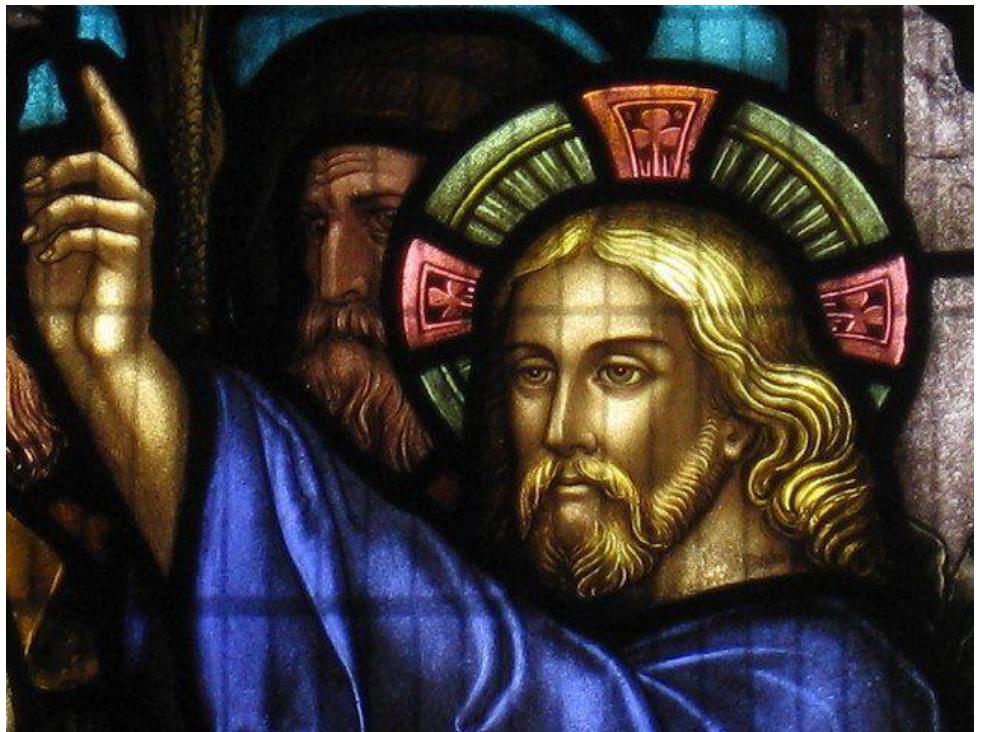


St. Mary Magdalen

St. Francis

20th Sunday
in Ordinary Time
August 14, 2022



“I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing!” Lk 12:49

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

Sunday 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m. Spanish (except 1st Sunday of the month) and 5:00 p.m.
Pastor: Fr. Robert Rodgers
Deacon: Mike Martinson
Parish office hours are Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m.- 1:00 p.m.
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OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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Bulletin Information Deadline: Wednesday at Noon

ST. FRANCIS
801 Arapahoe/PO Box 272, Thermopolis, WY
Mass Schedule

Saturday: 5:00 p.m.
1st Sunday of the month Mass: 11:00 a.m.
Thursday: 8:00 a.m.
Pastor: Fr. Robert Rodgers
Parish office hours in Worland but available by phone Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
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Bulletin Announcements – stmarym@rtconnect.net
Bulletin Information Deadline: Wednesday at Noon

Lord, come to my aid!

From Fr. Robert...

Monday, August 15th, is the Solemnity of the Assumption of Mary into heaven. Normally it would be a Holy Day of obligation, but, since it falls on a Monday, it is not a Holy Day this year [insert shrugging emoji]. However, since it is such a special feast day, we will have Mass in honor of Our Lady anyway, both in Worland and Thermopolis. See the Mass schedule for details.

The strangeness of cancelling a Holy Day of Obligation just because it falls one day after a Sunday is inspiring the following rant, which I usually don't do. But it makes me wonder if the practice of Holy Days of Obligation shouldn't be changed. Of course, I don't have any authority over that reality, but I think it leads to a good point, so bear with me. The purpose of a Holy Day is to not only encourage, but *oblige* the faithful to celebrate an important mystery in the life of Our Lord or of Our Lady or the saints. The Church has the authority to oblige us to do such spiritual things under the pain of sin ("Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven" -Mt 18:18). Parents often oblige their children to do things for their own good. Similarly, Holy Mother Church obliges her children to do things for their own spiritual benefit.

But I think putting the emphasis on the *obligation* risks keeping us at a level of spirituality that is a far cry from the fullness of life Jesus desires for us. The relationship between parents and children is not simply one of obligation, but, even moreso, of *love*. We should always be striving to make *love of God* our primary motivation for everything. St. Paul says, "Love is the fulfillment of the law" (Rom 13:10). And he says elsewhere, "For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you received a spirit of adoption, through which we cry, 'Abba, Father!'" (Rom 8:15). If God is our Father and Mary is our Mother and Jesus is our brother, when we celebrate significant events in their lives (which also have profound ramifications for our own salvation), we should *desire* out of *love* to honor and celebrate them.

So just like children who love their mother will want to honor her on her birthday with flowers and a card and a special dinner, so we who love our spiritual Mother, Mary, should *want* to honor her with a special Mass on the feast of her Assumption and on her other special days, because of our love for her. To limit August 15th to the calculus of whether we're obliged under pain of mortal sin to go to Mass or not would seem to indicate that we desperately need to ask our Lord to help us love His Mother with the same honor and tender affection that He did. And in loving her thus, we will certainly benefit from the heavenly intercession of the one we call, "Full of Grace."

El lunes 15 de agosto es la solemnidad de la Asunción de María al cielo. Normalmente sería un Día Santo de precepto, pero, como cae en lunes, no es un Día Santo este año. Sin embargo, dado que es un día de fiesta tan especial, tendremos Misa en honor a Nuestra Señora de todos modos, tanto en Worland como en Thermopolis. Vea el horario de misas para más detalles.

La extrañeza de cancelar un Día Santo de Obligación solo porque cae un día después de un domingo está inspirando la siguiente diatriba, que normalmente no hago. Pero me hace preguntarme si la práctica de los Días Santos de Obligación no debería cambiarse. Por supuesto, no tengo ninguna autoridad sobre esa realidad, pero creo que lleva a un buen punto, así que tengan paciencia conmigo. El propósito de un Día Santo es no solo alentar, sino obligar a los fieles a celebrar un misterio importante en la vida de Nuestro Señor o de Nuestra Señora o de los santos. La Iglesia tiene la autoridad para obligarnos a hacer tales cosas espirituales bajo pena de pecado ("Todo lo que ates en la tierra será atado en el cielo; todo lo que desates en la tierra será desatado en el cielo" -Mt 18,18). Los padres a menudo obligan a sus hijos a hacer cosas por su propio bien. Del mismo modo, la Santa Madre Iglesia obliga a sus hijos a hacer cosas para su propio beneficio espiritual.

Pero creo que poner el énfasis en la obligación corre el riesgo de mantenernos en un nivel de espiritualidad que está muy lejos de la plenitud de vida que Jesús desea para nosotros. La relación entre padres e hijos no es simplemente de obligación, sino, más aún, de amor. Siempre debemos esforzarnos por hacer del amor a Dios nuestra principal motivación para todo. San Pablo dice: "El cumplimiento de la ley es el amor" (Rom 13,10). Y dice en otra parte: "Porque no recibieron un espíritu de esclavitud para volver a caer en el temor, sino un espíritu de adopción, por el cual clamamos: '¡Abba, Padre!'" (Rm 8, 15). Si Dios es nuestro Padre y María es nuestra Madre y Jesús es nuestro hermano, cuando celebramos eventos significativos en sus vidas (que también tienen ramificaciones profundas para nuestra propia salvación), debemos desear por amor honrarlos y celebrarlos.

Así como los niños que aman a su madre querrán honrarla en su cumpleaños con flores y una tarjeta y una cena especial, así nosotros que amamos a nuestra Madre espiritual, María, debemos querer honrarla con una Misa especial en la fiesta de su Asunción y en sus otros días especiales, por nuestro amor por ella. Limitar el 15 de agosto al cálculo de si estamos obligados bajo pena de pecado mortal a ir a Misa o no, parecería indicar que necesitamos desesperadamente pedirle al Señor que nos ayude a amar a Su Madre con el mismo honor y tierno cariño que Él hizo. Y amándola así, ciertamente nos beneficiaremos de la intercesión celestial de la que llamamos "Llena de Gracia".

St. Francis
Daily Mass Schedule, Mass Intentions & Readings for the Week

Thursday, August 18, 2022

Mass: 8:00 a.m.

Intention: Intention of Pastor

Ez 36:23-28

Mt 22:1-14

Saturday, August 20, 2022

Mass: 5:00 p.m.

Intention: Corey and Jessica

Confession: 3:00-4:30 p.m. or by appointment any day

Is 66:18-21

Ps 117: 1, 2

Heb 12:5-7, 11-13

Lk 13:22-30

Thank you for your generous support of last week's Catholic Home Missions Appeal. As a parish, we raised \$865 to help strengthen the Church at home and ensure that the Gospel is spread across the United States. If you missed the appeal, it's not too late to give! Just visit www.usccb.org/home-missions.

You Can Help Your Marriage – Do you feel alone? Thinking about separation or divorce? Are you frustrated, bored or angry with each other? Do you argue or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse? Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi with a long "i" - a French word

meaning "rediscovery") helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. This program has helped 10's of 1000's of couples experiencing difficulties in their marriages. This program can help yours too. For confidential information or to register for the **September 9-11, 2022** program please call 303-317-5111 or email us at Retrouvaille.CO@gmail.com. Please visit our web site at

www.HelpOurMarriage.com for more information.

Happy Birthday Fr. Robert!

Friday, August 19.



St. Mary Magdalen Mass at 8AM
St. Francis Mass at 5PM



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St. Mary Magdalen
Daily Mass Schedule, Mass Intentions &
Readings for the Week

Monday, August 15, 2022 Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab
The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Ps 45:10-12, 16
 Mass: 8:00 a.m. 1 Cor 15:20-27
 Intention: Intention of Pastor Lk 1:39-56

Tuesday, August 16, 2022 Ez 28:1-10
 Mass: 5:00 p.m. Mt 19:23-30
 Intention: Gerald (Jerry) Fahringer +

Wednesday, August 17, 2022 Ez 34:1-11
 Mass: 8:00 a.m. Mt 20:1-16
 Intention: Souls in purgatory with no one to pray for them

Thursday, August 18, 2022 Ez 36:23-28
 Mass: 5:00 p.m. Mt 22:1-14
 Intention: Michael Pita

Friday, August 19, 2022 Ez 37:1-14
 Mass: 8:00 a.m. Mt 22:34-40
 Intention: Fr. Robert Rodgers

Saturday, August 20, 2022 Ez 43:1-7ab
 No Mass Mt 23:1-12
 No Confession

Sunday, August 21, 2022 Is 66:18-21
 Mass: 9:00 a.m. Ps 117: 1, 2
 Intention: Sharon and Ray Smith Heb 12:5-7, 11-13
 Spanish Mass: 11:00 a.m. Lk 13:22-30
 Intention: Pro Populo
 Confession: 3:00-4:30 p.m. or by appointment any day
 Mass: 5:00 p.m.
 Intention: Rudy Viktorin +
 Deceased +

St. Mary Magdalen
Weekend Lay Ministry Schedule:

	August 21 9:00 a.m.	August 21 5:00 p.m.
Lectors:	Connie Bowers	Jane Wostenberg
Altar	Eddie Martinson	Isabel Accurso
Servers:	Aurelia Cochran Fowler Cochran	Samuel Lombard Sophia Lombard
Musicians:	Kristi/girls	Connor/Lucy
Hospitality	Bob and Trish	Dave and Kim
Ministers:	Harder	Accurso
Coffee and Rolls: Knights of Columbus		

**COMMUNITY SUNDAY
LUNCH**

St. Mary Magdalen
Sunday, August 14 at Noon

Please bring a carry in dish.
 This is an opportunity for fellowship
 and growth in our faith.

*He did this
for me.*

*I do what
for Him.*

Mary's Meals

**Work day: Wednesday, August 17
9:30-11:30 AM**

St. Mary Magdalen's new parish ministry will be making meals in the parish kitchen. Anyone interested in helping cook or if you have questions please contact Rhonda at 431-8041 or Maureen at 307-575-2975. Monetary donations will be much appreciated. Please mark for "Mary's Meals."

CCD Starts Wednesday August 31st
Registration will follow Masses
August 20-21 and 27-28
Dinner 6:00 PM
CCD Class 6:30-7:45PM
FOR ALL GRADES