



SAINT MARY MAGDALENE PARISH

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Sunday, February 2nd, 2025

THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

“Behold, this child is destined for the
fall and rise of many in Israel.” - Lk 2:34



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

PERPETUAL ADORATION

The Blessed Sacrament is exposed 24 hours a day 7 days a week. For access after office hours, call the office for a code.



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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 February 2, 2025

Sunday: Mal 3:1-4/Heb 2:14-18/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10/
Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32

Monday: Heb 11:32-40/Ps 31:20, 21, 22, 23, 24/
Mk 5:1-20

Tuesday: Heb 12:1-4/Ps 22:26b-27, 28 and 30, 31
-32/Mk 5:21-43

Wednesday: Heb 12:4-7, 11-15/Ps 103:1-2, 13-14, 17
-18a/Mk 6:1-6

Thursday: Heb 12:18-19, 21-24/Ps 48:2-3ab, 3cd-
4, 9, 10-11/Mk 6:7-13

Friday: Heb 13:1-8/Ps 27:1, 3, 5, 8b-9abc/Mk
6:14-29

Saturday: Heb 13:15-17, 20-21/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4,
5, 6/Mk 6:30-34

Next Sunday: Is 6:1-2a, 3-8/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 7-8
(1c)/1 Cor 15:1-11 or 15:3-8, 11/Lk 5:1-
11

This Week's Saints, Special Observances & Mass Intentions

Saturday: 8am: +Mary Ellen Rogers
4:30pm: Pro Populo

Sunday: *The Presentation* 7am: +Grace Sodano
9am: +Deceased Members of the Nigro Family
11:30: Si Sister Maria Paolima Domenici
4:30: +Roy Francis

Monday: 8am: +Souls in Purgatory

Tuesday: 8am: Si for the elderly

Wednesday: *St. Agatha* 8am: +Kay Nadeau

Thursday: 8am: Si Victor Jimenez

Friday: 8am: +Lawrence Oeding

Saturday: *St. Josephine Bakhita*
8am: +Ronald Chehy
4:30: +Rebecca Sprinkle

Pray for Us

Please **pray for those who are sick** including and all of those in our parish Book of Intentions. We extend **Our Prayers and Sympathy** to all the deceased including **Elizabeth Lokey, Gloria Anderson, Rosmarie** Morley and 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?

Come join us at 7pm on Fridays!
Email: smarymagcts@gmail.com
or Instagram [@catholictruthseekers](https://www.instagram.com/catholictruthseekers)



Liturgy & Pastoral Care

Hello St. Mary Magdalene,

Today we celebrate the Presentation of the Lord. This celebration is steeped in salvation history as the firstborn son was offered to God in the temple; harkening back to the firstborn son being offered in Egypt as the price of deliverance from slavery. Thus, the firstborn is “redeemed” ritually by this offering and that’s what brings Mary, Joseph, and Christ to the temple today. They are fulfilling the obligations of the religious ritual law (even though Mary and Christ have no sins, they still faithfully observe ritual law) as they bring the forty day old Jesus. Here they have an encounter with Simeon and Anna that further emphasizes the role of Christ within salvation history. As mentioned above, the firstborn son was “redeemed” in the temple by this ritual offering remembering the Passover lamb sacrificed as the cost of freedom. Now we see Simeon predicting Christ’s passion the moment when He will fulfill His role as the true Lamb of God on Calvary. Christ is both the firstborn son and the lamb, the one offered in sacrifice. This is why Simeon speaks to Mary about the sword that will pierce her heart in direct foreshadowing of the sword of sorrows she’ll endure as Christ enters into His Passion and frees us from a greater slavery than that of Egypt.



In the midst of this dramatic remembrance of the past and foretelling of the future we see Simeon and Anna rejoicing in what is to come. They’re not depressed, sorrowful, or melancholic for either Christ or Mary and what the future will bring. To the contrary, they’re filled with joy as we see embodied in Simeon’s canticle, “Now, Master, you may let your servant go in peace, according to your word, for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in sight of all the peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel” (Luke 2:29-32, NABRE). Sometime after this, Simeon goes to meet his eternal reward and so this encounter with Christ for him was both a beginning (of God’s salvation) and an end (of his earthly life) and yet he is still filled with both hope and joy. Joy at having seen God and hope that God’s promises are fulfilled! Simeon therefore provides a fascinating perspective for us to reflect on God’s action in our own lives. Simeon’s seeing God’s actions in the past and his present give hope for the future, difficult though it may be. Simeon knows that God is at work and trusts in this work and his role in it. Let us pray then too that like Simeon we may go in peace having seen the salvation and power of God at work in our daily life.

God bless, Fr. Chris

Pastoral Care/Sacred Liturgy

will be sponsoring Holy Hour for Life on
Thursday, February 6.

You are invited to join us in prayer. If you would like to lead a decade of the rosary please email paulaprincipal@yanoo.com. Help us to fill the chapel in prayer!

PASTORAL CARE:

We have a current need for more help serving our homebound and elderly. If you would be willing to bring our Lord in the Eucharist to those who are unable to attend Mass, or willing to do corporal acts of mercy (serve the sick and dying). **Contact:** Liturgy@smarymag.org

Help us in congratulating and praying for the following who have received recent sacraments:

Confirmation and First Eucharist:
Vicky Seaman

Prayer Line Ministry: Would you like to receive regular messages to pray for the needs of our parish? Sign-up on Flocknote or email prayer-line@smarymag.org to say you want to sign-up as a prayer warrior. Let's create a powerful prayer warrior team here at St Mary Magdalene!



Diocese News



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.

INTO THE DEEP
MEN'S RETREAT

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2025 8AM-4:30PM MT. CLARET RETREAT CENTER

Scan for Details & Registration

OR VISIT: dphs.org/JP2/events



Where:
Corpus Christi
Catholic Church
3550 E. Knox Rd.
Phoenix

Time: 11:15-2:30
on Mar. 8, 2025

Come and Join Us
Registration \$18.00

Registration through Eventbrite—search for Magnificat Meal
Speaker: Gloria Roberts, Former Magnificat Coordinator Mar. 8, 2025
Registration's deadline Mar. 5, 2025



Magnificat is a Ministry to Catholic Women (and men) in the Diocese of Phoenix. Women sharing in testimony of how God has worked in their lives.

Contact information for registration
Esther Ramirez, 623-565-0304, mrs.estherramirez@gmail.com
make checks payable to Phoenix Magnificat;
include your email address and mail to: Esther Ramirez,
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9:00a-4:00p

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1800 E Libra Dr, Tempe 85283



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before Jan
1 for early
bird price!

This retreat includes dynamic talks and speakers designed to fortify your marriage and strengthen your commitment to love.



Did you just get engaged? Congratulations!

Whether you just got engaged or are Catholic but got married outside of the church, getting married in the Catholic Church is a beautiful experience filled with graces. But, this process usually provokes many questions.

We are here to accompany you!
Contact us to start your preparations.

Chris: liturgy@smarymag.org

Help us in congratulating and praying for **Vicky and Mike Seaman** and **Trever and Mackenzie Capps** who recently entered into Convalidated their civil marriage!

SAVE THE DATE!

Friday, February 28, 2025

What do you know?



ST. MARY MAGDALENE
TRIVIA NIGHT

Teams of 8 | 21+ ONLY

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CHILDRENS OUTDOOR FUN

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activities, fun and
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**Sunday, 23th Feb
2025 | 1pm-3:30pm**

Meet Under Awning

QUESTIONS? EMAIL MARY@SMARYMAG.ORG



Adult Formation



Twenty-five years ago, Pope St. John Paul II wrote that the Gospel of life is at the *heart* of Jesus' saving message to the world (*Evangelium vitae* 1). In taking on human flesh, dwelling among us, and sacrificing his very life for our redemption, Christ reveals the profound dignity of every human person. This God-given dignity does not change with our stage of life, abilities, level of independence, or any other varying circumstance.

Rather, it is rooted in the permanent fact that each of us is made in the image and likeness of God, created to share in the very life of God himself. The human person is a "manifestation of God in the world, a sign of his presence, a trace of his glory" (EV 34). And we must reflect this truth in how we act and how we treat one another.

The truth of the Gospel of life is at the foundation of who we are as followers of Christ. In his earthly life, Jesus provided the perfect model for how we are to love our neighbor and live out the Gospel call: "Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me" (Mt. 25:40).

Jesus calls each of us to "care for the other as a person for whom God has made us responsible" (EV 87). The Gospel of life is intrinsic to the whole Christian life and foundational to the decisions we make on a daily basis. For, "the Gospel of God's love for man, the Gospel of the dignity of the person and

the Gospel of life are a *single and indivisible Gospel*" (EV 2, emphasis added).

In his encyclical on the Gospel of life, Pope St. John Paul II recognizes the full range of threats against human life, from poverty and malnutrition to murder and war. He places particular emphasis, however, on threats to life at its beginning and end—precisely when it is most in need of protection. In modern times, children in their mothers' wombs and those approaching the end of their lives are certainly among the "least of these" in our world's estimation. Practices such as abortion and assisted suicide tragically reject the truth that human life is always to be cherished and defended with loving concern.

As the Church celebrates the 25th anniversary of Pope St. John Paul II's prophetic encyclical, let us reflect on how we personally live out the Gospel: *Do I talk about and act towards others as I would talk about and treat Jesus himself? Do I inform myself of the Church's teachings and engage in the civic arena as first a follower of Christ? Do I support and advocate for laws and policies that protect and defend human life? Do I help pregnant and parenting mothers in need? Am I ready to support a loved one nearing death?*

Through the intercession of Our Lady of Guadalupe, may Our Lord grant us the grace to truly and courageously live his Gospel of life.

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Parish Events

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Please consider bringing non-perishable foods to help restock our local community food banks.

Please bring cereals, soups, canned meats, fruits, veggies, rice, and pastas!

(No glass containers or opened packages please)

WILL BE COLLECTING CANNED FOOD DONATIONS BEFORE AND AFTER EACH MASS ON FEB 1ST & 2ND



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Friday, February 21st

7:00PM - 10:00PM

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Presentation of the Lord • Luke 2:22-40