

NOVEMBER 3, 2024 | MONTHLY BULLETIN

## SAINT MARY MAGDALEN CATHOLIC CHURCH

THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



*Thanks  
be to God*  
*Demos  
Gracias a Dios*

*Season of Gratitude*



**SACRIFICIAL  
GIVING** 2025

COVENANT WEEKEND  
NOVEMBER 9-10

# A MESSAGE FROM FR. EDWIN

“Thanks be to God  
who gives us the victory  
through our Lord  
Jesus Christ”

- 1 Corinthians 15:57

My parish family,

This is the season of gratitude and giving here at St. Mary Magdalen. We begin this Sunday with Jesus teaching on love and discipleship. “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.... You shall love your neighbor as yourself” – Mark 12:30-31.

The great commandment is so familiar to all of you – because you live it! Every day, I am so grateful for all the many ways you show your love of God and of one another, serving and giving.

I invite you to join me this season at Mass for our message series we are calling “Thanks Be to God”. The month of November is our time to gather and take stock of all our gifts, everyone we love and everyone who loves us back, sharing all the blessings we receive from the Lord. And then we will together act on that gratitude by renewing our covenant to the Lord to keep building the Kingdom of God together as a parish. I encourage you to make this a priority in your prayer, and to talk about it with your family, as we prepare for Sacrificial Giving Covenant Sunday.

To give is an act of love – receiving God’s limitless and abundant gifts and returning them to Him is how we are called to live as Christian stewards. You know this, too, because, for the past 20 years you have walked the journey of stewardship and sacrifice together to build our beautiful church, our excellent school, our campus and outdoor prayer spaces, our small groups, our beautiful liturgies, our thriving ministries and children’s programs and our outreach in the community. Joyfully, generously, gratefully you witness the words of praise and thanksgiving that echo throughout our celebrations of Mass – “Thanks Be to God”.

God Bless You and God Bless Our Amazing Parish!



Mi familia parroquial,

Esta es la temporada de gratitud y generosidad aquí en Santa María Magdalena. Comenzamos este domingo con Jesús enseñándonos sobre el amor y el discipulado. “tú amarás al Señor, tu Dios, con todo tu corazón y con toda tu alma, con todo tu espíritu y con todas tus fuerzas.... Amarás a tu prójimo como a ti mismo” – Marcos 12:30-31. El gran mandamiento es muy familiar para todos ustedes – ¡porque lo viven! Estoy muy agradecido por las muchas maneras en que muestran su amor por Dios y por los demás, sirviendo y dando.

Los invito a unirse a mí en esta temporada en la Misa, para nuestra serie de mensajes que llamamos “Demos Gracias a Dios”. El mes de noviembre es nuestro tiempo para reunirnos y hacer un balance de todos nuestros dones, de todos los que amamos y de todos los que nos aman, compartiendo todas las bendiciones que recibimos del Señor.

Luego juntos actuaremos en base a esa gratitud por renovar nuestro pacto con el Señor y de seguir construyendo juntos el Reino de Dios como parroquia. Te animo a que hagas de esto una prioridad en tu oración y a que hables de ello con tu familia, mientras nos preparamos para el Domingo del Pacto de Ofrendas de Sacrificio.

El Dar es un acto de amor – recibir los dones ilimitados y abundantes de Dios y devolvérselos es cómo estamos llamados a vivir como administradores cristianos. Ustedes también lo saben porque, durante los últimos 20 años, han recorrido juntos el camino de la mayordomía y el sacrificio para construir nuestra hermosa iglesia, nuestra excelente escuela, nuestro campus y espacios de oración al aire libre, nuestros grupos pequeños, nuestras hermosas liturgias, nuestras prósperas ministerios y programas para niños y nuestra asistencia en la comunidad – viviendo con alegría, generosidad y gratitud lo que resuena a lo largo de nuestras celebraciones de la Misa: “Demos Gracias a Dios”.

¡Dios los bendiga y Dios bendiga nuestra increíble parroquia!





## Celebrating Thanksgiving AS A PARISH FAMILY

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 28 MASS**  
**7:30 AM AND 10:00 AM**

For the 10am Mass with Adult Choir, please bring a loaf of your favorite bread to the altar.

The bread will be blessed, and at the end of Mass, the youngest member of each family will be invited to pick out a loaf of bread to bring home for their Thanksgiving meal.

Join us in Giving Thanks – the Mass also will be live-streamed.

### INVITATION TO A THANKSGIVING FEAST

Don't spend Thanksgiving by yourself!

Join us Thursday, November 28 in the Parish Life Center.

Doors open at 11:00am.

Dinner will be served from 12:00noon – 1:00PM.

For planning purposes, please RSVP at <https://SMMThanksgivingFeast24.eventbrite.com>  
or at the Parish Office starting November 16.

If you would like to volunteer – go to

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/GiveThanks22#/> or contact the parish office.

### PARISH OFFICE CLOSURE

The Parish Office will be closed from 12noon on  
Tuesday, November 26 until 9am on Monday, December 2.

**WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE HERE!**

## WELCOME WEEKEND & GROTTO CAFÉ

The first weekend of the month, we host a welcome weekend. Father Edwin conducts a "Shout Out" before Mass recognizing any birthdays, anniversaries, visitors and our newest parishioners! After Mass, hospitality is offered in the Grotto to enjoy a little treat as a faith community, congratulate each other on any special news shared, make connections and nurture standing relationships. Come early and stay after to celebrate with one another!

Grotto Café Volunteer: Team members set-up, serve refreshments, maintain stations, clean-up, prepare for the next Mass, and empty trash if needed. Families are welcome to serve together! To learn more... stop by the welcome desk or contact Melissa Findley in the parish office at [MelissaF@StMaryMagdalen.org](mailto:MelissaF@StMaryMagdalen.org) / 407.265.2311.

## JOIN A SMALL GROUP FOR ADVENT

Gather around and share your blessings, hopes, challenges of faith in the season of Advent, when we break open the Gospels that prepare us for new beginnings. You can join a faith-sharing group anytime or make a plan to be in a group this Advent – Mornings and evenings, on campus and off campus, women's groups, men's groups, couples' groups, young adult groups, parent groups and more.

**JOIN:** Go to <https://form.jotform.com/SMMParish/SmallGroups> to help us find the right group for you and give it a try! You may also reach out to Mary Gulde, Adult Spirituality – **407.265.2315** or [MaryG@StMaryMagdalen.org](mailto:MaryG@StMaryMagdalen.org) who can provide you more information.



## WORSHIP WITH US

### Sunday Mass

Saturday

Vigil 5pm; 7pm (Spanish)\*

Sunday

8am, 10am\* (Interpreted for the Deaf),

12noon, 5:30pm

\*Livestream

### Confessions

Thursday 6-6:45pm

Saturday 3-4pm

5:30-6:30pm

### Weekday Mass

7:30am Monday-Friday (English)

7pm Thursday (Spanish)

8am Saturday (English)

### Chapel of Our Lady

Monday-Friday 8am-8pm

### Adoration

Tuesdays & Thursdays

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Go to

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# Thanks be to God

*Season of Gratitude*

Demos  
*Gracias a Dios*



SAINT MARY MAGDALEN PARISH

## SACRIFICIAL GIVING 2025

Hearts overflowing with gratitude for all God's gifts

### Why we Give?

Think back to the experiences for which you are grateful:

- For the gift of Jesus Christ freely given in the Eucharist and all the sacraments;
- The Word of God generously shared in Scripture;
- The intercession of the Saints;
- The ministry of priests and deacons, the holy women and men in religious orders, and countless lay people who use their gifts to proclaim the Gospel, to teach our children and to serve the poor and vulnerable among us.

In a challenging world, gratitude is life changing and life sustaining. It lifts our spirits and calls attention to the blessings we have received.

Grateful believers know that the work of the Church must continue so that the saving love of Jesus Christ is known in all generations.

### What is Sacrificial Giving?

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Sacrificial Giving begins with the recognition that everything we have has been given to us by God and is based on an understanding that as Christian stewards, we receive God's gifts gratefully, cultivate them responsibly, share them lovingly in justice with others, and return them with increase to the Lord.

— United States Bishops' Pastoral Letter on Stewardship

#### PLANNED

The decision to give is just that – a decision, that requires thought and prayer. Giving is integrated with other financial decisions as part of a careful, intentional response to God's generosity.

#### A PRIORITY

Part of our planning ensures that we give the “first fruits” – gifts given first and not after obligations have been satisfied.

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Our gift becomes sacrificial when it comes from our substance rather than our leftover – and when we return to the Lord with increase – progressive giving. We act on our belief that our security lies not in our material resources, but in God's abundant graces.

#### AN EXPRESSION OF GRATITUDE

If we truly believe that God gives us all that we have, gratitude is our first response. We create a covenant to further God's kingdom – and we give through our parish because it is the body which bears witness to the values and love in action we embrace.

# SACRIFICIAL GIVING 2025

## COVENANT WEEKEND

### TAKE A STEP NOW FOR YOUR 2025 GIVING

We, as a parish, take the next few weeks to reflect upon the personal gifts we each have received as well as God's invitation to a life of stewardship. Our Sacrificial Giving 2025 theme is "Thanks Be to God", and our focus is on renewing our spiritual commitment to place God first and foremost in our lives through prayer, participation through service, and sacrifice by taking a step in giving to support His Church today and into the future.

To make our collective statement of faith, we have deemed the second and third weekends of this month "Covenant Weekends", trusting that each will respond with the fullest commitment. Your new commitment will begin in January 2025.

Our parish goal is 100 percent participation, each pledging what they can, for every gift matters. What happens on covenant weekend will set the course of all the ministries and services at St. Mary Magdalen Church, School and Early Learning Center – an investment for next year and beyond.

In the mail and at church, you will receive stewardship invitations that include a 2025 Sacrificial Giving Commitment Card. Please take the time to prayerfully read and reflect on this information so you can complete your commitment card at Mass, drop it off at the office or renew through the parish website Pledge Online portal: [www.stmarymagdalen.org](http://www.stmarymagdalen.org). It is not legally binding and may be changed any time by contacting the Parish Office.

*"We give thanks to God unceasingly!"*

- Thessalonians 2

## ROLES OF STEWARDS OF THE CHURCH

Stewards of God's gifts are not passive beneficiaries. It is the personal responsibility of each one of us as stewards of the Church to participate in carrying out its mission:

- Parents, who nurture their children in the light of faith;
- Parishioners, who work in concrete ways to make their parishes true communities of faith and vibrant sources of service to the larger community;
- All Catholics, who give generous support—time, money, prayers, and personal service according to their circumstances—to parish and diocesan programs and to the universal Church.

## YOUTH STEWARDSHIP FOR EVERY GENERATION

Every Sunday we place at the altar a basket and ask our youngsters to bring forth their stewardship envelopes. This provides them a way to share how they use their gifts from God -- good deeds, prayers, any number of ways they offer their time, talent and yes, their treasure!

Teaching to give at a young age helps start children on a path of giving that has the potential to last a lifetime. Over time, through conversations, modeling, and practicing stewardship, youth gain a better understanding of why stewardship is important and how it impacts them spiritually as well.

At our parish, member families receive both the regular sacrificial giving weekly offertory envelopes and the youth stewardship envelopes monthly by U.S. mail. Contact the parish office at [407.831.1212](tel:407.831.1212) or [office@stmarymagdalen.org](mailto:office@stmarymagdalen.org) if you would like to learn more about youth stewardship.

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# SACRIFICIAL GIVING 2025

Hearts overflowing with gratitude for all God's gifts

GIVE

SAVE

SPEND

SCAN TO  
PLEDGE



### OPTION 1 PLEDGE ONLINE!

Go to: [www.StMaryMagdalen.org](http://www.StMaryMagdalen.org)

### OPTION 2 FILL OUT PLEDGE CARD

Complete and Bring to Mass, Return to Parish Office or Drop in Mail

I intend to make a Sacrificial Gift of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ weekly in the offertory to support our parish's ministries, missions and operations in 2025.

I "took a step"  
 I "took \_\_\_\_ steps"

(Please Print)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

I want more information about Automated / Online Giving options

# Planned Giving

A worksheet to help you prayerfully discern and plan your sacrificial giving for the year.



## DISCERN...

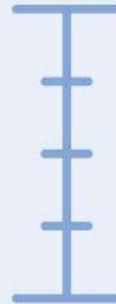
Set personal priorities and values

**HOW DO I SPEND THE TIME AND RESOURCES ENTRUSTED TO ME?** Name six to ten things you spent the most time doing regularly or the most money on this past year.

**GOD AS A PRIORITY DURING THE PAST YEAR:** Draw an "X" on the line to the right that you think represents how high a priority God has been in your life this past year (using time and money spent as a partial indicator).

**GOD AS A PRIORITY DURING THE COMING YEAR:** Draw a "O" on the line to the right that represents how high a priority you would like God to be in your life this next year.

HIGH PRIORITY



## PLAN...

An intentional response to support my parish

### 1. WHAT PORTION OF MY INCOME WILL I GIVE?

Everything we have comes from God, so in that sense we owe everything to God. When deciding what portion to give, think about whether it is sacrificial and proportionate to what we have received from God. Prayerfully consider moving toward the biblical example of giving 10% of your income (a tithe) as an expression of your gratitude to God for the many gifts you have received. Consider taking a step towards this goal. For example, if you currently give 5% of your income to charity, take a step and give 6% this next year.

My 2025 Sacrificial Giving pledge \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**2. HOW WILL I DISTRIBUTE MY GIFT?** As Catholics, we are asked to divide our total giving - one half to our parish (our primary faith community, where we celebrate Sunday Mass and other Sacraments, and where faith is nourished and lived out) and the other half to charities of our choice. By taking time to plan our giving, it will relieve some of the anxiety that may accompany requests from other charities throughout the year and help make your giving a joyful experience.



## CONSIDER...

The "other half" to charities

### THE POOR AND NEEDY IN OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY

Saint Mary Magdalen Family Services	\$ _____
The Sharing Center	\$ _____
Life Choices Medical Clinic	\$ _____
Pathways to Care	\$ _____
Hope Community Center	\$ _____

### REGIONAL CHURCH (CENTRAL FLORIDA)

Vocation Funds	\$ _____
Diocese of Orlando - Our Catholic Appeal	\$ _____
Catholic Charities	\$ _____
Priest Retirement and Priest Care Collection	\$ _____

### NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL CHURCH COLLECTIONS

The Benedictine Peace Orphanage in Mexico	\$ _____
Catholic Relief Services & Central Eastern Europe	\$ _____
Propagation of the Faith/World Mission Sunday	\$ _____
Holy Shrines/Holy Land	\$ _____
Black/Indian & Home Missions Farm Worker Ministry	\$ _____
Holy Father/Peter's Pence	\$ _____
Holy Father and Holy See throughout the world	\$ _____
Missionary Cooperative	\$ _____
Campaign for Human Development/African Church	\$ _____
Our Sister Diocese San Juan De La Maguana	\$ _____

### CATHOLIC EDUCATION

St. Mary Magdalen School & Early Learning Center	\$ _____
Educational Assistance Program	\$ _____
Bishop Moore High School	\$ _____
Morning Star School	\$ _____

### MY PERSONAL CHARITIES

\_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### TOTAL "OTHER HALF" GIVING

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

# Demos Gracias a Dios

*Thanks  
be to God*

*Temporada de Gratitud*



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## OFRENDA SACRIFICIAL 2025

Corazones rebosantes de gratitud por los regalos De Dios

### FIN DE SEMANA DE LA ALIANZA DA UN PASO AHORA CON UN REGALO

Nosotros, como parroquia, nos tomamos las próximas semanas para reflexionar sobre los dones personales que cada uno de nosotros hemos recibido y la invitación de Dios a una vida de corresponsabilidad.

Nuestro tema de la Ofrenda Sacrificial 2025 es “Demos Gracias a Dios,” nuestro enfoque está en renovar nuestro compromiso espiritual de poner a Dios en primer lugar en nuestras vidas a través de la oración, la participación a través del servicio y sacrificio al dar un paso para apoyar Su Iglesia hoy y en el futuro.

Para hacer nuestra declaración colectiva de fe, hemos considerado el segundo fin de semana de este mes “Fin de Semana de la Alianza”, confiando en que cada uno responderá con el máximo compromiso. Su nuevo compromiso comenzará en enero de 2025.

Nuestra meta de activación de miembros es 100 por ciento de participación, cada uno prometiendo lo que puede, porque cada donación importa. Lo que suceda el 9 y 10 de noviembre marcará el rumbo de todos los ministerios y servicios en la Iglesia Santa María Magdalena, la escuela y el centro de aprendizaje temprano: una inversión para el año que viene y más allá.

Por correo y en la iglesia, recibirás invitaciones de corresponsabilidad que incluyen una Tarjeta de Compromiso de Ofrenda Sacrificial 2025. Por favor tómese el tiempo para leer en oración y reflexionar sobre esta información para que pueda completar su tarjeta de compromiso en la Misa, dejarla en la oficina o renovarla a través del portal Pledge Online del sitio web parroquial: [www.StMaryMagdalen.org](http://www.StMaryMagdalen.org). No es legalmente vinculante y puede modificarse en cualquier momento. comunicándose con la Oficina Parroquial en [Office@StMaryMagdalen.org](mailto:Office@StMaryMagdalen.org).

### ¿Qué es la Ofrenda Sacrificial?

“La ofrenda sacrificial comienza con el reconocimiento de que todo lo que tenemos nos lo ha dado Dios y se basa en la comprensión de que, como corresponsables Cristianos, recibimos los dones de Dios con gratitud, los cultivamos responsablemente, los compartimos amorosamente en justicia con los demás y los devolvemos en aumento para el Señor.”

– Carta Pastoral de los Obispos de los Estados Unidos sobre

#### PLANIFICADA

La decisión de dar es sólo eso – una decisión que requiere pensamiento y oración. La ofrenda está integrada con otras decisiones financieras como parte de una respuesta cuidadosa e intencional a la generosidad de Dios.

#### UNA PRIORIDAD

Parte de nuestra planificación asegura que damos los “primeros frutos” – regalos dados primero y no después de que se hayan cumplido otras obligaciones.

#### SACRIFICIAL

Nuestro regalo se convierte en sacrificio cuando proviene de lo que tenemos en lugar de lo que nos sobra -- y somos cambiados en el proceso. Actuamos en nuestra creencia de que nuestra seguridad no radica en nuestros recursos materiales sino en Dios.

#### UNA EXPRESIÓN DE GRATITUD

Si realmente creemos que Dios nos da todo lo que tenemos, la primera respuesta es la gratitud. Creamos una alianza para promover el reino de Dios – y damos a través de nuestra parroquia porque es el cuerpo que da testimonio de los valores y el amor en acción que abrazamos. witness to the values and love in action we embrace.

# STEWARSHIP

## THANK YOU FOR YOUR WEEKLY SACRIFICIAL GIVING

In gratitude for the gifts we have received from God, parishioners and visitors made a joyful return to the Lord of \$36,240.96 in Sunday Offertory for October 26-27 for the mission and ministries of Saint Mary Magdalen. As Christian stewards our response is witness to what we believe – that all that we have is a gift from God!



### BE AN ONLINE GIVER!

Our Online Giving option can be used for one-time gifts or to set up recurring giving by electronic check or credit card – available through our website, [StMaryMagdalen.org](http://StMaryMagdalen.org).

#### HOW DOES ONLINE GIVING BENEFIT YOU?

- Convenient** – Anytime, anywhere access through the internet.
- Secure and Confidential** – Adheres to banking security standards.
- Flexible** – Start, stop or change your contributions at any time. Plus, you may contribute using direct withdrawal (ACH) or credit cards.

You may give at any time via our Online Giving Link:  
<https://stmarymagdalen.org/ParishInfo/OnlineDonation/DonateToSMM.htm>



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## FOOD, CLOTHING, EDUCATION WITH GRATITUDE FOR ALL YOU DO FOR PEACE ORPHANAGE

Our Parish Mission, the Friends of Peace Orphanage program in Mexico City, was founded in 1990 to assist the Benedictine Sisters in providing food, clothing and education for neglected children in their care. Through your support, they have three nutritious meals daily and live in a well-maintained, safe, and loving environment. In addition, teens are able to attend Catholic/private high schools and students are beginning their journey to university classes.

We are so grateful for the support of Private Donors, SMMC School and our St. Mary Magdalen ministries and organizations. Your generosity impacts every aspect of the lives of the vulnerable children of Peace Orphanage and makes miracles in their lives a reality.

#### HOW TO SUPPORT PEACE ORPHANAGE

MAIL or DROP OFF DONATIONS AT THE PARISH OFFICE  
or PLACE IN THE SUNDAY COLLECTION during MASS.

Make Checks payable to:

ST. MARY MAGDALEN CHURCH – PEACE ORPHANAGE FUND.  
Donations may be earmarked for School Expenses by writing "Education Fund" on the memo portion of your check.



SCAN TO SUPPORT

ONLINE GIVING:

Go To: [StMaryMagdalen.org](http://StMaryMagdalen.org)

Click on " Donate," then select "Give Online,"  
then Click on the "Give Now" button under "Peace Orphanage."

If are interested in assisting with higher education, we invite you to make your donation to the Fr. Charlie Hope Scholarship Fund, also available through the same web portal. Make checks to St. Mary Magdalen Church – Hope Scholarship.



# FALL FEST THANK YOU



## Thank You

To all the disciple volunteers, booth captains, core team leaders and Fest Chair Joe H. – thank you for an amazing Fall Fest 2024 – 15 hours of family fun, reunions, games, music, delicious fresh fest foods as well as donations collected for community partners restocking after the hurricane. This is how you Share Christ with the World! Go to the parish website home page to see a recap video of Fest 2024.



# PARISH & SCHOOL NEWS



## INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC?

Who, Me? Yes you! If you are interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith and becoming Catholic, you're in the right place. Anyone—ages 8 to adult—seeking Baptism, Confirmation and First Communion, please visit the parish website for more Becoming Catholic information. Classes are Sundays, 10 am. It's never too late! Contact Mary G at [407-265-2315](tel:4072652315) or email at [MaryG@StMaryMagdalen.org](mailto:MaryG@StMaryMagdalen.org).

Si está interesado en aprender más sobre la fe católica y convertirse en católico, está en el lugar correcto. Cualquier persona, desde 8 años hasta un adulto, que desee recibir bautismo, confirmación y primera comunión, visite el sitio web de la parroquia para obtener más información sobre Cómo convertirse en católico. Las clases son los domingos a las 10 am. ¡Nunca es demasiado tarde! Comuníquese con Mary G al [407-265-2315](tel:4072652315) o envíe un correo electrónico a [MaryG@StMaryMagdalen.org](mailto:MaryG@StMaryMagdalen.org)



## MARRIAGE SPIRITUALITY DINNER INVITATION FOR TWO

Thinking about what to do for a date night? Inviting all married, engaged or dating couples who are seeking a Catholic marriage for Table for Two on November 8. Happy hour, fun, food and faith. An inspiring event for couples. Sign up at parish website. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/table4two#/>

¿Estás pensando en qué hacer para una cita nocturna? Invitamos a todas las parejas casadas, comprometidas o en pareja que buscan un matrimonio católico a Mesa para dos el 8 de noviembre. Hora feliz, diversión, comida y fe. Un evento inspirador para parejas. Regístrate en el sitio web de la parroquia. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/table4two#/>



AS WE PREPARE FOR ADVENT....

## INVITATION FOR HOLIDAY CHURCH HOSPITALITY

Just around the corner is Advent, our time to prepare our hearts to celebrate the birth of Jesus at Christmas. As we enter this most joyous season, we invite you to become part of our Church Hospitality Team. These disciples are invaluable in fostering an inviting Mass atmosphere and ministering to our families. Below are a few opportunities to prayerfully consider.

- **Greeter** – Serves at the Mass entrance welcoming families, distributing literature, and offering assistance.
- **Usher** – Tends to the needs of the people during the Mass... Assists with seating, collect the offertory, guide communion, etc.
- **Parking Team** – Directs traffic and drives parishioners to and from Mass via golf carts.
- **Christmas Manger Assistant** – Assists families with taking their photo at the manger.
- **Bell Distributors** – At the 4pm outdoor Christmas Eve Children's Mass, walks amongst the crowd passing out bells.
- **Hot Chocolate Station Attendees** – At the 4pm outdoor Christmas Eve Children's Mass, tends the Hot Chocolate station before Mass and cleans up before Mass begins.

To learn more... stop by the welcome desk or contact Melissa Findley in the parish office at [MelissaF@StMaryMagdalen.org](mailto:MelissaF@StMaryMagdalen.org) / [407-265-2311](tel:4072652311).

A la vuelta de la esquina está el Adviento, nuestro tiempo de preparar nuestros corazones para celebrar el nacimiento de Jesús en Navidad. Al entrar en esta temporada tan alegre, lo invitamos a formar parte de nuestro Equipo de Hospitalidad de la Iglesia. Estos discípulos son invaluables para fomentar una atmósfera acogedora en la Misa y ministrar a nuestras familias.... Ujier, Saludador, Café Gruta, Equipo de estacionamiento y mas. Contacto: [MelissaF@StMaryMagdalen.org](mailto:MelissaF@StMaryMagdalen.org) / [407-265-2311](tel:4072652311).

## ELC & SMMCS TRADITIONS MEET YOUR BUDDY DAY!

SMMCS 7th grade students met their PreK 4 buddies for the first time, marking a special moment in the school's tradition of building connections between middle schoolers and Early Learning Center students. The older students are excited to mentor and spend time with their younger buddies, sharing smiles, high-fives, and stories. This heartwarming partnership fosters a sense of community, kindness, and leadership, and both groups are looking forward to many more memorable moments together this year, including the school Mass once a month!



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## IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF JOHN PAUL II SAN DAMIANO SOCIETY - NOV. 14

Sister Gianna Grace Perino, a Servant of the Pierced Hearts of Jesus and Mary, will speak about the life and legacy of this great saint, Thursday, Nov. 14, 9 a.m.-2p.m., St. Anthony Hall, \$20, includes breakfast and lunch.

## NATIONAL VOCATIONS AWARENESS WEEK

November 3-9, 2024

PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

VOCATIONS' OFFICE: 407-788-3113

## PRAY AND ACT: FLORIDA BISHOPS

Information on Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship and the Florida Conference of Catholic Bishops Voter Guide, including the statement on Amendment 4, are available on the parish website: <https://www.stmarymagdalen.org/ParishInfo/FaithfulCitizenship/FaithfulCitizenship.htm>

As the Florida Catholic Bishops explain, Florida Amendment 4, which is on Florida's November 2024 ballot, is an extreme proposal that legalizes full-term abortion with no protections for the preborn child, including when the child is capable of feeling pain. This proposed amendment to our state constitution would prohibit all restrictions on abortion before viability and create a broad exception that any healthcare provider could exploit to allow abortion up to birth.

We invite you to join the St. Mary Magdalen Culture of Life Ministry in prayer on election day, Tuesday November 5 at 8am-9am and 6pm-7pm in the chapel

**Servants of the Pierced Hearts of Jesus and Mary**

**St. Philomena Group**  
For young women 12-16 years old

We invite all young ladies, 12-16 years old to our upcoming "St. Philomena" meetings!

We will contemplate our Blessed Mother as the Woman Par Excellence, entering deeply into Her identity, virtues, and beauty of Her heart to discover the greatness of our feminine genius as young ladies.

November 16: Friendship  
10:00 – 11:00 AM

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Please RSVP to: [SrKristi@piercedhearts.org](mailto:SrKristi@piercedhearts.org)  
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## INVITATION TO YOUNG LADIES ST. PHILOMENA GROUP, NOV. 16

The Servants of the Pierced Hearts of Jesus and Mary have started a group for young ladies ages 12-16 to grow in Faith and Virtue. This month they meet Saturday, Nov. 16, 10 a.m.-11 a.m., Our Lady, Queen of Peace Convent at San Pedro. Please RSVP to [SrKristi@piercedhearts.org](mailto:SrKristi@piercedhearts.org) or call 407-960-2423.

**Prayer to Defeat Florida's Abortion Amendment**

Ever-living God, you give life and desire a future for all your children. Take hold of our nation, state, and community and awaken in every heart awe for the gift of life. Send your Spirit to strengthen us with wisdom and fortitude as we defend mothers and children in Florida from laws that disregard their health and safety.

Mary and Joseph trusted in you and welcomed Jesus into our broken world. God Almighty, we ask their intercession to protect the preborn and their mothers, and to guide all parents in raising their children. May they help us build a civilization of love by upholding the sacredness of life and accompanying pregnant women in need. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Our Lady, Mother of the Family, pray for us!

St. Joseph, Protector of the Unborn, pray for us!

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# PRAYERS & INTENTIONS

## LET US GATHER TO PRAY

In this season of Prayer for the Jubilee of Hope 2025, we invite you to join us.

- Eucharistic Adoration: Tuesday, 8am–8pm, Thursday, 8am–7pm, and First Friday 8 am – 8 pm
- Rosary in English: Weekdays, following 7:30am Mass
- Rosary in Spanish: 6:30pm Saturdays, before 7pm Spanish Mass
- Miraculous Medal Prayer: Mondays, following 7:30am Mass
- Charismatic Prayer in Spanish: Fridays, 7pm

*En este tiempo de Oración por el Jubileo 2025, te invitamos a unirte a nosotros.*

- *Adoración Eucarística: martes de 8 a.m. a 8 p.m., jueves de 8 a.m. a 7 p.m. y primer viernes de 8 a.m. a 8 p.m.*
- *Rosario en inglés: de lunes a viernes, después de la misa de las 7:30 a.m.*
- *Rosario en español: 6:30 p.m. sábados, antes de la misa en español*
- *Oración de la Medalla Milagrosa: los lunes, después de la misa de las 7:30 a.m.*
- *Oración Carismática en español: viernes, 7 p.m.*

## THIS MONTH, WE ALSO PRAY:

- **Season of Gratitude:** Dear Lord, Thank you for teaching me to be generous as you have been generous with me. Thank you for showing me that all I am and have are gifts from you. Thank you for reminding me that these gifts from you, Lord, are meant to be shared. Thank you for helping me to understand that my parish and others, perhaps unknown to me, depend on me for help. Thank you for shepherding me to engage in the joy of generosity. Make me a gift to others in your name. Amen.
- **Veterans Day, November 11**, we pray: Lord God, Almighty Father, creator of mankind and author of peace, as we are ever mindful of the cost paid for the liberty we possess, we ask you to bless the members of our armed forces. Give them courage, hope and strength. To you be all glory, honor and praise, now and forever. Amen.

## MASS READINGS & INTENTIONS • NOV 16 - NOV 23

### NOV 16-17 SAT-SUN

Dn 12:1-3; Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11;  
Heb 10:11-14, 18; Mk 13:24-32

#### SATURDAY, NOV 16

5:00pm  
† Tony, John David & Emily  
Grace Kuhn

7:00pm (Spanish)  
† Ismael del Villar Castellano

#### SUNDAY, NOV 17

8:00am  
† Deacon Norm Kazyk

10:00am  
† Kathryn Kapotch

12:00pm  
† Chris & Jack Aurand

5:30pm  
Andres Zubiria

### NOV 18 MON

Rv 1:1-4; 2:1-5; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4  
and 6; Lk 18:35-43

7:30am  
† Don Gallagher

### NOV 20 WED

Rv 4:1-11; Ps 150:1b-2, 3-4,  
5-6; Lk 19:11-28

7:30am  
† Richard Nelson

### NOV 22 FRI

Rv 10:8-11; Ps 119:14, 24, 72,  
103, 111, 131; Lk 19:45-48

7:30am  
† Frank Pionegro

### NOV 19 TUE

Rv 3:1-6, 14-22; Ps 15:2-3a, 3bc-  
4ab, 5; Lk 19:1-10

7:30am  
† Asuncion Herrera

### NOV 21 THU

Rv 5:1-10; Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4,  
5-6a and 9b; Lk 19:41-44

7:30am  
† Mike Auciello

7:00pm (Spanish)  
† Elvia Rosa Cardozo de Cárdenas

### NOV 23 SAT

Rv 11:4-12; Ps 144:1, 2, 9-10;  
Lk 20:27-40

8:00am  
† Deacon Greg Nelsen

## MASS READINGS & INTENTIONS • NOV 23 - NOV 30

### NOV 23-24 SAT-SUN

Dn 7:13-14; Ps 93:1, 1-2, 5; Rv  
1:5-8; Mk 11:9, 10; Jn 18:33b-37

#### SATURDAY, NOV 23

5:00pm  
† Diane Bauer

7:00pm (Spanish)  
† Ana María Cano

#### SUNDAY, NOV 24

8:00am  
† Helen Schefstad

10:00am  
† Irene Klega

12:00pm  
† John Alfred Baird

5:30pm  
† Ana María Cano

### NOV 25 MON

Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5; Ps 24:1bc-2,  
3-4ab, 5-6; Lk 21:1-4

8:00am  
† Don Gallagher

### NOV 27 WED

Rv 15:1-4; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 7-8,  
9; Lk 21:12-19

8:00am  
† Tammy Albert

### NOV 29 FRI

Rv 20:1-4, 11—21:2; Ps 84:3,  
4, 5-6a and 8a; Lk 21:29-33

8:00am  
† Betsy & Sam Woods

### NOV 26 TUE

Rv 14:14-19; Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13;  
Lk 21:5-11

8:00am  
† Suzanne Kent Debolt

### NOV 28 THU

Rv 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a;  
Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5; Lk 21:20-28

8:00am  
† Kathleen P Dudley  
All the People of the Parish

### NOV 30 SAT

Rom 10:9-18; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11;  
Mt 4:18-22

8:00am  
† Deacon Greg Nelsen

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