PILGRIMAGE TO THE GROTTO, SAT. AUG. 20
After an absence of 2 years, St. Joseph’s Parish in Mission is once again inviting everyone to celebrate the Holy Eucharist in honour of our Lady at 1 pm on Saturday, August 20. Main celebrant will be Father Gary Franken. Confessions will be heard from 10 am to 1 pm. Procession to the Grotto with Rosary and Benediction after Mass, picnic and fellowship to follow. Please bring your own lunch and chairs. For bus information, please contact Teresita Nixon, 604 970 7006 or send an email info@aquinasinstitute.ca.

MEN’S RETREAT
Life-restoration ministries, will be offering a Men’s Retreat from September 30 to October 2, 2022. Archbishop Miller has strongly encouraged Life-Restoration Ministries to continue providing men’s and women’s retreats. The theme for this year’s retreat is “Man in the Arena.” The retreat will challenge men to step into the arena of their lives, relying on the strength of God the Father. Registration will be available starting on July 9 at 9 am at liferestoration.ca/mensretreat. This event will sell out so please register sooner rather than later.

PRO LIFE MASS & PRAYER VIGIL, AUG. 6
Monthly Mass and vigil to pray for respect for all human life from its beginning to its natural end. The next Mass will take place on Saturday, August 6, 9 AM at Star of the Sea/Good Shepherd Parish, 2250 150 Street Surrey. Join us in praying for the victims of abortion. For more information, please call 604 683 0281.

SUMMER BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENT
Please note that the weekly bulletin will be put on hold for the remainder of July and August. We are working on a special edition of the Cathedral Life Magazine that will be published in September. For most up to date Cathedral news, please visit the Cathedral website www.holyrosarycathedral.org.

Please keep Pope Francis in your prayers as he prepares for his visit to Canada. The Pope will be in Canada from Jul. 24-29. For more details on the visit please visit papalvisit.ca

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Sunday Vespers and Benediction: 5:30 pm
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Adoration: Fridays from 12:45 pm to 3:30 pm
C A T H E D R A L  L I F E
Baptisms
Baptisms are held on most Sundays at 2:30 pm. Baptism are for Cathedral parishioners or those who live in the boundaries of the Cathedral. Please call the Cathedral office to find out more.
Marriages
Booking should be made at least six months in advance. Couples please contact the Cathedral office for information.
Music & Choirs at the Cathedral
Please contact music director, Catherine Walsh at catherine.organist@gmail.com for more info.
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Latin Mass at the Cathedral
At the Cathedral we have a Traditional Mass community. Masses on Friday (6:30 pm) and Sundays (4 pm). Coordinator: Daniel Chan.
Catholic Women’s League
Contact Jane Rosenthal at janemrose@telus.net.
Legion of Mary
If you would like to get involved please contact Ave, (778)896 0649.
Altar Ministry
The Cathedral has a team of dedicated men who serve at specific Masses. To become an Altar Server please contact the Master of Ceremonies, Fr. Santa Maria: psantamaria@rcav.org
Handmaids of the Lord
This is an all-women ministry of the Couples for Christ Info. Grace Inomog: grace.inomog@yahoo.com
Hispanic Community
The weekly Spanish Mass now caters to the Spanish-speaking community in our parish: comunionadhispanahr@gmail.com
Cathedral Bell Ringers
Our eight bells are rung by hand by a dedicated crew of bell ringers. Visit www.vsr.ca for more info.
Why Pope Francis Happily Emphasizes the Feast of St. Mary Magdalene (Friday July 22)
Saint John Paul II paid great attention not only to the importance of women in the mission of Christ and the Church, but also and with special emphasis on the particular role of Mary of Magdala as the first witness who saw the risen Christ, and as the first messenger who announced the Lord’s resurrection to the Apostles (Mullerius dignitatem n. 16). The importance of this continues today in the Church, as is evident in the new evangelisation, which seeks to welcome all men and women “of every race, people, language and nation” (Rev 5:9), without any distinction, to announce to them the Good News of the Gospel of Jesus Christ while accompanying them on their earthly pilgrimage, and offering them the wonders of God’s salvation.
Saint Mary Magdalene is an example of a true and authentic evangeliser, that is an evangelist who announces the central joyful message of Easter (cf. Collect for 22 July and the new Preface). It is precisely in the context of the Jubilee of Mercy that our Holy Father Pope Francis has taken this decision, in order to underline the relevance of this woman “who so loved Christ and was so greatly loved by Christ”.
It is true that ecclesial tradition in the West, especially since the time of Gregory the Great, has identified Saint Mary Magdalene, and the woman who anointed Christ’s feet with perfume in the house of Simon the Pharisee, and the sister of Lazarus and Martha, as one and the same person. This interpretation continued to influence western ecclesiastical authors, Christian art and liturgical texts relative to this Saint.
What is certain is that Mary Magdalene was part of the group of Jesus’ disciples, she accompanied him to the foot of the Cross and, in the garden where she met him at the tomb, was the first “witness of Divine Mercy” (Gregory the Great, XL Hom. In Evangelia, lib. II Hom. 25, 10.). The Gospel of John tells us that Mary Magdalene went because she could not find the body of the Lord (Jn 20:11); and that Jesus had mercy on her by letting himself be known as her Master, thus transforming her tears into paschal joy.
Taking advantage of this opportune moment, I would like to underline two ideas inherent in the biblical and liturgical texts of this Feast which assist us to better grasp the importance of this holy woman for today. On the one hand, she has the honour to be the first witness of the Lord’s resurrection (“prima testis” – Hymnus, Ad Laudes matutinas), the first who saw the empty tomb and the first to hear the truth about his resurrection. Christ showed special consideration and mercy to this woman who showed her love for Christ by seeking him in her anguish and suffering in the garden, or as Saint Anselm says in the prayer mentioned above with “lacrimas humilitatis” (“the tears of humility”). In this way it is possible to highlight the contrast between the woman present in the garden of paradise and the woman present in the garden of the resurrection. The first spread death where there was life; the second announced life from the sepulchre, the place of death.
Yet, there is more, as we see precisely in the garden of the resurrection where the Lord says to Mary, “Noti me tangere” (“Do not cling to me”) (Jn 20:17). This is an invitation to enter into an experience of faith that goes beyond materialistic assumptions and the human grasping after the divine Mystery which is not simply addressed to Mary but to the entire Church. This is an ecclesial moment!
This is an important lesson for every disciple of Jesus Christ to neither seek human securities nor the vainglory of this world, but in faith to seek the living and risen Christ! On the other hand, precisely because she was an eyewitness to the risen Christ, she was also the first to bear witness to him before the other Apostles. She fulfills the command of the Risen Lord: “Go to my brethren and say to them, I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.” Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples ‘I have seen the Lord!’ and she told them that ‘he had shown them many things’ (Jn 20:17-18).
Thus, as already indicated she becomes an evangelist, that is a messenger who announces the Good News of the Lord’s resurrection or, as Rabanus Maurus and Saint Thomas Aquinas say, she becomes the “apostolorum apostoli” because she announces to the apostles what in turn they announce to the world.
For this reason it is right that the liturgical celebration of this woman should have the same rank of Feast as that given to the celebration of the Apostles in the General Roman Calendar and that the special mission of this woman should be underlined, she who is an example and model for all women in the Church.