



## SAINT MARY MAGDALENE PARISH

2654 E. WILLIAMS FIELD RD, GILBERT, AZ 85295 • (480) 279-6737

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2025**

## 5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men." When they brought their boats to the shore, they left everything and followed him. - Lk 5:10-11



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

**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.



**CLERGY**

Fr. Chris Axline, Pastor: [pastor@smarymag.org](mailto:pastor@smarymag.org)  
Fr. Sylvester Modebei, Parochial Vicar: [admin@smarymag.org](mailto:admin@smarymag.org)  
Fr. Arthur Nave, Priest in Residence  
Deacon Richard Moser, Craig Hintze, Rick Nevins, Sean Sylvester, and John Thornton: [dcnJohnThornton@smarymag.org](mailto:dcnJohnThornton@smarymag.org)

**STAFF DIRECTORY—MAIN# 480-279-6737**

Mary Jane Choi, Director of Faith Formation  
[familyformation@smarymag.org](mailto:familyformation@smarymag.org), ext. 214

Mary Molina, Family Formation Assistant & Little Lambs Coordinator  
[mary@smarymag.org](mailto:mary@smarymag.org), ext. 211

Abraham Davalos, Coordinator of Youth Formation  
[youthformation@smarymag.org](mailto:youthformation@smarymag.org), ext. 201

Nicole Carlson, Coordinator of Adult Faith Formation & OCIA  
[adultformation@smarymag.org](mailto:adultformation@smarymag.org), ext. 215

Robert Martinez, Director of Sacred Music  
[sacredmusic@smarymag.org](mailto:sacredmusic@smarymag.org), ext. 203

Chris Haubrock, Director of Sacred Liturgy, Pastoral Care, Marriage Prep & Nullity  
[liturgy@smarymag.org](mailto:liturgy@smarymag.org), ext. 210

Abby Quiroz, Parish Manager  
[finance@smarymag.org](mailto:finance@smarymag.org), ext. 206

Jackie Sullivan, Office and Sacrament Administrator, Baptisms, Funerals  
[admin@smarymag.org](mailto:admin@smarymag.org), ext. 205

Abby Rose Hupp, Reception  
[reception@smarymag.org](mailto:reception@smarymag.org), (480) 279-6737

Safe Environment Coordinator & Training  
[safeenviorment@smarymag.org](mailto:safeenviorment@smarymag.org), ext. 217

**New to St. Mary Magdalene?**

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

**WEBSITE:** [smarymag.org](http://smarymag.org)



**Need anointing of the sick?**

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

**Only for emergencies, call 480-678-3353.**





# Daily Parish Life

## Readings for the Week

### Readings for the week of February 9, 2025

**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

**Monday:** Gn 1:1-19/Ps 104:1-2a, 5-6, 10 and 12, 24 and 35c//Mk 6:53-56

**Tuesday:** Gn 1:20—2:4a/Ps 8:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mk 7:1-13

**Wednesday:** Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17/Ps 104:1-2a, 27-28, 29bc-30/Mk 7:14-23

**Thursday:** Gn 2:18-25/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5/Mk 7:24-30

**Friday:** Gn 3:1-8/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7/Mk 7:31-37

**Saturday:** Gn 3:9-24/Ps 90:2, 3-4abc, 5-6, 12-13/Mk 8:1-10

**Next Sunday:** Jer 17:5-8/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4, 6, (40:5a)/1 Cor 15:12, 16-20/Lk 6:17, 20-26

## This Week's Saints, Special Observances & Mass Intentions

**Saturday:** 8am: +Ronald Chehy  
4:30pm: +Rebecca Sprinkle

**Sunday:** 7am: Pro Populo  
9am: +Pamela Usher  
11:30: +Steve Dombrowski  
4:30: Si Christopher Kunz

**Monday:** *St. Scholastica*  
8am: Si Greg Brown

**Tuesday:** *Our Lady of Lourdes*  
8am: Si Jeff & Family Brown

**Wednesday:** 8am: + Edwin & Delores Misniak

**Thursday:** 8am: +Joseph & Bernice Pilat

**Friday:** 8am: Si World Peace

**Saturday:** 8am: +Machelle Good  
4:30: Grazia Salamone

## Pray for Us

Please pray for those who are sick including **Ronald Jones, Shirley Rodriguez, Dianne Ericcson**, and all of those in our parish Book of Intentions. We extend **Our Prayers and Sympathy** to all the deceased including **Tomas Tocci, Jim Simon, Mike McGuirk, Christopher Bateman, John Moschinger, Carol Dedina** 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](mailto:Liturgy@smarymag.org) with questions.

## Parish Communities

### Respect Life Initiative:

**Contact:** Ashley Laswell  
[respectlifesmarmag@gmail.com](mailto:respectlifesmarmag@gmail.com)

### Magis Women:

The bible study meets every other Monday at 6:30pm.  
**Contact:** Jennifer Tortorici  
[jdtortorici@yahoo.com](mailto:jdtortorici@yahoo.com) (602) 430-0264

### Catholic Daughters of America:

**Contact:** [2779cda@gmail.com](mailto:2779cda@gmail.com) (480) 279-6737

### Knights of Columbus:

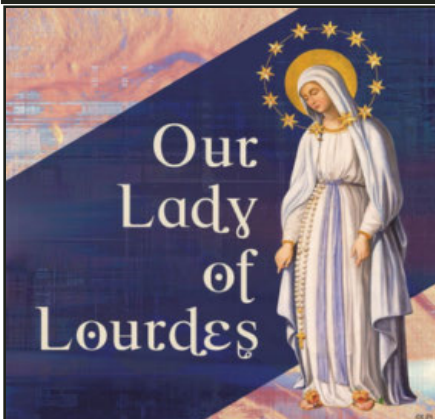
**Contact:** Tom Axline  
[GkTaxline@gmail.com](mailto:GkTaxline@gmail.com) (951) 303-0960  
**COR:** For men over 18—meets on 2nd Thursday of each month at 6:30 pm for prayer, formation & fraternity.

**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](mailto:smarymagcts@gmail.com)  
or Instagram [@catholictruthseekers](https://www.instagram.com/catholictruthseekers)



# Letter From Your Pastor



## Hello St. Mary Magdalene,



On the 11th of February we celebrate the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes. For me, this feast holds a special significance as it was through this apparition and studying it during my seminary formation that would lead me into a deeper Marian devotion. I've not yet been to Lourdes (but I will get there someday) but the story and background behind this apparition is amazing.

Set in the backdrop of the French Revolution and a highly rationalistic environment where, if reason and/or science can't explain something it's not true, Mary appears to 14 year old Bernadette

Soubirous, in 1858 under the name "I am the Immaculate Conception." This has a special meaning in the life of the Church as four years earlier (1854) Pope Pius IX definitively articulated the dogma of the Immaculate Conception in his letter *Ineffabilis Deus (God Ineffable)* as a *divinely revealed Truth all Catholics must believe. In this letter he shows how his formal articulation flows from the witness of Scripture and Tradition as something present with the Catholic deposit of faith from the very beginning. So, why then did he have to articulate this for belief if it was already there? As so often happens in the Church, dogmatic proclamations often are not issued until there's a challenge to belief and this is exactly what the rationalism of the French Revolution and the Age of Enlightenment were doing; casting a dark light on faith and dismissing it as a silly superstition of a bygone age. The Pope therefore was fighting for the relevance of faith amidst a culture that wanted nothing to do with faith.*

How amazing then that four years later, Pius IX found a powerful ally in this fight as Our Lady herself came to the aid of the Church! Just as she did three hundred years earlier at Guadalupe (when the Church was under attack from the Protestant Reformation), Mary appears to reinforce faith in Christ and the Church. Since 1858, the apparition site at Lourdes has been one of the most popular pilgrimage destinations in the world and a site where many favors and miraculous healings are granted through the clemency and love of Christ! These healings are the result of a miraculous, ever-flowing spring of water that Bernadette dug the source for at Mary's request.

Bernadette thought had no knowledge of what this revealed name of Our Lady meant as she herself had so little theological training that at the time of the apparitions, she had not yet even made her first Communion even though she was 14! This revelation then of the "Immaculate Conception" surprised the clergy in her diocese and, after some skepticism they came to see God's hand at work and would support Bernadette in promoting these apparitions to all Catholics.

Now, St. Bernadette Soubirous has her own feast day (February 18th) one week after the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes (February 11th). She is also an incorruptible saint meaning that her body, even over 100 years after her death, has been preserved and is not in a state of decomposition (again, I've not been to see her relics but I want to!). Truly, to change the culture and preserve the faith, God chose this humble young woman to manifest his power. Let us never doubt that we too are instruments in God's hands bringing forth His Divine Will!

**St. Bernadette, and Our Lady of Lourdes...pray for us!**

**God bless, Fr. Chris**

P.S. You can read Pius IX's letter here: [Ineffabilis Deus - Papal Encyclicals](http://papalencyclicals.net) (papalencyclicals.net) There is also some excellent content on Formed that you can watch for free!





# Diocese News

CATHOLIC COMEDY'S  
4TH ANNUAL

## ST. PHILIP NERI FESTIVAL!

FEBRUARY 15TH 2025

VERTUCCIO FARMS  
MESA, AZ

100% CATHOLIC FESTIVAL!

VENDORS  
FOOD TRUCKS  
MUSIC  
PRIEST GAMES  
COMEDY  
RAFFLES  
ART EXHIBIT  
& MORE!

PRIESTS  
&  
RELIGIOUS  
FREE!!!



TICKETS AT  
[CATHOLICCOMEDY.COM/FESTIVAL](http://CATHOLICCOMEDY.COM/FESTIVAL)







# Marriage & Family

**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 their journey to the sacrament of marriage? Those who have been married in the Church for some time 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](mailto:liturgy@smarymag.org) or [adultformation@smary.org](mailto:adultformation@smary.org) for more info.

## 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](mailto:liturgy@smarymag.org)



DIOCESE OF PHOENIX  
CATHOLIC SCHOOLS OFFICE

## Catholic School's Job Fair

MARCH 1, 2025

9AM TO 12PM

DIOCESAN PASTORAL CENTER

Calling all teachers interested in the mission of Catholic Education. Our diocese has 29 elementary schools, 31 preschools and six high schools. We are always seeking the very best educators wanting to provide a superior education in a loving, Catholic environment.

This is your opportunity to interact with representatives from all of our schools with teaching openings for the 2025-2026 school year.

Please register at  
<https://catholicschoolsphx.org/careers/>

Walk Ins Welcome

## Holy Hour for Life

Cor Men's Ministry  
will lead our Holy Hour for  
Life this week!

Join fellow parishioners to  
pray for the protection of all  
human life, from conception  
to natural death on:

**Thursdays from**  
**5:30-6:30PM**

The first half is private adoration,  
followed by the Rosary  
and Divine Mercy Chaplet.

***All are welcome!***





# Children & Youth Faith Formation

## CHILDRENS OUTDOOR FUN

**ALL AGES WELCOME!**

**Food truck, drink cart  
activities, fun and  
fellowship for all!**

**Sunday, 23rd Feb  
2025 | 1pm-3:30pm**

**Meet Under Awning**



**QUESTIONS? EMAIL [MARY@SMARYMAG.ORG](mailto:MARY@SMARYMAG.ORG)**

### **INFANT BAPTISM**

Would you like to have your baby baptized? Please visit our website for more information and to register for baptismal prep.

**Contact:** [admin@smarymag.org](mailto:admin@smarymag.org)

### **Boy Scouts/Cub Scouts:**

Interested?

Contact Vincent Adrshak:

[Troop522GilbertAz@gmail.com](mailto:Troop522GilbertAz@gmail.com)

or

[Pack522GilbertAz@gmail.com](mailto:Pack522GilbertAz@gmail.com).

### **Fr. Chris's Funnies:**

"What letter keeps pirates calm?  
P. Without it. They'd be 'irate'."



# Adult Formation

## Cor:

The Knights of Columbus and Saint Mary Magdalene invite men 18 and over to join Cor, our monthly gathering of Catholic men to live their faith and serve their family, parish, community, and country. The mission of Cor is to refocus Catholic men on Jesus Christ and to form and strengthen them in faith and virtue through a brotherhood committed to prayer, formation, and fraternity. Meeting on 2nd Thursday of each month at 6:30 pm.

## Eucharistic Revival 2025 Kickoff!

- Saturday morning
- February 22, 2025
- 10-11am
- SMM Hall



## SAVE THE DATE!

Friday, February 28, 2025

*What do you know?*



ST. MARY MAGDALENE  
**TRIVIA NIGHT**

**Teams of 8 | 21+ ONLY**

Bring your own Food and Beverage

**SPACE IS LIMITED - REGISTER EARLY**

Early Bird Pricing: \$160 per table through Dec 31

Standard Pricing: \$200 per table after Dec 31

For more information contact: [smarymagfundraising@gmail.com](mailto:smarymagfundraising@gmail.com)

## Catholic Daughters of America:

Please join the Catholic Daughters meeting on the **third Saturday of the month at 10:00 am in the Holy Family Room**. Members donate time to charities, administer scholarship programs and strive "to be helping hands where there is pain, poverty, sorrow or sickness." Contact us for more information at [2779cda@gmail.com](mailto:2779cda@gmail.com)





# Parish Events

## LADIES NIGHT LENTEN WORKSHOP



## PASTELS & PRAYERS



**Friday, February 21st**

**7:00PM - 10:00PM**

ENJOY AN EVENING OF PRAYER AND FELLOWSHIP WHILE CREATING A BEAUTIFUL WORK OF ART FOR YOU TO TAKE HOME.

LIGHT REFRESHMENTS AND WATER WILL BE SERVED.

**AGE 16+**

**COST: \$25.00 PER PERSON**

\*NONREFUNDABLE: INCLUDES ALL SUPPLIES THAT ARE PREPURCHASED AND PREPARED

**REGISTRATION & PAYMENT  
REQUIRED BY 02/18**

REGISTER AND PAY THROUGH YOUR FAITH DIRECT ACCOUNT OR USE QR CODE ABOVE.





# Kids Coloring



## COLOR

Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time • Luke 5:1-11



WE APPRECIATE OUR ADVERTISERS!

**ADT-Monitored Home Security**

Get 24-Hour Protection From a Name You Can Trust

- Burglary
- Fire Safety
- Flood Detection
- Carbon Monoxide



SafeStreets

833-287-3502



# SUPPORT OUR ADVERTISERS!



**FREE AD DESIGN**

with purchase of this space

**CALL 800-950-9952**



SUPPORT OUR PARISH

## HOUGH LAW OFFICES, PLLC

MICHAEL H HOUGH

Notre Dame '90  
Denver Law '94  
St Andrew Parishioner

JACQUELINE HOUGH FRAME

University of San Diego '92  
USC Law '96

WILLS • TRUSTS • PROBATE • ESTATE PLANNING

2500 S Power Rd., Suite 114, Mesa AZ 85209 (480) 396-4949



## LATE NITE CATECHISM

FEB 28 - MAR 30

TIMES VARY

TICKETS AT MESAARTSCENTER.COM



**Better Homes and Gardens** REAL ESTATE S.J. FOWLER

**Lena Pergola**

Residential & Investment Specialist  
lena.pergola72@gmail.com

630.546.8259 Mobile  
480.649.3536 Office

**I help buy and sell Homes**  
**630-546-8259**

Parishioner

## NEVER MISS OUR BULLETIN!

**SUBSCRIBE**

Have our bulletin emailed to you every week.



Visit [www.parishesonline.com](http://www.parishesonline.com)

**catholicmatch®**  
Arizona



[CatholicMatch.com/myAZ](http://CatholicMatch.com/myAZ)

### SHORT STAFFED?

Place an ad here to find new local talent for your business.



**CALL 800-950-9952**



**AirTime**

**COOLING & HEATING LLC**

**480-608-5860** Free Service Call with Repair

\*20% OFF FOR PARISHIONERS\* \*SOME RESTRICTIONS MAY APPLY



SUPPORT OUR ADVERTISERS!



For ad info. call 1-800-950-9952 • [www.4lpi.com](http://www.4lpi.com)

St. Mary Magdalene Church, Gilbert, AZ

B 4C 05-4200

# THOR'S

AC & HEATING

480-326-8133

www.ThorsHVAC.com

Catholic Owned Business

Air Conditioning / Heating Service,  
Repairs, and Replacements.

Schedule  
Now



#ROC332660



## Kitchen & Bathroom Remodeling

Interior & Exterior Remodeling

## Roof Repair & Replacements

Insurance Claim Specialists

(602) 999-1151

ascendinghomesaz.com  
info@ascendinghomesaz.com

Ryan Barbieri  
Owner/General Contractor  
ROC#333110  
Catholic Owned Company

Contact us  
for a Free  
Consultation



## KOBAR'S AUTO SERVICE

"Family Owned & Operated"

Complete Auto & Light Truck  
Repair & Preventative Maintenance

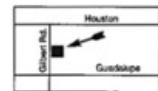
813-6400

1021 N. Gilbert Rd.

10% Discount to All Parishioners

John & Marisa Kobar

Parishioners



### ADT-Monitored Home Security

Get 24-Hour Protection From a Name You Can Trust

- Burglary
- Fire Safety
- Flood Detection
- Carbon Monoxide

ADT Authorized Provider

SafeStreets

833-287-3502



## IF YOU LIVE ALONE

MDMedAlert!™ STARTING AT \$19/mo.

- ✓ Ambulance
- ✓ Police/Fire
- ✓ Family/Friends
- ✓ GPS & Fall Alert

CALL NOW! 800.809.3570



Promoting the dignity of women  
and the sanctity of life

Clint Leonard, MD  
Erica Kreller, MD  
Sarah Adamo, PA-C  
Mariel McDonald, PA-C  
3499 S. Mercy Rd., Gilbert  
Phone: 480-355-8525  
www.morningstarobgyn.com  
Se habla español

SUPPORT OUR  
ADVERTISERS!



- T: 480.688.9312
- INFO@SHARKPOOLS.COM
- POOL SERVICE AND REPAIRS
- FILTER CLEANING
- DRAINS AND ACID WASHES

Mention this ad for Parishioner Specials!

WE APPRECIATE OUR  
ADVERTISERS!

## LET'S GROW YOUR BUSINESS

Place Your Ad Here  
and Support Our Parish!

CONTACT ME  
Mitzi Palma

Mpalma@4LPi.com • (800) 950-9952 x2127

## Owned and Operated by Catholic Parishioners



# Canyon State Roofing & Consulting

We know a better way.



602-400-1635

ROC 276078

PlumbSmart  
Plumbing Heating & Air

480.701.1298

\$49

Drain Cleaning  
Parishioner Specials

\$99

Sewer Camera Inspection



### Heating and Air Conditioning

Mention this ad and get 10% off  
Maintenance, Service, Installation

Family owned and operated  
Parishioners of St. Juan Diego

480-629-5323

WWW.B3AC.COM  
ROC#229218

## PROTECT YOUR HEIRS

Let Us Help You Safeguard Your Estate!



SafeguardYourEstate.com

Schedule a FREE Consultation  
or attend a seminar near you.

602-675-9000

50% OFF  
Parishioner  
Discount

LIVING TRUSTS ♦ WILLS  
POWER OF ATTORNEY



\*Check out  
our Google  
& BBB Reviews

Artisan Sourdough  
Meghann Padia  
Parishioner  
purrfectrise@gmail.com  
PurrfectRise.com  
@PurrfectRiseSourdough



For ad info. call 1-800-950-9952 • www.4lpi.com

St. Mary Magdalene Church, Gilbert, AZ

A 4C 05-4200