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The Serving Brother

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A Message to the Serving Sisters and Brothers from Archbishop José H. Gomez

I love the story of St. Mary Magdalene – a beautiful story of how God’s love can change lives.

We don’t know much about her, just a few lines in the Bible. But that tells us everything we need to know.

She was one of the women who followed Jesus Christ and helped Him in his ministry. These women went from town to town with Him. They saw Jesus heal the sick and work miracles. They heard His preaching and teaching.

Jesus said He was God’s only Son. He said He was sent into this world to tell everyone that God loves us. No matter what sins we have in our lives, God is ready to forgive us.

Jesus promised that if we believe in Him, change our lives, and follow His teachings, we could live forever with Him in Heaven.

Mary Magdalene believed in His promises. She saw that Jesus was a holy man, that He practiced what He preached. She witnessed His powers to heal and forgive sins. She knew that such powers could only come from God. And she ex-

perienced that power in her own life.

Mary Magdalene was possessed by seven demons. But Jesus set her free from her demons. Jesus changed her life. So Mary Magdalene wanted to help everyone to know the joy and salvation she had experienced.

She was loyal and true – even when it became dangerous to be known as one

of His followers. When the Roman soldiers came to arrest Jesus, all of His apostles and other followers ran away. Mary Magdalene didn’t run. She stood by His side during his trial and sufferings.

When the authorities executed Jesus on the cross, Mary Magdalene was there. She watched Him die a cruel death for crimes He never committed.

When it was all over, Mary helped take His body down off the cross and get it ready to be placed in the tomb.

And on the third day, on the first Easter Sunday, Mary Magdalene became the first to see Jesus Christ risen from the dead. She had come to His tomb early in the morning and found it empty. Jesus appeared, but she didn’t recognize Him. At first, she thought He was the



St. Mary Magdalene

Painting by Pietro Perugino (Italy, 1490's)

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A Spiritual Message from Father George

A lesson in Christ's love, from a modern-day Mary Magdalene

Every now and then I get a call, or a message on my voice mail: "Hey Fathah, how are ya?, It's Mary Magdalene!" And every time I hear her voice I smile. Because like the Mary Magdalene we honor as the first "apostle to the apostles," the woman calling me has overcome many difficulties in her life. Over the years since I first met her when I worked as a new chaplain at Boston's city jail, I have witnessed her faith in God free her from many of her own demons.

When I first met Mary Magdalene, she had been in and out of jail, working the streets, addicted, broken, depressed. I also knew her husband who was also in and out of jail, addicted and suffering. His habit eventually took his life, a loss that still brings tears to my eyes when I speak with Mary Magdalene.

She has what we Catholics would call a devotion to Mary Magdalene – she can relate to her because she feels they have had a lot in common in their lives. She knows they shared many moments of loss and suffering, but she also shares with her favorite saint many good qualities.

The saints are our friends who are now with God. They are the saved who are alive with Christ in heaven. Their prayers are ever before God – and they are praying for us! (Rev. 5:8) Some of them led exemplary lives of goodness and service, such as our beloved Pope John Paul II, whose beatification we celebrated this year on Divine Mercy Sunday. Some led lives that were marred by sin and suffering, but through God's grace, they overcame the tribulations of this world.

Like Saint Mary Magdalene of the gospels, the Mary I know is loyal and true; she believed in God's promises and she trusted Him. She never gave up, she kept trying. In and out of jail many times, a few more years in the state prison, time and again trying to get and stay clean, she finally made it. She is out now, free and doing well, her kids and grandkids back in her life.

I believe one day I will meet her namesake in heaven, but for now, I can honestly say, I have met St. Mary Magdalene of South Boston. She is a survivor and she has not lost her faith – or her "wicked good" sense of humor! She is living proof that God has the power to deliver us from any prison, from any demons.

He did it for her; He will do it for you, if you let Him.

Fr. George T. Williams, SJ is Chaplain of San Quentin State Prison. Opened in July 1852, San Quentin is the oldest prison in California, and houses over 6,000 men, including more than 700 on death row.

Mass readings for the summer

WEEK	MON	TUES	WEDS	THUR	FRI	SAT	SUN
May 30-Jun 5	Acts 16:11-15 Jn 15:26-16:4a	Rom 12:9-16 Lk 1:39-56	Acts 17:15, 22-18:1 Jn 16:12-15	Acts 1:1-11 Eph 1:17-23 Mt 28:16-20	Acts 18:9-18 Jn 16:20-23	Acts 18:23-28 Jn 16:23b-28	Acts 1:12-14 1 Pt 4:13-16 Jn 17:1-11a
Jun 6-12	Acts 19:1-8 Jn 16:29-33	Acts 20:17-27 Jn 17:1-11a	Acts 20:28-38 Jn 17:11b-19	Acts 22:30; 23:6-11 Jn 17:20-26	Acts 25:13b-21 Jn 21:15-19	Acts 11:21b-26; 13:1-3 Jn 21:20-25	Acts 2:1-11 1 Cor 12:3b-13 Jn 20:19-23
Jun 13-19	2 Cor 6:1-10 Mt 5:38-42	2 Cor 8:1-9 Mt 5:43-48	2 Cor 9:6-11 Mt 6:1-6, 16-18	2 Cor 11:1-11 Mt 6:7-15	2 Cor 11:18-30 Mt 6:19-23	2 Cor 12:1-10 Mt 6:24-34	Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9 2 Cor 13:11-13 Jn 3:16-18
Jun 20-26	Gn 12:1-9 Mt 7:1-5	Gn 13:2, 5-18 Mt 7:6, 12-14	Gn 15:1-12, 17-18 Mt 7:15-20	Gn 16:1-16 Mt 7:21-29	Is 49:1-6 Acts 13:22-26 Lk 1:57-66, 80	Gn 18:1-15 Mt 8:5-17	Dt 8:2-3, 14b-16a 1 Cor 10:16-17 Jn 6:51-58
Jun 27-Jul 3	Gn 18:16-33 Mt 8:18-22	Gn 19:15-29 Mt 8:23-27	Acts 12:1-11 2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18 Mt 16:13-19	Gn 22:1b-19 Mt 9:1-8	Dt 7:6-11 1 Jn 4:7-16 Mt 11:25-30	Gn 27:1-5, 15-29 Lk 2:41-51	Zec 9:9-10 Rom 8:9, 11-13 Mt 11:25-30
Jul 4-10	Gn 28:10-22a Mt 9:18-26	Gn 32:23-33 Mt 9:32-38	Gn 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a Mt 10:1-7	Gn 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5 Mt 10:7-15	Gn 46:1-7, 28-30 Mt 10:16-23	Gn 49:29-32; 50:15-26a Mt 10:24-33	Is 55:10-11 Rom 8:18-23 Mt 13:1-23
Jul 11-17	Ex 1:8-14, 22 Mt 10:34-11:1	Ex 2:1-15a Mt 11:20-24	Ex 3:1-6, 9-12 Mt 11:25-27	Ex 3:13-20 Mt 11:28-30	Ex 11:10-12:14 Mt 12:1-8	Ex 12:37-42 Mt 12:14-21	Wis 12:13, 16-19 Rom 8:26-27 Mt 13:24-43
Jul 18-24	Ex 14:5-18 Mt 12:38-42	Ex 14:21-15:1 Mt 12:46-50	Ex 16:1-5, 9-15 Mt 13:1-9	Ex 19:1-2, 9-20b Mt 13:10-17	Ex 20:1-17 Jn 20:1-2, 11-18	Ex 24:3-8 Mt 13:24-30	1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12 Rom 8:28-30 Mt 13:44-52
Jul 25-31	2 Cor 4:7-15 Mt 20:20-28	Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28 Mt 13:36-43	Ex 34:29-35 Mt 13:44-46	Ex 40:16-21, 34-38 Lk 24:35-48	Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15, 16, 27, 34b-37 Jn 11:19-27	Lv 25:1, 8-17 Mt 14:1-12	Is 55:1-3 Rom 8:35, 37-39 Mt 14:13-21
Aug 1-7	Nm 11:4b-15 Mt 14:22-36	Nm 12:1-13 Mt 14:22-36	Nm 13:1-2, 25; 14:1, 26-29a, 34-35 Mt 15:21-28	Nm 20:1-13 Mt 16:13-23	Dt 4:32-40 Mt 16:24-28	Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 2 Pt 1:16-19 Mt 17:1-9	1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a Rom 9:1-5 Mt 14:22-33
Aug 8-14	Dt 10:12-22 Mt 17:22-27	Acts 7:51-8:1a Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14	2 Cor 9:6-10 Jn 12:24-26	Jos 3:7-10a, 11-17 Mt 18:21-19:1	Jos 24:1-13 Mt 19:3-12	Jos 24:14-29 Mt 19:13-15	Is 56:1, 6-7 Rom 11:13-15, 29-32 Mt 15:21-28
Aug 15-21	Rv 11:19a; 12:1-10ab 1 Cor 15:20-27 Lk 1:39-56	Dt 31:1-8 Mt 19:23-30	Jgs 9:6-15 Mt 20:1-16	Jgs 11:29-39a Mt 22:1-14	Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-22 Mt 22:34-40	Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17 Mt 23:1-12	Is 22:19-23 Rom 11:33-36 Mt 16:13-20
Aug 22-28	1Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10 Mt 23:13-22	1Thes 2:1-8 Mt 23:23-26	Rv 21:9b-14 Jn 1:45-51	1Thes 3:7-13 Mt 24:42-51	1Thes 4:1-8 Mt 25:1-13	1 Th 4:9-11 Mt 25:14-30	Jer 20:7-9 Rom 12:1-2 Mt 16:21-27

The "Church Without Walls" Program

The SMOM founded the Jerolimitan Nuns in 1585 in Valletta, Malta where the community thrives to this day. Joining hands with the Knights and Dames of the Order in the USA in seeking to serve you, these holy women invite you to pray with them throughout the day.

Based on NYC time, they pray at 1:45am, 5:15am, 7-8am, 9:00am (Rosary), 12:10pm and 2:30pm. If you miss the stated times, complete the

Mass Readings as you can, knowing that the "Nuns of Malta" – and a growing group of Serving Sisters and Brothers like you – are praying with you and for you. You may also send your prayer requests to:

The Mother Prioress
Jerolimitan Nuns
Saint Ursula Monastery
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A Prayer to St. Mary Magdalene

WRITTEN BY ANSELM OF CANTERBURY (1033-1109)
SAINT & DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

St. Mary Magdalene, you came with springing tears to the spring of mercy – Christ;

From Him your burning thirst was abundantly refreshed;

*Through Him your sins were forgiven;
By Him your bitter sorrow was consoled.*

My dearest lady, well you know by your own life how a sinful soul can be reconciled with its Creator;

*What counsel a soul in misery needs;
What medicine will restore the sick to health.*

It is enough for us to understand, dear friend of God to whom were many sins forgiven, because she loved much.

Most blessed lady, I who am the most evil and sinful of men do not recall your sins as a reproach, but call upon the boundless mercy by which they were blotted out.

This is my reassurance, so that I do not despair; this is my longing, so that I shall not perish.

I say this of myself, miserably cast

down into the depths of vice, bowed down with the weight of crimes, thrust down by my own hand into a dark prison of sins, wrapped round with the shadows of darkness...

Draw me to Him where I may wash away my sins;

*Bring me to Him who can slake my thirst;
Pour over me those waters that will make my dry places fresh...*

Give me, O Lord, in this exile, the bread of tears and sorrow for which I hunger more than for any choice delights.

Hear me, for Your love, and for the dear merits of your beloved Mary, and your blessed Mother, the greater Mary.

Redeemer, my good Jesus, do not despise the prayers of one who has sinned against You, but strengthen the efforts of a weakling that loves You.

Shake my heart out of its indolence, Lord, and in the ardor of Your love bring me to the everlasting sight of Your glory, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit You live and reign, God, for ever. Amen.

Scores of Serving Sisters and Brothers are Blessed at the Shrine of Lourdes

Each spring, the Order of Malta meets in Lourdes, France, where on February 11, 1858 the Blessed Virgin Mary first appeared to St. Bernadette in a grotto. The Church officially recognizes sixty-six miraculous healings at Lourdes since that time.



From April 27th-May 3rd, thousands of Knights, Dames and Auxiliary Corps members brought hundreds of sick men, women and children to bathe in the healing waters of Lourdes. Scores

of Serving Sisters and Brothers traveled with this group by participation in the 2011 Pilgrim-In-Spirit Program, with their written prayer petitions joining with those of thousands of other souls from around the globe.

Prior to being delivered to the grotto, these letters were carried in the procession to the underground Mass and **placed upon the altar to bask in the united prayer of our international Order.**

The largest Pilgrim-In-Spirit delegations were: Gold Medal - Pennsylvania; Silver Medal - Texas; Bronze Medal - Massachusetts & New York (tied). Participation Ribbons were also earned by these states, listed by number of pilgrims: CT, MI, WI, FL, OH, CA, NE, RI, ND, NH, ME, and IA.

Due to its popularity, participation in the Pilgrim-In-Spirit Program will be offered again to all of our readers around the globe during Lent of 2012.

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BLESSED JOHN PAUL II'S MESSAGE TO PRISONERS

"I was in prison" (Mt 25: 36): these words of Christ re-echoed for us today in the Gospel passage proclaimed a few moments ago. They set before our mind's eye the image of Christ actually imprisoned. We can almost see him again on Holy Thursday evening in Gethsemane: he, innocence personified, surrounded... by an armed band from the Sanhedrin, captured and brought before the court of Annas and Caiaphas. The long hours of the night follow, as he awaits trial in Pilate's Roman court.

The trial takes place on Good Friday morning in the praetorium: Jesus stands before the Roman procurator, who questions him. Over his head hangs the request for the death penalty by the torture of the cross. We next see him tied to a pillar to be scourged. Then he is crowned with thorns...

Ecce homo – "Here is the man." Pilate said these words, counting perhaps on a humane reaction from those present. The answer was: "Crucify him, crucify him!" (Lk 23: 21). And when at last they untied his hands, it was to nail them to the cross. Dear brothers and sisters, Jesus Christ – the prisoner – appears before us who are gathered here...

I greet each of you prisoners with fraternal affection. I stand before you as a witness to God's love. I come to tell you that God loves you and wants you to follow a path of rehabilitation and forgiveness, of truth and justice... Prison life can acquire human features and be enriched by a spiritual dimension, which is most important for your life.

There is Christ, the prisoner; at the same time there is Christ the lawgiver. It is He who establishes the law, proclaims it and strengthens it. However He does this not with arrogance, but with meekness and love. He heals what is sick, strengthens what is bruised. Where a faint flame of goodness still burns, He revives it with the breath of His love. He forcefully proclaims justice and heals wounds with the balm of mercy... The future Messiah will come and open the eyes of the blind and bring out the prisoners from the dungeon (cf. Is 42: 7)...

However, the message of God's Word must be accepted with its full meaning. The "dungeon" from which the Lord comes to re-



From a Homily given Sunday, 9 July 2000 on his visit to Regina Caeli Prison in Rome

lease us is first of all the one where the spirit is chained. Sin is the prison of the spirit. In this regard, how can we forget Jesus' profound words: *"Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin"* (Jn 8: 34)? This is the slavery from which He above all came to save us. For He said: *"If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples and you will know the truth and the truth will make you free"* (Jn 8: 31)... God cares about the total liberation of the human person, a liberation not only concerns physical and external conditions, but is first and foremost a liberation of the heart...

Sin is devastating. It drives peace from hearts and causes a chain of sufferings in human relationships... This is precisely the slavery from which the Spirit of God comes to deliver us. He, the Gift... which Christ obtained for us, "helps us in our weakness... intercedes for us with sighs too deep for words" (Rom 8: 26). If we follow His promptings, He achieves our complete salvation...

Therefore, He, the Spirit of Jesus Christ, must be the one who works in your hearts, dear brother and sister prisoners. The Holy Spirit must pervade... all the prisons of the world. Christ, the Son of God, became a prisoner; He let them tie his hands and then nail them to the cross precisely so that his Spirit could touch the heart of every man. The Spirit of Christ, the

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Message of the Divine Mercy from Dr. Bryan Thatcher

Mary Magdalene and Divine Mercy

The encounter between Mary Magdalene and Jesus has been called the encounter “between misery and mercy.” She initially washed His feet out of contrition, and after His death, out of respect and adoration. She stayed with Our Blessed Mother at the Crucifixion; she didn’t run off like the apostles.

Mary Magdalene was a beautiful woman; she was well-known throughout the area for her transgressions. She was the epitome of human frailty. So much beauty and so much potential, but she used it for bad instead of good.

Couldn’t that as easily be said of each one of us? Haven’t we all fallen short of the mark?

Like any human being, she wanted to be loved, but kept looking in all the wrong places; then she looked into the eyes of the Master and found what had been so elusive. Jesus loved her unconditionally. He loved her for who she was and not for her beauty.

Could God ever forgive her for her sins? Could God ever forgive you for your sins? Sometimes we seriously doubt that God could forgive us because we have committed serious sin.

Think about her conversion, and how she wept and her tears helped

cleanse Jesus’ feet; reflect on how she then wiped them with her beautiful, long-flowing hair.

How did Jesus respond to her love? Look at who got to announce the Resurrection of Our Lord. It wasn’t Peter, the first Pope. It wasn’t even John, the beloved disciple. No, it was Mary Magdalene, the great sinner! That should give us all great hope.

Don’t ever doubt the mercy of God. It is unfathomable and unwavering. It is like an ocean that has no bottom. Let the mercy of God be your life vest as you traverse the ocean of life’s struggles and valley of tears.

When in doubt about God’s mercy, remember and trust in the words of Jesus to Saint Faustina, “The greater the sinner, the greater the right he has to My mercy.” (Diary, 723)



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John Paul II Message CONTINUED

heart of every man. The Spirit of Christ, the Redeemer of the world, must breathe even where people are chained in prisons according to the logic of a still necessary human justice. Punishment cannot be reduced to mere retribution... or a sort of institutional vengeance. Punishment and imprisonment have meaning if, while maintaining the demands of justice and discouraging crime, they serve the rehabilitation of the individual by offering those who have made a mistake an opportunity to reflect and to change their lives in order to be fully reintegrated into society.

Let me ask you, then, to aim with all your

strength at a new life in the encounter with Christ. Society as a whole can only rejoice at your progress. The very people you have hurt will feel perhaps that they have received more justice by seeing your inner transformation than merely the penalty you have paid.

I hope that each of you will experience the liberating love of God. May the Spirit of Jesus Christ, who makes all things new (cf. Rv 21:5), come down among you and all the world’s prisoners, filling your hearts with trust and hope.

May you be accompanied by the gaze of Mary – “*Regina Caeli*,” “Queen of Heaven,” – to whose motherly tenderness I entrust you

What is a Serving Brother?

The Order of Malta is one of the oldest institutions of Western and Christian civilization. During its early history as a military force, the Knights of Malta required the support of many helpers. One such group of helpers was known as “Serving Brothers.” These men assisted the Knights when called to fight, and also served the Chaplains in tending to the sick. While not members of the Order, they fully shared in the values and lifestyle embraced by the Order.

As such, anyone may spiritually participate as a Serving Brother or Sister by actively participating in the life of the Roman Catholic Church. This can be achieved by activities such as regular attendance at Mass and worship services, keeping up with seasonal bible readings, saying the rosary and the Divine Mercy Chaplet, studying our Faith and staying true to the admonitions of our Lord Jesus Christ, guided by the teachings of the Church.

An introduction to the Sovereign Military Hospitaller Order of Malta (SMOM)

The SMOM is an international religious order recognized by a decree of Pope Pascal II in 1113. Led by the Knights of Justice who are professed Friars, its Grand Master holds the rank of Cardinal. Most of its 13,000 Knights and Dames are not under vows, but are devoted to developing their spirituality, serving the faith and caring for sick, poor and outcast souls. In 1783 Benjamin Franklin presented the *Libertas Americana* medal of the United States of America to the SMOM in thanks for crucial help it provided during the War of Independence. Over 1,800 Knights and Maltese sailors enlisted in the French Navy specifically to assist America win its freedom.

Give your brain a workout!

Sudoku Puzzle

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Sudoku Directions – Fill each square with the numbers 1-9. No number can appear twice within the same row, the same column, or within the same frame of nine squares. ANSWERS ON BACK PAGE

Brain Teasers

- 1) When does $11 + 2 = 1$?
- 2) First I threw away the outside, and cooked the inside; then I ate the outside and threw away the inside. What was it that I ate?
- 3) What do these words have in common? ASSESS, VODOO, BANANA, POTATO, DRESSER, REVIVE, UNEVEN
- 4) A man needed to create a seven-digit password. It had to be kept secret, so he wrote down a clue: “You force heaven to be empty.” What was the password?
- 5) You will find me in the sunlight, but I am always in darkness. While I am never in danger, I am constantly in risk. I am always the ending of happiness and the beginning of sorrow. What am I?

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gardener who took care of the grounds around the tomb!

Then He spoke her name: “*Mary...*” Her eyes were opened and she recognized Him. And Jesus told her to go tell His apostles. So she did: “I have seen the Lord,” she told them.

Still today, Mary Magdalene is remembered as “the apostle to the apostles,” because she was the first to see the risen Jesus, and the first to tell others about Him.

By rising from the dead, Jesus “proved” that all His teachings are true. And because He rose from the dead, we can know the love that Mary Magdalene knew.

Sometimes I think this is the hardest thing for people to believe. We think that this world is so big, how can God possibly love everyone? But He does, my friends! God cares for you very deeply. He cares for you as if you are the only one in the world.

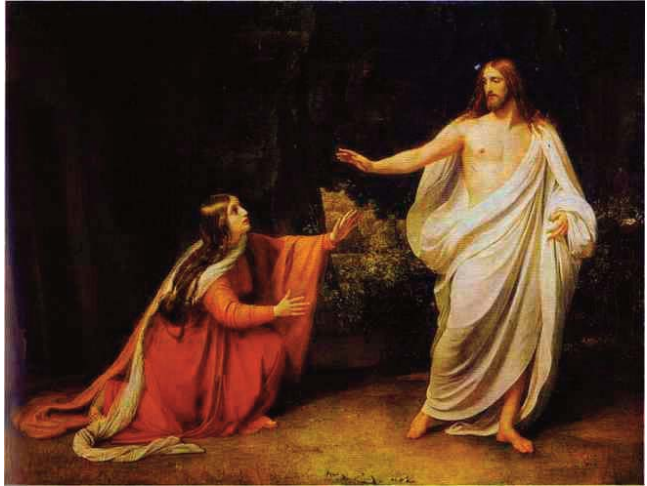
Jesus said that a sparrow does not fall from the sky that our heavenly Father does not know about and care about. He told us that every hair on our head is numbered in our Father’s loving eyes. He said that God gives each of us a guardian angel.

Sometimes, we’re tempted to think that God stops loving us because we commit sins. But that’s not true either. Jesus said there is joy in heaven every time a sinner stops sinning and turns his life around. He said God is always waiting to welcome us back to His love.

Mary Magdalene is a saint because she loved Jesus with a pure heart. She is

an example for all of us. Like her, we can know Him and be His disciples.

We can talk to Jesus when we pray. We can hear Him speak to us by reading His words in the Gospels. We can know the power of His salvation through the ministry of the priests He sends to us from His Church.



The Appearance of Christ to Mary Magdalene

Painting by Alexander Ivanov (Russia, 1830's)

Jesus said: “*Ask, and it will be given you. Seek, and you will find. Knock, and it will be opened to you.*” That means we can always ask Jesus for the grace to be better friends with Him. We can ask Him for the grace to be more like Him.

So let us give thanks to St. Mary Magdalene for sharing the good news: She has seen the Lord – and we can too.

Archbishop José H. Gomez was installed as the fifth Archbishop of Los Angeles on February 27, 2011. With over 4.2 million Catholics, Los Angeles is by far the largest diocese in the United States. He is the first Hispanic to serve as Archbishop of Los Angeles, as well as the highest-ranking Hispanic bishop in the United States.

Puzzle solutions

- (1) When you add two hours to eleven o'clock.
- (2) An ear of corn.
- (3) In each case, the word is the same when the first letter is moved to the end, and the order reversed.
- (4) The password is U47ZBMT.
- (5) The letter S.

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