Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 22, 2012

My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,
I am glad we are here to worship together! We are
reminded in today’s readings that the Lord is our shepherd. This is comforting as we celebrate the 144th Birthday of our parish this weekend. We know that our Lord Jesus Christ will provide for us, refresh us, and guide us on the right path as we continue to grow and change as a community of faith. I ask each of you to find some way this week to better serve Him as He continues to care for all of us.

Me complace estar aquí para venerar juntos. Las lecturas de hoy nos recuerdan que el Señor es nuestro pastor. Esto nos consuela al celebrar este fin de semana los 144 años de nuestra parroquia. Sabemos que nuestro Señor Jesucristo nos proveerá y nos guiará en el sendero correcto en nuestro proceso de crecer y cambiar como comunidad de fe. Les pido a todos y cada uno de ustedes encontrar alguna forma de servirle mejor, así como El continua cuidando de todos nosotros.

May God Bless you all,
Fr. Juan Manuel
HAPPY BIRTHDAY to Our Lady of the Pillar Parish!
Join us after Mass for a “celebration toast” and blessing to commemorate this milestone: Saturday, July 21 after the 5:00 pm Mass and Sunday, July 22 after the 8:00 am, 10:00 am, and 12:00 Noon Masses.

Welcoming New Members to Our Faith Community!
These children are being brought to the waters of Baptism on Saturday, July 21. We warmly welcome each of you!

Zayra Laurie Barron-Gonzalez
Sebastian Contreras
Anthony Estrada
Ana Yisel Garcia
Heily Anayatzin Garcia
Crystal Hernandez
Maximiliano Magaña

Estefania Mendez
Luis Mendez
Nathan Alfonso Tejeda
Juan Yadhir Ponce
Ariana Robles
Vanessa Santiago

Jesus, Friend of Sinners

Who was Mary Magdalene? For a time she was known as Mary of Magdala, but archeological studies of the Middle East have shown no evidence of a town called Magdala. Rather, Magdalene is a title. In Aramaic, “magdala” means “tower,” “elevated,” “magnificent.” She is Mary the Great. Jesus chose Mary, a reformed public sinner, to be the first person to whom He revealed Himself after the resurrection. In the Orthodox Church, she is called the First of Apostles.

The famous church of La Madeleine in Paris is dedicated to this great woman. It is the custom each Christmas Eve that the church opens its doors to the prostitutes of Paris. They come to confess throughout the night, so that at least once a year, they can receive their Lord in Holy Communion on Christmas Day.

Jesus is a friend of sinners. No one is beyond redemption.

Feast of St. Mary Magdalene | July 22
Peace,
Fr. Charlie

NEW on Our Parish Website

Parish Photo Gallery There are exciting things happening throughout our parish and we’re creating great photo albums to share with our community. Go to: www.ourladyofthepillar.org/parish-photo-gallery

“Jesus Encountering Spirit: Called and Qualified”
Leadership Training for Youth Ministry: Friday, August 10 and Saturday, August 11— 9:00 am - 5:00 pm; for 6th-8th grade and 9-12th grade. Learn more: www.ourladyofthepillar.org/youth-confirmation

www.OurLadyofthePillar.org
Baptism:
Pre-Baptismal classes are held on 4th Thursday each month at 7pm, Rectory’s Conference Room. Learn more: www.ourladyofthepillar.org/baptism or call: 726-4674

Bautismos en Español son celebrados el primer y el tercer sábado del mes a las 12:00. Las pláticas prebautismales son el jueves previo al primer Sábado del mes. Solicitar en la oficina el calendario de las fechas del año. Las pláticas son las 7:00 p.m. en el hall viejo que esta a un lado de la iglesia.

Marriage:
Our parish marriage preparation program is required of all couples planning weddings. Learn more: www.ourladyofthepillar.org/matrimony

Communion in the Home:
The priest and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion bring communion to the sick and elderly in their homes. Ministers to the homebound are also available.

Anointing the Sick: First Friday each month during the 8:00 am Mass. This sacrament is celebrated for all those seeking the healing power of Christ. Learn more: http://ourladyofthepillar.org/anointingsick

Parish Organizations and Services
Our Lady of the Pillar has a wide array of organizations, committees, faith formation groups, and service organizations that serve our parish community. For a complete list and meeting times, check the new parish website at www.ourladyofthepillar.org/groups This list is also posted on the bulletin board in the vestibule.

Supporting Our Parish

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Vacation Bible Camp 2012

Pray for Our Parish Family Who are Sick

Pray that God’s healing power will fill them with strength and hope. To add a name, please call the Church Office 726-4674 Each name is put on the prayer list for 3 weeks; to extend the time, please call us to confirm.

Joe DiVecchio  Nancy Madieros  Paul Shephard
Betty Hernandez  Christina Masters  Frank Swick
Josefina Villegas

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Hallelu, Hallelu, Hallelu, Hallelujah!
Praise Ye the Lord!