“Behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, “Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage.”

MATTHEW 2
Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! Thank you for an amazing Christmas! On behalf of the clergy and staff of St. Mary Magdalen, thank you for your thoughtful gifts, your joyful and prayerful spirit during our Christmas Masses, and your radical hospitality to all of our families, and on a personal note for welcoming my family and making them feel part of our St. Mary Magdalen Christmas celebrations. From all of us, we are deeply grateful and appreciate all of you!

If you’re like me, I miss Christmas already! But before we get nostalgic, or start dreaming of Christmas 2024, I encourage all of us to take a moment to appreciate the holy moments from the Christmas season. Read the Christmas cards you received one more time, go through the pictures you took, read the Christmas texts you received, enjoy one more Christmas treat, or maybe reach out to someone you didn’t get a chance to connect with yet. Savor these moments. Thank Jesus. Like the Magi, adore Jesus, behold His presence in the Eucharist, and admire the gifts God has given us in Jesus and in our Church.

¡Feliz navidad y próspero año nuevo! ¡Gracias por una Navidad increíble! En nombre del clero y el personal de St. Mary Magdalen, gracias por sus atentos obsequios, su espíritu alegre y de oración durante nuestras Mías de Navidad y su radical hospitalidad hacia todas nuestras familias, y en una nota personal, por dar la bienvenida a mi familia y hacerlos sentir parte de nuestras celebraciones navideñas de Santa María Magdalena. ¡De parte de todos nosotros, estamos profundamente agradecidos y apreciamos a todos ustedes!

Si eres como yo, ¡ya extraño la Navidad! Pero antes de que nos pongamos nostálgicos o empecemos a soñar con la Navidad de 2024, los animo a todos a que nos tomemos un momento para apreciar los momentos sagrados de la temporada navideña. Lea las tarjetas navideñas que recibió una vez más, revise las fotografías que tomó, lea los mensajes de texto navideños que recibió, disfrute de un dulce navideño más o tal vez comuníquese con alguien con quien no tuvo la oportunidad de conectarse. Saborea estos momentos. Agradécele a Jesús. Que, como los Reyes Magos, también nosotros adorémos a Jesús, contemplemos su amorosa presencia en la Eucaristía y admiremos los dones que Dios nos ha dado en Jesús y en nuestra Iglesia.
JANUARY 7: SUPPORTING VOCATIONS
COLLECTION FOR SEMINARIANS

Vocations Awareness Weekend will be the first Sunday of the year — January 7, 2024 — with a focus on the Seminarians of the Diocese of Orlando and the ways we can support their education. There will be a second collection that weekend during Mass — or you can go online at StMaryMagdalen.org and click on Donate, which will take you to the Seminarian Collection Fund. Your prayers and generosity for vocations are greatly appreciated. We are especially blessed in this pastoral year to be hosting Seminarian Sinclair Cushmore at Saint Mary Magdalen Parish.

GRATITUDE FROM SEMINARIAN SINCLAIR CUSHMORE

It has been a great blessing to be able to spend my Pastoral Year at St. Mary Magdalen Parish. You have all been very welcoming to me, and it has been a privilege to serve you in various capacities as I continue to learn about the life of a parish priest.

I would like to thank you for your past generosity in the annual Seminarian Collection. Funds raised in the collection are used to pay for tuition, room & board, health insurance, books, travel expenses and monthly stipends for myself and my brother seminarians! Your generosity has ensured that money does not have to be an obstacle for any man as he makes the journey toward the Sacred Priesthood. I would ask you to prayerfully consider your support for this year’s collection, which will take place on Epiphany weekend.

Even more important than your financial support, I would also like to ask for your prayers for me and my brother seminarians. Your prayers open the floodgates of God’s graces, which we need during formation so that we can be happy and holy priests for you!

Finally, I also want to ask you to pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and religious life (thank you to those who attend the monthly Holy Hour for Vocations in our chapel!!). Please consider, at a minimum, praying one Hail Mary a day for this intention, and then recruiting at least 4 family members or friends to do the same. God bless you!
THANK YOU FOR YOUR WEEKLY SACRIFICIAL GIVING

In gratitude for the gifts we have received from God, parishioners and visitors made a joyful return to the Lord of $36,722.64 in Sunday Offertory for December 30–31; $47,482.93 for December 23–24; and $34,515.78 in Christmas gifts to support the mission of Saint Mary Magdalen. Your generosity is a gift from God!

MANY WAYS TO GIVE

MASS & DROP BOX
Sacramental Giving envelopes can be placed in the offertory basket at Sunday Mass. Also, for your convenience, there is a drop box outside of the parish office doors any day of the week.

GIVE ONLINE
Now available through our website, StMaryMagdalen.org. This option can be used for one-time gifts or to set up recurring giving by electronic check or credit card.

MAIL
Use the USPS, a postage paid business reply envelope is included with your weekly envelope packet.

Want to learn more about how you can support the parish through giving and pledge as a partner in the mission? Contact us via email at office@StMaryMagdalen.org

TAKE A STEP IN GIVING

THE CONVENIENCE OF BEING AN ONLINE GIVER

Our parish offers Online Giving as an additional option to support our ongoing mission and ministries so our spiritual home may thrive.

SET UP YOUR GIFT TODAY

Or CONSIDER AN ADDITIONAL GIFT via our Online Giving Link: https://www.stmarymagdalen.org/ParishInfo/OnlineDonation/DonateToSMM.htm

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• Convenient – Anytime, anywhere access through the internet.
• Current – a tool for people who prefer to use digital and smart tools.
• Secure and Confidential – Adheres to banking security standards.
• Flexible – Start, stop or change your contributions at any time. Plus, you may contribute using direct withdrawal (ACH) or credit cards.
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Join us in Ministry
Winter and Spring 2024

Our mission at Saint Mary Magdalen Church is to Share Christ with the World – we do this by the many ways we love God, love others, and offer experiences and opportunities for people to encounter the Lord. We are called to do that in every area of our lives. On Sundays, we want to equip you to grow in faith and to love others. We also want to equip you to live out your faith at home and at work and at school. We have been called to full-time ministry wherever we are.

WORSHIP

MINISTRIES OF HOSPITALITY, LITURGY & MUSIC
- Altar Servers
- Eucharistic Ministers
- Readers
- Greeters
- Ushers
- Worship Technicians
- Adult Choir
- Contemporary Music Groups
- Coro Hispano
- Grotto Cafe

MINISTERIOS DE HOSPITALIDAD, LITURGIA & MÚSICA
- Monaguillos
- Ministros de la Eucaristía
- Lectores
- Saludadores
- Ujieres
- Técnicos de la Misa
- Coro de Adultos
- Grupos de Música Contemporánea
- Coro Hispano
- Café en la Gruta

GROW

FAITH FORMATION & CATHOLIC EDUCATION
- Small Groups
- Quest – Quest Family – Quest Family with Niños en Acción
- Youth Ministry
- Becoming Catholic
- Encounter
- Engaged & Marriage Ministry
- Prayer
- Bible Explorers
- Saint Mary Magdalen Catholic School
- Early Learning Center

FORMACIÓN DE LA FE Y EDUCACIÓN CATÓLICA
- Grupos Pequeños
- Quest – Quest Familia (Niños en Acción)
- Ministerio de Jóvenes
- Convirtiéndose al Catolicismo
- Encounter
- Ministerio de Matrimonios y Comprometidos
- Rosario
- Renovación Católica Carismática
- Oración Centrante
- Exploradores de la Biblia
- Escuela Católica Santa María Magdalena
- Centro de Aprendizaje Temprano (CAT)

CARE

PASTORAL CARE & OUTREACH
- Ministry to the Sick
- Bereavement & Funerals
- Culture of Life
- Bogogo (Buy One, Get One, Give One)
- Family Outreach Services
- Friends of Peace Orphanage
- Prayer Angels

CUÍDA

CUIDADO PASTORAL Y ALCANCE
- Ministerio de Enfermos
- Duelo y Funerales
- Cultura de Vida
- Bogogo (Comprar Uno, Obtener Uno, Dar Uno)
- Servicio de ALCANCE a Familias
- Amigos del Orfanato la Paz
- Ángeles de Oración Intercesora

SERVE

STEWARDSHIP & SERVICE
- Pastoral Council
- Finance Council
- Connect – New Member Outreach
- Council of Catholic Women
- Knights of Columbus
- Men’s Club Service Ministry
- Parish Office & Parish Event Support Teams

CORRESPONSABILIDAD Y SERVICIO
- Consejo Pastoral
- Consejo Financiero
- Conexión – ALCANCE a Nuevos Miembros
- Consejo de Mujeres Católicas (CCW)
- Caballeros de Colón
- Ministerio de Servicio del Club de Hombres
- Oficina Parroquial y Equipos de Apoyo para Eventos Parroquiales

GET STARTED:
- Stop by Welcome Desk at Mass for info and sign up cards or online at https://www.stmarymagdalen.org/Stewardship/TimeTalent.htm
- Contact the Parish Office and minister or team member will get in touch with you to take the next step.
**NEW YEAR, NEW YOU**

**JOIN A SMALL GROUP!**

Spiritual transformation begins with a single step and what better way to step into the New Year than with God. Small Groups is designed for us to walk and pray together by reflecting on God’s Word through the Sunday scriptures and “mines the gems” each week that the Church provides for us.

It is impossible for us to unearth all the treasures and God’s will for our lives at Mass alone. We need friends in faith, 6 – 10 people, to help us break open what we heard on Sunday allowing the Word of God to take root in our minds and hearts during the week.

**JOIN A SMALL GROUP:** Make a plan to be in a group this new year - Mornings and evenings, on campus and off campus, women's groups, men's groups, couples' groups, young adult groups, parent groups and more. Whatever stage of life you find yourself in, where ever you are in your faith, there's a Small Group that is waiting to know YOU.

- Small Group connect cards are available at the Welcome Desk at Mass.
- Signup online: [https://submit.jotform.com/SMMParish/SmallGroups](https://submit.jotform.com/SMMParish/SmallGroups)

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**BE A SMALL GROUP FACILITATOR**

**JOIN US JANUARY 13**

Make a difference by facilitating faith-sharing conversations to help others grow in their spiritual journey with Christ through Small Groups. Join us Saturday morning, January 13 at 8:30am to learn more. Light breakfast provided. Sign up at [https://www.signupgenius.com/go/SGTrain24](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/SGTrain24)

The reward of serving as a small group facilitator? Small Groups helps every participant - including you - feel they belong to a community that loves God, loves others, loves them.

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**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

**INVITE YOU JAN. 14**

**NEW YEAR PANCAKE BREAKFAST**

Sunday, January 14, you are invited to the New Year Family Pancake Breakfast after the 8am and 10am Masses. Come and connect with new friends and enjoy this breakfast hosted by your Knights of Columbus Council 5618.

On the menu: Pancakes, eggs, sausage, juice, coffee

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Suggested donations appreciated!

$5.00 per Adult (14 and older); $3.00 per Child (9 thru 13)

Kids Eat Free (8 and under)

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**WITNESS OF FAITH**

**IMMACULÉE’S STORY**

**Tuesday, January 30**

**7pm in the Church**

Immaculée Ilbargiza is a living example of faith put into action, her life transformed dramatically in 1994 during the Rwanda genocide. Immaculée will share her story of survival and refuge through the rosary as a follower and servant of Jesus and the Virgin Mary.

Immaculée is the best-selling author of *Left to Tell* and she has been recognized and honored with numerous humanitarian awards including: The Mahatma Gandhi International Award for Reconciliation and Peace.
ST. MARY MAGDALEN CATHOLIC SCHOOL

- Safe and Supportive Environment
- Academic Excellence
- Catholic Values
- Advanced Technology
- Leadership Development
- Extracurricular Opportunities
- Special Subjects
- Sports Program K-8

OUR MISSION
St. Mary Magdalen Catholic School prepares students for life with a quality Christ-centered education in a safe and supportive environment. Families, faculty and parish share in the development of the spiritual, academic and social potential of each student as a unique child of God.

OPEN HOUSE
Our next Open House will take place during Catholic Schools Week 2024.

- Monday, January 29, 2024 at 7:00 pm
  Principal Presentation Only
- Tuesday, January 30, 2024 - 8:30-10:00 am
  Student-led Tours

REGISTRATION
Re-registration for current students and PreK4 students at the Early Learning Center will begin the week of January 29. Applications for new students and siblings are open and may be found on www.smmschool.org/register-now. Applicants will be contacted by the registrar for next steps.

ST. MARY MAGDALEN CATHOLIC SCHOOL
This year’s 24th Annual Auction and Gala will be held on Saturday, March 9, 2024! Proceeds from our auction help us to reach our financial goals in order to provide vital improvements and continued academic growth for our children at St. Mary Magdalen Catholic School.

Consider being a sponsor, donating an auction item, or attending this amazing event. Go to www.smmschool.org/annual-auction or email auction@smmschool.org for more information! Open to the SMM community at large.

THANK YOU AGAIN TO OUR 2023 MUSTANG STAMPEDE SPONSORS!

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FEED LOCAL FAMILIES

THANK YOU FOR DONATING TO BOGOGO

The BOGOGO Ministry (Buy One, Get One, Give One) invites you before the Sunday Masses to bring your donated food and essential items that can be placed in the grocery carts located by the main church entrance or near the chapel. Families are in need of Peanut Butter / Jam, Canned meats (Ham/SPAM, chicken, tuna), Rice, Canned beans, Apple sauce and canned fruits (NO fresh fruit please), Shelf stable milk, Canned veggies (NO fresh veggies), Whole grain cereal, Soup, Pasta and sauce (plastic jars of sauce are lighter than glass), Instant Mashed potatoes, and Coffee. Please ensure the items you donate are not expired.

HOLY INNOCENTS REMEMBRANCE

The Feast of the Holy Innocents hosted by St. Mary Magdalen Culture of Life Ministry was commemorated with a bilingual Mass featuring a Wreath of Memorial with candles of hope sharing the light of Christ. Fr. Duberny blessed the wreath and ornaments that later were placed on the Tree of Remembrance – families hang an ornament in remembrance of their lost child, and it remains a place of prayer in the grotto.

ADVOCATING FOR THE DIGNITY OF LIFE

Pro-abortion groups are actively seeking to place a constitutional amendment on the November 2024 ballot that would erase decades or pro-life gains and permit abortion through birth. The Florida Conference of Catholic Bishops’ shares the following call to action:

ANOEATING OF SICK

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‘FILL YOUR CUP’- PRAYER & MOVEMENT

THURSDAY, JANUARY, 25
SAN PEDRO SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT CENTER - ST. AUGUSTINE, BUILDING 100
7:00PM-8:30 PM

Refresh your soul, quiet your mind, and tune into your body to ring in the new year in harmony with peace, love, and joy uniting breath with Meditation and Movement. Dawn Marie will be prayerfully kicking off the 2024 Fill Your Cup with spiritual meditation and gentle movement. We can never separate the body, mind, and spirit. All are connected to our physical, mental, and spiritual health. We will journey out of our heads and into our hearts with contemplative prayer, Lectio Divina, and slow down and release stress all from the comfort and support seated in our chairs. We will journey to be more at peace and gain a calm renewing of our minds, body, and spirit. Suitable for all levels.

About the Speaker: Dawn Marie has been teaching moving meditation for over twenty years, and employers include both Advent Health and the YMCA. She is certified in group fitness and is an active instructor. She serves as a lector at Mass and a Sunday school Catechist at her church.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

OneBlood – Sunday, January 28, 9am-1:30pm – Blood drive at Saint Mary Magdalen
A WARM WELCOME TO OUR PARISH!

Saint Mary Magdalen is a vibrant church and school community that comes together to worship Christ and give thanks for all the many gifts we receive from God! We invite you to come and share in our beautiful Sunday Mass celebrations, connect with others on the journey in a small faith-sharing group and explore our many ministries. If we can assist you in any way, stop by the weekend welcome desk before or after Mass – or call the parish office.

BECOME A MEMBER: Join our parish family by registering as a member or updating your information. Go to the welcome desk on the weekends, or go to the website, click “Parish Membership”; or contact the Parish Office, 407.831.1212 or Office@StMaryMagdalen.org

Únete a nuestra familia parroquial registrándote como miembro o actualizando tu información. Ve al mostrador de bienvenida los fines de semana, o ve al sitio web, haz clic en “Parish Membership”; o comunícate con la Oficina Parroquial, 407.831.1212 o Office@StMaryMagdalen.org

OUR CATHOLIC FAITH – SACRAMENTS & RITES

BECOMING CATHOLIC

This program is a key part of the journey of Catholic discipleship, as it introduces us to Jesus in the Sacraments of the Church. Becoming Catholic – often called RCIA – is a safe place where adults of all ages and stages can come and ask questions, get thoughtful answers, spiritual direction, and dig deep into their hearts. St. Mary Magdalen RCIA team members walk alongside individuals as they discern and prayerfully contemplate living as Catholics. To register and to get more information, please email MaryG@StMaryMagdalen.org

MARRIAGE PREPARATION

For engaged couples, discernment with clergy and preparation may take six–nine months from application to wedding. Any couple interested in the sacrament or wishing to have their civil marriage blessed by the Church (convalidation) should contact the Parish Office at 407.831.1212 or email KarlaCQ@StMaryMagdalen.org.

COUPLES SPIRITUALITY DINNERS

Preparing to tie the knot in 2024? Need a boost for your marriage? Engaged couples and married couples are invited to come to Table for Two Marriage Spirituality Dinner—an evening of dinner, community and marriage-building. Come and explore the spiritual, emotional and practical realities of marriage through Scripture, Tradition and Church Teaching. Next Date: Friday, January 19, 6:30–8:30 pm Childcare provided. Visit StMaryMagdalen.org for more details or email MaryG@StMaryMagdalen.org.

BAPTISM FOR INFANTS & CHILDREN

Parents wishing to have their infant or child baptized participate in Baptism Preparation. This gives parents an opportunity to reflect on their own relationship with Christ, the meaning of Baptism, and to have questions answered about the Sacrament of Baptism and the ceremony. For more information call 407.265.3301 or email KarlaCQ@StMaryMagdalen.org.

TEEN CONFIRMATION & FIRST COMMUNION

Sacramental preparation programs for Teen Confirmation by the bishop in November begins in July and First Communion / First Reconciliation sessions start at the beginning of the school year. Contact the Office of Faith Formation for more information and requirements for 2024–2025 programs.

RECONCILIATION

The Sacrament of Penance is offered Thursdays from 6pm–6:45pm and Saturdays from 3pm to 4pm and 5:30pm–6:30pm. All confession times are both English and Spanish.

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PLANNING A FUNERAL

“Christians celebrate the funeral rites to offer worship, praise, and thanksgiving to God for the gift of a life which now has been returned to God...” (Order of Christian Funerals) When a loved one dies, it is our duty as Christians to pray, celebrate, and care for them as they pass into new life. St. Mary Magdalen’s Ministers of Consolation help families plan the funeral rites: wake, funeral mass or service, and burial. Parishioners may also want to pre-plan their funerals to help their families know what they want for their funeral service. To plan or pre-plan a funeral, please reach out to Missy Carvin at the parish office at 407-831-1212 x2307 or MissyC@StMaryMagdalen.org.
The Epiphany of the Lord

The Epiphany takes its name from the Greek epiphania, which denotes the visit of a god to earth. This feast celebrates the arrival in Bethlehem of the Three Wise Men bearing gifts for the baby Jesus and is an opportunity to remember the Magi’s early recognition of Jesus as God. In the Hispanic culture, this time is known as el Día de los Reyes, or Three Kings Day, and often includes presents, culinary traditions, and even visits from the wise men themselves.

When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod, behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, “Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage.” When King Herod heard this, he was greatly troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. Assembling all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, He inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. They said to him, “In Bethlehem of Judea, for thus it has been written through the prophet: And you, Bethlehem, land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; since from you shall come a ruler, who is to shepherd my people Israel.” Then Herod called the magi secretly and ascertained from them the time of the star’s appearance. He sent them to Bethlehem and said, “Go and search diligently for the child. When you have found him, bring me word, that I too may go and do him homage.” After their audience with the king they set out. And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was. They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed for their country by another way.

Jesus nació en Belén de Judá, en tiempos del rey Herodes. Unos magos de oriente llegaron entonces a Jerusalén y preguntaron: “¿Dónde está el rey de los judíos que acaba de nacer? Porque vimos surgir su estrella y hemos venido a adorarlo”. Al enterarse de esto, el rey Herodes se sobresaltó y toda Jerusalén con él. Convocó entonces a los sumos sacerdotes y a los escribas del pueblo y les preguntó dónde tenía que nacer el Mesías. Ellos le contestaron: “En Belén de Judá, porque así lo ha escrito el profeta: Y tú, Belén, tierra de Judá, no eres en manera alguna la menor entre las ciudades ilustres de Judá, pues de ti saldrá un jefe, que será el pastor de mi pueblo, Israel”. Entonces Herodes llamó en secreto a los magos, para que le precisaran el tiempo en que se les había aparecido la estrella y los mandó a Belén, diciéndoles: “Vayan a averiguar cuidadosamente qué hay de ese niño y, cuando lo encuentren, avísenme para que yo también vaya a adorarlo”. Después de oír al rey, los magos se pusieron en camino, y de pronto la estrella que habían visto surgir, comenzó a guiárselos, hasta que se detuvo encima de donde estaba el niño. Al ver de nuevo la estrella, se llenaron de inmensa alegría. Entraron en la casa y vieron al niño con María, su madre, y postrándose, lo adoraron. Después, abriendo sus cofres, le ofrecieron regalos: oro, incienso y mirra. Advertidos durante el sueño de que no volvieran a Herodes, regresaron a su tierra por otro camino.

-Matthew 2:1–12
THE BAPTISM OF JESUS
ANOTHER MANIFESTATION OF CHRIST

On Monday, January 8, the Church celebrates the Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord. The baptisms that John performs prefigure Christian Baptism. John baptizes for repentance from sin. In accepting this baptism, Jesus unites himself with all sinners even though he is sinless. In Mark’s Gospel, John the Baptist distinguishes his practice of baptism from the Baptism that the Messiah brings: “I have baptized you with water; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit” (Mark 1:8).

The baptism of Jesus is another manifestation of Christ, another epiphany. Christ’s baptism inaugurates his mission. In an analogous way, our Baptism inaugurates our mission as Christians. In a way, this feast is the high point of the Christmas season. Before Jesus’ birth, angels announced to Mary and to Joseph who Jesus would be. At his birth, the shepherds and the Magi recognize Jesus as the Messiah. At his baptism, Jesus accepts that he is God’s son and inaugurates that mission.

THE EPIPHANY TRADITION OF THE HOUSE BLESSING

While the traditional date for the feast of Epiphany is January 6, in the United States the celebration of Epiphany is celebrated on the Sunday between January 2 and January 8, overlapping with the rest of the Western Church’s celebration of the Baptism of Christ.

Priests would traditionally visit the members of their parish after the Feast of the Epiphany and bless their homes. As parishes grew, the responsibility was transferred over to household members, using chalk and holy water.

The Epiphany blessing is a simple blessing written on your door as follows: the first two digits of the year + C + M + B + the last two digits of the new year. So it would look like this: 20 + C + M + B + 24.

The C M B serves two meanings:

- The initials of the wise men.
- The first letters of the Latin phrase: Christus Mansionem Benedicat (May Christ bless the house).

Baptism of the Lord

THE EPIPHANY TRADITION OF THE HOUSE BLESSING

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PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR
YOUR FAITH COMMUNITY

SEÑOR, TEN PIEDAD:
INTENCIONES PARA LA ORACIÓN 
DE TU COMUNIDAD DE FE

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

PRAYING FOR OTHERS

Throughout the Gospel, Jesus reminds us that if we are to be his disciples, we must be always conscious of the needs of others. To love God is to love neighbor. The needs of others are an important part of Christian prayer. We do not simply pray for ourselves, but for loved ones, friends, strangers, and even our enemies (see Luke 6:27 – 35). In his first letter to the Thessalonians, Saint Paul reminds us of the importance of prayer as a Christian virtue — that we are to “pray without ceasing” (1 Thessalonians 5:17) and to pray for each other (see 1 Thessalonians 5:25, 2 Thessalonians 1:11).

INTERCESSORY PRAYER

Prayer consoles, heals, inspires, and strengthens our relationship with God and each other. When we pray on behalf of others, it is called intercessory prayer. We often ask people to “pray for us.” We ask friends and family members to remember our needs in prayer. We even call upon the saints — those who have gone before us in faith and now stand before God — to pray for us. Intercessory prayer is an act of mercy. It is being compassionate toward others, putting their needs above our own. Intercessory prayer is rooted in the sacrificial love of Christ, who died and rose for the salvation of the world.

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

When gathering for liturgy, whether for Mass, the Liturgy of the Hours, or other rites (for example, Baptisms, Marriages, funerals, other services), Christians petition to God on behalf of the needs of others. We pray for the living and the dead in the Prayer of the Faithful, which concludes the Liturgy of the Word of the Mass. This prayer is also known as the General Intercessions or the Universal Prayer, during which the Mass intention of the day is included.

PRAYER FOR OUR COMMUNITY

You may notice the book "Lord, Have Mercy: Prayer Intentions" in the main lobby. We invite you to take the opportunity to record your intercessions. Remember in your own prayer the needs of all expressed on the pages. Pray for them individually or when you gather with others. As Jesus said, “If two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them” (Matthew 18:19 – 20).

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MASS INTENTIONS AT SAINT MARY MAGDALEN

To accommodate the numerous Mass remembrance requests and to give the opportunity for all parishioners to schedule Mass intention for their loved ones and recently deceased, requests may be made by contacting the parish office or the Welcome Desk at Weekend Mass. A staff member will work with on availability. We invite you as well to record your requests in the blue intention book that is brought to that altar every Sunday Mass.

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JANUARY 19 IS THE LOCAL MARCH FOR LIFE MASS HELD BY BISHOP NOONAN

Join other Catholics from the Diocese of Orlando at the Basilica of the National Shrine of Mary, Queen of the Universe for the Annual March for Life Mass. We come together to pray for an end to abortion and for all life, from conception to natural death, to be protected and respected. Rosary at 11:15 a.m. and Mass at 12:00 p.m.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

JANUARY 16 Begins the 9 Days for Life Novena. For more information: https://www.respectlife.org/9-days-signup

JANUARY 22 is the Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

COME AND REST AWHILE IN PRAYER & ADORATION

What if in all our busy activity and business, we can come away and find a deep center of joy and peace? Jesus offers us this—a time away from activity and distraction to a time of quiet surrender. In this year of the Eucharistic Revival, Adoration offers us renewal. Come and see. St. Mary Magdalen hosts Eucharistic Adoration every Tuesday, 8am–8pm, Thursday, 8am–7pm, and First Friday 8 am – 8 pm in the Chapel of Our Lady.

MORE PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES:
- Rosary in English: Weekdays, following 7:30am Mass
- Rosary in Spanish: 6:30pm Thursdays and Saturdays, before Spanish Mass
- Miraculous Medal Prayer: Mondays, following 7:30am Mass
- Charismatic Prayer in Spanish: Fridays, 7pm, resuming January 12
- Chapel/Church: Monday – Friday 7am-8pm; Saturday and Sunday follow the Mass schedule

PRAY FOR CLERGY

We pray for deceased priests of the diocese on the month of their passing:

- Rev. Eamon Tobin
- Rev. Luiz Bastos
- Rev. Hugh Flynn
- Rev. William Holmes
- Rev. Michael Flynn
- Rev. Michael Reynolds
- Rev. James F. Edwards
- Rev. Peter Quinn
- DC. Miguel Alvarez
- Dcn. Raymond Byers
- Dcn. Robert Kinsey
- Dcn. Homer Swart
- Dcn. Joseph Wortman
- Fox. Mark Wegg

BORN TO ETERNAL LIFE

Please pray for the deceased and dearly missed, including:

- Francisco Escobedo
- Robert Delaney
- Margaret Anderson
- Camp Watson

MASS READINGS & INTENTIONS

JAN 7 SUN
Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12
8:00am
📍 Mary Robinson
10:00am
📍 Peg Cavanaugh
12:00pm
📍 Connie Verlander
5:30pm
📍 Gordon Barma

JAN 8 MON
Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 55:1-11 or Acts 10:34-38 or 1 Jn 5:1-9; Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 or Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 Mk 1:7-11
7:30am
📍 Wayne Rickards

JAN 9 TUE
1 Sm 19-20; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd; Mk 1:21-28
7:30am
📍 Clem D’Abreu

JAN 10 WED
1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20; Ps 40:2 and 5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10; Mk 1:29-39
7:30am
Ints of Tom & Mary Dutko

JAN 11 THU
1 Sm 4:1-11; Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25; Mk 1:40-45
7:30am
📍 Ariel Cordova
Ints of Debra Muscarella Burns
7:00pm (Spanish)
📍 Juan Maria Gonzalez Nunez

JAN 13 SAT
1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1; Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Mk 2:13-17
8:00am
Ints of Ann Quigley
5:00pm
📍 Roger Harold Robinson
7:00pm (Spanish)
📍 Delio A. Del Villar
📍 Felix Cesar Pastor

JAN 14 SUN
1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19; Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10; 1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20; Jn 1:35-42
8:00am
📍 Susan Graham
10:00am
📍 Philip Brogan
📍 Michael Sheridan
📍 Juana Mercedes
12:00pm
📍 Tony & Mary Fugg
5:30pm
📍 Pete Bartlinski
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