



SAINT MARY MAGDALENE PARISH

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SUNDAY, JANUARY 5, 2025

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. - Mt 2:10-11



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

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PERPETUAL ADORATION

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Join us in the chapel for...

Holy Hour for Life:

Thursdays at 5:30pm

Holy Hour for Priests:

1st Sunday of each month at
3:00pm

New to St. Mary Magdalene?

Welcome! We are looking forward to meeting you! You can formally register as a parishioner here ———>



WEBSITE: smarymag.org

Need anointing of the sick?

Call the Parish Office to make an appointment (480) 279-6737 OR Email pastoralcare@smarymag.org

Only for emergencies, call 480-678-3353.



Daily Parish Life

Readings for the Week

Readings for the week of January 5, 2025

Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 (see 11)/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

Monday: 1 Jn 3:22—4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8/Mk 6:34-44

Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13/Mk 6:45-52

Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17/Lk 4:14-22a

Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Lk 5:12-16

Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b/Jn 3:22-30

Next Sunday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30 (1)/Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

This Week's Saints, Special Observances & Mass Intentions

Saturday: 8am: +Darlene Coppens
4:30pm: Pro Populo

Sunday: *The Epiphany of the Lord*
7am: +Florencio Burca
9am: +Ambrosio Talbo Sr.
11:30: Si Levinsky Family
4:30: +Simeon Limhanyong

Monday: *St. Andre Bessette*
8am: +Rita & Willie Williams

Tuesday: 8am: +All Souls in Purgatory

Wednesday: 8am: Si All who have been abused

Thursday: 8am: Si Brown Family

Friday: 8am: +Rebecca Sprinkle

Saturday: 8am: +Irma Najarro
4:30: +Simeon Limhanyong

Pray for Us

Please **pray for those who are sick** including all of those in our parish Book of Intentions. 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 faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.



Become a Regular Adorer

Thank you to all of those who answered the call to sign up for an Adoration hour!

Please consider signing up to be in the presence of our Lord for one hour a week.



Visit this QR code:

Contact Chris at Liturgy@smarymag.org with questions.

Parish Communities

Respect Life Initiative:

Contact: Ashley Laswell
respectlifesmarmag@gmail.com

Magis Women:

The bible study meets every other Monday at 6:30pm.

Contact: Jennifer Tortorici
jdtortorici@yahoo.com (602) 430-0264

Catholic Daughters of America:

Contact: 2779cda@gmail.com (480) 279-6737

Knights of Columbus:

Contact: Tom Axline
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?

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Liturgy & Pastoral Care



THE FEAST OF THE **EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**

Hello St. Mary Magdalene,

Merry Christmas! Today is the feast of the Epiphany and a wonderful feast where we see God manifesting Himself. A Greek word meaning “manifestation from above,” the feast of the Epiphany celebrates Christ as the Son of God via the magi who come and offer precious gifts to Jesus that both testify to Him as King and what He will do 33 years later. Yet, we’re also told about the wise men’s visit that they paid homage to Christ indicating that their greatest gift to Christ was them! They had given their hearts and lives to Christ (indicated by them prostrating (lying face down) themselves before Jesus. They’re putting themselves in a posture of vulnerability and humility before Christ and, therefore, are setting an example for us on what we too can offer Christ. This gift of prostration is a gift worth more than anything else (yes, even than the pile of gold and expensive myrrh) and is what the Church invites us to imitate this celebration. The greatest gift we can give Christ, one that each of us can offer in a unique way, is the gift of you! He [Christ] wants you! He was born, suffered, died, and rose again in glory; so that we might be with Him for eternity. This is the power of today’s marvelous feast and so, following the example of these three kings, “come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!”

God bless, Fr. Chris

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Welcome

TO ST. MARY
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CATHOLIC PARISH



Discover

*The Signs
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LITURGY

Would you be willing to greet people before or after mass, help with the readings or serve in another way during mass?

Chris: liturgy@smarymag.org.



Diocese News

Who is the Man of the Shroud? *Where Science Meets Faith!*

The Shroud of Turin is a 14-foot linen cloth historically revered as the burial shroud of Jesus Christ. As the most studied artifact in human history, it bears an anatomically perfect image of a man which has not been successfully replicated or fully explained by science to this day.

Father Andrew Dalton is a Catholic Priest of the Legionaries of Christ and an International Shroud speaker. He will be offering **four** FREE lectures on the Shroud of Turin. ALL ARE WELCOME!

Sat, Jan 4 at 10:00am
St Mary's Basilica
231 N 3rd St, Phoenix

Sun, Jan 5 at 6:15pm
St Thomas the Apostle
2312 E Campbell Av, Phoenix

Mon, Jan 6 at 6:00pm
Our Lady of Guadalupe
20615 E Ocotillo Rd, Queen Crk

Tue, Jan 7 at 6:00pm
(Spanish)
Our Lady of Guadalupe
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The Spiritual Exercises Retreat for Women

March 14-16th at Spirit in the Desert Retreat Center in Carefree. All women are welcome. The retreat is based on the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola and is comprised of guided meditations, personal reflection, Mass, and opportunities for confession and spiritual direction. For more information contact Ingrid Alcantara at colombiana688@gmail.com Directed by the Congregation of the Legionaries of Christ and sponsored by the Regnum Christi Movement.

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Did you just get engaged? Congratulations!

Are you Catholic but got married outside of the church? Getting married in the Catholic Church is a beautiful experience, but usually provokes many questions.

We are here to accompany you.

Contact us to start your preparations.

Chris: liturgy@smarymag.org

Transformed in Love: Were you involved in mentoring couples in the past at St Mary Magdalene or another parish, or would you be willing to mentor other couples on the sacrament of marriage? and those who have been married in the Church for some time and have some wisdom to share. If you are a couple that is interested in mentoring others, or **a couple who helped with this program in the past**, please join our marriage team by contacting: liturgy@smarymag.org or adultformation@smary.org for more info.



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Contact: admin@smarymag.org

Boy Scouts/Cub Scouts:
Interested?

Contact Vincent Adrshak:
Troop522GilbertAz@gmail.com

or

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Adult Formation



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E.Y.E. is a program that facilitates a deeper understanding of our universal church and global solidarity amongst young adults. Participants will bring back what they learned in Nairobi to ministries in the Diocese of Phoenix.

Important Dates

- April 6, 2025-June 1, 2025: Bi-Weekly Pre-Immersion Meetings
- June 9-26: Immersion trip to Nairobi, Kenya
- June 26-29: Immersion retreat in Phoenix
- July-December, 2025: Monthly post-immersion meetings

Who is E.Y.E. open to?

Catholic Young Adults ages 18-30

What does E.Y.E cost?

There is no out of pocket cost, but group fundraising is required. Participants are financially responsible for passports and any other pre-travel requirements.

Apply by January 6, 2025



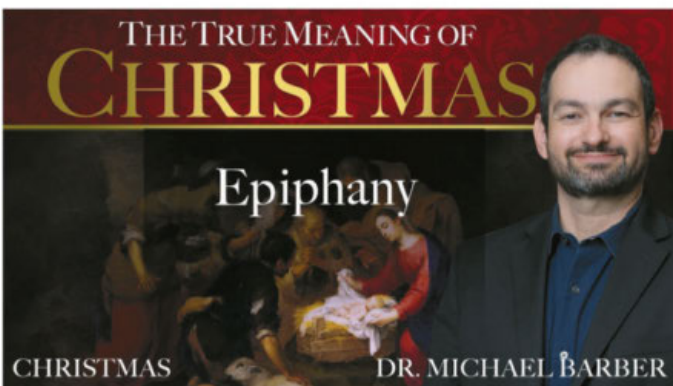
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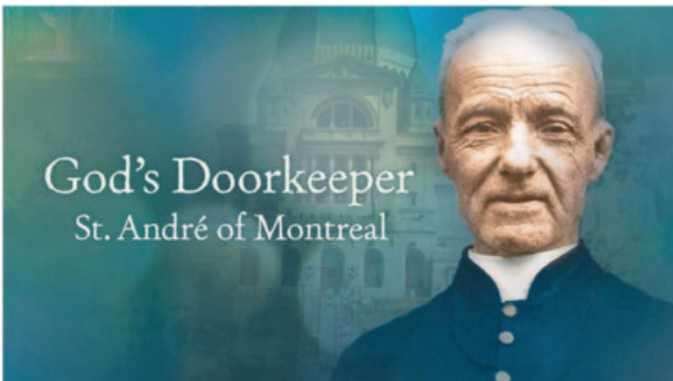
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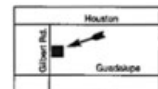
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