

# *St. Gertrude*

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time - July 22, 2007

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*Mary of Magdala*, by Emer O'Boyle, depicts the Magdalene preaching, preparing male and female disciples for the work of the future.

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## **St. Mary Magdalene - Apostle to the Apostles**

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Why are some of us drawn back to the Latin Mass? Perhaps it's because of the mysterious aura created by the Latin language, or the sense of reverence found in silence, genuflection, incense. Why are some of us drawn back to Mary Magdalene? Perhaps it's because of the mysterious aura surrounding Jesus' resurrection and a desire to understand that mystery through the story of one most intimately connected to it. All four canonical Gospels name Mary of Magdala as the first to bear witness to the resurrection, either alone or with a group of women. Acknowledging the Magdalene's honored place in Church history begs us to explore the place of women in the Church now and in the future. What would a bishops' conference look like if half the members were Magdalene's? What would top their agenda? Latin Mass? The primacy of Catholicism? Perhaps the dignity of the human person in terms of adequate access to food, war-free shelter, healthcare? Or the call for all being to exist in harmony, centered in the Cosmic Christ...

## *From Father Grassi*

My mother, God rest her soul, was a great judge of people. And she always looked people right in the eyes. She was distrustful of anyone who wouldn't look directly back at her. When her grandchildren brought prospective spouses to meet her, she would write off anyone who averted her gaze. She also would be able to read people's moods or attitudes by what she saw in their eyes - which made it really hard for me and others to hide anything from her. I remember once when I was going through some difficulties, she called me and asked me what was wrong. She told me that I was smiling with my lips but not with my eyes. And she was right.

When the three "angels" in today's first reading encountered Abraham, his hospitality was real and they saw it in his eyes. That hospitality was missing from Martha's eyes as she complained to Jesus about Mary not helping her in the Gospel. And he called her on it.

Today we celebrate the feast of St. Mary Magdalene. Our parish strives mightily to be inclusive and welcoming to all. More and more we are learning how misrepresented Mary Magdalene has been over the centuries as a disciple of Jesus and as a woman. As we grow in understanding the importance of her life, it helps us to see the damage caused by narrow and inhospitable treatment of people because of gender, orientation, nationality, and other aspects of our uniqueness.

Today I pray our welcoming and openness to one another go beyond our smiles and truly come from the heart, so much so that we can see it in each others eyes. I will be looking for it first in myself and in one another not just today but every day. It is something we can all work on.

*DJG*



***"Let us grow as He demanded of us and walk forth to spread the gospel"***

– The Gospel of Mary Magdalene, 18:18-19

Every year I connect with Mary of Magdala in a different way. This year, it's through grief. The most devout wish and favorite fantasy of the grieving – myself included – is that the loved one is not really dead and will be restored somehow. Mary experienced the fulfillment of this wish. Her beloved Jesus, whom she saw tortured, murdered and entombed, was miraculously restored to her. But she's told not to cling to Him. How could she bear it?

She had followed Jesus when following Him was a scandal. She followed Him through poverty, persecution, tears, and tragedy. She sacrificed the comforts and respectability of an ordinary life. And in the garden, she was asked to sacrifice her private joy, their intimate moment, their secret knowledge. His love still had demands. He demanded that she not cling to her grief.

Then, in what must have been an extraordinary flood of pain and joy, she gave birth to a church by revealing the resurrection to the world. Because of Mary's courage and generosity, every grieving person to follow her throughout history has the hopeful and comforting knowledge that death is not the final word.



KC Conway for *Growing in Faith*

**Immigration Committee/ SJHC** - The group will meet on Wednesday, July 25 at 7:30 pm in the rectory parlor. All who have an interest in immigration issues are welcome.

***A response from a recent immigration reform effort at St. Gertrude:***

On June 17, after Mass, I helped pass our cards containing information entrusted to St. Gertrude from immigrant families who live in Our Lady of Lourdes Parish. When parishioners received them and promised to pray for those people living in fear, it made me feel so good to experience such solidarity with our immigration struggle on which I have been working so hard. As parish members and practicing Catholics, both my 11 year old daughter and myself felt appreciated as human beings with rights, irrespective of our place, race or status. I feel good that by participating my daughter is learning to work in solidarity for just causes like this, and is learning what it is to be a real Christian.

Adriana Cruz

### ***What's Happening? Take A Look!***

**Daily Mass Schedule** - The daily mass schedule has changed slightly in that a communion service is now offered on Thursday morning at 7am instead of at 9am. (Thursday at 9am is a Mass).

**Theology on Tap** - The speaker series for adults in their 20's and 30's continues today Sunday, July 22, at St Gregory (5545 N. Paulina). This evening's topic focuses on building healthy relationships with the opposite sex. Barbecue at 6pm and with the speaker and discussion to follow. Information: 561-3546.

**Retired Men's Group** - Meets Thursday, July 26 at 9:30am in the ministry center. All retired men who live in or near the parish are welcome. Information ~ Wally Bradford 761-1912.

**Stained Glass Windows Tour** - Have you ever looked at the exquisite stained glass windows in our church and wondered when and where they were created? or What those symbols under the four evangelists behind the altar mean? or Why Mary is always dressed in blue? Ann O'Connor, , will answer these and many more questions on **Sunday, July 29 from 12:30 to 1:30 pm.** All are welcome.

**St. Gertrude Foster and Adoptive Families** - An outing to Garfield Park is planned for July 26 for a viewing of the sculpture exhibit of Niki in the Garden at 4:30pm followed by Summer Dance Chicago on Move. (There will be free dance instruction at 6pm and music and dancing to follow at 7pm) Those interested in fostering or adopting are also welcome! Questions: Ruth Ott ~ 339-0507 or rgott\_marie@yahoo.com

**St. Jerome annual Kermes family festival** - Delicious food, games, raffles, clowns, a jumping jack, and fun for the entire family. Saturday, August, 4, 10am until 6pm, admission free. Admission for the dance party with live music is \$5 and runs from 6pm to midnight. Information ~ 773-262-3170.

**Parish Directory Updates** - Once again we are updating our data base in anticipation of publishing our parish directory. Please let us know if there have been any changes in your address, phone number or household make-up. If you would like to call and verify that we have your correct information that would be great ... or just correct it on your giving envelope! Should you not want your name or phone number published, please let us know. If you have any questions/concerns please call Marge at the rectory, 764-3621.



**Be Green In Your Yard** - Because of its simple engine, operating a gas mower for one hour will produce the same pollution as driving a car 350 miles. Use an electric mower or better, a push

### Our Parish at Prayer

#### MONDAY, JULY 23

7:00am Diane DiProva-Guthrie †  
9:00am John Hallinan *anniversary* †

#### TUESDAY, JULY 24

7:00am Raymond White †  
9:00am Robert Meyer †

#### WEDNESDAY, JULY 25

7:00am Phyllis Miller †  
9:00am Fred Diaz †

#### THURSDAY, JULY 26

7:00 *Communion Service*  
Marion White †

9:00am Michael White †

#### FRIDAY, JULY 27

7:00am Helen M. Schmidt †  
9:00am Jack Hallinan †

#### SATURDAY, JULY 28

8:00am Anna White †  
3:00pm *Bardales & Sardana Wedding*  
5:00pm Deceased of Strubbe-Galoney family †

#### SUNDAY, JULY 29

8:00am Teresita Ocular †  
9:30am *Held at St. Gertrude East*  
Loretta Kator  
10:00am Family of St. Gertrude †  
11:30am Norberto Maglunog, Sr. †

† Indicates the Mass is being said in memory of an individual

*Rosary: 8:40am Monday - Friday; 8:30am Saturday*

### Wedding Banns

III Kathy Bardales and Ron Sandana  
II Chelli Pettengill and Darin Facer  
I Mary Rubino & Tom Fitzpatrick  
I Jules Murray and Corina Lainez

### Altar Servers

#### SATURDAY JULY 28

5:00pm Allie McRaith, Francie Sallinger, Kate Jasper

#### SUNDAY, JULY 29

10:00am Nick Holzman, Ryan O'Toole, Sasha Simon  
11:30am Claude Allen, Erika Medina  
Steven Guardino Hasbrook

### Lectors

#### SATURDAY, JULY 28

5:00pm Joan Steinbrecher, Clarisse Croteau Chonka

#### SUNDAY, JULY 29

8:00am Kathy Kollar, Matt Kollar  
10:00am Mary Elsbernd OSF, Rafael Melendez  
11:30am Elizabeth Hartman, DeLaina Ellis

### Readings for the Week

Monday: Ex 14:5-18; Mt 12:38-42  
Tuesday: Ex 14:21 — 15:1; Mt 12:46-50  
Wednesday: 2 Cor 4:7-15; Mt 20:20-28  
Thursday: Ex 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b; Mt 13:10-17  
Friday: Ex 20:1-17; Mt 13:18-23  
Saturday: Ex 24:3-8; Mt 13:24-30  
Sunday: Gn 18:20-32; Ps 138;  
Col 2:12-14; Lk 11:1-13



### Sunday Offering

July 15, 2007

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| Sunday Envelopes (220) | \$ 6,737.86  |
| Parish Pay (112)       | \$ 12,158.00 |
| Loose Checks (23)      | \$ 685.00    |
| Loose Cash             | \$ 614.03    |
| Total Collected        | \$ 20,194.89 |
| Budget *               | \$ 22,378.00 |

**Difference** \$ - 2,183.11

Year-to-Date Collected \$ 43,134.00

Year-to-Date Budget \$ 36,878.65

**Difference** \$ - 6,255.35

\* Does include parish pay budgeted amount

### Eucharistic Ministers

#### SATURDAY, JULY 28

5:00pm Joan Harrington, Tim Harrington,  
Mary Cook, Pat Norcik, Mickey Resch

#### SUNDAY, JULY 29

8:00am Julie Dorger, Sara McCarthy, Jay Cook  
Hallie Burhoe, Ann Bushelon  
10:00am Kevin Kaufmann, Tere Zdunek, Gail Smith  
Rob Sierzega, Laurie Hasbrook,  
Val Hastings, Bob Dwyer  
11:30am Brent Billock, Bernard Ndiwe, Dave Kasten  
Mary Pat Hartung, Susan Lersch

### Greeters

#### SATURDAY, JULY 28

5:00pm Maggie Howell, Maria Kulp

#### SUNDAY, JULY 29

8:00am Mary Stachura and Ona Kozar  
10:00am Jeff Clennon, Walter Pophin, Matthew Foran  
11:30am Melinda Banahene, Steven Mitchell



**New Parishioners**  
Christina Conway

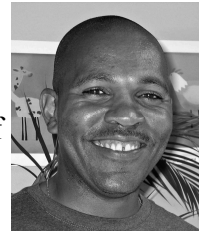
**Baptisms**

Brendan Daniel Barton, son of Patrick Barton and Sheila Dawson

**News From Northside Catholic Academy**

**A message from our new Athletic Director**

My name is Kevin Howard. I am the new Athletic Director at Northside Catholic Academy. My love and commitment to Northside Catholic Academy athletics is undying. I am a 1986 graduate of St. Gregory the Great High School. After twenty-two years of participating in athletics in high school and later in tournaments and leagues all around the city, I was given the wonderful opportunity of coaching my son, then in fifth grade at NCA. Six years later, I still continue coaching at NCA. I am a fifteen year veteran of the Chicago Fire Department where I serve as a Firefighter/Paramedic. I am also devoted husband and father. I believe that the value of athletics as a part of a child's education is immeasurable. I look forward to meeting you all and using my organizational skills, experience, and passion for sports to further serve the NCA community.



Primary School Campus  
Preschool - 5th grade  
6216 N. Glenwood Ave, Chicago

Middle School Campus  
6th - 8th Grade  
5525 N. Magnolia Ave, Chicago

**call 773.271.4310 or visit [www.northsidecatholic.org](http://www.northsidecatholic.org)**

**ST. GERTRUDE PASTORAL SERVICES**

**STAFF**

- Rev. Dominic Grassi, Pastor
- Rev. Bill Kenneally, Pastor Emeritus
- Rev. Mike Bradley, Resident
- Peter Buttitta, Pastoral Associate
- Ann O'Connor, Faith Formation
- Mary Herbin-Horan, Liturgical Music
- Mary Ann Collins, Social Services
- Walter Pophin, Business Manager
- Marge Butzen, Parish Secretary

**WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE**

- SUNDAY: 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, 11:30 AM
- 9:30 AM Gertrude East (at Sheridan & Rosemont)
- 10:30 AM Mass in the Gym (except summer months)
- MONDAY through FRIDAY: 7:00 AM & 9:00 AM
- SATURDAY: 8:00 AM & 5:00 PM (Sunday Vigil)

**RECTORY HOURS**

- Business Hours: Weekdays, 8:30am to 4:30pm**
- Drop off/pick up: Weekdays, 4:30pm to 8pm
- Saturday 9am to 6pm, Sunday, 9am to 1pm

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

- Individual: Saturday from 4:30-4:45 PM and by request
- Communal: Consult bulletin for specific times and dates.

**BAPTISM**

Baptisms take place on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month. A mandatory parent preparation meeting is held on the first Monday of each month at 7:00 PM. All arrangements should be made one month in advance by calling the rectory.

**MARRIAGE**

Arrangements begin by setting up an appointment with the pastor or associate. According to diocesan policy, preparations are to begin at least four (4) months

prior to the desired date.

**LOCATIONS:**

- RECTORY: 1420 W. Granville Ave. (60660)- Phone 773/764-3621
- Fax 761-4164, E-mail [stgertrude1420@sbcglobal.net](mailto:stgertrude1420@sbcglobal.net)
- <http://www.stgertrudechicago.org>

MINISTRY CENTER: 6214 N. Glenwood — 973-5464

**NEW PARISHIONERS**

You are most welcome and are invited to stop in at the rectory to introduce yourself and register.

**INTERESTED IN BECOMING A CATHOLIC?**

We have an enriching program called the R.C.I.A (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults). Contact the rectory for details.

**MINISTRY OF CARE AND COMMUNION**

Trained ministers will gladly visit and bring communion to those who are sick or homebound. Please call the rectory to make arrangements.

**COUNSELING AND SPIRITUAL DIRECTION**

For information, consultation and referrals for counseling, psychotherapy or spiritual direction, leave a confidential message.

**COUNSELING AND PSYCHOTHERAPY - 338-4334**

John Neafsey

**SPIRITUAL DIRECTION—764-8884**

Bob Backis, Marilyn Gehant, Jim Manzardo, or Janine Denomme

**SUPPORT GROUPS**

- Al-Anon — Sundays at 7:00 PM in the Ministry Center
- Pregnancy Support — Free pregnancy tests, post-abortion help, Caris Pregnancy Center, 773-338-8311.
- Gamblers Anonymous — Fridays at 7 PM in the Ministry Center.

