



16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Feast of Mary Magdalene

MASS SCHEDULE Sundays 9:00 am & 11:00 am Mon.—Fri. 12:10 pm

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE Mon.—Fri. 11:00 am—11:45 am

ADORATION / EUCHARISTIC EXPOSITION Mon.—Fri. 11:00 am—12:00 pm

> OFFICE HOURS Mon - Wed - Fri. 10:00 am—2:00 pm

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16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME JULY 20, 2025

FEAST OF SAINT MARY MAGDALENE



BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

7/2I: Theresa Danielson, Andy Rodriguez

7/23: Mary Patrice Salvaggio

7/24: Ann Berns,

Jack McCollum

7/25: Herbert Sudhoff, Drew Macho, Tristen Dady

7/26: Maria Lima, Justin Tokorcheck, Jonathan Balius

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Weekly Offertory for July 13, 2025 In-Church Offering: \$6,192.16 Online Offering: \$3,867.22 Total Offertory: \$10,059.38

CSA Participation as of **July 13**, 2025 Pledged: \$126,537 Given: \$111,194 Families Participating: **136**

8 FACTS ABOUT MARY

- 🔽 1. Mary Magdalene was a devoted follower of Jesus
 - · She is mentioned in all four Gospels as a close follower of Jesus.
 - She financially supported Jesus' ministry (Luke 8:1-3), along with other women.
- 2. Jesus healed her of demonic possession
 - Luke 8:2 says Jesus cast seven demons out of her. The exact nature of this affliction is unclear—some believe it could have been physical, emotional, or spiritual in nature.
- 3. She witnessed Jesus' crucifixion
 - Mary Magdalene was present at the crucifixion when most of the disciples had fled (Matthew 27:55-56, Mark 15:40, John 19:25).
- 4. She was the first to witness the Resurrection
 - According to John 20:1–18, Mary was the first person to see the risen Christ.
- Jesus appears to her and speaks her name—this makes her the first witness to the Resurrection, often called the "Apostle to the Apostles."
- 5. She is not the same as the sinful woman in Luke 7
- For centuries, Mary Magdalene was mistakenly conflated with the unnamed "sinful woman" who anointed Jesus' feet (Luke 7:36-50).
- · Nowhere in the Bible is she described as a prostitute.
- This conflation originated in a 6th-century sermon by Pope Gregory the Great and was not officially corrected in Catholic teaching until much later.
- 6. She is honored as a saint
 - The Catholic Church, Eastern Orthodox, and many Protestant traditions honor her as a saint.
 - · Her feast day is July 22 in the Roman Catholic calendar.
- 7. She appears more often than most apostles
- Mary Magdalene is mentioned by name 12 times in the Gospels—more than most of the apostles.
- Her repeated mention, especially in male-dominated texts, points to her significance in early Christianity.
- 8. Her image is being reclaimed today
 - Scholars and churches are working to restore her true legacy as a faithful disciple and leader in the early Church.
 - Pope Francis elevated her feast day to the level of the apostles in 2016, affirming her as an essential witness to the Resurrection.

"May the Lord reward your generosity with abundant blessings."

The Diocese of Pensacola-Tallahassee is committed to healing the hurting hearts of sexual abuse victims and has established Victims Assistance Coordinators who are experienced and trained counselors and are available to help persons who have been sexually abused by a priest, deacon, or other church personnel in Northwest Florida. The Coordinator for the program in the Pensacola/Ft. Walton Beach area is Dr. Louis Makarowski; he may be reached at 850-477-7181.



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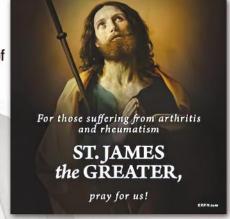
The time is now to consider becoming Catholic...

OCIA CLASSES BEGIN AUGUST 27

Please contact Fr. Fowler or Deacon Steve

Feast of Saint James, Apostle

St. James the Greater, also known as James the son of Zebedee, was one of the Twelve Apostles of Jesus. He is distinguished from another Apostle named James by the epithet "the Greater," likely due to his age or stature. He was a fisherman along with his brother John before being called by Jesus. He is known for being part of Jesus's inner circle, witnessing key events like the



Transfiguration and the agony in Gethsemane. He was the first apostle to be martyred, beheaded by King Herod Agrippa.

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Liturgies & Mass Intentions for the Week of July 20, 2025

SUNDAY

(9 AM)

For the People of the Basilica

(11 AM)

Ann Helen Rosasco †

MONDAY Paul L. and Angela Maria Rosasco †

> TUESDAY SAINT MARY MAGDELENE Joseph Peklo †

WEDNESDAY Mary Lee Rothwell Corr †

> THURSDAY Marilyn Biondi †

FRIDAY
SAINT JAMES, APOSTLE
Paul, Angela Maria and Ann Rosasco †

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