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BAPTISMS — Registration is required
English — 3rd Saturday of the month, 9:00 am
Español - 4º Sábado del mes, 9:00 am

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English — 1st Thursday of the month, 7:00 pm
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Six (6) months in advance

GIFT SHOP — Sundays 9:00 am to 3:00 pm
Mondays 10:30 am to 12:00 pm
Controversy over the identity of St. Mary Magdalene has continued since the early Church. In the Gospels, there are three particular "characters" involved in the controversy: Mary Magdalene, a follower of our Lord (Jn 20:11-18); the anonymous penitent woman (Lk 7:36-50); and Mary of Bethany, the sister of Martha and Lazarus (Lk 10:38-42). In the West, particularly since the time of Pope St. Gregory the Great, the three characters have all been identified as St. Mary Magdalene. However, in the East, the three characters have remained separate, with St. Mary Magdalene and "St. Mary of Bethany" having separate feast days. St. Ambrose, St. Jerome, St. Augustine, St. Albert the Great and St. Thomas Aquinas all refrained from making a final decision.

So, why would Pope St. Gregory fuse the three "characters" together? First, we need to examine the specific references to the woman named "Mary Magdalene" recorded in the Gospels. She was one of the women who accompanied Jesus and the Apostles: "The Twelve accompanied Him, and also some women who had been cured of evil spirits and maladies: Mary called the Magdalene, from whom seven devils had gone out, Joanna, the wife of Herod's steward Chuzu, Susanna, and many others who were assisting them out of their means" (Lk 8:1-3). (The Gospel of St. Mark confirms that our Lord had expelled seven demons from Mary Magdalene (16:9).)

Mary Magdalene also stood at the foot of the cross during the crucifixion (confer Mk 15:40, Mt 27:56 and Jn 19:25). She also witnessed Christ's burial, and on Easter was the first to discover the empty tomb and then to see the risen Lord (confer Jn 20:1-18).

Given the specific references to "Mary Magdalene," the second step is to examine whether Mary Magdalene may also be the penitent woman found in the Gospel of St. Luke (7:36-50). Remember the penitent woman entered the home of Simon the Pharisee. She wept, and her tears fell upon our Lord's feet. She anointed His feet with perfumed oil and dried them with her hair. Simon the Pharisee said to himself, "If this man were a prophet, He would know who and what sort of woman this is that touches Him — that she is a sinner," an obvious reference to her being "untouchable" because of such a serious sin as adultery, fornication, or promiscuity. In the end, Jesus forgives the penitent woman.

This scene is part of Jesus' ministry in the area of the Sea of Galilee. Also, right after the declaration of forgiveness in the seventh chapter of the Gospel of St. Luke, Mary Magdalene is mentioned by name as a follower of Jesus and identified as the one "from whom seven devils had gone out" (Lk 9:1-3). Keep in mind that Magdalene is derived from Magdala. Magdala, located along the Sea of Galilee near Tiberias, was a wealthy city known for its prosperous fisheries. The Romans destroyed the town because of its moral depravity and its participation in the Jewish revolt. Interestingly, in the Talmud, from the word Magdala is derived the expression "curling women's hair," which means "adulteress." Even though the penitent woman of Luke 7 is not specifically identified as the Mary Magdalene "from whom seven devils had gone out" of Luke 8, one could easily draw the conclusion, as did Pope St. Gregory. Moreover, the early Church tradition has also upheld this connection.

The third and more difficult step to the investigation is to see if Mary Magdalene could indeed be Mary of Bethany. Following Luke 8, the gospel in the 9th and 10th chapters relates such stories as the miracle of the multiplication of the loaves, the Transfiguration, the exorcism of a possessed boy and teachings about discipleship. Our Lord then traveled to "a village" (i.e. Bethany, although not specified by Luke) to the home of Martha, who "had a sister named Mary" (confer Lk 10:38-42). There Martha prepared a meal for our Lord.

While the Gospel of St. Luke does not specifically identify Mary Magdalene with Mary of Bethany, the Gospel of St. John helps resolve the issue. In John 12:1-11, Jesus arrived at Bethany, "the village of Lazarus whom Jesus had raised from the dead." Martha served a meal. Mary anointed our Lord's feet with perfume and dried his feet with her hair. Keep in mind this is a different scene than the anointing by the penitent woman in the home of Simon the Pharisee in Luke 7; nevertheless, the same kind of action in both scenes helps suggest the same actor, namely Mary Magdalene.

Moreover, in John 11, the earlier scene where Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead, the Gospel reads, "There was a certain man named Lazarus who was sick. He was from Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. This Mary whose brother Lazarus was sick was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and dried His feet with her hair" (Jn 11:1-2). Here Mary is identified as "the one who anointed the Lord." While some speculate that this identification in John 11 refers to the subsequent anointing in John 12, why would John need to make such a reference when the story of John 11 flows right into the story of John 12? More likely, the identification refers to a previous action, namely the story at the home of Simon the Pharisee.

If this argument holds, then Mary Magdalene, the penitent woman, and Mary of Bethany are the same. Granted, we are still left with a little mystery. Nevertheless, I personally agree with Pope St. Gregory, who concluded, "She whom Luke calls the sinful woman, whom John calls Mary [of Bethany], we believe to be the Mary from whom seven devils were ejected according to Mark" (Homilies on the Gospels). St. Mary Magdalene, the repentant sinner, who found both forgiveness and friendship with our Lord, who stood faithfully at the foot of the cross, and who saw the risen Lord, is a powerful example for each believer.

~Father William Saunders, CatholicCulture. Org~

"It was Mary Magdalene, and Joanna, and Mary [the mother] of James, and other [women that were] with them, which told these things unto the apostles." ~Luke 24:10~
When it comes to facing failures in life, the farmer in today’s Gospel parable sounds a lot like many of us. We work hard, and only sometimes succeed. Most of the best things that we give to others are not by them well received. Most of what we want to plant in the lives of those around us doesn’t “take”; it doesn’t become rooted and permanently planted in their lives.

In His parable, Jesus went on to speak about a crop that yielded a harvest in successful amounts, some yields bringing spectacular success. Today’s Gospel parable is not a dirge – it is a celebration; it is a story of hope, not of despair.

Any crisis has within it both danger and opportunity. True there are evils that surround us, but many of those evils are slowly being overcome. God is at work among us bringing good out of evil. We must remember that in the hands of God the slightest good can be multiplied to feed thousands if we would but hand our efforts into His care and providence.

You and I, like all good farmers who continually face floods and disasters of every sort, need to seriously engage ourselves in the enterprise of faith and hope, planting what we have, planting the best of what we have, and then letting God’s sun, wind, and gentle rains do the rest. God’s only-begotten Son, along with the gentle breath of His Holy Spirit, provide waters of grace to nourish and sustain what He has planted in the lives of those we love. The best years of our lives, and the best that we have given to others in them, or are giving right now, or will give in the future, will not be fruitless.

Many times, I am called upon to console distraught parents who poured out all of their love and faith into their children, taught them the Catholic faith, sent them to religious education classes, or to Catholic schools, only to have them, as adults, leave our Church and go elsewhere, many times to a type of religion that requires little if any faith but which gives good feelings. We must remember in such cases that the love and the faith that we’ve planted in the hearts of those around us, particularly in the hearts and souls of our children, will eventually blossom. The hopes and dreams that we’ve planted in others, even when they seem to be buried under too much dirt, will germinate, grow, and yield a harvest of some extent, even if our efforts do not now appear to be unqualified successes.

But that is life – and Jesus knew it. His parable could well have been autobiographical for it is truly a vignette of His life.

Sure, our world is a mess now, but it always has been. We need to see that there is also an amazing amount of goodness in it. The greatest miracle of all isn’t found at Lourdes, or Fatima, or Medjugorje, it’s found in those around us, in those who are, in spite of terrible odds, yielding up love, kindness, caring, and sensitivity thirty, sixty and a hundred-fold. We have our modern-day heroes among us who are leading us as never before in efforts to rid our world of oppression, racism, and injustice.

And so, O Christian, keep on planting God’s good seeds in the lives of those near to you. For God Himself has said through His prophet Isaiah that His Word shall go forth from His mouth “… and it shall not return to me void, but shall do my will, achieving the end for which I sent it.” (Isaiah 55:11)

Faith and hope are what should be in our hearts, not defeat and despair.

~Father Charles Irwin, Senior Priest, Diocese of Lansing~
Parking on the Weekends — UPDATE
Cathedral parishioners are no longer able to park for free in the private parking structure next to the Cathedral Office. The Cathedral is therefore purchasing from the City of Sacramento, coupons to pay for the $5 of parking charges in the City Hall parking lot located on 11th St. between I Street and J Street. Beginning this weekend, July 15-16th, you should park in the City Hall parking lot on 11th Street.
You can then pick up a coupon from an ACTS volunteer in a red shirt as you leave Mass. To offset the cost of the coupons, please consider increasing your weekly donation to the Cathedral.

The Carmelite Missionaries of St. Therese of the Child Jesus will be selling religious articles the weekend of July 22 and 23, 2017 after all Masses. Please plan to buy some articles and support the Sisters who are in formation and their missions in very poor places of Mexico.
Thank you for your generosity!

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Friday, July 28
6:30 pm
Mercy Hall
A motion picture masterpiece, winning the Toronto Film Festival People’s Choice Award, and Best Picture and Best Actor of the 2008 MovieGuide Awards.

~Free of Charge/Donations Welcome ~ Refreshments will be served~

Cathedral Men’s ACTS Retreat
Thursday, August 17 – Sunday, August 20, 2017
Applications are available on a first-come first served basis to the first 34 men
An ACTS retreat is designed to provide an opportunity for retreatants to enter a new and deeper relationship with OUR LORD and fellow parishioners.
• The Cathedral ACTS retreat will be held at the beautiful Applegate Jesuit Retreat Center located 10 miles to the northeast of Auburn, off of Interstate 80.
• Please do not let financial difficulties discourage you from attending. Financial assistance may be available.
• Any Man age 19 years or older is welcome. Do not miss out; space is limited.
Let the Holy Spirit move you. We hope you will prayerfully consider attending this life changing retreat. More information can be found in the application flyers located in the Church. After the July 15-16, 2017 Masses, Cathedral ACTS parishioners will be available to answer any questions you may have about the ACTS movement within our parish.

God, Family, and Everything Else!
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Cathedral ACTS Community
SOCIAL AND FUNDRAISER EVENT
July 22
Del Toro Ranch, 10861 Walmort Road, Wilton 95693
4pm to 9pm

Buy your tickets after mass from ACTS members in the vestibule
Adult — $15.00
Child (10 & under) - $5.00
Barbecue/Tacos/Games/Raffle/Horseshoes/Kid’s Games
Picnic Seating—Bring your own chairs and blankets
Proceeds To benefit the upcoming ACTS Men’s Retreat

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“We therefore grossly deceive ourselves in not allotting more time to the study of divine truths.” ~Saint Apollinaris~
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  - 9:00 am / Daniel S. Walker S.I.
  - 11:00 am / Davif Tufts +
  - 1:00 pm Spanish / Souls in Purgatory
  - 3:00 pm Chinese
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  - 7:00 pm Spanish / Parish Intentions

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Offering Mass for a special intention is a long-standing tradition in the Catholic Church. It is usually considered that special graces are obtained for whom the Mass is said. Masses are offered for many reasons: for the souls in purgatory, in remembrance for someone who is deceased, or in honor of a birthday or special anniversary. If you would like to have a Mass said for someone, please contact the rectory office for help with available dates and times. Intentions are $10.00 donation per Mass request and are due the Tuesday before the publication weekend.

~Let Us Pray For One Another~

~Oremos los unos por los otros~

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16 de julio, 2017 – El Poder de la Palabra

En la Primera Lectura, aprendemos sobre el poder de la Palabra. En la teología hebrea “la palabra” es una expresión de la voluntad de Dios. Las palabras no son sólo representaciones simbólicas, pero en alguna forma hacen presente el objeto presentado por la palabra. Las palabras producen realidad (e.g. las palabras de consagración afectan la Eucaristía). En la historia de la creación, oímos a Dios hablar palabras y todas las cosas son hechas. Así que, cuando la palabra de Dios es derramada en el tierra, hace de Su presencia una realidad, como en el caso de la Eucaristía. La Palabra de Dios es una semilla que produce una cosecha abundante. • El Responsorial, Salmo 65, conecta a la Primera Lectura con el Evangelio, refiriéndose a la fertilidad de la palabra de Dios como la semilla sembrada en los campos. Esta parte del Salmo 65 habla de la generosidad que Dios riega en la tierra. Los Israelitas están haciendo una valiente profesión de fe, diciendo Yavé no es sólo el único Dios, sino que Él es también el Dios de la cosecha, el Uno que provoca que todas las cosas buenas sucedan en la tierra (en completo contraste a las alabanzas páginas a los dioses de fertilidad y la previa creencia Judía de que Yavé era el Dios del desierto). • En la Segunda Lectura, vemos como el pecado cambió al mundo. Cuando Adán y Eva pecaron, la muerte y la enajenación entraron al mundo que Dios había creado bueno. Fueron desviados de: Dios (al esconderse de Él), el uno del otro (culpándose), y de la creación (la enemistad entre ellos y la serpiente). El pecado destruyó la unidad y corrupció lo bueno de la creación. Pero el Espíritu de Dios fue respirado en nosotros; nosotros y la creación hemos sido renovados. El Espíritu clama dentro de nosotros que ahora somos los hijos de Dios. • El Evangelio presenta la parábola de la semilla por ser sembrada. Jesús explica los misterios de la fe en manera en que podamos comprenderlos. Él quiere que nos demos cuenta de la responsabilidad solemne de cooperar con al gracia de Dios en nuestras vidas. No es lo suficiente el simple pensar cosas buenas de Dios, debemos dedicar nuestras mentes, nuestras vidas y todo lo que poseemos al servicio de Su Reino; otra cosa no producirá la paz verdadera en el Reino, que comienza aquí y ahora. Es Él quien cosecha la palabra de Dios en nuestros corazones. Podemos cuidadosa y amorosamente preparar la tierra interior por medio de hechos de bondad, penitencia y conversión; así tendremos una abundante cosecha para la vida perduradera.
Our community will celebrate with Fr. Ho his 70th birthday at New Fortune House Restaurant at 6 pm on August 6. Please sign up with Gloria before July 23 if you are interested to join.

Attention Parents!
Mark your calendars for the upcoming new school year.

CCD Classes for K – 6th Grade will begin on Saturday, September 9, 2017, at 10:00am.

Confirmation Classes for 7th Graders and up will begin on Tuesday, September 12, 2017, at 7:00pm.

For children over 7 years of age and teens, 7th Grade and higher, who are not baptized, and teens who did not complete their sacraments of Communion and Confirmation, classes will begin on Sunday, September 10, 2017, at 9:00am.

The registration fee for the 1st child is $55.00 and each additional child is $35.00. Please note that after August 31, 2017, the registration fee will increase to $65.00 for the 1st child and $45.00 for each additional child.

Registration packets are available through the education office, or online at cathedralsacramento.org/Education, or by calling 916-444-5364.

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3) Fax to: 916-443-2749
4) Mail to (correo): 1017 11th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814

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