

# JULY 21, 2024 - Readings for the Feast of St. Mary Magdalen

Song of Songs 3:1-4b ; 2 Corinthians 5:14-17; John 20:1-2, 11-18

**GOSPEL:** On the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early in the morning, while it was still dark, and saw the stone removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and to the other disciple whom Jesus loved, and told them, "They have taken the Lord from the tomb, and we don't know where they put him." Mary stayed outside the tomb weeping. And as she wept, she bent over into the tomb and saw two angels in white sitting there, one at the head and one at the feet where the Body of Jesus had been. And they said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken my Lord, and I don't know where they laid him." When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus there, but did not know it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" She thought it was the gardener and said to him, "Sir, if you carried him away tell me where you laid him, and I will take him."

Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni," which means Teacher. Jesus said to her, "Stop holding on to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and tell them, 'I am going to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord," and then reported what he told her.

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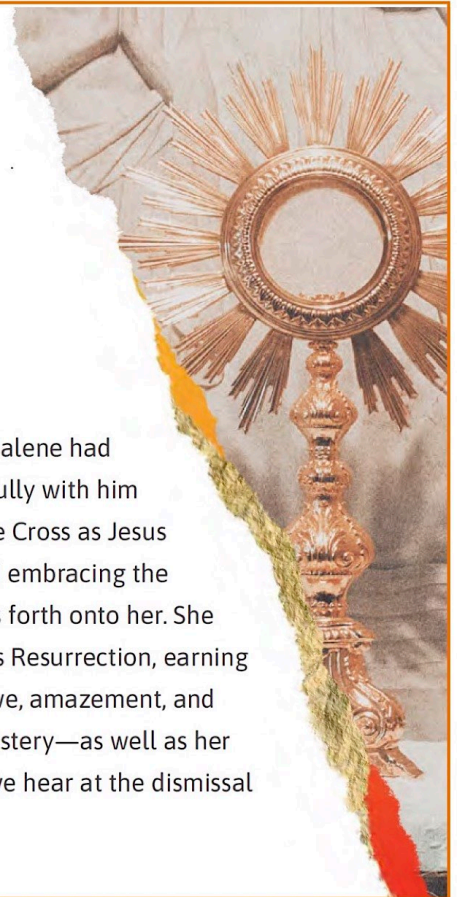


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## ST. MARY MAGDALENE

Through the Gospels, we read that St. Mary Magdalene had a persevering love for Jesus. She remained faithfully with him throughout his Passion, clinging to the foot of the Cross as Jesus died. In traditional iconography, Mary is depicted embracing the Cross or caressing Christ's feet as his Blood pours forth onto her. She was the first witness and herald of Christ after his Resurrection, earning her the title the "Apostle to the Apostles." Her awe, amazement, and joy when she encounters Christ in his Paschal Mystery—as well as her evangelization to the apostles—match the call we hear at the dismissal in Mass.



**REFLECTION:** The National Eucharistic Congress has pointed to our patron saint as a model of Eucharistic identity - "who shows us how spending time with Christ leads us into missionary activity."

**Q1:** Mary of Magdala as a follower of Jesus is prolific in the Gospels - more than 50 references by some accounts. What do you think she learned from Jesus?

**Q2:** What does Eucharistic identity mean to you? What are the Eucharistic traits of St. Mary Magdalen?

**Q3:** What are the missionary traits of St. Mary Magdalen that you would like to model in your call?

**Q4:** Are you ready to be a missionary disciple for the Eucharist? How will you spend MORE time with Christ as is suggested? Share as a small group this week how you can work on this together.

## LITANY TO ST. MARY MAGDALENE

Lord, have mercy on us.  
Christ, have mercy on us.  
Lord, have mercy on us.  
Christ, hear us.  
Christ, graciously hear us.  
Holy Mary, Mother of God,

Lord, have mercy on us.  
Christ, have mercy on us.  
Lord, have mercy on us.  
Christ, hear us.  
Christ, graciously hear us.  
Pray for us.

Saint Mary Magdalene,  
Who did enter the Pharisee's house  
to anoint the feet of Jesus,  
Who did wash His feet with thy tears,  
Who did dry them with thy hair,  
Who did cover them with kisses,  
Who was vindicated by Jesus before the proud Pharisee  
Who from Jesus received the pardon of thy sins,  
Who before darkness was restored to light  
Mirror of penance,  
Disciple of Our Lord,  
Wounded with the love of Christ,  
Most dear to the Heart of Jesus,  
Constant woman,  
Last at the Cross of Jesus, first at His tomb,  
Thou who was the first to see Jesus risen,  
Whose forehead was sanctified by the touch of thy risen Master,  
Apostle of apostles,  
Who did choose the "better part,"  
Who lived for many years in solitude being miraculously fed,  
Who was visited by angels seven times a day,  
Sweet advocate of sinners,  
Spouse of the King of Glory,

Pray for us.  
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Saint Mary Magdalene, earnestly intercede  
for us with your Divine Master,

That we may  
share thy happiness in  
heaven.

**Let us pray.** May the glorious merits of blessed Mary Magdalene, we beseech You, O Lord, make our offerings acceptable to You, for Your only-begotten Son vouchsafed graciously to accept the humble service she rendered. Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever.

**Amen.**

May the prayers of blessed Mary Magdalene help us, O Lord, who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, United in the Trinity, world without end. **Amen.**