

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 13, 2010

Gospel

Lk 7:36-8:3

A Pharisee invited Jesus to dine with him, and he entered the Pharisee's house and reclined at table. Now there was a sinful woman in the city who learned that he was at table in the house of the Pharisee. Bringing an alabaster flask of ointment, she stood behind him at his feet weeping and began to bathe his feet with her tears. Then she wiped them with her hair, kissed them, and anointed them with the ointment. When the Pharisee who had invited him saw this he said to himself, "If this man were a prophet, he would know who and what sort of woman this is who is touching him, that she is a sinner." Jesus said to him in reply, "Simon, I have something to say to you." "Tell me, teacher," he said. "Two people were in debt to a certain creditor; one owed five hundred day's wages and the other owed fifty. Since they were unable to repay the debt, he forgave it for both. Which of them will love him more?" Simon said in reply, "The one, I suppose, whose larger debt was forgiven." He said to him, "You have judged rightly."



Then he turned to the woman and said to Simon, "Do you see this woman? When I entered your house, you did not give me water for my feet, but she has bathed them with her tears and wiped them with her hair. You did not give me a kiss, but she has not ceased kissing my feet since the time I entered. You did not anoint my head with oil, but she anointed my feet with ointment. So I tell you, her many sins have been forgiven because she has shown great love. But the one to whom little is forgiven, loves little." He said to her, "Your sins are forgiven." The others at table said to themselves, "Who is this who even forgives sins?" But he said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you; go in peace."

Reflection

by Father Greg Friedman, O.F.M.

Mary Magdalene is one of the New Testament's most interesting characters—as well as someone whose reputation has been tainted by mistaken identity. Today's Gospel story is a good place to begin correcting that misinformation.

From Luke's Gospel, we hear a story of a dramatic banquet at a Pharisee's house. There, a woman of sinful reputation enters and performs the gesture of bathing Jesus' feet with her tears, wiping them with her hair and anointing them with ointment. When the host is

SAINTS FUN FACTS by mario d. macari

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scandalized, Jesus uses the incident to remark about the woman's great love, and then goes on to forgive her.

Later in the same Gospel passage, we hear that as Jesus journeys about preaching Good News, his company included some "women who had been cured of evil spirits and infirmities," including "Mary, called Magdalene, from whom seven demons had gone out." It's clear from the text that the two women in the story are different individuals.

Mary Magdalene is portrayed in today's account as a follower of Christ—one who was in his company of believers, and who—in John's resurrection story—was an eyewitness to Jesus risen, and a messenger of that wonderful Good News to the apostles. Mary's role is one of Christian service and witness—a role we can do well to imitate.

Dear Parents and Students,

Thank you for a great year. It has been a fantastic year with such wonderful students and very supportive parents. Thank you for working with me throughout the year. Most of all, thank you parents for making sure that your children do their best. As a teacher, I constantly strive to become a better teacher through the help of the gifts that God sent me, you. Please help me improve as a teacher with your comments and suggestions. Please be honest with your responses. Your responses may be anonymous or if it pleases you, put your name on it. Your honesty is greatly appreciated. Feel free to use a separate sheet of paper if you need more room. **Please return this survey by Friday, June 18.** Any student who returns this survey will receive a treat. You may hand this in folded or in an envelop.

1. Please let me know three things I have done well.

2. Please let me know three things I could improve upon.

3. Please let me know three things about me that made you smile.

4. Please let me know three things about me that made you frown.



<i>Verbs part 3</i>			
Julia	Kayla		
<i>Math Ch. 8C</i>			
Josh Kayla	Jeremy	Alex	Andrew
<i>Spelling 35</i>			
Josh Tiffeny Kayla	Katherine Andrew	Hope Emily	Marissa G Julia
<i>Vocabulary - Patty Reed 12</i>			
Michael Alex Emily Trinity	Josh Danny Kayla Tiffeny	Jonathan Vicky Tommy	Marissa G Andrew Maile

<i>Upcoming Tests</i>		
<i>Religion</i>	<i>3rd Com. (Ch. 11)</i>	<i>Monday 6/7</i>
<i>Reading</i>	<i>Patty Reed's 13-14</i>	<i>Wednesday 6/9</i>
<i>Spelling</i>		<i>Friday 6/11</i>
<i>Math</i>	<i>Ch. 9A</i>	<i>Monday 6/14</i>
<i>Language</i>	<i>Adverbs</i>	<i>Friday 6/11</i>
<i>Science</i>	<i>Unit C, Ch. 4</i>	<i>Thursday 6/10</i>
<i>Social Studies</i>		<i>Check Planner</i>
<i>Spanish, Music, Computer</i>		<i>Check Planner</i>

5. Please give me any other comments or suggestions you might have.

Thank you. I appreciate your honesty. God bless!