

# LENT AT SAINT MARY MAGDALEN

## CELEBRATE LENT, HOLY WEEK & EASTER WITH US

### PRAYER & WORSHIP

#### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

- Fridays during Lent: 7pm, English – in the Chapel; 7pm, Spanish – at the Labyrinth
- Friday, March 31: 7pm, Sunset Stations of the Cross on the field

#### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION IN THE CHAPEL

- Saturday: 3 – 4pm, English; 5:30pm – 6:30pm, Spanish

#### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION IN THE CHAPEL

- Tuesdays: 8am-8pm
- Thursdays: 8am-7pm
- Every Friday during Lent: 8am-8pm

#### LENT PENANCE SERVICE

(with Saint Mary Magdalen and Diocese priests)

- Tuesday, March 21: 7pm

#### SUNDAYS IN LENT - INNER ROOM MESSAGE

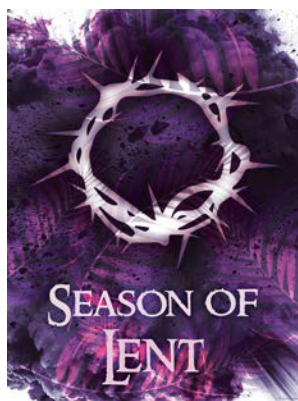
- Sunday, March 5: Second Sunday of Lent
- Sunday, March 12: Third Sunday of Lent; 1st Scrutiny
- Sunday, March 19: Fourth Sunday of Lent; Laetare Sunday; 2nd Scrutiny
- Sunday, March 26: Fifth Sunday of Lent; 3rd Scrutiny

#### PALM SUNDAY & HOLY WEEK

- Palm Sunday, April 2: Saturday 5pm; 7pm Spanish; Sunday 8am, 10am, 12noon, 5:30pm
- Tenebrae Service, Wednesday April 5: 7pm
- Holy Thursday, April 6: 7pm – English in Church, Spanish in Parish Life Center
- Good Friday, April 7: 3pm and 7pm – English in Church; 7pm – Spanish in Parish Life Center
- Good Friday, April 7: 3pm, Via Crucis en Vivo in Spanish on the Annex field
- Holy Saturday, Blessing of Easter Food Baskets, April 8: 8:30am, Grotto

#### EASTER SERVICES

- Easter Vigil, Saturday, April 8: 8pm, English and Spanish, beginning on the track
- Easter Sunrise Mass, Sunday, April 9: 6:30am
- Easter Mass, Sunday, April 9: 8am; 10am in Church; 10:15am in Parish Life Center; 12noon – English in Parish Life Center; Spanish in Church (no 5:30pm Mass)



### AROUND THE PARISH

#### SPRING FOOD DRIVE & LONG-SLEEVE SHIRT COLLECTION

- Saturday, March 4 & Sunday, March 5

#### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FISH FRY DINNERS

- Fridays, February 24 – March, 31 from 5 – 7 pm in the cafeteria. Adult dinner \$12 or \$11 pre-pay; ages 6 – 12 are \$5; children 5 and under free.

#### EASTER EGG HUNT

- Holy Saturday, April 8: 9:30am on the Annex field



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#### SEDER MEAL RETURNS APRIL 4

The St. Mary Magdalen Council of Catholic Women is hosting the inter-faith Seder Meal commemorating the events of the Exodus and the Jewish Passover traditions on Tuesday, April 4 at 7pm in the Parish Life Center. Father Charlie will lead us in the telling of the story of the Exodus (Haggadah), recitation of prayers and songs of faith in the Jewish tradition and the blessing of the meal of lamb, symbolic foods and wine, served family style.

#### RESERVATIONS

Tickets: \$25 per person (8 seats per table)

Online Link is Open: <https://www.osvhub.com/stmarymagdalen/forms/seder>

After Mass Ticket Sales: Saturday March 18 – Sunday March 19



### WORSHIP WITH US

#### Sunday Mass

Saturday

Vigil 5pm; 7pm (Spanish) \*

Sunday

8am, 10am\*, 12noon, 5:30pm

\* Livestream

#### Confessions

Saturday 3-4pm (English)

Saturday 5:30-6:30pm (Spanish)

#### Weekday Mass

7:30am Monday-Friday (English)

7pm Thursday (Spanish)

8am Saturday (English)

#### Chapel of Our Lady

Monday-Friday 8am-8pm

#### Eucharistic Adoration

Tuesday 8am-8pm

Thursday 8am-7pm

Friday 8am-8pm

### CONNECT

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#### Pastor's Newsletter

Go to

[StMaryMag.flocknote.com/everyone](http://StMaryMag.flocknote.com/everyone)

# THE SACRED SEASON

## THE SOUNDS & SIGNS OF LENT

In the Season of Lent, you may notice a difference in the “feel” of our Liturgies on Sundays.

Lent is known as the “penitential” season, a word that is related to repentance. Lent is a yearly opportunity to examine our lives more deeply and allow God to strip away anything that keeps us from union with Him. It is also a time to walk with Christ on His way of the Cross.

You’ll notice a few different things at Mass during this season. There is no Gloria, and the word “Alleluia” is not said or sung during Lent. The reason is that both are expressions of exuberant joy for the resurrection of Jesus, which we liturgically and symbolically await during Lent.

During Lent, the liturgical color is purple, and it symbolizes repentance as well as the royalty of Christ as King of all Kings. Before Jesus was crucified, he was dressed in a purple robe and a crown of thorns was placed on his head (see Mark 15:17).

Also, as part of the solemnity of the season, there are no flowers or other decorations inside the Church. As such, memorial flowers for Our Lady of Grace will resume after Easter.



## WALKING, PRAYING THE STATIONS

The Stations of the Cross, also called Via Crucis, and Via Dolorosa, signify prayer and remembrance with a series of pictures or tableaux representing certain scenes in the Passion of Christ, each corresponding to a particular incident, or the special form of devotion connected with such representations.

The primary location for Stations of the Cross at Saint Mary Magdalen are in the Chapel of Our Lady. We pray the stations Fridays at 7pm during Lent.

The object of the Stations is to help the faithful to make in spirit, as it were, a pilgrimage to the chief scenes of Christ’s sufferings and death.



Fourteen stations are now prescribed by authority - from Christ condemned to death on the cross to our Lord laid in the tomb.



**OUR CATECHUMENS CELEBRATE RITE OF ELECTION:** We ask for your prayers for our Catechumens, who made a public step of witness last weekend, joined by their sponsors, as they were sent by Fr. Charlie to the Bishop for the Rite of Election. Lent marks the final weeks of preparation for the Elect who will receive the Sacraments at the Easter Vigil.

## THE FACTS ON LENT

### *How long is Lent?*

Lent lasts 40 days from Ash Wednesday to Holy Thursday, excluding Sundays. Lent lasts for 40 days because Christ suffered in the desert for 40 days. Sundays are an important part of Lent, but we do not include them in the “40 days” because on every Sunday we remember and celebrate the Resurrection of Christ in the Mass. Ash Wednesday always falls six and half weeks before Easter - which this year is Sunday April 9.

### *When does Lent end?*

Lent ends with the start of the Mass of the Lord’s Supper on Holy Thursday - this year, April 6, 2023 as we enter the Triduum.

### *When is the Triduum?*

The summit of the liturgical year is the Easter Triduum—from the evening of Holy Thursday to the evening of Easter Sunday. Though chronologically three days, they are liturgically one day unfolding for us the unity of Christ’s Paschal Mystery, leading to the Mass of the Resurrection at the Easter Vigil.

### *When must we observe fasting, abstinence?*

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting for Catholics. In addition, Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence from meat. The norms on fasting are obligatory from age 18 until age 59. A person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. Abstinence from meat is from age 14 onwards. Those who are ill, pregnant or nursing mothers are excused.



# PRAY WITH HALLOW

PRAY EVERY DAY THIS

# LENT

PRAY ♦ FAST ♦ GIVE



## SAINT MARY MAGDALEN IS NOW A HALLOW COMMUNITY

Saint Mary Magdalen has partnered with Hallow this Season to provide every parishioner FREE access to all of Hallow's prayer content – including the Lent #Pray40 Challenge. Hallow is the #1 Catholic app worldwide and includes over 5,000 audio-guided sessions designed to help you grow closer to God and develop a daily habit of prayer. Hallow includes prayers for kids and families, resources for mental health, meditations for sleep, seasonal music, multiple languages, daily trivia, podcast-style courses to learn more about faith, and more! Hallow is designed so that no matter where you are on your faith journey, you will find something to help you connect with God.

To get started, scan the QR code or visit [hallow.com/holiday](https://hallow.com/holiday) and select St Mary Magdalen Church in the search bar. From there, you can either create a new account or log into your existing free account to be able to access Hallow. We hope you'll take the opportunity to pray with Hallow this Lent and grow closer to God during this prayerful season.

## JOIN THE LENT #PRAY40 CHALLENGE

Deepen your prayer life this Lent with Hallow, a Catholic prayer and meditation app that helps us all find peace in God.



[HALLOW.COM/HOLIDAY](https://hallow.com/holiday)

## SANTA MARÍA MAGDALENA AHORA ES PARTE DE LA COMUNIDAD DE HALLOW

Saint Mary Magdalen se ha asociado con Hallow esta temporada para brindar a todos los feligreses acceso GRATUITO a todo el contenido de oración de Hallow, incluido el desafío de Cuaresma #Pray40. Hallow es la aplicación Católica #1 en todo el mundo e incluye más de 5,000 sesiones guiadas por audio diseñadas para ayudarte a acercarte a Dios y desarrollar un hábito diario de oración. Hallow incluye oraciones para niños y familias, recursos para la salud mental, meditaciones para dormir, música de temporada, varios idiomas, trivia diaria, cursos estilo podcast para aprender más sobre la fe, ¡y más! Hallow está diseñada para que, sin importar dónde te encuentres en tu recorrido de fe, encuentres algo que te ayude a conectarte con Dios.

Para comenzar, escanee el código QR o visite [hallow.com/holiday](https://hallow.com/holiday) y seleccione St Mary Magdalen Church en la barra de búsqueda. Desde allí, puede crear una nueva cuenta o iniciar sesión en su cuenta gratuita existente para poder acceder a Hallow. Esperamos que aproveche la oportunidad de orar con Hallow esta Cuaresma y se acerque más a Dios durante esta temporada de oración.

# Hallow