

One of those women was Mary Magdalen. She started looking around and about in search, but the Body was nowhere to be found. Distraught and weeping she finally came upon a Man who she thought to be the gardener. The Man asked her why she was weeping. She said to Him, "Sir, if Thou hast removed Him, tell me where Thou hast laid Him and I will take Him away." In answer, the Man – Jesus – said to her, "Mary." The reaction was immediate and tremendous. She had found Her Lord! He had returned as He had said that He would! He told her to go into the city and inform the disciples that she had seen the Lord and that He had risen from the dead. She ran! Arriving at the place where the disciples were, she breathlessly announced that she had seen the Lord. Mary Magdalen was the very first person to have seen the risen Lord after His Resurrection. (That Jesus appeared to His Mother before anyone else is an obvious conclusion, but Scripture makes no mention of it.)

How on earth can we come to any understanding of the ways of God? How unsearchable are His ways! The very first public word concerning His Divine identity was expressed by Christ to a nameless Samaritan woman who ran and told everybody about it. That woman was a messenger. The very first person to whom He appeared publicly after His Resurrection was to a woman whom He found weeping in the garden. Her name was Magdalen and she ran to announce his Resurrection. She too was a messenger.

AND BOTH OF THESE ESPECIALLY CHOSEN MESSENGERS OF HIS HAD BEEN SINNERS!

1. **CATECHISM CLASS:** Children 6 to 14 please meet Father Joseph in the vestibule right after the 10:00 Mass.
2. There WILL be 5:00 PM Sunday Vespers with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament this afternoon.
3. Tomorrow is the Feast of Saint Bernadette (Roman calendar), and is the Name day of our Sister Mary Bernadette, OSB. Please remember Sister Bernadette in your special prayers tomorrow.
4. **Stations of the Cross each Friday evening in the Abbey Church during Lent starting at 7:00 PM, followed by Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament.**
5. **N.B.:** Let us all remember to make our **Easter Duty** this year: "All the faithful who have reached the age of their reason must sincerely confess their sins at least once a year. This confession need not be made during the Easter time, but because of the prescribed Easter Communion it is practical to make it at this time... All the faithful who have attained the use of their reason must receive Holy Communion at least once during the Easter season... The Easter season within which one must receive Holy Communion usually extends in the United States from the First Sunday of Lent until Trinity Sunday." (*Moral Theology*, Fr. Heribert Jone, 1961)
6. Please pray for all the Sick and Shut-ins of our Chapels. LET US ALSO PRAY FOR EVERYONE. Let us pray for ALL the priests and religious men and women of the world. NO MAN, WOMAN, OR CHILD SHOULD BE LEFT OUT OF OUR PRAYER. God made all men to be with Him in heaven for all eternity, and this includes every human being on earth, regardless of station or condition or place. While Our Blessed Lord was hanging on the Cross He did not look around and pick and choose those for whom He was dying. He did not exclude a single member of the Human Race – even His enemies – from the wounded Love that came forth from Him during those momentous moments.
7. **MASSES FOR THE WEEK:** (Father Abbot Leonard's schedule only)

SUNDAY:	For the People of our Chapels
MONDAY:	For Sister Mary Bernadette, OSB (<i>Name day</i>)
TUESDAY:	Welfare of Alexander Cummings
WEDNESDAY:	Special intention of Alfred and Aurora Krebsbach
THURSDAY:	Deceased David Leon Abell
FRIDAY:	Special intention Zoann Smerber
SATURDAY:	For the Poor Souls in Purgatory

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(Formerly a resident of Huntsville, Alabama, and a longtime friend of Christ the King Abbey)

In your charity please remember the soul of Mrs. Russnak,
who died on Saturday, February 9, 2008, and was buried on Saturday, February 16, 2008.

May her soul rest in peace.

A Thought To Remember

The Sacramental Presence of Christ in the world
depends entirely on a valid and a spiritually formed

PRIESTHOOD.