



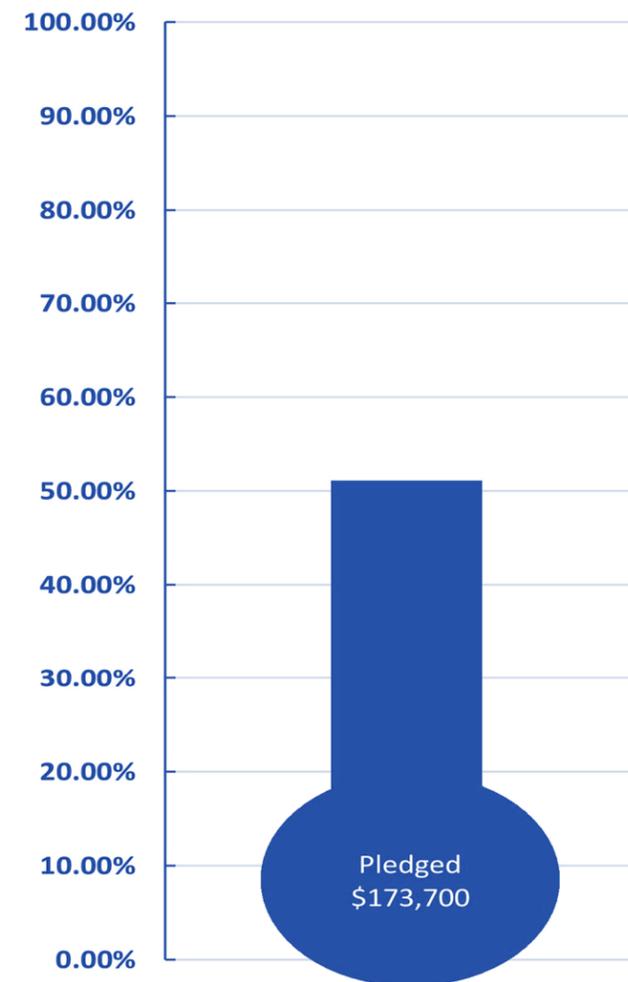
OUR LADY OF LOURDES

Catholic Parish

MASS SCHEDULE

- SATURDAY VIGIL MASS
4:00PM
- SUNDAY MASS
8:30AM & 11:00AM
- LATIN MASS
CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE
- MONDAY COMMUNION SERVICE
CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE
- TUESDAY MASS
8:00AM
- WEDNESDAY MASS
8:00AM
- THURSDAY MASS
8:00AM
- FRIDAY MASS
8:00AM
- MONTHLY
- FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION
CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE
- FIRST SATURDAY MASS
CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE
- SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
SATURDAY
3:15PM-3:45PM
OR BY APPOINTMENT

Generations of Faith Campaign Goal \$340,000.00



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Feast of St. Mary Magdalene July 22

St. Mary Magdalene is one of the greatest saints of the Bible and a legendary example of God's mercy and grace. The precise dates of her birth and death are unknown, but we do know she was present with Christ during his public ministry, death and resurrection. She is mentioned at least a dozen times in the Gospels. Mary Magdalene has long been regarded as a prostitute or sexually immoral in western Christianity, but this is not supported in the scriptures. It is believed she was a Jewish woman who lived among Gentiles, living as they did.

The Gospels agree that Mary was originally a great sinner. Jesus cast seven demons out of her when he met her. After this, she told several women she associated with and these women also became followers. There is also debate over if Mary Magdalene is the same unnamed woman, a sinner, who weeps and washes Jesus' feet with her hair in the Gospel of John. Scholars are skeptical this is the same person.

Despite the scholarly dispute over her background, what she did in her subsequent life, after meeting Jesus, is much more significant. She was certainly a sinner whom Jesus saved, giving us an example of how no person is beyond the saving grace of God.

During Jesus' ministry, it is believed that Mary Magdalene followed him, part of a semi-permanent entourage who served Jesus and his Disciples.

Mary likely watched the crucifixion from a distance along with the other women who followed Christ during His ministry. Mary was present when Christ rose from the dead, visiting his tomb to anoint his body only to find the stone rolled away and Christ, very much alive, sitting at the place they laid Him. She was the first witness to His resurrection.

After the death of Christ, a legend states that she remained among the early Christians. After fourteen years, she was allegedly put into a boat by Jews, along with several other saints of the early Church, and set adrift without sails or oars. The boat landed in southern France, where she spent the remaining years of her life living in solitude, in a cave.



St. Mary Magdalene's is the patroness of converts, repentant sinners, sexual temptation, pharmacists, and hairdressers.

2020 Collections

Regular & Holy Days Collection

07/12/20 \$2,992.00

**2020 Total Regular Collection
\$106,091.87**

Parish Projects Collection

07/12/20 \$240.00

**2020 Total Parish Project Collection
\$28,115.00**

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MASS INTENTIONS

**SATURDAY
JULY 18
4:00 PM
+ MELVA ROSE GAITWOOD**

**SUNDAY
JULY 19
8:30 AM
FATHER'S DAY INTENTIONS
+ JOHN L. DUFF**

**11:00 AM
FOR PARISHIONERS**

**TUESDAY
JULY 21
8:00AM
FATHER'S DAY INTENTIONS
+BOB WOLDEN
+ CARLOS BEAUDREAUX**

**WEDNESDAY
JULY 22
8:00AM
FATHER'S DAY INTENTIONS
+ WARREN DUBOURG
+ HANEY GOLEMON**

**THURSDAY
JULY 23
8:00AM
FATHER'S DAY INTENTIONS
SIMON SCHUM JR. (LIV)
PHILIP HOLIFIELD (LIV)
JASON MAY (LIV)
+ JESSE DAVEE HOLIFIELD**

**FRIDAY
JULY 24
8:00AM
FATHERS DAY INTENTIONS
+ BILLY JOHNSTON**

In the beginning was the word...

Our Lady of Lourdes Liturgy Committee

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
-AND-
LADIES AUXILIARY
#8740**

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Hall
Tuesday at 6PM

DAUGHTERS OF MARY
WOMEN RENEWING FAITH AND FAMILY



Bringing Home the Word

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)
July 19, 2020

A Show of Mercy

By Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

One of the most important signs of true strength is the ability to show mercy. The Roman emperors understood this and were praised when they showed clemency toward a criminal. The one who has the power to condemn also has power to forgive.

The artist Ippolito Scarsellino—in his painting *Virgin and Angels Imploring Christ Not to Punish Lust, Avarice and Pride*—depicts this mercy, as it applies to Jesus, in classic allegorical fashion. Mary and the angels are shown pleading with Jesus to hold back his wrath against lust,

avarice, and pride. Jesus is rearing back to launch arrows upon them, yet Mary begs him to withhold his judgment.

The Book of Wisdom praises God, for he is “master of might,” but governs with lenience (12:18). The fact is, he would be fully justified to reprimand every vice of his creatures, yet he chooses mercy. What a wonderful lesson for all persons in authority!

It's enough to just look at the Gospel. The weeds are not immediately torn out or burned out of consideration of the wheat. Both are allowed to grow and develop to maturity to ensure the harvest. Permitting the good to struggle with evil allows the good to grow in perfection. It also gives the bad a chance to convert.

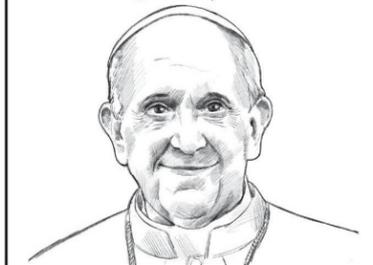
God gives every grace to those who love him so that we may not succumb to the challenges around us. His mercy gives the sinner every possible chance to repent and be saved. This is the heart we must have for one another and why we should never gloat about our goodness or despair of our weaknesses. While there is life, there is hope. +

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A Word from Pope Francis

There are no unemployed people in the kingdom of God. Everyone is called to do their part; and there will be a reward from divine justice for everyone in the end...the salvation that Jesus Christ acquired for us with his death and resurrection, a salvation which is not deserved, but donated.

—Angelus, September 24, 2017



REFLECTION QUESTIONS

- Do I more readily imitate God's judgment, justice, or mercy?
- How can I practice all three?

Sunday Readings

Wisdom 12:13, 16-19

Your might is the source of righteousness; / your mastery over all things makes you lenient to all.

Romans 8:26-27

The Spirit...comes to the aid of our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought.

Matthew 13:24-43 or 13:24-30

[Jesus said,] 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.”

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Spiritual or Religious? Why Not Both

By Jim and Susan Vogt

Are you religious, spiritual, both, or neither? Does it matter? Many young adults these days are distancing themselves from the Catholic Church, claiming they're spiritual but not religious. To understand this, we talked with several twenty-somethings. Here's one conversation.

Q: Jeff, what's your take on this “spiritual vs. religious” debate?

A: Many of my friends would say they're spiritual but not religious. Most of them grew up Catholic, went to church on Sundays and to Catholic school. Now that they're on their own, making time for organized religion isn't a priority. Many do volunteer work, but going to church isn't on their radar.

Q: What about you? You go to Mass with your family on Christmas, Easter, and special occasions. Do you still consider yourself Catholic?

A: Yes, I'm Catholic. I believe what Christ taught, and the essential ideals of the Church make sense. I filter some Church stuff through the lens of common sense, though. The Catholic Church often seems archaic to me—all that medieval pageantry. The sexual abuse scandal doesn't help. I buy “love your neighbor as

yourself,” but I get fed up with rules like only unmarried men should be priests and restrictions about marriage and Communion. I figure those are human rules—not the essence of Catholicism.

Q: So if you agree with the heart of Catholicism, are you a practicing Catholic? Do you attend weekly Mass?

A: I attend, but not weekly. That's not where my social network gets together. I've already got a good group of friends, and I wouldn't see any of them at Mass.

Q: Jesus said, “Do this in remembrance of me.” He was giving us a way to stay close to him on a regular basis.

A: You have a point. Maybe I'm spiritual but not religious. It's just that I believe in a loving God and don't think God is going to send me to hell if I lead a good life but don't go to Mass every Sunday.

This conversation may be disconcerting to practicing Catholics. What we hold dear isn't part of the culture of many young adults—even thoughtful, idealistic ones. Their reasons might sound superficial or immature to us. Can you and I do anything that will make a difference?

• **Challenge your own faith.** Often the path to a deeper faith comes through the



powerful experience of meeting Jesus on the margins of society. Like the Good Samaritan, we can move beyond our comfort levels and see the face of Christ in those who are ignored or hurting.

• **Challenge the faith of young adults.** Young adults are especially ripe for discovering the face of God through powerful spiritual and human experiences. Help your parish design opportunities for volunteering their talents to lend a hand to those in need.

• **Use crises.** Nobody seeks a tragedy, but in time, enough naturally come our way. Recognize hardship as an unwelcome time of potential grace. It's often through crisis that God breaks into our lives.

• **Prepare teens.** While teens are still living at home, prepare them for the day when it will be up to them to shake off the inertia of society to seek God's presence in community. They'll have to decide what's important in life. Make sure they know the Church is open to them.

• **Recognize the importance of friends.** Parishes must be creative about connecting younger adults with networks of friends who care about each other and about gathering in Jesus' presence.

Religious or spiritual? For Catholics, this is the wrong question. We should be both. +

PRAYER

Lord, you revealed the power of the kingdom of heaven on earth. Help me plant the seeds of love, compassion, and peace in the hearts of all people.

—From *Faithful Meditations for Every Day in Ordinary Time*, Rev. Warren J. Savage and Mary Ann McSweeney

WEEKDAY READINGS

July 20-25

Monday, Weekday:

Mi 6:1-4, 6-8 / Mt 12:38-42

Tuesday, Weekday:

Mi 7:14-15, 18-20 / Mt 12:46-50

Wednesday, St. Mary Magdalene:

Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17 / Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

Thursday, Weekday:

Jer 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13 / Mt 13:10-17

Friday, Weekday:

Jer 3:14-17 / Mt 13:18-23

Saturday, St. James:

2 Cor 4:7-15 / Mt 20:20-28

Bringing Home the Word 
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GENERATIONS OF FAITH

**ENDOWING
OUR FUTURE
WITH HOPE**

ARCHDIOCESE OF MOBILE

Dear Brothers and Sisters in the Lord,

The Archdiocese of Mobile is blessed with a rich history. For more than 300 years, many generations of Catholics have been raised in our parish communities where faith is taught, celebrated and lived.

As your Archbishop, I am very hopeful for the future of our Church. We have faithful young men open to following Christ to serve us as priests. We have laity who are increasingly energized and engaging in the life of the Church. There is a hunger for Scripture among our people and an understanding that being a Catholic must affect every aspect of one's life. This is great news and something to be excited about! It is my hope that generations to come will know and experience the Lord through the sacraments, the Gospel, and one another, as we do today.

The Generations of Faith – Endowing Our Future with Hope campaign is in response to many years of reflection, research, consultation, and prayerful planning. Every family experiences the need to plan and prepare for the future; this is also true with our faith family here in the Archdiocese of Mobile.

This campaign is not about building new churches or buildings; instead, it is about ensuring we have the resources to continue building up the faith among our family for generations to come. Today, I ask each of you to join in this historic archdiocesan-wide campaign by making a commitment in our generation to secure a bright future for the Archdiocese of Mobile.

Sincerely in the Lord,

+ Thomas J. Rodi

Campaign Prayer

O Loving and Gracious God,
by our holy baptism, faith is Your precious gift to us.
For this gift to thrive, faith must be lived and shared
with each generation.

Through our support of this campaign,
we will say "thank you" to our beloved retired priests
who, over the years, have drawn us closer to You;
we will help our seminarians
as they prepare to be our future priests;
we will support our young people
as they discover the beauty of the Catholic faith;
and we will strengthen our parishes
as beacons of mercy and love.

In this way, we will indeed endow our future with hope.
We ask Our Lady's intercession for a successful campaign
to the honor and glory of You,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

Entrance: All People That On Earth Do Dwell

All people that on earth do dwell, Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice;
Him serve with mirth, His praise forth tell,
Come we before Him, and rejoice.

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.



Gloria

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.
We praise you, we bless you,
we adore you, we glorify you,
We give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.
Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
Son of the Father,
You take away the sins of the world,
Have mercy on us;
You take away the sins of the world,
Receive our prayer;
You are seated at the right hand of the Father,
Have mercy on us.
For you alone are the Holy One,
You alone are the Lord,
You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
With the Holy Spirit,
In the glory of God the Father, Amen.
Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.

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: Psalm 86

R: 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

Alleluiah

R. Alleluia, alleluia

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

R. Alleluia, alleluia

Gospel Matthew 13: 24-30

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."

Nicene Creed

I believe in one God,

The Father Almighty,

Maker of heaven and earth,

Of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,

The Only Begotten Son of God,

Born of the Father before all ages.

God from God,

Light from Light,

True God from True God,

Begotten, not made,

Consubstantial with the Father,

Through Him all things were made,

For us men and for our salvation

He came down from heaven,

And by the Holy Spirit

Was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,

And became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,

He suffered death and was buried,

And rose again on the third day

In accordance with the scriptures.

He ascended into heaven and is seated

At the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory

To judge the living and the dead

And His kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord,

The giver life, who proceeds from

The Father and the Son,

Who with the Father and the Son

Is adored and glorified,

Who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic

And apostolic Church.

I confess one baptism

For the forgiveness of sins

And I look forward to the resurrection

Of the dead

And the life of the world to come.

Amen.

Presentation Hymn: In the Day of the Lord

Refrain

In the day of the Lord, the sun will shine like the dawn of eternal day.

All creation will rise to dance and sing the glory of the Lord!

And on that day will justice triumph, on that day will all be free: free from want, free from fear, free to live!

Refrain

Then shall the nations throng together to the mountain of the Lord: they shall walk in the light of the Lord!

Refrain

And they shall beat their swords to plow-shares; there will be an end to war: one in peace, one in love, one in God!

Refrain

For Israel shall be delivered, and the desert lands will bloom. Say to all, "Do not fear. Here is your God!"

Refrain

And on that day of Christ in glory, God will wipe away our tears, and the dead shall rise up from their graves!

Refrain

O give us eyes to see Your glory, give us hearts to understand. Let our ears hear Your voice 'till You come!

Refrain

Communion Hymn: In the Breaking of Bread

Refrain

In the breaking of the bread, we have known Him; we have been fed. Jesus the stranger, Jesus the Lord, be our companion; be our hope.

Bread for the journey, strength for our years, manna of ages, of struggle and tears. Cup of salvation, fruit of the land, bless and receive now, the work of our hands.

Refrain

Bread of the promise, people of hope, wine of compassion, life for the world. Gathered at table, joined as His body, sealed in the Spirit, sent by the Word.

Refrain

Sending Forth: Now Thank We All Our God

Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voices, Who wondrous things has done, in Whom His world rejoices; Who, from our mothers' arms, Hath blest us on our way with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

O may this gracious God through all our life be near us, with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us; preserve us in His grace, and guide us in distress, and free us from all sin, till heaven we possess.



OUR LADY OF LOURDES
CATHOLIC PARISH

Almighty and Everlasting God, the eternal salvation of those who believe in You, hear us on behalf of Your servants who are sick, for whom we humbly beg the help of your mercy, so that, being restored to health, they may render thanks to you in your Church. Through Christ our Lord.
Amen

Prayer List

Anita Barclay, Campbell Berger, Katherine Berger, Bethany Ann Boltz, Eddie Booth Sr., Logan Bowers, Clement Boney, Patrick Webb Brownlie-Carey, Noli Causay, Teresa Coleman, Lee Cooley, Peter Cooley, Anita Cowart, Lemuel Dickinson, Daniel Dorriety, Marquitta Dukes, John Dumas, Teresa Dumas, Johnny Finch, Shelby Fletcher, Raymond Floyes, Louise Frontz, Tim Frontz, Gracie Galindo, Jose Galindo, Tony Golemon, Billy Kenny, MaryAnn Keith, Liz Kilborn, Steven Kuszynski, Shirley Lacy, Michael Langan, Alfred Leonard, Margie Lord, Rodney Lundy, Mary McKeough, Patricia McRoy, Craig Miley, Archie Moore, Elaine Moore, Wally Neese, Tiffany Neese, Darlene O'Rourke, Alex Paneda, Lita Paneda, Scott Peck, Glenda Pose, Glenda Pouyadou, Ursula Quintana, Kaitlyn Reynolds, Dorothy Sanchez, Simon Schum, Cindy Snow, Larry Snow, Tootie Spikes, Curtis Steiner, Rita Steiner, Todd Stringfellow, Barbara Thomas, Max Edward Thomas, Katelyn Tillman, Tyler Upton, Norma Villanueva, Anna Vesperas, Rudy Vesperas, Ida Vrazel, Sallie Washington, Albert Washington, Heather Washington, Darlene Watson, Brad Wells, Bubba Williams, Agnes Worley, Bobby Zarate.