make a good priest.
- I've hidden vocation material in my home or in my desk at work.



- Going to Mass and Adoration is a very important part of my faith life.
- The thought of becoming a priest keeps coming back over and over again.
- I'm afraid to tell my friends and family that I've been thinking about the priesthood.
- I feel called to give more of myself to others.
- After hearing the readings at Mass, I think about how I would preach.
- I have a burning desire to help people get closer to Christ and to know the truth.
- I have a strong sense that what I have planned for the future is not what God has planned for me.

If some of these statements reflect how you feel, if your heart is pounding even harder, if you sense a greater desire to find out if God is calling you to live in black and white, get in touch with the vocations office at WVPRIESTS.ORG. Have no fear, the Lord wants only what is best for you – and so do we.

MASS READINGS FOR THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading WISDOM 12:13, 16-19

There is no god besides you who have the care of all, that you need show you have not unjustly condemned. For your might is the source of justice; your mastery over all things makes you lenient to all. For you show your might when the perfection of your power is disbelieved; and in those who know you, you rebuke temerity. But though you are master of might, you judge with clemency, and with much lenience you govern us; for power, whenever you will, attends you. And you taught your people, by these deeds, that those who are just must be kind; and you gave your children good ground for hope that you would permit repentance for their sins.

Responsorial PSALM 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16

R. (5a) Lord, you are good and forgiving.

You, O LORD, are good and forgiving, abounding in kindness to all who call upon you. Hearken, O LORD, to my prayer and attend to the sound of my pleading.

R. Lord, you are good and forgiving.

All the nations you have made shall come and worship you, O LORD, and glorify your name. For you are great, and you do wondrous deeds; you alone are God.

R. Lord, you are good and forgiving.

You, O LORD, are a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in kindness and fidelity. Turn toward me, and have pity on me; give your strength to your servant.

R. Lord, you are good and forgiving.

Second Reading ROMANS 8:26-27

Brothers and sisters:

The Spirit comes to the aid of our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes with inexpressible groanings. And the one who searches hearts knows what is the intention of the Spirit, because he intercedes for the holy ones according to God's will.

Alleluia (CF) MATTHEW 11:25

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.

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Gospel MATTHEW 13:24-43 OR 13:24-3

Jesus proposed another parable to the crowds, saying:

"The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a man who sowed good seed in his field. While everyone was asleep his enemy came and sowed weeds all through the wheat, and then went off. When the crop grew and bore fruit, the weeds appeared as well. The slaves of the householder came to him and said, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where have the weeds come from?' He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' His slaves said to him, 'Do you want us to go and pull them up?' He replied, 'No, if you pull up the weeds you might uproot the wheat along with them. Let them grow together until harvest; then at harvest time I will say to the harvesters, 'First collect the weeds and tie them in bundles for burning; but gather the wheat into my barn.'"

He proposed another parable to them. "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that a person took and sowed in a field. It is the smallest of all the seeds, yet when full-grown it is the largest of plants. It becomes a large bush, and the 'birds of the sky come and dwell in its branches.'"

He spoke to them another parable. "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed with three measures of wheat flour until the whole batch was leavened."

All these things Jesus spoke to the crowds in parables. He spoke to them only in parables, to fulfill what had been said through the prophet: I will open my mouth in parables, I will announce what has lain hidden from the foundation of the world.

Then, dismissing the crowds, he went into the house. His disciples approached him and said, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds in the field." He said in reply, "He who sows good seed is the Son of Man, the field is the world, the good seed the children of the kingdom. The weeds are the children of the evil one,

and the enemy who sows them is the devil. The harvest is the end of the age, and the harvesters are angels. Just as weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all who cause others to sin and all evildoers. They will throw them into the fiery furnace, where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Whoever has ears ought to hear."

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PRAYER INTENTIONS

That the Church may work tirelessly to promote the gospel values of peace, love of enemy, and self-sacrifice, we pray . . .

That world leaders may work to protect the environment and natural resources given to us by God to safeguard, we pray . . .

That those who travel this summer for vacations may be safe from all harm, especially the Coronavirus, we pray . . .

That men and women may hear the call of Christ leading them to a life of service, especially the priesthood, permanent diaconate, and consecrated life, we pray . . .

Lord hear our prayer

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION PRAYER

My Jesus,

I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love You above all things,

and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already there
and unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You.

Amen.



FUN WAYS TO BRING FAITH HOME

CATHOLIC FAMILY CRATE

Catholic Family Crate (CATHOLICFAMILYCRATE.COM) - Catholic Family Crate offers paid monthly and seasonal subscriptions of boxes with Catholic family books and activities delivered directly to your home. They also provide free resources, including coloring pages and emails with prayers for you and your family to pray together.

Pray More Novenas

THE ORIGINAL NOVENA REMINDER

Pray More Novenas (PRAYMORENOVENAS.COM) - Want to pray together as a family, but not sure how? Pray More Novenas sends daily emails that include prayers for novenas around saintly feast days. Pray the prayer together as a family, and include your own intentions.

catholic all year

Catholic All Year (CATHOLICALYEAR.COM) - This website is headed up by a Catholic mom of many who has some children in school, and homeschools others. She runs a blog that provides great Catholic resources for parents (and practical support and advice). She also has a shop where you can purchase digital downloads of Catholic booklets by month (\$5). Booklets contain prayers, blessings and Bible readings relevant to that month's liturgical calendar and saints' feast days.



Catholic Mom (CATHOLICMOM.COM) - Articles of support for Catholic parents? Check. Podcast? Check. Catholic Movie Reviews? Check. This site is extensive, comprehensive and provides a wealth of resources for moms, dads, and children alike. Their Sunday Gospel activities are a particular favorite! Download Gospel readings, coloring pages, lesson plans, Mass worksheets and puzzles - all for free.

katiwarner

Katie Warner (KATIEWARNER.COM) - Katie's website provides a wealth of resources for parents and children alike - from free e-books and bulletin inserts (or home printouts as current times demand), to a supportive Facebook community and "cheat sheets" to help make family prayer easier.

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Liturgy of the Hours

LITURGY OF THE HOURS

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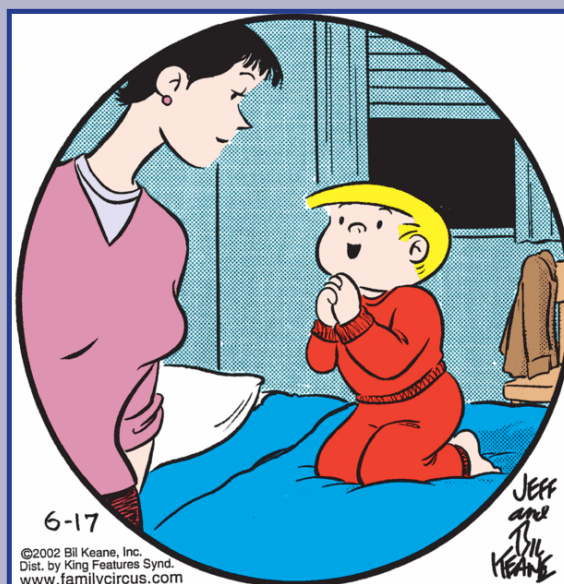


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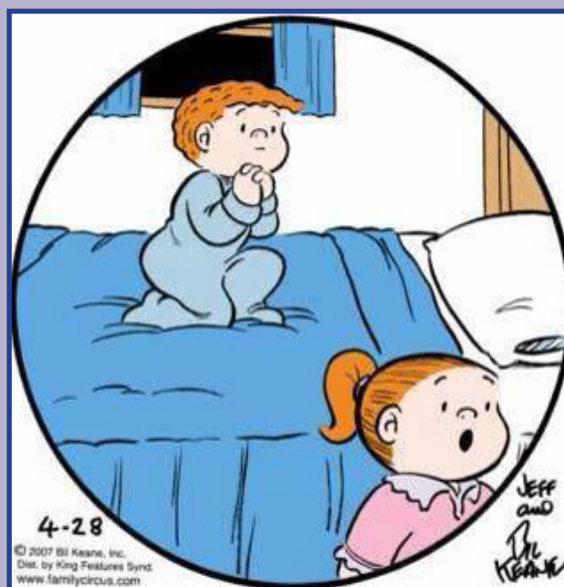
A LITTLE CATHOLIC HUMOR



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"Sayin' 'Amen' is like pressing the
'SEND' button for your prayers."



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"Jeffy's only kneeling on one knee
again and saying half the
Hail Mary."

MASS ONLINE

Saturday 6pm Masses will continue to be livestreamed from the Cathedral of St. Joseph, and will be available on our website each Sunday at DWC.ORG.

Below are four options for enriching your spirit through daily Mass online.

- EWTN airs daily Mass from Our Lady of Angels Chapel, in Irondale, Alabama, at 8am, noon, and 7pm:
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- St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York has daily Mass live streamed at 7am: [HTTPS://SAINTPATRICKSCATHEDRAL.ORG/LIVE](https://saintpatrickscathedral.org/live)
- Catholic TV also streams its daily Mass: [HTTP://CATHOLICTV.ORG/MASSES/CATHOLICTV-MASS](http://catholicTV.org/masses/catholicTV-mass)
- Daily Mass Online at Notre Dame' Basilica of the Sacred Heart is live at 11:30 am Monday-Friday:
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