



# St. Mary Magdalen

## St. Francis

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*12th Sunday in  
Ordinary Time  
June 25, 2023*

*"So do not be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows. Everyone who acknowledges me before others I will acknowledge before my heavenly Father."* Mt 10:32-33

**ST. MARY MAGDALEN**  
1099 Charles Avenue, Worland, WY  
**Mass Schedule**

Sunday 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m. Spanish (except 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month) and 5:00 p.m.

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**ST. FRANCIS**  
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**Mass Schedule**

Saturday: 5:00 p.m.

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month Mass: 11:00 a.m.

Thursday: 8:00 a.m.

Pastor: Fr. Robert Rodgers

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*For ever I will sing the goodness  
of the Lord. Ps 89*

## From Fr. Robert

This Saturday is the Feast of St. Junipero Serra, a Spanish Franciscan missionary whose efforts at evangelizing helped spread the Catholic faith in our country. The following from [wordonfire.org/serra](http://wordonfire.org/serra) sheds some light on this influential missionary. May we be on fire for the spreading of the Gospel too!

*Who is St. Junípero Serra? St. Junípero Serra (1713-1784) was a Spanish friar and missionary who was canonized by Pope Francis in 2015. As a very young man, he joined the Franciscan order, and when Padre Serra was thirty-six, he resolved to become a missionary in the New World. He undertook this mission out of a sincere and deeply felt desire to save souls, knowing full well that he would likely never return to his homeland. When he was around fifty years old, he was asked by his superiors to lead a missionary endeavor in Alta California, more or less the present-day state of California. He established a series of missions along the Pacific coast, from San Diego to San Francisco.*

*Why is he controversial?* Critics of Serra's project claim that American Indians were compelled to join the missions, essentially as a slave labor force, and were baptized against their will. The consensus of responsible historians, however, is that both of these charges are false. In fact, the vast majority of the Indians recognized the advantage of living in connection with the missions, and only about 10% of those who had come to missions opted to leave. To be sure, those who left were hunted down and, upon their return, were sometimes subjected to corporal punishment. Indeed, there is real evidence that Padre Serra countenanced such violence: in one of his letters, he speaks of the need to punish wayward Indians the way a parent would chastise a recalcitrant child, and in another document, he authorizes the purchase of shackles for the mission in San Diego. Certainly from our more enlightened perspective, we would recognize such behavior as morally wrong, and it is no good trying to whitewash the historical record so as to present Serra as blameless.

*If he is controversial, why is he a saint?* The lion's share of the evidence we have strongly indicates that Serra was a steadfast friend to the native peoples, frequently defending them against the violence and prejudice of the Spanish civil authorities. Very much in the spirit of Bartolomé de las Casas, the great sixteenth-century defender of the Indians, Serra insisted, again and again, upon the rights and prerogatives of the native tribes. In one case, he spoke out against the execution of an Indian who had killed one of Serra's own friends and colleagues, arguing that the whole point of his mission was to save life, not to take it. One might ask why Pope Francis—who certainly knew all of the controversy surrounding Padre Serra—wanted to push ahead with his canonization in 2015. First, because declaring someone a saint is not to declare him or her morally flawless, nor is it to countenance every institution with which the saint was associated. Secondly and more importantly, Junípero Serra was someone who, with extraordinary moral courage, went to the periphery of the society of his time in order to announce Jesus Christ—and this makes him an extraordinary model of a Pope Francis-style missionary. During the homily at the Mass for his canonization, Pope Francis underscored both Serra's defense of the native community of California and his missionary spirit: "He was the embodiment of 'a Church which goes forth,' a Church which sets out to bring everywhere the reconciling tenderness of God. . . . Junípero sought to defend the dignity of the native community, to protect it from those who had mistreated and abused it."

En menos de seis meses, recibieron una llamada urgente pidiendo voluntarios para las misiones de Sierra Gorda. Serra fue uno de los voluntarios. Entre 1750 y 1758, durante su apostolado en Sierra Gorda con los indios Pame, Serra no solo supervisó la construcción de la iglesia, la cual aún se encuentra en uso, sino que también impulsó su misión tanto en la dirección religiosa como en la económica. Bajo su presidencia de las misiones (1751-1754), los misioneros de las otras cuatro ciudades también construyeron iglesias misioneras.

Serra aprendió la lengua otomí y utilizó un método visual para la enseñanza de la religión. Entusiasta en la predica y en la promoción de las devociones litúrgicas y populares, Serra obtuvo mucho éxito logrando que el pueblo indígena Pame practicara la fe en una manera ejemplar. En el aspecto económico, su misión prosperó mediante la introducción de animales domésticos, el fomento de la agricultura y el desarrollo del comercio. Serra también defendió los derechos de los indios contra los colonizadores no nativos en una larga disputa sobre el valle de Tancama. Durante las obras de construcción de su iglesia, Serra trabajó como un jornalero ordinario.

Más adelante, Serra fue asignado a la universidad de San Fernando, a donde llegó el 26 de setiembre de 1758. Allí lo nombraron director del coro y maestro de los novicios de 1761 a 1764, y consejero universitario de 1758 a 1761. También fue nombrado confesor. Como misionero local, Serra predicó en la Ciudad de México y en Mezquital, Zimapán, Rio Vero, Puebla y Oaxaca. En 1767, fue nombrado presidente de las misiones ex-jesuitas de Baja California.

A mediados de julio, Serra partió hacia Loreto a donde llegó el 1 de abril. Se alojó en la antigua sede principal de los jesuitas y nombró misioneros para las 15 misiones entre San José del Cabo, en el sur, hasta Santa María, en el norte. En 1768, Serra se ofreció muy entusiasmado como voluntario uniéndose a las expediciones a Alta California. El 28 de marzo de 1769, partió de la misión en Loreto a lomo de mula, llegando a San Diego el 1 de julio. En el camino fundó su primera misión en San Fernando de Velicatá el 14 de mayo. Serra escribió un diario de su viaje durante el cual sufrió mucho debido a una dolencia en las piernas y los pies y tuvo que ser transportado en camilla.

Serra dedicó los siguientes 15 años de su vida a la labor evangelizadora en Alta California. Durante ese período él fundó nueve misiones: San Diego, el 16 de julio de 1769; San Carlos, Monterey-Carmel, el 3 de junio de 1770; San Antonio, el 14 de julio de 1771; San Gabriel, el 8 de setiembre de 1771; San Luis Obispo, el 1 de setiembre de 1772, San Francisco, el 9 de octubre de 1776; San Juan Capistrano, el 1 de noviembre de 1776; Santa Clara, el 12 de enero de 1777; y, San Buenaventura, el 31 de marzo de 1782. Serra estuvo presente en la fundación del El Presidio en Santa Bárbara el 12 de abril de 1782.

Serra permaneció en San Diego hasta el 14 de abril de 1770 cuando se embarcó con destino a Monterrey. Del 3 de junio de 1770 hasta su fallecimiento, Serra mantuvo su residencia principal en la Misión de San Carlos, en donde falleció el 28 de agosto de 1784, a la edad de 70 años. Serra está enterrado debajo del altar de la iglesia que él construyó. Para fines de 1784, el número de indígenas bautizados en las primeras nueve misiones llegó a 6,736 mientras que 5,646 indígenas cristianizados vivían allí.

Serra era pequeño de estatura, media cinco pies, dos pulgadas. Tenía una voz sonora, tez morena, cabellos y ojos oscuros. Aunque parecía tener una constitución básicamente robusta, él sufrió mucho durante sus últimos años de vida. Sus achaques empezaron con una hinchazón y picazón dolorosa en pies y piernas debido a unas picaduras de mosquitos que le causaron ulceras varicosas.

A veces no podía pararse ni caminar. A partir de 1758, empezó a sufrir de asma.

De carácter, era una persona ansiosa, optimista, entusiasta, dinámica, incluso adamantina. Era un hombre de acción, prefería el apostolado activo a un salón de clase o la escritura. Fue un modelo religioso a pesar de sus distracciones y actividades—un hombre de oración y mortificación. Sentía un profundo amor por los nativos conversos. Luchó para que la iglesia se librara de las infracciones reales. Algunos pensaban que él era muy agresivo, demasiado entusiasta y exigente. Aunque defendía a los indígenas, tenía una visión paternalista y creía en el castigo corporal y lo aplicaba.

La causa para la beatificación de Serra se inició en la Diócesis de Monterrey-Fresno en 1934 y el proceso diocesano finalizó en 1949. El 25 de setiembre de 1988, fue beatificado por el Papa Juan Pablo II. El Papa Francisco ha anunciado que la canonización de Serra se realizó el 23 de setiembre del 2015 durante una Misa en Washington, D.C.

### St. Francis

#### Daily Mass Schedule, Mass Intentions & Readings for the Week

<u>Thursday, June 29, 2023</u>	2 Cor 3:15-4:1, 3-6 Mt 5:20-26
Mass 8:00 a.m.	
Intention: Roland and Lona Quade +	
<u>Sunday, July 2, 2023</u>	Ex 19:2-6a Ps 100:1-2, 3, 5
Mass: 4:00 p.m.	
Intention: Pro Populo	
Confession: 2:30-3:30 p.m. or by appointment any day	Mt 9:36-10:8
	Deceased +

#### "OUR RETURN TO THE LORD"

##### St. Francis

Last Weekend's Collection: \$856

2023 Living and Giving in Christ Goal: \$21,973

Remaining Balance: \$14,783

We are grateful for your generosity and appreciate your loyalty to our parish. Thank you for embracing the biblical vision of stewardship and tithing.

Donations to Living and Giving in Christ can be made at <https://stfrancisthermopolis.com/give>

There will be a second collection for Peter's Pence next weekend. Please be generous.



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### St. Francis

#### Weekend Lay Ministry Schedule:

July 2

4:00 p.m.

**Lectors:** Susan Estensen

**Altar Servers:** Gabby and Isabel Hetzel

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Connie Hart and Nancy Ready

**Musicians:** Adam Estensen and Lilly

**Rosary:** Knights of Columbus

Please sign up to bring a snack following Sunday Masses at 4PM. A sign up sheet is posted at the church.

## New Mass Schedule

**Starting July 1st and 2nd 2023**

### St. Francis

**Sunday 4:00PM Mass**

**Coffee and Hor d'oeuvres after Mass**

**No Saturday 5:00PM Mass**

**No First Sunday 11:00AM Mass**

**Confession Sundays 2:30-3:30PM**

### St. Mary Magdalen

**Sunday: 9:00AM Mass**

**11:00AM (Spanish) Mass every Sunday**

**Saturday 5:00PM Mass**

**No Sunday 5:00PM Mass**

**Confession Saturdays 3:00-4:30PM**



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<u>Monday, June 26, 2023</u>	Gn 12:1-9 Mt 7:1-5 No Mass
<u>Tuesday, June 27, 2023</u>	Gn 13:2, 5-18a Mt 7:6, 12-14
<u>Wednesday, June 28, 2023</u>	Gn 15:1-12, 17-18 Mt 7:15-20
<u>Thursday, June 29, 2023</u>	Acts 12:1-11 2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18 Mt 16:13-19
<u>Friday, June 30, 2023</u>	Gn 17:1, 9-10, 15-22 Mt 8:1-4
<u>Saturday, July 1, 2023</u>	Gn 18:1-15 Mt 8:5-17 Mass: 5:00 p.m. Intention: Thomas Family and Mitch Thomas Confession: 3:00-4:30 p.m.
<u>Sunday, July 2, 2023</u>	2 Kg 4:8-11, 14-16a Ps 89:2-3, 16-17, 18-19 Rm 6:3-4, 8-11 Mt 10:37-42 Deceased +

Thank you to all who made a gift to the Diocese of Cheyenne 2023 annual appeal, ***Living and Giving in Christ: Unity through Diocesan Ministries!*** Your gifts serve our sisters and brothers in Christ and build up the Church. Thank you to those who offered the gift of prayer. Your prayers unite with others across the Diocese of Cheyenne to bring about positive change throughout the world.

**St. Mary Magdalen**  
**Dinner with Fr. Robert**

Fr. Robert would like to schedule some time to have dinner and get to know more parishioners. Please sign up to have Fr. Robert over for dinner. The schedule is posted by the bulletin board for Tuesdays and Thursdays at 6PM June 27-July 20. Next week's dates are still open.

**St. Mary Magdalen**  
**Weekend Lay Ministry Schedule:**

	<b>July 1</b> <b>5:00 p.m.</b>	<b>July 2</b> <b>9:00 a.m.</b>
<b>Lectors:</b>	Connie Clark	Sarah Martinson
<b>Altar Servers:</b>	Isabel Accurso Caden Clark Elijah Clark	Abby Martinson Lincoln Martinson Lillanna Martinson
<b>Eucharistic Ministers:</b>	Jim O'Connor	Dennis Toman
<b>Thurifers:</b>		Colton St Clair
<b>Musicians:</b>	Dave/Judy	Cecile/Amy
<b>Hospitality Ministers:</b>		Scott and Fran Heessel
<b>Coffee and Rolls:</b> Jeff and Brianna St Clair		

The Parish office will be closed  
June 26-July 4.

*Congratulations to Francisco and LaAngel Puga and family. LaAngel received Baptism, Holy Communion and Confirmation. Jonah and Julian were baptized and Francisco and LaAngel were married.*

Están todos cordialmente invitados este 25 de junio a nuestro pequeño retiro que va a ser impartido por las hermanas religiosas de Casper. Comenzando con la misa a las 11:00 la comida a las 12 y de la 1:00 a las 4:00 el retiro los esperamos.

No Falten!!

**"OUR RETURN TO THE LORD"**

**St. Mary Magdalen**

Last Weekend's Collection: \$3,532

Building fund: \$31,806.58

2023 Living and Giving in Christ Goal: \$37,885

Remaining Balance: \$29,875

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