

“Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.” - Romans 15:7

Welcome to St. Mary Magdalen Parish, a Roman Catholic Church, School and Early Learning Center (Infants through grade 8), a vibrant Caring, Catholic Community in the heart of Central Florida. We hope that our website provides you with the information you need to nurture and support your faith here in the parish and beyond.

“Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you.* And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age.” – Matthew 28:19-20

We are a community of Disciple-Makers!

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you, express my hope for you, and to share the God-given mission and vision for St. Mary Magdalen Parish. We are a community of cultures. What do we consider the “culture of St. Mary Magdalen?” One of Merriam Webster’s definitions of “culture” is “the customary beliefs, social forms, and material traits of a racial, religious, or social group; the characteristic features of everyday existence (a way of life) shared by people in a place or time.” By our baptism we are called to the Christian way of life. So the culture of St. Mary Magdalen (how we act, how we live our lives, how we make our decisions, how we interact with one another) inspires us ***to place God first in all things; to love as Christ loves and serve as Christ serves***. Our pastoral leadership team has begun to develop action steps around these focus areas:

- ≡ ***Inspire*** a Culture of Encountering God and the Spiritual Life
- ≡ ***Embrace*** a Culture of Engagement
- ≡ ***Live*** a Culture of Gratitude & Evangelization.

This can be summed up in the words “***Witness*** the Culture of Jesus!”

If you are new to the parish, we extend a special welcome to you and pray that you will find a warm home here. Please introduce yourself to one of the priests or pastoral team after Mass or stop by the Parish Office. If you would like to become a partner in our mission by joining the parish, you will find the form you need [here](#) or by stopping by our welcome desk at Church or the parish office.

We invite all our parishioners to engage fully in our life at St. Mary Magdalen -- To Inspire, to Embrace and to Live – To Witness! You have already witnessed these virtues with your lives. Thank you for all you are and all you do. But there is more our

God is calling us to be – more our God is calling us to do. What we do for God must be grounded in humility, hospitality and excellence.

May we all aspire to encounter God's presence in all we do.

Fr. Charlie Mitchell