

Pope Elevates Memorial of St. Mary Magdalene to Feast Day

VATICAN CITY (CNS)—Recognizing St. Mary Magdalene's role as the first to witness Christ's resurrection and as a "true and authentic evangelizer," Pope Francis raised the July 22 memorial of St. Mary Magdalene to a feast on the church's liturgical calendar, the Vatican announced.

A decree formalizing the decision was published by the Congregation for Divine Worship June 10 along with an article explaining its significance. Both the decree and the article were titled "Apostolorum Apostola" ("Apostle of the Apostles").

In the article for the Vatican newspaper, Archbishop Arthur Roche, secretary of the congregation, wrote that in celebrating "an evangelist who proclaims the central joyous message of Easter," St. Mary Magdalene's feast day is a call for all Christians to "reflect more deeply on the dignity of women, the new evangelization and the greatness of the mystery of divine mercy."

"Pope Francis has taken this decision precisely in the context of the Jubilee of Mercy to highlight the relevance of this woman who showed great love for Christ and was much loved by Christ," Archbishop Roche wrote.

While most liturgical celebrations of individual saints during the year are known formally as memorials, those classified as feasts are reserved for important events in Christian history and for saints of particular significance, such as the Twelve Apostles.

In his apostolic letter "Dies Domini" ("The Lord's Day"), St. John Paul II explained that the "commemoration of the saints does not obscure the centrality of Christ, but on the contrary extols it, demonstrating as it does the power of the redemption wrought by him."

Preaching about St. Mary Magdalene, Pope Francis highlighted Christ's mercy toward a woman who was "exploited and despised by those who believed they were righteous," but she was loved and forgiven by him.

A heartfelt thank you to the Manning, Marin, and Sheller families for their generous time, talent and treasure during the first meeting of the Cathedral Family Group. A good time was had by all. Look for more events from the group in the near future. If you are a young family and are looking for some good fun, please consider joining us!

A Prayer for Fathers

As we celebrate this Father's Day, let us say a special prayer for all Fathers

God our Father, you govern and protect your people and shepherd them with a father's love.

You place a father in a family as a sign of your love, care, and constant protection.

May fathers everywhere be faithful to the example shown in the Scriptures: steadfast in love, forgiving transgressions, sustaining the family, caring for those in need.

Give your wisdom to fathers that they may encourage and guide their children.

Keep them healthy so they may support a family.

Guide every father with the Spirit of your love that they may grow in holiness and draw their family ever closer to you.

Amen

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Weekday Mass: 12:05 p.m. Monday through Friday; 9:00 a.m. Saturday.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: 11:15-11:50 a.m. Friday; 5-5:45 p.m. Saturday.

Sacrament of the Sick and Communion to Homebound: Call the parish office anytime to make arrangements.

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Weekly Journal for the Cathedral of St. Joseph



Tim Bishop Photo
The warmer, humid temperatures of the season always bring the chance for severe weather. Here is a photo I took of our Cathedral as storms rolled in June 16. Just wanted to share it with you!

Christian Awareness

By: Alex J. Nagem

I knew you were walking with me, I felt at ease in the face of every storm. When frightened of the unknown, you comfort my thoughts without me hearing your voice. I have hope, for you have overcome the world. I raised my arms and face to the sky and cried out for you to hear my plea. You answered with the strength renewed to continue the journey. You turned my thoughts from anger to peace, from hate to love, and continue to bless each step I take. You forgave my shortcomings for you are my Savior. I have encountered many tests of faith. You have delivered me from each. When I became self absorbed with accomplishments and thrived on praise, humility overcame me as a reminder you were working through me. All praise is to be yours. "For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned." Romans

12:3.

Donald Sutherland had a role in the 1970 comedy, "Kelly's Heroes." One of his many memorable lines in the movie (at least for me) is, "Why don't you knock it off with them negative waves? Why don't you dig how beautiful it is out here? Why don't you say something righteous and hopeful for a change?"

For those who want a more religious version of this saying, it can be found in Philippians 4:8-9, "Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, practice these things and the God of peace will be with you." It is easy for many to be aware of all that is wrong than all that is good. We see a child with a physical handicap and think of all the barriers to be faced. Do we see the smiles and love shown by the parents who have looked beyond the physical problems? Do we pay attention to the medical staff who is excited to see the child and work with them providing encourage-

ment and care? Do we see the smile and excitement on the child's face when they see their family and friends? Or do we only see the negative side of things?

I came across something I wrote as a teenager. It was dreams for my future. The short story is that I did fulfill many of those dreams. I didn't have a millionaire dollar bank account by the age of 40 though. It took some time of contemplation and also frustration to realize that there are wrong decisions made and circumstances that we cannot control that affect our lives and be satisfied with those thoughts. Keeping a mindset on what God had intended for me is comforting. Even if it is something that I don't wish to experience, I feel I am doing it for our God. Sound silly? It does keep the daily negative waves to a minimum. As many of you, I will spend time reading verses in the Bible hoping one will calm my fears or provide direction. As with the verses from Philippians, 3:13-16, which provide a biblical response to my thoughts, "Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for

the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus. Let those of us who are mature think this way, and if in anything you think otherwise, God will reveal that also to you. Only let us hold true to what we have attained." Is awareness that there is a chance to spend an eternity in a place called Heaven of which we have no detailed description of its surroundings that we can comprehend other than believing we will be with our Triune God sufficient to keep our mindset focused on this goal? For many, it is. What greater desire should anyone have?

This may be one of the shortest articles I have written in some time. I am not lost for words or thoughts since I am never lacking in either one. I only wish for each who read these words to be aware of what has been provided by God and what is still yet to come through Jesus Christ, and keep the negative waves to a minimum and dig how beautiful our life will be. (The liberal counterculture Christian in me still lives.)

My continued prayers are said with you mind, as I hope I am remembered in yours.

"Vocatus Atque non Vocatus, Deus Aderit"
Alex J. Nagem

June 19, 2016

Intercessions

Please keep in your prayers: Dallas Disbro, David A. Kress, Jr., Edward Fanning, Helen Kouski, Rosalie Davis, Kathy Cooley, Barb Mazzocca, Rick South, Eva Wood, Mary Alice Florio, James Midcap, Lukie Brown, Hines Rotriga, Patricia Kalisz, Janie, Jim and Dee, Judy Pack, Milissa Rose, Michael DeBlasis, Liam Manning, Virginia Joseph, Dolores Joseph, Mary Ann Fowler, Henry Vogler, Dustin Ronevich, Bob Jones, Frank Davis, Jimmy Hocking, Susan Graff, Brogan Gallentine, Janet Cupp, Richard Simon, Mark Davis, James Benner, Susan Schulte, Margaret Stocke, Thomas Griffith, Julia Sheets, William Schultz, Jean and Chuck Schultz, R. J. Stocke, Jane Rudari, Marlene Martin, Milly Burke, Norma Bosold, Stephanie Bugaj, Arthur Danehart, Jon-Michael Lasher, Shawn Thomas, Thelma Pearson, Kermit Klosterman, Mary K. Schlosser, Jr., Anne Sobota, Susan Mize, Rick Burgy, Betty Teater, Sarah Sargent, Sr., Sally Jochum, Martha Yocum, Father Joseph Wilhelm, Mary Walicki, George Kirchner, Shirley DeCaria, Haley Carter, Caleb Hlebiczki, Bob Armstrong, Austin Cook, Ron Hickman, Stanley Kyrk, Annie Midcap, Charles Heizer, Gail Koch, Pete Mack, Nancy Witzberger, Fred Herink, the Children of the Youth Services System, Chuck Fair, Darleen Williams and Mona Wurtzbacher

June 19, 2016

Mass Intentions and Readings

Sunday—June 19th—TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Father's Day

Sat 6:00p Mass for Dale Shutler
8:00a Mass for John Sheets
10:30a Mass for the Parishioners
RDGS: Zec 12:10-11; 13:1 Ps 63:2-6, 8-9 Gal 3:26-29 Lk 9:18-24

Monday—June 20th—12th Week of Ordinary Time

12:05p Mass for Jean Huff
RDGS: 2 Kgs 17:5-8, 13-15a, 18 Ps 60:3-5, 12-13 Mt 7:1-5

Tuesday—June 21st—Saint Aloysius Gonzaga, religious

12:05p Mass for Jerry Fabian
RDGS: 2 Kgs 19:9b-11, 14-21, 31-35a, 26 Ps 48:2-4, 10-11 Mt 7:6, 12-14
5:30p Parish Council

Saint Aloysius Gonzaga, religious, Jesuit scholastic, died at age 23 caring for the sick; from the princely family of Castiglione; a page at the court of the Medicis and of Philip II of Spain; renounced inheritance to enter the Jesuits; St. Robert Bellarmine was his spiritual director; strongly devoted to the Eucharist, interior prayer, and charitable service; patron of youth and of students in Jesuit colleges and universities.

Wednesday—June 22nd—Saint Paulinus of Nola, Bishop, Saints John Fisher, Bishop, and Thomas More, Martyrs

12:05p Mass for June Flynn
RDGS: 2 Kgs 22:8-13; 23:1-3 Ps 119:33-37, 40 Mt 7:15-20

Paulinus, died 431; husband and father who gave his possessions to the poor; dedicated bishop, especially during the Visigothic invasions.

John Fisher, beheaded 22 June 1535; chancellor of Cambridge University; bishop of Rochester; dedicated pastor of souls; renowned for his preaching and educational reforms; defender of Church tradition against Luther, and of the Roman primacy against Henry VIII.

Thomas More, beheaded 6 July 1535; humanist and chancellor of England; close friend of Erasmus; wrote Utopia; refused to support Henry VIII's divorce of Queen Catherine and his Act of Supremacy; patron of lawyers, statesmen, and politicians.

Thursday—June 23rd—12th Week of Ordinary Time

12:05p Mass for Dolores Perri
RDGS: 2 Kgs 24:8-17 Ps 79:1b-5, 8-9 Mt 7:21-29

Friday—June 24th—THE NATIVITY OF JOHN THE BAPTIST

11:15a Confessions

12:05p Mass for Ron Radcliffe
RDGS: Is49:1-6 Ps 139:1b-3, 13-15 Acts 13:22-26 Lk 1:57-66, 80

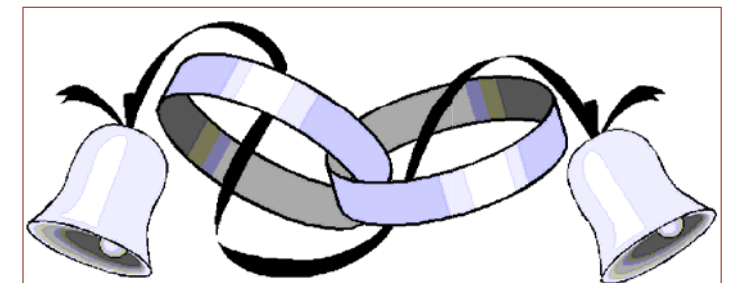
This feast, dating from the 4th c. in both East and West, came to be celebrated, in accord with Lk 1:36, six months before the Lord's birth; quoting John 3:30, St. Augustine found this date appropriate for, after the birth of John, daylight begins to grow shorter, whereas after Jesus' birth, it begins to increase.

Saturday—June 25th—12th Week of Ordinary Time

9:00a Mass for John Redosh
5:00p Confessions
6:00p Mass for Parishioners
RDGS: Lam 2:2, 10-14, 18-19 Ps 74:1b-7, 20-21 Mt 8:5-17

Sunday—June 26th—THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00a Mass for S J Marrit
10:30a Mass for Nicholas & Nimnoom Ghaphery
RDGS: 1 Kgs 19:16b, 19-21 Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-11 Gal 5:1, 13-18 Lk 9:51-62



Banns of Marriage
Cameron Cieply & Brandon Tucker
July 9, 2016

If any of you know cause or just impediment why these persons should not be joined together in Holy Matrimony, you are to declare it.
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