July 22
Saint Mary Magdalene

Updates for Mass and the Liturgy of the Hours, Lectionary

On June 10, 2016, the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments issued a decree by which, in accordance with the will of the Holy Father, it was established that the liturgical memory of St. Mary Magdalene, celebrated on July 22, was elevated from an obligatory Memorial to the rank of Feast.

Because her liturgical celebration was already enriched with many proper texts in both the Roman Missal and Liturgy of the Hours, there are only minor additions that need to be made:

- The *Gloria* is sung or said at Mass.
- On September 21, 2019, the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments confirmed the English translations of the Preface of Saint Mary Magdalene.
- The proper readings for Saint Mary Magdalene in the *Lectionary for Mass* (no. 603) are proclaimed instead of the readings of the Ordinary Time weekday.
- In the Office of Readings of the Liturgy of the Hours, the psalmody, verse, and First Reading with its Responsory are taken from the Common of Holy Women instead of the usual day; the *Te Deum* is also sung or said after the Second Reading with its Responsory.

**English texts – Mass (w/ Preface),** pages 2-5  
**Spanish texts – Mass (w/ Preface) is in the current Misal**

Reflection on Mary Magdalene, apostle to the apostles -  
[http://press.vatican.va/content/salastampa/en/bollettino/pubblico/2016/06/10/1 60610c.html](http://press.vatican.va/content/salastampa/en/bollettino/pubblico/2016/06/10/160610c.html)
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**Entrance Antiphon**

The Lord said to Mary Magdalene:
Go to my brothers and tell them:
I am going to my Father and your Father,
to my God and your God.

The Gloria in excelsis (Glory to God in the highest) is said.

**Collect**

O God, whose Only Begotten Son
entrusted Mary Magdalene before all others
with announcing the great joy of the Resurrection,
grant, we pray,
that through her intercession and example
we may proclaim the living Christ
and come to see him reigning in your glory.
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.

**Prayer over the Offerings**

Accept, O Lord, the offerings
presented in commemoration of Saint Mary Magdalene,
whose homage of charity
was graciously accepted by your Only Begotten Son.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.
Preface: Apostle to the Apostles

It is truly right and just,
our duty and our salvation,
to glorify you in all things, almighty Father,
whose mercy is not less than your power,
through Christ our Lord.

He appeared in the garden
and revealed himself to Mary Magdalene,
who had loved him in life,
witnessed him dying on the Cross,
sought him as he lay in the tomb,
and was the first to adore him, newly risen from the dead.
He honored her with the office of being an apostle to the Apostles,
so that the good news of new life
might reach the ends of the earth.

And so, Lord, with all the Angels and Saints,
we, too, give you thanks, as in exultation we acclaim:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts...
It is truly right and just, our duty and our sal-va-tion, to glorify you in all things, al-might-y Fa-ther, whose mercy is not less than your pow-er, through Christ our Lord. He appeared in the gar-den and revealed himself to Mar-y Mag-da-lene, who had loved him in life, witnessed him dying on the Cross, sought him as he lay in the tomb, and was the first to a-dore him, newly ris-en from the dead. He honored her with the office of being an apostle to the A-pos-tles, so that the good news of new life might reach the ends of the earth. And so, Lord, with all the An-gels and Saints, we, too, give you thanks, as in exul-ta-tion we ac-claim:
Communion Antiphon
The love of Christ impels us,
so that those who live may live no longer for themselves,
but for him who died for them and was raised.

Prayer after Communion
May the holy reception of your mysteries, Lord,
instill in us that persevering love
with which Saint Mary Magdalene
clung resolutely to Christ her Master.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.