

**MASS OF CONSECRATION**  
**ST. MARY MAGDALEN CHURCH**  
**EVERETT, WA**



*The Most Reverend Paul D. Etienne, Archbishop of Seattle*  
*Reverend Hans M. Olson, Pastor of St. Mary Magdalen*

**February 14, 2021, at Noon**



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# MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

February 14, 2021

My Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

It is with the greatest joy that I greet you on this happy day of the consecration of our newly remodeled Church of St. Mary Magdalen.

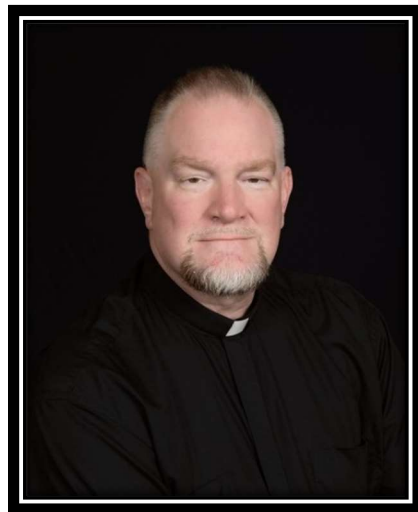
It is a joy to be celebrating this milestone of our parish history. We confirm a long tradition of our parents and grandparents living our Catholic Faith and the sacrifices and self-giving that have made this parish a vibrant and loving community, committed to serving Our Lord Jesus Christ and His Living Gospel.

We are proud to be able to add our own sacrificial gifts and our experience of Faith to that long and dynamic history.

The pastors and parishioners who have gone before us provide a beautiful model for us to follow as we live out the values of love and charity. These are the values which Jesus Christ laid down for us and which we, through our living faith, proclaim to our neighbors and future generations.

May we always keep before us the realization of the great treasure of Jesus living and present among us, as well as the beautiful promise of eternal life in joyous communion with Him and all of our brothers and sisters in His heavenly kingdom.

Yours in Christ,  
Fr. Hans M. Olson, Pastor



# MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY

Celebrant	The Most Reverend Paul D. Etienne, Archbishop of Seattle	
Concelebrants	Reverend Hans M. Olson, Pastor of St. Mary Magdalen Reverend A. Victor Raj, HGH, Parochial Vicar	
Deacons	Phuoc Nguyen Craig Lundberg	
Master of Ceremonies	Reverend James O. Johnson Robert Brajkovich Mark Cavelero	
Altar Servers	Jaden Carter Nicholas Iwuoha Hieu Nguyen Francis Do-Tong	Olivia Blomberg Jose Reyes Brian Reyes
Sacristan	Anthony Ohl	
Lectors	Carolina Lopez Cong Minh Nguyen	
Ushers	Lani Jorge Hung Vu Ron Enneking	Eusebio Ortiz Edgar Oriakhi
Gift Bearers	DeBroeck Family	
Director of Music	Joel Cummings	
Pianist	Ingrid Verhulsdonk	
Dressing of the Altar	Marcia Neill Mark Cavelero Charlene Osborn	Betsy Selders Sue & Jim Cavelero Dawn Bingaman
Presenters to the Archbishop	Andy Hall, Architect Susan Ditri, Building Committee representative Carla Phillips, Vickie Kozuck, Capital Campaign representatives Jim Gaffney, General Contractor	

# RITE OF CONSECRATION OF THE CHURCH AND ALTAR

## THE ENTRANCE RITES

The Rite of Consecration begins with the entrance procession. The ministers accompany the Archbishop, with deacons bearing the relics of the saints which are to be entombed in the altar. In this case, the deacons will be wearing red dalmatics because the relics come from martyrs. They will lead the procession right behind the processional cross, just as the saints lead us by the example of their faithfulness.

Following the entrance procession is the blessing of Holy Water. The waters of baptism are then sprinkled upon the people, the walls, and the altar to purify them so that God may be worshiped in spirit and in truth. The liturgy continues on this festive occasion with the Church's great hymn of praise, the *Gloria*, and then the opening prayer of the Mass. The Liturgy of the Word proceeds in the usual way. We invite you to take this time to reflect so that, in addition to our church building being consecrated, each of us might be renewed in our discipleship.

## INTRODUCTORY RITES

*Please stand*

**Entrance Antiphon with Psalm 122:** *"God is in his holy place, God who unites those who dwell in his house; he himself gives might and strength to his people"*

### Greeting

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: **Amen**

May grace and peace be with you all in the holy Church of God.

All: **And with your spirit.**

Beloved brothers and sisters, we have gathered with joy to dedicate this newly renovated church by celebrating the Lord's Sacrifice. Let us take part in these sacred rites with loving devotion, listening to the Word of God with faith, so that our community, reborn from the one font of Baptism and nourished at the same table, may grow into a spiritual temple and, brought together at one altar, may advance in the love from on high.

### Rite of Handing over the Church to Archbishop

*Father Olson welcomes the Archbishop and representatives of those who have been involved in the building of the church. Building plans, a list of campaign donors, and a framed church photo are presented to the Archbishop, as well as keys to the church.*

### **Blessing and Sprinkling of Water**

Dear brothers and sisters, as we solemnly dedicate this house, let us humbly call upon the Lord our God to bless this water he has created with which we are to be sprinkled as a sign of repentance and a remembrance of Baptism. May the Lord support us with his grace so that, docile to the Spirit whom we have received, we may remain faithful to his Church.

*All pray in silence for a brief period.*

Oh God, through whom every creature comes forth into the light of life, you accompany all people with such great love that not only do you nourish them with fatherly care, but you mercifully cleanse them of their sins with the dew of charity and constantly lead them back to Christ the Head.

For in your merciful plan you established that those who descend as sinner into the sacred waters to die with Christ should rise free from guilt and be made his members, heirs with him to an eternal reward.

Sanctify therefore with your blessing this water you have created, that, sprinkled on us, and on the walls of this church, it may be a sign of the cleansing waters of salvation, in which we have been washed in Christ and made the temple of your Spirit. Grant that, with all our brothers and sisters who will celebrate the divine mysteries in the church, we may come at last to the heavenly Jerusalem.

Through Christ our Lord.

**All: Amen**

**Antiphon:** *"I saw water flowing from the right side of the temple, alleluia. It brought God's life and his salvation, and the people sang in joyful praise: Alleluia, Alleluia."*

*Please remain standing throughout the sprinkling rite. It is customary to bless yourself with the sign of the cross when sprinkled with the holy water.*

May God, the Father of mercies, by the grace of the Holy Spirit, cleanse us who are the temple where he dwells.

**All: Amen**

### **Gloria (sung by the Cantor)**

#### **Opening Prayer**

Let us pray. Almighty ever-living God pour out your grace upon this place and extend the gift of your help to all who call upon you, that the power of your word and of the Sacraments may strengthen here the hearts of all the faithful. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

**All: Amen**

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

### **First Reading** Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10

A reading from the Book of Nehemiah

Ezra the priest brought the law before the assembly, which consisted of men, women, and those children old enough to understand. Standing at one end of the open place that was before the Water Gate, he read out of the book from daybreak till midday, in the presence of the men, the women, and those children old enough to understand; and all the people listened attentively to the book of the law. Ezra the scribe stood on a wooden platform that had been made for the occasion. He opened the scroll so that all the people might see it (for he was standing higher up than any of the people); and, as he opened it, all the people rose. Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God, and all the people, their hands raised high, answered, "Amen, amen!" Then they bowed down and

prostrated themselves before the LORD, their faces to the ground. Ezra read plainly from the book of the law of God, interpreting it so that all could understand what was read.

Then Nehemiah, that is, His Excellency, and Ezra the priest-scribe and the Levites who were instructing the people said to all the people:

"Today is holy to the LORD your God. Do not be sad, and do not weep"—for all the people were weeping as they heard the words of the law. He said further: "Go, eat rich foods and drink sweet drinks, and allot portions to those who had nothing prepared; for today is holy to our LORD. Do not be saddened this day, for rejoicing in the LORD must be your strength!"

The word of the Lord.

### **Vietnamese**

*"Họ đọc trong sách Luật và người ta hiểu được điều đã đọc"*

.Trích sách Nơ-khe-mia.

Ngày ấy, thầy tư tế Esdras mang luật ra trước cộng đồng, gồm đàn ông, đàn bà và tất cả những ai có thể hiểu luật: hôm đó là ngày đầu tháng bảy. Từ sáng đến giữa trưa, thầy đứng ở công trường, trước cửa Nước, đọc sách trước mặt đàn ông, đàn bà và những người hiểu luật. Tất cả dân chúng đều lắng tai nghe đọc sách luật. Thầy thư ký Esdras đứng trên bệ bằng cây mà đọc sách; thầy mở sách ra trước công chúng, vì thầy đứng nơi cao hơn mọi người. Khi thầy mở sách, thì tất cả đều đứng lên. Esdras chúc tụng Chúa là Thiên Chúa Cao Cả. Toàn dân đưa tay lên đáp lại: Amen, amen. Họ cúi mình và phủ phục trước Thiên Chúa, mặt họ cúi sát đất. Một số người

đọc từng đoạn trong sách luật Chúa, giải thích ý nghĩa, và người ta hiểu được điều đã đọc. Nơ-khe-mia là tổng trấn, Esdras là tư tế và là thư ký, các thầy Lêvi huấn luyện dân chúng, nói với họ rằng: "Ngày hôm nay được thánh hoá dâng cho Chúa là Thiên Chúa chúng ta; anh chị em đừng mang tang chế, đừng than khóc". Vì lúc đó toàn dân khóc lóc khi nghe đọc các lời trong luật. Họ nói với dân chúng rằng: "Hãy đi ăn thịt béo và uống rượu ngon, hãy gửi phần cho kẻ không có dọn sẵn cho mình, vì ngày này là ngày thánh, dâng cho Chúa, đừng buồn sầu; vì niềm vui của Chúa là đôn lữ của anh chị em!" Đó là lời Chúa.

## Spanish

### Lectura del libro de Nehemías

El sacerdote Esdras le presentó el libro de la Ley al pueblo congregado, hombres y mujeres, y a los que tenían uso de razón; desde el amanecer hasta el mediodía les estuvo leyendo el libro a todos ellos, en la plaza que hay frente a la Puerta del Agua. Todo el pueblo escuchaba atentamente la lectura del libro de la Ley. Esdras, como escriba que era, estaba de pie en una tribuna de madera construida para la ocasión. Hallándose, pues, en un sitio elevado, abrió el libro a la vista de todo el pueblo; y al abrirlo, toda la gente se puso de pie. Entonces bendijo al Señor, el Dios Altísimo, y todo el pueblo levantando los brazos contestó: ¡Amén! ¡Amén! Luego se postraron, inclinando la cabeza hasta el suelo, para adorar al Señor. Los levitas empezaron a leer en voz alta el libro

de la Ley de Dios, y lo iban traduciendo y explicando su sentido, para que el pueblo entendiera lo que ellos leían. Y como todo el pueblo empezó a llorar al oír las palabras de la Ley, el gobernador Nehemías y el sacerdote y escriba Esdras con los levitas, que explicaban la Ley, le dijeron: «Hoy es un día consagrado al Señor nuestro Dios; no hay motivo para lamentarse ni para llorar. Y Esdras añadió: Ahora pueden irse y hacer un banquete con los mejores platos y con buenas bebidas, compartiendo con los que no tengan nada preparado, porque hoy es un día consagrado a nuestro Señor. No hay motivo para estar tristes, porque la alegría que les da el Señor es su fortaleza.

Palabra de Dios.

**Responsorial Psalm 121:** *“Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.”*

### Second Reading 1 Corinthians 10:16-21

A reading from the first letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians

Brothers and sisters: the cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a participation in the Blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a participation in the body of Christ? Because the loaf of bread is one, we, though many, are one Body, for we all partake of the one loaf. Look at Israel according to the flesh; are not those who eat the sacrifices participants in the altar? So what am I saying? That meat

sacrificed to idols is anything? No, I mean that what they sacrifice, they sacrifice to demons, and not to God, and I do not want you to be participants with demons. You cannot drink the chalice of the Lord and also the chalice of demons. You cannot partake of the table of the Lord and the table of demons.

The word of the Lord



## Vietnamese

"Có một tấm bánh, nên chúng ta tuy nhiều, cũng chỉ là một thân thể".

Trích thư thứ nhất của Thánh Phaolô Tông đồ gửi tín hữu Cô-rintô.

Anh em thân mến, chén chúc tụng mà chúng ta cầm lên chúc tụng Chúa chẳng phải là thông hiệp với máu Chúa Kitô sao? Tấm bánh mà chúng ta bẻ ra chẳng phải là thông phần vào Mình Chúa đó sao? Vì có một tấm bánh, nên chúng ta tuy nhiều người, chúng ta cũng chỉ là một thân thể, vì hết thảy chúng ta thông phần cùng một tấm bánh.

Anh em hãy coi Ít-ra-en xét theo huyết thống. Những ai ăn tế phẩm, há chẳng phải là những kẻ được chia lộc bàn thờ sao? Thế

nghĩa là gì? Thịt cúng là gì? Ngẫu tượng là gì? Tuy nhiên, đồ cúng là "cúng cho ma quỷ, chứ không phải cúng cho Thiên Chúa"; mà Tôi không muốn Anh Em hiệp thông với ma quỷ. Anh Em không thể vừa uống chén của Chúa, vừa uống chén của ma quỷ được; Anh Em không thể vừa ăn ở bàn tiệc của Chúa, vừa ăn ở bàn tiệc của ma quỷ được.

Đó là Lời Chúa.

## Spanish

Lectura de la primera Carta del apóstol san Pablo a los Corintios.

La copa de bendición que bendecimos, ¿no es comunión con la sangre de Cristo? Y el pan que partimos, ¿no es comunión con el cuerpo de Cristo? Así, siendo muchos formamos un solo cuerpo, porque el pan es uno y todos participamos del mismo pan. Fíjense en los israelitas: para ellos, comer de las víctimas es entrar en comunión con su altar.

Con esto no quiero decir que la carne ofrecida al ídolo sea realmente consagrada, o

que el ídolo sea algo. Pero los sacrificios de los paganos van ofrecidos a los demonios y no a Dios, y no quiero que ustedes entren en comunión con los demonios. No pueden beber al mismo tiempo de la copa del Señor y de la copa de los demonios ni pueden tener parte en la mesa del Señor y en la mesa de los demonios.

Palabra de Dio

*Please Stand*

**Gospel Acclamation:** *The Father seeks true worshipers who worship him in Spirit and truth.*

**Gospel** John 4:19-24

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

The Samaritan woman said to Jesus, Sir, "I can see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain; but you people claim that the place to worship is in Jerusalem." Jesus said to her, "Believe me, woman, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You people worship what you do not understand; we worship what we

understand, because salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when true worshipers will worship the Father in the Spirit and truth; and indeed the Father seeks such people to worship him. God is Spirit, and those who worship him must worship in the Spirit and truth."

The Gospel of the Lord.

## Vietnamese

Tin Mừng Chúa Giêsu Kitô theo Thánh Gioan,

Người phụ nữ nói với Chúa Giêsu: "Thưa Ông Tôi thấy Ông thật là một ngôn sứ. Cha Ông chúng Tôi đã thờ phượng Thiên Chúa trên núi này; còn các Ông lại bảo: Giêrusalem mới chính là nơi phải thờ phượng Thiên Chúa."

Đức Giêsu phán:

"Này chị hãy tin Tôi: đã đến giờ các người sẽ thờ phượng Chúa Cha, không phải trên núi này hay tại Giêrusalem.

Các người thờ Đấng các người không biết; còn chúng Tôi thờ Đấng chúng Tôi biết, vì Đấng cứu độ xuất phát từ dân Do Thái.

Nhưng đã đến giờ và chính là lúc này đây giờ những người thờ phượng đích thực sẽ thờ phượng Chúa Cha trong thần khí và sự thật vì Chúa Cha tìm kiếm những ai thờ phượng Người như thế.

Thiên Chúa là thần khí và những kẻ thờ phượng Người phải thờ phượng trong thần khí và sự thật.

Đó là lời Chúa.

## Spanish

Lectura del santo evangelio según Juan

La mujer contestó: "Señor, veo que eres profeta.

Nuestros padres siempre vinieron a este cerro para adorar a Dios y ustedes, los judíos, ¿no dicen que Jerusalén es el lugar en que se debe adorar a Dios?"

Jesús le dijo: "Créeme, mujer: llega la hora en que ustedes adorarán al Padre, pero ya no será "en este cerro" o "en Jerusalén".

Ustedes, los samaritanos, adoran lo que no conocen, mientras que nosotros, los judíos,

adoramos lo que conocemos, porque la salvación viene de los judíos.

Pero llega la hora, y ya estamos en ella, en que los verdaderos adoradores adorarán al Padre en espíritu y en verdad.

Entonces serán verdaderos adoradores del Padre, tal como él mismo los quiere. Dios es espíritu, y los que lo adoran deben adorarlo en espíritu y en verdad."

El Evangelio del Señor.

*Please remain standing until the Archbishop kisses the Book of the Gospels.*

## HOMILY

The Most Reverend Paul D. Etienne, Archbishop of Seattle

## **PRAYER OF DEDICATION & THE ANOINTINGS**

### DEPOSITING OF THE RELICS OF THE SAINTS

After the homily, the profession of faith is always said as a part of the Rite of Dedication. The litany of the saints is sung to call upon their heavenly aid and to remind us of their presence.

The relics of the martyrs St. Adeodatus and St. Fausta (from the former altar) are entombed in the new altar.

Pope Adeodatus I (570 – 8 November 618) was the bishop of Rome from October 19, 615 AD to his death. He was the first priest to be elected pope since John II in 533. In August of 618, there was a tremendous earthquake in Rome, followed within months by a plague of leprosy. Adeodatus worked tirelessly for the poor and sick during the disaster, only to fall ill and die on November 8 of that year. That date is remembered as his feast day.

Fausta of Cyzicus, also known as Saint Fausta (c. 298 – 311), was a 4th-century girl from Cyzicus. At the age of 13 she was arrested, tortured, and executed for being a Christian. A pagan priest, Evilasius, was responsible for torturing and executing her. According to tradition, Evilasius converted to Christianity after watching her courageous resistance, and he was also martyred. Although Fausta had remained impervious to the initial torture, she and Evilasius perished together in a cauldron of boiling water.

The Archbishop places the relics within the altar to signify that the sacrifice of the members of the mystical body of Christ has its source in the sacrifice of Christ the Head. This is one of the oldest portions of the rite, dating back to the early fourth century and referenced in the writing of Saint Ambrose: "Let the triumphant victims take their place where Christ is the victim. He who suffered for all is above the altar; those redeemed by his sufferings are beneath the altar."

After the Archbishop places the relics within the altar, a stone mason seals them.

*Please stand*

### **Profession of Faith**

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one baptism for the forgiveness of sins, and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## Litany of the Saints

Dearly beloved, let us pray to God the almighty Father, who makes the hearts of the faithful into spiritual temples for himself, and may the supplication of the Saints, our brothers and sisters, be joined with our voices.

### Cantor

Lord have mercy.  
Christ have mercy.  
Lord have mercy.

Lord have mercy.  
Christ have mercy.  
Lord have mercy.

Holy Mary, Mother of God...  
*Continues with names of saints*

Pray for us

All holy men and women...  
All Saints of God...

Pray for us  
Pray for us

Lord, be merciful...  
From all evil...  
From every sin...  
From everlasting death...  
By your incarnation...  
By your Death and Resurrection...  
By the outpouring of the Holy Spirit...

Lord, deliver us, we pray

Be merciful to us sinners...  
Govern and protect your Holy Church...  
Keep the pope and all the ordained in faithful service to your Church...  
Bring all peoples together in peace and true harmony...  
Strengthen us and keep us in your holy service...  
Consecrate this church for your worship...  
Jesus, Son of the living God...

Lord, we ask you, hear our prayer.

Christ, hear us...  
Christ, graciously hear us...

Christ, hear us.  
Christ, graciously hear us.

Mercifully accept our petitions, we pray, O Lord, through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary and all the Saints, so that this building to be dedicated to your name may be a house of salvation and grace as one, will worship you in spirit and in truth and be built up in charity.

Through Christ our Lord.

All: **Amen**

## The Deposition of the Relics

I place beneath this altar relics of the Holy Martyrs Saint Fausta and Saint Adeodatus

All: **Amen**

**Psalm 15 with antiphon:** *"The bodies of the saints lie buried in peace, and their names will live for all eternity."*

### PRAYER OF DEDICATION, ANNOINTING OF THE ALTAR & WALLS

The Archbishop prays the Prayer of Dedication and then prepares to anoint the altar and walls.

The anointing with sacred chrism makes the altar a symbol of Christ, who, before all others is "the Anointed One", for the Father anointed him with the Holy Spirit and constituted him the High Priest, so that on the altar of his body he might offer the sacrifice of his life for the salvation of all.

Archbishop Etienne anoints the walls of the church to recall the vision of the heavenly temple as seen by the prophet Ezekiel.

### Prayer of Dedication

O God, sanctifier and ruler of your Church, it is right for us to celebrate your name in joyful proclamation; for today your faithful people desire to dedicate to you, solemnly and for all time, this house of prayer, where they worship you devoutly, are instructed by the word, and are nourished by the Sacraments.

This house brings to light the mystery of the Church, which Christ made holy by the shedding of his blood, so that he might present her to himself as a glorious Bride, a Virgin resplendent with the integrity of faith, a Mother made fruitful by the power of the Spirit.

Holy is the Church, the chosen vine of the Lord, whose branches fill the whole world, and whose tendrils, borne on the wood of the Cross, reach upward to the Kingdom of Heaven.

Blessed is the Church, God's dwelling-place with the human race, a holy temple built of living stones, standing upon the foundation of the Apostles with Christ Jesus its chief cornerstone.

Exalted is the Church, a City set high on a mountain for all to see, resplendent to every eye with the unfading light of the Lamb and

resounding with the sweet hymn of the Saints.

Therefore, O Lord, we beseech you: graciously pour forth from heaven your sanctifying power upon this church and upon this altar, to make this forever a holy place with a table always prepared for the Sacrifice of Christ.

Here may the flood of divine grace overwhelm human offenses, so that your children, Father, being dead to sin, may be reborn to heavenly life.

Here may your faithful, gathered around the table of the altar, celebrate the memorial of the Paschal Mystery and be refreshed by the banquet of Christ's Word and his Body.

Here may the joyful offering of praise resound, with human voices joined to the song of Angels, and unceasing prayer rise up to you for the salvation of the world.

Here may the poor find mercy, the oppressed attain true freedom, and all people be clothed with the dignity of your children, until they come exultant to the Jerusalem which is above.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

All: **Amen**

### **The Anointing of the Altar and the Walls of the Church**

May the Lord by his power sanctify this altar and this house, which by our ministry we anoint, so that as visible signs they may express the mystery of Christ and the Church.

All: **Amen**

**Psalm 84 with antiphon:** *“Behold God’s dwelling with the human race. He will live with them and they will be his people, and God himself with them will be their God.”*

### **THE BURNING OF INCENSE ON THE ALTAR AND INCENSATION OF THE WALLS**

Incense is burned on the altar to signify that Christ’s sacrifice, there perpetuated in mystery, ascends to God as a fragrant offering; and also, to signify that the prayers of the people rise up, pleasing and acceptable, reaching the throne of God. The incensation of the nave of the church indicates that the dedication makes it a house of prayer for all people.

The Archbishop then lights a taper, and heaps of incense placed directly on the altar, just as incense was burned upon an altar in the temple in Jerusalem. Then he incenses the altar and sends deacons to incense the people and the walls sanctifying them as living stones fit together to offer praise and worship to God.

### **The Incensation of the Altar and the Church**

Let our prayer rise, O Lord, like incense in your sight; and as this house is filled with a pleasing fragrance, so let your Church be fragrant with the aroma of Christ.

All: **Amen**

**Psalm 138 with antiphon:** *“An angel stood by the altar of the temple, holding in his hand a golden censer.”*

### **THE LIGHTING OF THE CHURCH**

After the altar has been dedicated, anointed, incensed, vested and adorned with flowers and candlesticks, the festive lighting of the altar and church occurs.

The lighting of the altar and the lighting of the church remind us that Christ is “a light to enlighten the nations.” His brightness shines out in the church and through it in the whole human family.

The Archbishop gives the Deacon a lighted candle. The altar candles are lit and then the Deacon lights the candles at the twelve dedication crosses on the walls of the church.

Mass then continues with the preparation of the altar and presentation of the gifts for the Liturgy of the Eucharist.

### **The Lighting of the Altar and the Church**

Let the light of Christ shine brightly in the Church, that all nations may attain the fullness of truth.

All: **Amen**

**Canticle of Tobit with antiphon:** *“Your light has come, Jerusalem: the glory of the Lord has risen upon you, and the nations will walk in your light, alleluia.”*

## LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

### THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST ON THE NEW ALTAR

After the altar has been prepared, the Archbishop celebrates the Eucharist. This is the principal and most ancient part of the whole rite. For the celebration of the Eucharistic sacrifice is the central purpose for which the church was built, and the altar was erected.

Furthermore, the Eucharist, which sanctifies the hearts of those who receive it, also consecrates the altar and the place of celebration, as the ancient Fathers of the Church assert: 'This altar should be an object of awe: by nature it is stone, but it is made holy when it receives the body of Christ.'

The preface, proper to the rite of dedication, reads:

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks,  
Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God, through Christ our Lord.

For in this visible house that you have let us build and where you never cease to show favor to the family on pilgrimage to you in this place, you wonderfully manifest and accomplish the mystery of your communion with us. Here you build up for yourself the temple that we are and cause your Church, spread through the world, to grow ever more and more as the Lord's own Body, till she reaches her fullness in the vision of peace, the heavenly city of Jerusalem.

And so, with the countless ranks of the blessed, in the temple of your glory we praise you,  
we bless you and proclaim your greatness, as we acclaim...

### **Presentation of the Gifts and Preparation of the Altar**

**Offertory Antiphon:** *"Lord God, in the simplicity of my heart I have gladly offered everything; and I have looked with surpassing joy upon your people, present here. God of Israel, Lord God, keep this resolve in their hearts."*

### **Prayer over the Offerings**

May the gifts of your joyful church be acceptable to you, O Lord, so that your people, gathering in this holy house, may come through these mysteries to everlasting salvation.

Through Christ our Lord.

All: **Amen**

### **Eucharistic Prayer**

Preface

Sanctus

First half of prayer, including Consecration

Mystery of Faith

Second half of prayer, ending with Doxology

### **Communion Rite**

Lord's Prayer

Sign of Peace

Lamb of God

*Please kneel*

## **Communion Procession**

*(please remain kneeling)*

**Communion Antiphon with Psalm 128:** *“My house shall be a house of prayer, says the Lord: in that house, everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.”*

### **THE INAUGURATION OF THE TABERNACLE**

Let us pray. Through these holy gifts we have received, O Lord, we pray, instill in our minds and increase of your truth, so that we may constantly adore you in your holy temple and glory in your sight with all the Saints. Through Christ our Lord

All: **Amen**

**Cantor sings Tantum Ergo**

### **CONCLUDING RITE**

Father Olson will offer his appreciation to the Archbishop and the congregation.

#### **Greeting and Blessing**

The Lord be with you.

All: **And with your spirit.**

Blessed be the name of the Lord

All: **Now and Forever.**

Our help is in the name of the Lord.

All: **Who made heaven and earth.**

#### **Solemn Blessing**

May God, the Lord of heaven and earth who has gathered you today for that dedication of this church, make you abound in heavenly blessings.

All: **Amen**

May God who has willed that all his scattered children be gathered in his Son, grant that you become his temple and the dwelling of the Holy Spirit.

All: **Amen**

And may the blessing of almighty God, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit come down on you and remain with you forever.

All: **Amen**

#### **Dismissal**

Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life.

All: **Thanks be to God.**



# CHURCH HISTORY

Our parish has grown tremendously since Father Willian P. Lane celebrated the first Mass in St. Mary Magdalen Church on August 15, 1960 with a census of 350 families. The building and school were blessed and dedicated on October 23, 1960 by Archbishop Thomas A. Connolly. Our statue of Our Lady of Wisdom was erected and blessed in 1962, the Sisters of Holy Names moved into the convent in 1963 and a new wing was added to the school in 1983, allowing the education ministry to double in size. An outdoor sports court was dedicated in 2007 and most recently remodeled into a new gymnasium, which was a longtime dream and goal of the parish. The gymnasium was completed first, so that Mass could be held while the current church was under remodel.

Today, as a parish of over 2,000 families, we celebrate the consecration of our church. Our House of God, Gate of Heaven campaign has addressed an aspiration of the parish for the last 60 years: to build a house worthy of the Lord and a church that celebrates our dignity as children of God. It has become a welcoming home for people of faith for future generations. The church remodel was completed Easter of 2020, in the midst of a worldwide pandemic, and it has been a beacon of joyful hope as we wait to fill its 900 seats.

Our heartfelt thank you to all who have contributed. Our endeavor of rebuilding our church – especially as it reflects our care for the future health and vitality of our Parish – is a great gift we bestow to future generations.

As the Sacraments of Baptism, Reconciliation, First Communion, Confirmation, and Marriage and the funeral rites of our members are celebrated, we confirm God's presence among us today and are confident that the light of Christ will show forth from St. Mary Magdalen Parish and its people.

