

# Mary Magdalene Church

An Inclusive Church in the Catholic Tradition



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Mary Magdalene Church is an inclusive church in the Catholic tradition, where people from all faiths and backgrounds are welcome to the Lord's Table. We strive to live the values that Jesus taught, to honor and respect each individual and to share the joy of God's unconditional love, in our community and beyond.

Join Us for Worship

**ALL are always welcome to our Eucharistic Table!**

Mary Magdalene Church Bulletin

April 9, 2017

### HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Holy Thursday, April 13, 7:00  
Mass of the Last Supper

Good Friday, April 14, 3:00  
Stations of the Cross

Easter Sunday, April 16, 10:00  
Mass of the Resurrection



Greetings friend!

Today is Palm Sunday, the beginning of Holy Week, and as is the case for all Christian churches, we will remember Jesus's passion and death on the cross. We will recall his arrest and "trial." We will "re-live" his journey up the hill at Calvary, his being nailed to the cross and his death.

We may ask the question what makes this week Holy? Some would say it was Jesus' death on the cross—that in this act he fulfilled what he came into the world to do. He suffered and died for the sins of humanity. He paid the ultimate price for us, gave up his own life that we might be freed and be welcomed into salvation. We've come to believe that this was the will of God—that Jesus was sent into the world as the sacrificial lamb. After all, someone had to pay the price for sin (or so we have been led to believe!) We refer to this line of thinking as the Atonement Theory.

Unfortunately, this has become so deeply ingrained within, that some don't really examine it. However, when we do, we realize that this does not pass the litmus test for our understanding of a God of love and compassion.

Fr. Richard Rohr poses some pointed questions that help us examine this more clearly. He asks: "How and why would God need a 'blood sacrifice' before God could love what God had created? Is God that needy, unfree, unloving, rule-bound, and unable to forgive?" He continues: "In Franciscan parlance, *Jesus did not come to change the mind of God about humanity; Jesus came to change the mind of humanity about God.* This grounds Christianity in pure love and perfect freedom from the very beginning. It creates a very coherent and utterly positive spirituality, which draws people toward lives of inner depth, prayer, reconciliation, healing, and even universal 'at-one-ment,' instead of mere sacrificial atonement."

What makes this week Holy—It is the love, tenderness, and compassion... It is: "Forgive them Father, for they know not what they do." It's heard when Jesus turns to the criminal hanging on the cross beside him "This day you will be with me in Paradise." But I'm getting ahead of myself!

This Holy Week, spend some extra time with God. Explore the unconscious assumptions you may have inherited from your religion, and ask God to show you the message of love that's underneath it all!

Join us to celebrate some of the holiest of liturgies. The celebration of the Last Supper on Holy Thursday at 7:00. After Mass the altar will be stripped and we will sit in silence for awhile, spending time with Jesus in

the Garden of Gethsemane. Then on Good Friday join us at 3:00 for a celebration of the Stations of the Cross and the opportunity to venerate the cross. And of course I hope you can be with us on Easter Sunday, where we celebrate his rising from the grave and appearing to Mary Magdalene.

Are you interested in becoming more involved in MMC? We will have an opening this year for one more trustee to come onboard. We'll get the nominations form out soon, but wanted to get the wheels spinning. Please note that you need to be a part of the community for at least a year to qualify. Watch the bulletin for more updates or ask one of us about it!

If you're interested in being more involved at the Sunday liturgy. If you'd like read or share communion with others. Just put your name on the schedule on the bulletin board.

Be sure to check out the welcoming table. There are sign-up sheets for everything from camping to Italy to coffee hour hosts!

Next Sunday starts our RAIHN rotation. Please keep the families, and all who find themselves homeless in your prayer this week. And we please pray for all those impacted by the chemical bombings in Syria. We need God's love, grace and compassion more than ever.

With love

Rev Denise

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### Readings for April 16, 2017

The Resurrection of the Lord

Acts 10:34a, 37-43

Col 3:1-4

Jn 20:1-18

### Sunday, April 2, 2017

Total Attendance: 60 people

Sunday Collection: \$352

Automatic Giving: \$1,109

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## Happenings, Events, Celebrations & Opportunities

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Wanted: DVD Player  
This would be especially helpful for RAIHN and miscellaneous MMC functions!

In case you're wondering we did receive a flat screen TV this week!

Thanks for your generosity!  
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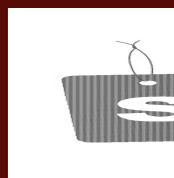
Acoustic Soul Concert  
Friday, April 28, at 7:00

Join us for fabulous music and terrific company!

Mary Magdalene Daytimers Group  
Save the Date  
Monday May 15  
Daytimer's will attend the Lilac Festival with a stop at Lamberton Conservatory  
Details to Follow

Monday, April 17, at 7:00  
Book Discussion on Beyond Religion by the Dalai Lama  
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New Parishioner Lunch  
Sunday, April 30 at Noon  
Library at Mary Magdalene Church  
Let's gather together, talk about the history of MMC and share our stories.  
Open to all who joined the community since Jan 2016.  
Please RSVP by Monday April 24 to Rev Denise 320-0895



OH MY  
Could our Annual Garage Sale be coming up again? "YES"  
Remember as you Spring clean - donate your unwanted items.  
Contact Tammy at [tdrollette@rochester.rr.com](mailto:tdrollette@rochester.rr.com)  
Items will be welcome after the RAIHN rotation.  
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### Wanted Eucharistic Ministers & Lectors

If you'd like to participate in the Sunday liturgy more fully, there are sign up sheets on the bulletin board. Simply write your name in on a week or two when you know you'll be here!  
No special training needed!!  
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**Pilgrimage to Rome & Assisi**  
 7 days in Rome  
 3 days in Assisi  
 Rev Denise will be leading this tour in 2018  
 Special focus on evidence of ordained women  
 in early church  
 Possibly Feb/March or October/Nov  
 If you are interested please let RevDenise know



**NEVER TO SOON TO MAKE YOUR RESERVATION**

MMC 2nd Annual Camp-out  
 Labor Day Weekend  
 September 1-4  
 Country Charm Campground

There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board  
 outside my office!



**CONTEMPLATIVE SERVICES**

Thursdays 6:45-7:30

Jim Bridges and Kathy Welch lead these services providing  
 prayer,  
 contemplation and music.

What a beautiful way to begin the day!  
 All are welcome!!



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 OUR CHURCH LIBRARY**

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 Sign Out books by writing your name  
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 After a few months we'll check to see if you're done  
 reading.

**Read often - Grow Deeply**



Please write names of people  
 you are praying for in the Prayer  
 Request Book on the  
 Welcoming Table.



Here at MMC Coffee hour after Mass is something  
 we look forward to.

Please sign up to host. Duties are light -prepare a  
 simple snack, make coffee, clean up.  
 Sign-up sheet is on Welcome Table

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Resource Center Update  
 On the bulletin board, by the welcoming table, are  
 tags with  
 the needs for the Resource Center.  
 Please feel free to take one so we can continue to  
 fulfill our communities needs.  
 They are so THANKFUL.

Visit our website

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