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Vision
St. Mary Magdalene Family of
Parishes will celebrate Christ in the
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evangelize others through loving
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St. Veronica School - (513) 528-0442 - www.stveronica.org

WELCOME

Whether you are just passing through the area or looking for a spiritual home, we welcome you to the St. Mary Magdalene Parish Family – Saint Andrew, Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton and Saint Veronica. We hope you find our worship environment hospitable and prayerful. If you are interested in knowing more about our parish family, please contact the parish office or visit www.saintmarymagdalene.org.

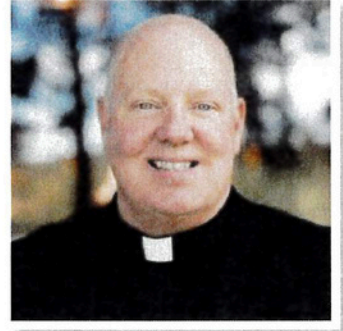
POINTS TO PONDER

I was traveling with friends of mine in Germany in 2007, and we visited a town in which the church had been mostly destroyed in the Second World War. In a remarkable fete of architectural design, the church was rebuilt incorporating the remnants of the original church. I do not remember the name of the town in which the church was located, but it was a beautiful little town square just behind the church.

What most struck me about the church was the Blessed Sacrament Chapel, a room just to the left of the sanctuary, enclosed in a space for those who wished to privately pray. Just to the right of door was a bronze sculpture on the floor with two sandals just above the words in German, "You are on Holy Ground." I remember thinking that the piece of art was a "nice touch." But then when I entered the chapel and sat before the tabernacle, I slowly realized that the tabernacle was encased in a beautiful image of bronze flames. It was an allusion to our first reading today: the burning bush, never being fully consumed by the flames. Just like the Presence of Christ which is never fully consumed; the perduring Presence of Christ is the Great "I AM" Incarnate in Christ.

I hope that in the season of Lent, we are all focusing more intently on our prayer, fasting and almsgiving. We have SO MANY opportunities to immerse ourselves in devotions that assist us in being aware of Christ's presence today: time before the Blessed Sacrament, the Rosary, Stations of the Cross, and Taizè prayer. We have opportunities to care for others through the Corporal Works of Mercy: our almsgiving through St. Vincent de Paul, Knights of Columbus, House of Peace, Mary Magdalene House, and Hope Emergency – and come for our evening to learn and talk about care of the imprisoned. We have opportunities for daily Mass, the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Saturdays, Wednesdays and our Penance Service. We have our upcoming Parish Mission, options for Bible studies, and a number of other activities.

Please *do* something as a way of remembering that each and every day we live on holy ground, and that the presence of God is never consumed. There is always more that Christ, the great I AM desires to reveal to each of us. In these days, take off your shoes, however you do that, and take some time to renew and refresh your relationship with God.



Fr. Del Staigers

Illuminating Ministry Behind Prison Walls

A St. Mary Magdalene Lenten Event

A Love In Action Goal:

WHO: St. Mary Magdalene Parish Family and its neighbors are invited to grow and further become a community of salt and light in today's world, a people who model mercy, grace, and forgiveness.

WHY: Jesus' gospel calls us to serve the most poor, vulnerable, oppressed:

*Come, you who are blessed by my Father..
for I was in prison and you visited me. MT 25:34-36*

Come and receive more understanding of the lesser known Corporal Work of Mercy: **Visit the Prisoner**

WHAT: Receive answers on what prison ministry looks like and on the different ways to serve, inside or out

WHEN: Tuesday, April 8th, 7-8:15 PM,

WHERE: St. Andrew Undercroft, Milford – Doors Open 6:30 PM !

**Let's come together in communion, enjoy refreshments
and experience a movement in our hearts.**



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MASS INTENTIONS

Key: (A): St. Andrew, (S) St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, (V) St. Veronica

Monday, March 24

8:00 a.m. (S) Theresa and Mathius Helbach †

7:30 a.m. (V) Bill Yates †

Tuesday, March 25

7:30 a.m. (A) Intentions of Steve and Romona Kirby

7:30 a.m. (V) Ruth Crooker †

Wednesday, March 26

8:45 a.m. (S) Intentions of Corey Rutzke

12:00 p.m. (S) Intentions of Matthew Johnson

9:00 a.m. (V) Billy Yates †

Thursday, March 27

12:00 p.m. (A) Scottye Anderson †

12:00 p.m. (V) Tony Racca/
Katherine O'Keefe †

Friday, March 28

8:00 a.m. (S) Purgatorial Society Mass:
Peter Schmidt, Joe Martinelli,
Bonnie Morre, Mary Jane Ollendick,
Tom and Shirly Fields, Lynn Fields,
Intentions of Pat Seanor,
Phillip and Leora Fanell,
Minnie and Anne.

Saturday, March 29

7:30 a.m. (A) People of St. Andrew

5:15 p.m. (A) Madeleine Garvin †

5:00 p.m. (S) Intentions of Robbie Johnson †

4:00 p.m. (V) Steve Doherty †

Sunday, March 30

9:00 a.m. (A) Scottye Anderson †

11:00 a.m. (A) People of St. Andrew

8:00 a.m. (S) Bonnie Moore †

10:00 a.m. (S) People of Seton

8:00 a.m. (V) Kellie O'Rourke †

9:30 a.m. (V) People of our Parish

11:30 a.m. (V) George Sullivan and Family †

† – Deceased

The Sacred Triduum with St. Mary Magdalene Parish Family

- **Holy Thursday, April 17 (incense)**
 - St. Elizabeth Ann Seton 7:00 pm
- **Good Friday, April 18**
 - St. Andrew
 - Stations of the Cross at noon
 - Good Friday Liturgy 1:00 pm
- **Easter Vigil April 19 (incense)**
 - St. Veronica 8:30pm
- **Easter Sunday, April 20**
 - St. Andrew 7:30am, 9:00am & 11:00am
 - St. Elizabeth Ann Seton 8:00am, 10:00am & noon
 - St. Veronica 7:30am, 9:30am & 11:30am

*There are NO regularly scheduled daily Masses during the Triduum

ST. ANDREW LADIES SODALITY

All ladies of our Parish Family are invited to the March 24th meeting of the St. Andrew Ladies Sodality. Please join us at 6:00 p.m. in the St. Andrew Parish Center.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Sharing God's Gifts

Sunday Offering for March 16, 2025

Thank you for your continued support of our parish.

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

Weekly Collection Total \$11,685.67

Weekly Collection EFT \$3,791.00

Weekly Collection Budget \$15,000.00

Weekly Total \$15,476.67

St. Andrew

Weekly Collection Total \$7,105.00

Weekly Collection EFT \$4,000

Weekly Collection Budget \$15,000.00

Weekly Total \$11,105.00

St. Veronica

Weekly Collection Total \$8,689.00

Weekly Collection EFT \$8,239.00

Weekly Collection Budget \$17,500.00

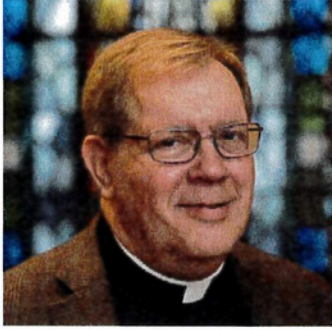
Weekly Total \$16,928.00

OH, NOW I GET IT!

By Fr. Jeff Kemper

Insights into the readings for next week.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT



Jos 5:9a-12: TODAY...FROM YOU: The shame of Egypt is completely over since the Israelites have arrived in the Promised Land. **GILGAL:** The place where Joshua erected 12 stones for the 12 tribes of Israel. **THE PASSOVER...UNLEAVENED CAKES:** The Passover with the Seder meal and followed with six days of unleavened bread. **NO LONGER...FOR THE ISRAELITES.** Israel no longer needed manna since they entered into the land of plenty.

2 Cor 5:17-21 NEW CREATION: Christ's Paschal Mystery transformed reality for those who follow Him. **OLD THINGS:** God's relationship with the Jews and the Gentiles and the animosity between the two groups. **NEW THINGS:** The effects of

Jesus' death and Resurrection. **MADE HIM TO BE SIN:** Jesus bore the weight of all our sins though He was sinless. **RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD:** Our innocence is pure gift.

Lk 15:1-3; 11-32 PHARISEES AND SCRIBES: Two Jewish groups who prided themselves on the strict observance of the Mosaic Law. Seeing themselves as having earned moral superiority to all, the forgiveness that Christ offered was offensive to them. The parable shows the extreme love of God who does not see His children as needing to earn His love, but rather simply accepting it. The younger son disrespects his father by asking for his inheritance before his father died. **DIVIDED...THEM:** The father gives both their shares. **TENDED THE SWINE:** Swine are considered unclean animals, so this is repulsive to Jews. So low has the son fallen, that he decides to return to his father. **HOW...HUNGER:** There is something still self-centered in the son., but he does not expect his father to accept him back as his son. **WHILE... SIGHT OF HIM:** The father is looking to see if the son is coming back. **EVERYTHING I HAVE IS YOURS:** The older son forgets that the father gave him his inheritance as well. (By law, the father had the right to live off the proceeds of the inheritance.) The son did nothing with it. The father's love is wild for both his sons, but neither appreciated it (until the younger son experienced forgiveness). We do not know the decision of the elder son.

Question of Week: March 30, 2025, 4th Sunday of Lent – John 9:1-41

To what do you need to “have your eyes opened” this Lent?



St. Mary Magdalene Parish Family Reconciliation Service

Join us in seeking
forgiveness and healing
during this Lenten Season.

7:00pm Tuesday,
March 25, 2025
at St. Elizabeth Ann
Seton Church



Taizé, Soup and Service Evening

Wednesday, April 9

6pm in Church, STV

a St. Mary Magdalene Parish Family event

Taizé is a beautiful prayer experience that includes simple meditative songs, scripture, candles, and periods of silence. Join us in St. Veronica Church for prayer at 6pm, then head to the cafeteria to enjoy a soup supper and fill Easter baskets for Hope Emergency. Come to any or all as you can!



Knights of Columbus®

Membership Drive

St. Veronica Welcome Center, March 30
After 8am, 9:30am and 11:30am Masses

Join a Catholic brotherhood of men doing great things while building their families on solid ground. The Knights of Columbus that serves St. Mary Magdalene Parish Family is looking for good Catholic men to join our Council, enrich their families, and give help to our Parish and community.

If you are interested in joining the Knights of Columbus or want to learn more, join us with your family for coffee and donuts!

Lenten Mission

The Art of Letting Go

March 30, 31, & April 1
7:00-8:30 pm

Presented by
Jeanne Hunt

March 30- at St. Veronica Church
March 31- at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church
April 1- at St. Andrew Church

Children's Liturgy of the Word

Children ages 5-10 process from the church to the chapel to hear the readings and homily in terms they can understand and return to church after the petitions.

St. Veronica Church
March 30, April 6

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

The Prayer Shawl ministry requests usable yarn for the making of prayer shawls. Please drop off at the St. Andrew parish office or contact Dorthy Thompson at dorthygt@yahoo.com. Thank you!

COME JOIN US FOR LUNCH

The St. Veronica Seniors will have its spring luncheon at the meeting on Thursday, April 10th, We start with social time and lunch about 12:30 p.m. Many of our friends go to the noon Mass at St. Veronica and come over to the Ministry Center immediately after. All seniors at St. Mary Magdalene Parish Family are welcome. A \$5.00 donation is requested but not required.

March Topic:
Artist Focus:
The Modern Saints

March Speaker:
Gracie Morbitzer,
Nationally-known
Catholic Visual Artist

Learn... Enjoy Fellowship... Pray

Sacred Sisters' Stories

All Women are Welcome!

Thursday, March 27, 7:00pm
St. Andrew Church Basement

Easter Bag Project



Help St. Mary Magdalene Parish Family provide Easter bags for 350 families in Adams, Brown, Clinton, and Highland Counties, through Hope Emergency.

- Please take an egg and bring back the requested item on the egg:
- ⊙ \$5.00 donation
 - ⊙ bag of candy (individually wrapped)

Money and candy should be returned by April 6 (in the marked bins in the Narthex).

On Wednesday, April 9th you can come and enjoy our Taize Prayer service, community soup supper, and then help fill bags with the items purchased for Hope Emergency Easter Project.

Thank you for your generosity!

Hope Emergency Program, A legacy of Hope for hungry People, helps families in need, supplying food and clothing for everyone that comes requesting it, and most are provided by donations.



Anointing of the Sick

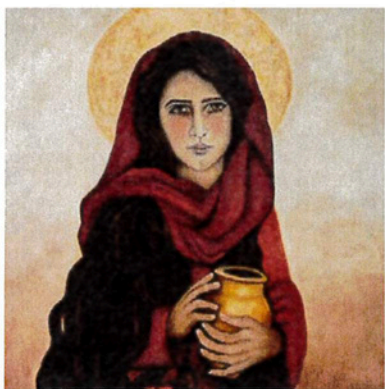


The Catechism of the Catholic Church states that "The Anointing of the Sick conveys several graces and imparts gifts of strengthening in the Holy Spirit against anxiety, discouragement, and temptation, and conveys peace and fortitude." (Catechism 1520)

To make the Sacrament more accessible and as a way of planning ahead when a medical procedure is planned, we will be offering the Sacrament on the fifth Saturday and Sunday of the month, following each Mass.

Upcoming Anointing of the Sick
March 29 & 30 and June 28 & 29

INFORMATION CENTER



PARISH STAFF

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

St. Andrew

Saturday: 5:15 p.m., Sunday: 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

Saturday: 5:00 p.m., Sunday: 8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.

St. Veronica

Saturday: 4:00 p.m., Sunday 8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m. & 11:30 a.m.

DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

St. Andrew

Tuesday: 7:30 a.m., Thursday: 12:00 p.m.,

Saturday: 7:30 a.m.

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

Monday & Friday: 8:00 a.m., Wednesday: 8:45 a.m. (August-May when school is in session), 12:00 p.m.

St. Veronica

Monday & Tuesday: 7:30 a.m., Wednesday: 7:30 a.m. (only when school is not in session), 9:00 a.m. (August-May when school is in session), Thursday: 12:00 p.m., First Friday of the month only: 7:30 a.m.

CONFESSION SCHEDULE

St. Andrew: Saturday, 4:15 p.m.

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton: 3:30 p.m.

St. Veronica: 2:30 p.m.

Other times are available by appointment

EUCCHARISTIC EXPOSITION

St. Andrew: First Tuesday of the month, after 7:30 a.m. Mass until Noon.

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton: Fridays after 8:00 a.m. Mass until 1:00 p.m. and the first Friday of the month, 6:00 p.m.-Midnight

St. Veronica: First Wednesday of the month, 1:00-5:00 p.m.

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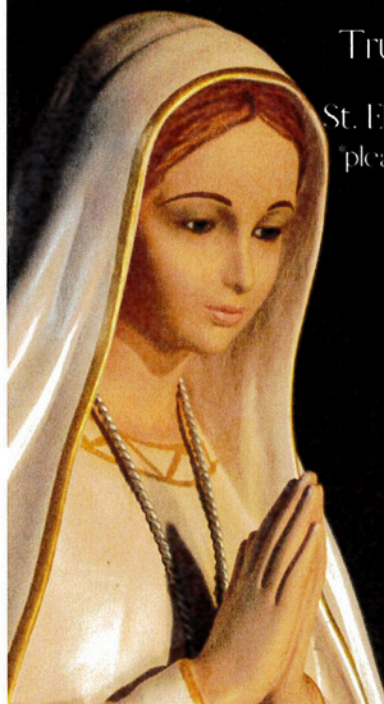
June 9-11, 2025
9am-noon




Registration for Vacation Bible School is now open for both participants and volunteers!

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To register, scan the QR code above or visit:
saintmarymagdalene.org/vacation-bible-school



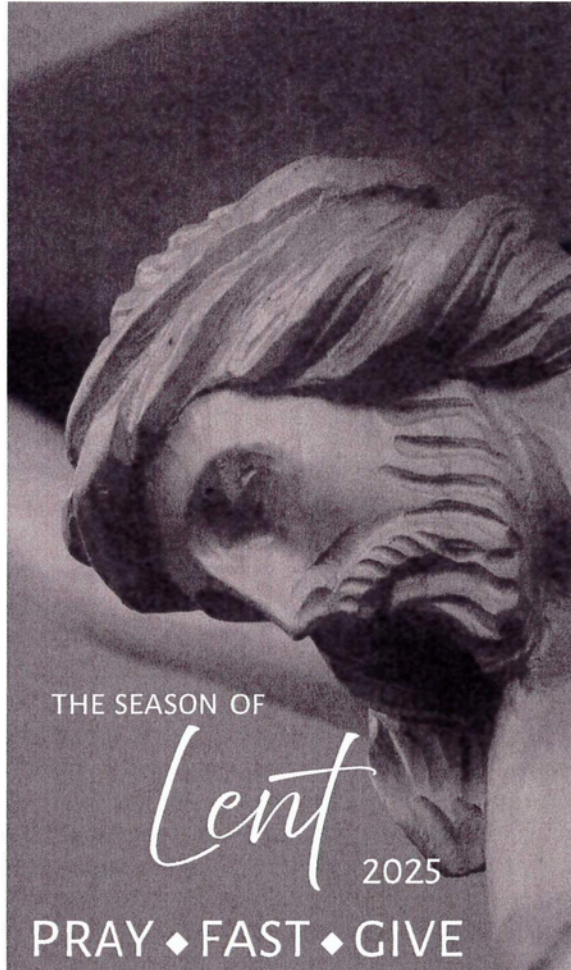
True Devotion to Mary

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton School
please enter through the doors
closest to the church.

March 25th
6:30-8:30pm

Questions?
Contact Eileen
513-324-5889 or
epdevereux@hotmail.com

SAINT OF THE WEEK



THE SEASON OF
Lent
2025

PRAY ♦ FAST ♦ GIVE

SAINT OSCAR ROMERO

Saint of the Day: March 24

Patron Saint of Persecuted Christians and El Salvador

The night before he was murdered while celebrating Mass, Archbishop Oscar Romero of San Salvador said on the radio: "I would like to appeal to the men of the army, to the troops of the National Guard, the police, and the garrisons. You kill your own brother peasants; and in the face of an order to kill that is given by a man, the law of God that says 'Do not kill!' should prevail."

When he was appointed archbishop of San Salvador in 1977, Bishop Romero was considered a very "safe" choice. He had served as auxiliary bishop there for four years before his three years as bishop of Santiago de Maria.

Seminary classes in El Salvador preceded his studies at Rome's Gregorian University and his ordination in 1942. After earning a doctorate in ascetical theology, he returned home and became a parish priest and later rector of an interdiocesan seminary.

Three weeks after his appointment as archbishop, Romero was shaken by the murder of his good friend Jesuit Father Rutilio Grande, a vigorous defender of the rights of the poor. Five more priests were assassinated in the Archdiocese of San Salvador during Romero's years as its shepherd. When a military junta seized control of the national government in 1979, Archbishop Romero publicly criticized the US government for backing the junta. His weekly radio sermons were regarded by many as the most trustworthy source of news available.

Romero's funeral was celebrated in the plaza outside the cathedral and drew an estimated 250,000 mourners. His tomb in the cathedral crypt soon drew thousands of visitors each year. On February 3, 2015, Pope Francis authorized a decree recognizing Oscar Romero as a martyr for the faith. His beatification took place in San Salvador on May 23, 2015, and he was canonized on October 14, 2018.

Read the full article: "Saint Oscar Romero" Franciscan Media, Franciscan Friars, www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saint-oscar-arnulfo-romero/ (Accessed March 7, 2025).