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The Fifteenth and Sixteenth Sundays in Ordinary Time
Décimo Quinto y Décimo Sexto Domingos
del Tiempo Ordinario
July 16th and July 23rd, 2017

Magdalena with the Smoking Flame
La Magdalena con la Llama Encendida

Georges de la Tour
From the Desk of the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

On Saturday, July 22nd, we celebrate the memorial feast of St. Mary Magdalene.

As you may know, tradition has called her “The Apostle to the Apostles.” The reason for this appropriately laudatory description comes from both John 20:17–18 and Mark 16:9–10. In these passages, Mary Magdalene is not only the first to see the Risen Jesus, but goes forth to inform the disciples of his resurrection.

Perhaps over the years you are as puzzled as I have been about why we have not really explored the depth of what Mary Magdalene might mean for the Church.

Jesus could have appeared to whomever he wanted, yet he chose her, at least in John’s and Mark’s Gospels, to be the first. He could also have asked any number of people to be among the first to announce the Good News, yet he privileged her to proclaim: He is Risen. She was, therefore, by no means given a passive role. She was not merely chosen to be a disciple, a learner, sitting at his feet, but instead was afforded the active role of going forth, as an apostle, to proclaim what she had seen and heard from the risen Lord. She truly leads the way, showing all of us the path we might travel from Disciple to Apostle.

Nevertheless, who among us does not also know that Mary Magdalene has been characterized as having been a prostitute before she met up with Jesus? Isn’t she, after all, primarily the repentant sinner, the one from whom Jesus drove out seven demons? And might not these seven demons be akin to the 7 deadly sins? And, since she “was a prostitute,” isn’t there a tendency to focus on just one: lust?

Sadly, not enough Catholics realize that this truly regrettable misidentification of Mary Magdalene as a prostitute has no real basis in Scripture. Much of this misappropriation dates back to the 6th century when Pope Gregory the Great, in his homilies, amalgamated her, without justification, to the unidentified women who anoints Jesus with her hair in Luke 7:36-50. This is further compounded when she is then misidentified with the woman caught in adultery in John 8:2-11. Legends and fanciful stories abound as a result. Think “The DaVinci Code.”

These misidentifications, as James Carroll points out in a June 2006 article for Smithsonian Magazine, unfortunately has had the effect of “discrediting sexuality in general and disempowering women in particular” [http://www.smithsonianmag.com/history/who-was-mary-magdalene-119565482/].

Let’s be honest, haven’t artist renditions, however beautiful, and our own Catholic imaginations and reflections all too often centered on her story being that of almost exclusively sexual sin and repentance? Does this not taint the real power of her authentict story – a story of a woman who was among the women who bravely stayed at the foot of the cross, who patiently sat outside the tomb, who was wonderfully rewarded with the vision of Christ?

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time • July 15-16, 2017
Isaiah 55:10-11 • Romans 8:18-23 • Matthew 13:1-23
Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time • July 22-23
Wisdom 12:13,16-19 • Romans 8:26-27 • Matthew 13:24-30

Estimados Feligreses:
El sábado 22 de julio celebramos la fiesta conmemorativa de Sta. María Magdalena.

Como podrán saber, la tradición la ha llamado “La Apóstol de los Apóstoles.” La razón de esta descripción laudatoria viene de Jn. 20:17-18 y Mc. 16: 9-10. En esos pasajes, María Magdalena no sólo es la primera en ver al Jesús resucitado, sino la que sale a informar a los discípulos sobre su resurrección.

Tal vez, a lo largo de los años, estarán tan confundidos como yo lo he estado del porqué no hemos realmente explorado a profundidad lo que María Magdalena podría significar para la Iglesia.

Jesús pudo habersele aparecido a cualquiera que él hubiera querido, y aún así, la escogió, al menos según los Evangelios de Juan y de Marcos, a ser la primera. Él también pudo haber escogido de entre un gran número de personas al portador de la Buena Noticia, y la privilegió a proclamar: Ha resucitado. Ella no tuvo, por lo tanto, un papel pasivo. No fue meramente escogida a ser una discípula, una aprendiz, sentada a sus pies, sino que se le concedió el papel activo de salir, como apóstol, a proclamar lo que vio y oyó del Señor resucitado. Ella realmente guía el camino, señalándonos la senda que debemos transitar de discípulos a apóstoles.

Sin embargo, ¿quién de nosotros no sabe que a María Magdalena la han caracterizado también como una prostituta antes de conocer a Jesús? ¿No es ella, después de todo, la pecadora arrepentida, a quien Jesús le sacó los siete demonios? ¿Y no serían esos siete demonios los parientes de los siete pecados capitales? Y, al “ser una prostituta,” ¿no existe la tendencia de enfocarnos en únicamente uno de ellos, la lujuria?

Tristemente, muy pocos católicos se dan cuenta de que esta lamentable identificación de María Magdalena como prostituta es errónea, no existe prueba alguna en las Escrituras. Gran parte de esa malversación data del siglo VI, cuando el Papa Gregorio Magno, en sus homilías la cruzó, sin justificación alguna, con la mujer anónima que unió a Jesús con su pelo en Lc. 7: 36-50. Esto es aún más agravado cuando ella es confundida con la mujer atrapada en adulterio en Jn. 8: 2-11. Como resultado, abundan leyendas e historias fantásticas. Piensen en el “Código Da Vinci.”

Esas identificaciones equivocadas, tal como lo señala James Carroll en un artículo de junio de 2006 para la revista Smithsonian, desafortunadamente han tenido el efecto de “una sexualidad desacreditada en general y una inhabilitación de la mujer en particular” [http://www.smithsonianmag.com/history/who-was-mary-magdalene-119565482/].

Seamos honestos: ¿no han sido las representaciones de los artistas, no obstante hermosas, y nuestras propias reflexiones e imaginaciones católicas sobre su historia muy a menudo centradas casi exclusivamente en el pecado sexual y su arrepentimiento? ¿No mancilla esto el verdadero poder de su historia auténtica – la historia de una mujer que estaba entre las mujeres que valientemente (Continúa en la página 3)
Celebrate the Vigil of the Feast of St. Ignatius of Loyola
“Called To Love and Serve; En Todo Amar y Servir”
Sunday, July 30th at 5:30 p.m.
A Vigil Mass Celebrating the Life of Saint Ignatius
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STM’s 9th Annual Mary of Magdala Celebration
The annual liturgy for the Feast of St. Mary of Magdala will take place at St. Ignatius, Friday, July 21, 12:00 p.m.
All are welcome!

Summer Schedule
The Parish Office will be closed on Sundays.
During the summer, the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be by appointment only. Saturday confessions will resume on September 10.
On Fridays from June 30th to September 8th, Parish Office hours will be from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

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estuvieron a los pies de la cruz, quien pacientemente se sentó fuera de la tumba, que maravillosamente fue recompensada con la visión del Cristo vivo y que fue enviada debidamente a anunciar esta verdad a los demás? Y aún si su historia incluyera la sacada de los siete demonios, ¿no estaría más relacionada a ser una víctima y no una pecadora?

Quizás en los próximos meses podríamos pedirle a la verdadera Sta. María Magdalena por su intercesión y guía para la Comisión que estudiará el Diaconado de las mujeres, cuyo presidente es el Arzobispo Luis Ladaria Ferrer, un jesuita español que fue también nombrado recientemente por el Papa Francisco a ser la cabeza de la Congregación para la Doctrina de la Fe.

Y aún así, al hacer esas plegarias, debemos recordar que María Magdalena no fue diácono. Más bien ella podría haber estado un poquito más alto en la jerarquía; la Apóstol de los Apóstoles!

En la Paz de Cristo:
P. Joe

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alive, and who was duly commissioned to announce this truth to the others? And even if her story includes the driving out of seven demons, isn’t that akin to being a victim rather than a sinner?

Perhaps in the months ahead we might ask the real St. Mary Magdalene’s intercession and guidance for the Study Commission on the Women’s Diaconate, whose President, Archbishop Luis Ladaria Ferrer, a Spanish Jesuit, was recently named by Pope Francis to also become head of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith.

Yet, as we make these prayers, we must remember that Mary Magdalene was not a deacon. Instead, she may actually have been a little higher up in the hierarchy: the Apostle to the Apostles!

In Christ’s Peace,
Fr. Joe
Peace, Justice & Reconciliation Commission

July 27th | 7:00 p.m.
Parish Office Garden Level
All are welcome to attend!

RCIA

Interested in Becoming Catholic?
St. Ignatius Parish invites you to discern the decision to become a fully initiated Catholic through the process of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA).
RCIA could be for you if:
• You've never been baptized and wish to explore a relationship with God through the Catholic faith
• You're a baptized Christian who would like to share fully in Catholic communion through Eucharist and Confirmation
• You're a Catholic who hasn’t yet been fully initiated into the Church through Eucharist and/or Confirmation
• You're an adult Catholic, eager to learn more about your faith and share it with others

Come and see if this is the right step for you in your spiritual journey. In the context of a supportive small-group learning community, we explore the richness of Catholicism and reflect on the meaning of faith in daily life. Beginning in late September, we will meet weekly on Sundays, 11:15 am-12:30 pm. Sessions continue through Easter, culminating with the celebration of the sacraments at the Easter Vigil, and conclude later in April. There is also the option to join the BC RCIA group, which meets on Monday evenings, 7:00-8:30 pm. For more information and a complete schedule, please contact Jacqueline Regan, jacqueline.regan.2@bc.edu.

Outreach Ministries

Hearth for Homeless Elders:
On Sunday, July 23rd, and Sunday, August 27th, we’ll be hosting bingo at Hearth at Olmsted Green in Dorchester, a residence for formerly homeless elders. Four adults are needed to conduct the games and serve refreshments; children are welcome to be part of the event. Bingo starts at 2 p.m. Call Sr. Diane to sign on or for more information – 617-552-6107.

Heads Up/For a Head Start:
We will be holding our annual back-to-school items drive on August 19th/20th. School supplies are already on sale, so we thought that you might like to get a head start on shopping. But, please don’t bring in the supplies before that August weekend. A list of specific needed supplies will be in upcoming bulletins.

Shattuck Fourth Tuesday:
We’ll be serving supper at Pine Street Inn Shattuck Shelter on July 25th and, as always, desserts will be needed for the meal. If you could provide a dessert, please bring it to the Parish Office by 4PM on the 25th. Thank you for considering this opportunity to be part of our ministry to the Shelter Guests.

A BIG THANK YOU to everyone who was a part of our Summer Cookout for the Shattuck Shelter Guests - food donors, cash donors, kitchen prep folks and meal grillers and servers. Pat Byrne and Bob Burns served as the Coordinators once again – special thanks to them!

Community Connections

Help Wanted! Do you have marketing skills?
Do you have expertise in social media promotion?
Are you willing to volunteer your time to help?
Community Connections Commission, the group that runs events and programs to build up our parish community, is looking for people who can donate their time to help us promote those events and programs. We have so many wonderful opportunities to get to know your parish neighbor and we want to make sure everyone finds out about them. Let us know how you can help by contacting Catherine at 617-782-5812 or cfdesq@hotmail.com.

4/ Fifteenth/Sixteenth Sunday
Please pray for:
Saturday, July 15th
4:00 p.m. - Maria & Agostino Cecconi
Sunday, July 16th
8:00 a.m. - Bernice Cummings
10:00 a.m. - Audrey Fleming
12:00 p.m. - Frank Miskuly
5:30 p.m. - Eleanor O’Leary Bornemann
Monday, July 17th
12:15 p.m. - Rita Dawson
5:30 p.m. - Edward Mark Slonaker
Tuesday, July 18th
12:15 p.m. - Richard Driscoll
5:30 p.m. - Mike Dow
Wednesday, July 19th
12:15 p.m. - John Clavin
5:30 p.m. - Janet Greene Brown
Thursday, July 20th
12:15 p.m. - John J. Fitzgerald
5:30 p.m. - Jim Boyd
Friday, July 21st
12:15 p.m. - Paul & Cora Morin
5:30 p.m. - Mary O’Leary
Saturday, July 22nd
9:00 a.m. - Paul Marshall
Sunday, July 23rd
8:00 a.m. - Catherine Marie Doyle
10:00 a.m. - Paul Marshall
5:30 p.m. - Mary Dafarra
Monday, July 24th
12:15 p.m. - Margaret Shields
5:30 p.m. - Marian & Emilia Petrowicz
Tuesday, July 25th
12:15 p.m. - Rev. Joseph T. Nolan
5:30 p.m. - Sandra Ann Colbert
Wednesday, July 26th
12:15 p.m. - Edward Xavier
5:30 p.m. - Nancy McGowan
Thursday, July 27th
12:15 p.m. - Mary Callnan Anderson Brockeway
5:30 p.m. - John Collins
Saturday, July 29th
9:00 a.m. - Guadencnce Mukabutera
4:00 p.m. - George F. and Constance H. Cahill
Sunday, July 30th
12:00 p.m. - Rose Zydlewski
5:30 p.m. - James C. Bowdring

Why the Scaffolding?
You may notice scaffolding over the front entrance on the parking lot side of the Church. The reason: much needed roof repair!

As you may know, because of this leakage, a sizable portion of our organ pipes have been in storage since the Fall of 2015. As a first step, the roof needed to be repaired so that the damage sustained in one of the two organ-pipe rooms in our choir loft could be repaired. After that, our organ pipes can come home. Step by step we are moving forward!

Suggested Summer Reading and Book Discussion
Are you looking for a good book to read this summer? May we suggest Ask the Beasts: Darwin and the God of Love by Elizabeth Johnson. On Sunday, September 17th, we will meet to discuss this book at 11:15 a.m. in the living room of the parish office. Please consider reading with us this summer and joining the discussion in September.

Summer Day of Prayer
Saturday, August 12th
Notre Dame Spirituality Center
Jeffrey’s Neck, Ipswich
9:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Join director Sr. Pat Curran, SNDdeN, for a guided day of expressive contemplation amidst beautiful grounds and the bounty of a community farm. Cost for the day is $35 and includes lunch. For more information and to register, please contact Sr. Pat Curran at (978) 380-1574 or patcurransnd@gmail.com

Parish Data Update
Jesus didn’t need to use email, but we do!
We are trying hard to make sure our parish database is as up to date as possible. Has your email address or primary phone number changed? Have you moved? Are there new members of your family? Please take a minute to send us your updated contact information at Ignatius@bc.edu. Fr. Joe and other members of the staff use email to send information to parishioners regarding programs and offerings here at the parish. We want you on the list!

5/ Fifteenth/Sixteenth Sunday
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PARISH OFFICE HOURS
Monday - Thursday: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Friday: 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. (Summer Only)

The Celebration of the Eucharist
SUNDAY       Upper Church  8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 12:00 Noon, 5:30 p.m.
              Lower Church   10:00 a.m., Family Liturgy
                                12:00 p.m., Misa En Español En La Capilla Lannon
WEEKDAY      Lower Church   12:15 p.m. & 5:30 p.m [Adoration—12:45 p.m., Friday]
SATURDAY     Lower Church   9:00 a.m.
              Upper Church   4:00 p.m. (Vigil)

Other Sacraments
Reconciliation—During the summer, the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be by appointment only.
Baptism—Adults are baptized at the Easter Vigil as part of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). Infant and child Baptisms are by arrangement.
First Eucharist—Preparation begins in grade one and includes classes, retreats, and home instruction. Children receive First Eucharist in grade two.
Confirmation—Our Confirmation program begins in 9th grade; students are confirmed in the spring of 10th grade. For young adults who have been baptized but are not yet confirmed, contact the parish office.
Matrimony—Parishioners, BC Grads and non-parishioners are welcome to be married at St. Ignatius. Contact the parish office for available dates and details.
Anointing of the Sick—By arrangement. Contact the parish office.

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Parish Registration
Newcomers to St. Ignatius are invited and encouraged to formally register as members of the parish so that we can stay in touch with you via email with Faith Formation news, notice of special events, volunteer opportunities and more. Registration forms are available at the back of the church in the gathering space, in the parish office or on the website.

Please note that you must be registered for at least six months before we can issue any verification of your status as a parishioner for godparent or sponsor letters.

6/ Fifteenth/Sixteenth Sunday
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