

The Vessel

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Worship Schedule

Saturday

5:00 pm Eucharist Service

Sunday

8:15 am Eucharist Service

10:00 Eucharist Service

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From the Rector:

My last day as missionary of the Front Range Region of the Diocese of Colorado is April 30. I have a couple more events: the Regional Confirmation service on April 24 (which by the way will involve some adults and 11 teenagers from St Mary Magdalene), a Clergy/Parish Administrator Luncheon which we will host at St Mary Magdalene on April 29, and then a couple of pastoral visits--breakfast or lunch with clergy new to the Diocese to welcome them to this part of the Kingdom of God. Then this season of my wider regional ministry will be over. Its been a privilege to serve in that capacity for the past four and a half years, to 'take my share in the counsels of the church' as the prayer book puts it. Bishop O'Neill will be naming my successor shortly, and I look forward to giving him or her the same encouragement and support that I've received. I'm looking forward to my new season of a more direct focus on St Mary Magdalene.

Our vestry retreat is coming up after Easter on Saturday, April 10, and we'll be looking at setting the direction of our parish over the next couple of years. Over the next couple of months I'll be taking some trips: a continuing education week attending a CREDO conference--they're designed to help a priest look at his/her vocational, physical, financial, and spiritual health as one approaches retirement. There's an adult mission trip week in New Orleans in May to help with the rebuilding going on there, (It's still not too late to consider going along!), and then the youth mission trip in June.

I plan to resume more regular parish visits--whatever is convenient for you: coffee, a home visit, a glass of wine, going for a walk.....creating some opportunities to check in with all of you. I hope you're looking forward to those as well. It is a gift and privilege to be your pastor here.

Thank you for all you do at St Mary's for God's kingdom,

Mike

Easter Sunday Services

There has been a lot of confusion about the time of services on Easter Sunday so here is the final schedule!

8:15 and 10:30 a.m

with an Easter Egg Hunt in between the services.

St. Mary Magdalene's April Women's Gathering

The April Women's Gathering will be held on April 8 at 6:30 PM at the home of Janet Poley to discuss The Help by Kathryn Stockett. Books are available at amazon.com (both used and new), at Costco and at some local used bookstores. Janet's address is 6033 Jay Rd. Please RSVP to Kathy Madsen at kgmadsen45@gmail.com or at 303-499-7409.

Coffee Hour

Tiffany O'Meara is our new Coffee Hour coordinator. We need help so that we can continue this wonderful tradition of community and fellowship. For those of you who have never hosted and are intimidated, please feel free to talk to me...it's really easy and very rewarding. Father Mike usually takes care of the coffee/tea before the service so no need to worry about that. Please sign up at the kiosk in the back of the sanctuary....thanks.



We will be having a FREE Financial Peace University class at St. Mary Magdalene on Wednesday, April 7th at 6:00 pm. so you can see if you'd like to take the 13-week class that will be offered at St. Mary Magdalene in the fall. Financial Peace University is a wonderful, practical, entertaining 13 week class designed to help people successfully manage their own finances. This course will help you understand the forces behind your financial distress, create a budget you can stick to, set goals you can achieve, and make things right for you and your family - financially, emotionally, and spiritually - for good. Please sign up at the kiosk. Call the church office for more details. We'll have some snacks!

From the Worship Committee:

For Easter Season:

- ✝ We will continue to chant the Psalms.
- ✝ We will continue to use 'Come, Now is the Time to Worship' for the Call to Worship.
- ✝ We will begin to use 'Who Rolled Away the Stone' as our Sequence Hymn.
- ✝ We will resume use of the traditional Lord's Prayer.
- ✝ We will resume use of Alleluias in the liturgy.

If you have questions or comments for the worship committee, please contact Mike, Mary, Jane Rogers, Joel McKee-Cooper or Christina McNamara.



Community Garden Work Day Saturday, April 24

We will be having a work day on Saturday, April 24th to do more planting, finish the rock border, and maybe some irrigation or fence work. Get your work gloves on and plan to come and help!

Godly Play News

Alleluia, Christ is risen! The Lord is risen, indeed!
Alleluia!

It is almost time to shout out those wonderful words.
The great Mystery of Easter is just around the corner.

April 3 (Holy Saturday, the day before Easter) is the Easter Egg Dyeing event for the children of the parish. The event will begin at 9:00 in the Education Wing with a Godly Play story. The children will then have a chance to “blow” out a raw egg and dye it, or dye a hard-boiled egg. If your children would like to invite a friend to “come and see” our church and participate in the event please encourage them to do so.

During the month of April the children in Godly Play will be hearing the Story of the Resurrection, the Story of the Synagogue and the Upper Room (and how they came together to form our present day church), and several stories of how Jesus healed people.

The older children will begin to explore what Jesus means to them, different symbols for Jesus, and begin to plan a long-term mosaic project with these symbols.

Easter is such a great mystery that it can't be kept to just one Sunday. It goes on for 6 more Sundays and forms the season of Easter. Alleluia, Christ is risen! The Lord is risen, indeed! Alleluia! Let's shout it out!!

Yours in God and play,
Barb and Tammi



Education for Ministry Open House

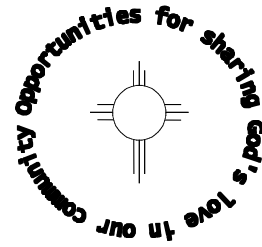
Education for Ministry is hosting an open house on Monday, April 26th at our regular weekly meeting at 5:45 PM in the library. This is an opportunity for anyone interested in learning more about EFM to visit us and observe a seminar. Please RSVP to Janet Poley at jrpoley@comcast.net or 303-530-9504.

EFM is a theological education program for the laity offered through the University of the South's School of Theology in Sewanee, TN. It is a four-year program, in which participants commit to one year at a time to study and to meet weekly in seminars over a nine month academic year. In the seminars, which are the core of the program, theological principles and truths learned through study of the Bible and the program's textual materials are examined and linked with day to day spiritual experiences. Years one and two cover study of the Old and New Testaments within their historical and literary contexts. Years three and four cover study of church history and theology. The seminars, in groups of 6-12 members, are led by a trained mentor and include worship, sharing of personal spiritual stories, discussion and interpretation of scripture and theological reflection. Graduates of EFM emerge with a greater sense of personal theology and knowledge and confidence about the ministry we all share. Cost is \$340 each year and scholarships are available.

April Birthdays

2	Donna Hackney	17	Christy Szoke
3	Joel Hyde	19	Eli Buzas
6	Kim Hollowell	22	Joel MckeeCooper, Elizabeth Szoke
7	Lynn Mulcare	23	Trudy Dietzen
11	Roberta Killeen	25	Vanessa Begley
14	Tyler McNamara, Elena Fanning	27	Kelsey Webster
15	Mike Houlik	30	Jennifer Ward

April Outreach News



Did you know...

"...86% of women incarcerated in Colorado were convicted of a non-violent offense - 65% are mothers of children under 18."

Introducing FOCUS; This month's featured volunteer opportunity

The Outreach Committee would like to draw your attention to **FOCUS**; an Offender Reentry Mentoring Program, offered to individuals as they prepare to move back into society following incarceration at the Boulder County Jail. **FOCUS** is proactive in its dedication to reduce recidivism and enhance community safety.

This is a challenging one-year commitment that begins with a 12-hour training program and requires 1-2 hours of mentoring time per week. To learn more about **FOCUS** reentry mentoring, please visit their website: www.focusreentry.org. You can also find fliers in the kiosk at the back of our church sanctuary.

SMM is committed to Boulder County Habitat for Humanity

Next scheduled build date -- Saturday, April 3 (with St. John's Boulder)

Next date to provide lunch to builders -- Friday, May 21

You provide the willingness to work -- Habitat for Humanity provides the tools and the knowledge to build.

If you would like to participate, please sign up on the sheet provided at the kiosk so that Mark Christie can coordinate our efforts with Habitat for Humanity. If you are interested in building, you will then be directed to the online Habitat for Humanity registration where the needed forms can be found.

*Our next Outreach Committee meeting
will be held Monday, April 19.*

Please come and see how we can celebrate and share God's love

9Health Fair is coming to St. Mary Magdalene Saturday, April 17th 7am-noon

9Health Fair is Colorado's largest non-profit, volunteer-driven health fair program that promotes health awareness and encourages individuals to assume responsibility for their own health. Created by a National Institutes of Health project and 9NEWS, 9Health Fair's free and low cost health screenings and education program has earned unique endorsements from the Colorado Medical Society, the Colorado Nurses Association and the Colorado Hospital Association. Since 1980, 9Health Fair has impacted 1.7 million lives.

This year, the St. Mary Magdalene site will have more than 20 free and low-cost health screenings available. We expect more than 600 participants to come through the fair this year. We're also expecting more than 100 volunteers to work the event.

As of April 1st, we have most of the volunteer positions filled. No foolin! If you're interested in volunteering and didn't get a chance to signup, please contact volunteer coordinator, Dennis Maloney at dennismmaloney@yahoo.com or Patti Tussey at patti@tussey.com. We'll find a job for you.

Please spread the word about the event to your co-workers, friends and neighbors. We want to make sure that folks (especially in the neighborhood) are aware of the opportunities available at the Health Fair. There are flyers available at the back of church for you to take and share.

Can't make it on the 17th but want to help out in some way? How about a food donation? We expect more than 100 volunteers for the fair and we plan to feed them breakfast and lunch. We need many food donations to pull this off. We're looking for donations of coffee cakes, cold cuts, cheeses, veggie trays, condiments, salads, chips, lemonade, juice and LOTS OF FRUIT! You can sign up at church or contact Patti Tussey at patti@tussey.com if you'd like to help out with a food donation.

If you have other questions about the 9HealthFair, contact site coordinator, Jeff Ward, at 303-581-0174 or at jfwardinco@yahoo.com.

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Two HOT books coming up for the St. Mary Magdalene Book Club!

On Apr 30 at 7pm at Janie Pierre's home, 6988 Hunter Place, Boulder, 80301, we will discuss Ken Follett's *The Pillars of the Earth*. Respond to Janie at janiemarie@comcast.net or (303) 530-0536.

On Jun 11 at 7pm at Win and Spen Kellogg's home, 1483 Lawson Ave, Erie, 80516, we will discuss *The Space Between Us* by Thrity Umrigar. Respond to Win or Spen at wkellogg@comcast.net or spenkellogg@comcast.net or (303) 666-7166.

Review of *The Pillars of the Earth* by Suzanne Cross, writer and medieval history buff (c/o Amazon):
The sweep, characterization, tensions, and love of the subject of this book are simply riveting. A story of the construction of a medieval cathedral, I could not put the darned thing down and have lost sleep for a week compulsively page-turning. Follett's primary strength in the book is his magnificent characters. By the end, Prior Phillip, Aliena, Jack, Richard, "Witch" Ellen, William of Hamleigh, Waleran Bigod, and a host of supporting characters are as real as people you know. Their strengths and weaknesses feel as sound as earth. I've just reached the part where the Cathedral is finished, and its magnificent image, built in love, hardship, and devotion, colors the whole book like light through stained glass. And I suspect the ending will be as immensely "right" as the entire rest of the book in its proportion in spinning out complicated human lives and emotions. An IMMENSELY satisfying read. I could quibble with what I feel is some gratuitous sex, some slightly contrived plot twists, but that's like complaining about some flotsam in the river as you're going over Niagara. DO NOT MISS THIS BOOK if you love wonderful story-spinning and history. Well done, Mr. Follett!

Review of *The Space Between Us* By M. J Leonard, reviewer, c/o Amazon:
Using turbulent India, with all its social, environmental and economic problems as a background, author Thrity Umrigar tells a very humanistic tale of love, loss and ultimately betrayal. Two very different women who, in their struggle to cope with their heartache and sorrow, discover an inevitable commonality, a spiritual unity, even though they are divided by the seemingly insurmountable gulf of money, opportunity and class. Sera Dubash is a wealthy educated Parsi, who lives a privileged upper-class life in Mumbai. Her married life fraught with violence and brutality, she ached for a marriage that was different from all the "dead sea of marriages she saw all around her," a marriage begun with such high hopes that fizzled out. Now she is widowed and lives happily with her daughter and son-in-law, looking forward to the birth of her first grandchild. Bhima is poor and illiterate, forced to eke out an existence on the edges of Mumbai, enduring the stench and filth, the open drains with their dank pungent smell, the dark rows of slanting hutments, the gaunt and open-mouthed men. Bhima has worked for years as Sera's domestic housekeeper, and has built up a trustworthy relationship with her employer's family; Sera's the only person who treats her like a human being, has been steadfast and true to her, and never despised her for being ignorant, or illiterate or weak. Sera even promises to financially help Bhima's granddaughter Maya go to college. But no one - least of all Bhima - expects the seventeen-year-old Maya to get pregnant. Bhima is convinced that only education is the key to success, an escape from the back-breaking and menial labor that has marred the lives of her mother and her mother before her, and aware that a child will end Maya's chance at a better life, she tells her granddaughter she must have an abortion. Bhima seeks Sera's help; both convinced that terminating the baby is only way to ensure Maya will be able to break the hold poverty has had on the family. Bhima, however, has had her own demons to contend with. Her daughter and son-in-law are dead, stricken by an incurable disease; the elderly woman talking herself into believing that this unborn child is but a "demon growing in her granddaughter's belly." Her emotions run the gamut of anger and fear, fear for this stupid innocent pregnant girl; yet she holds onto the unacknowledged hope that the child's father will perhaps step forward to assume his responsibility, to marry and build a life with the woman who would bear his first child. Through their shared experiences, Sera and Bhima are inevitably bound; and it's almost as though Bhima has an eyeglass to Sera's soul, feeling exposed under the x-ray vision of Bhima's eyes. But they are divided by a hypocritical society that perpetuates discriminative caste differences, and looks down upon the poor: Sera is kindhearted and concerned for Maya's welfare, but during lunch, Sera always sits at the table, whilst making Bhima squat on her haunches on the floor nearby, forced to use separate utensils. Sera is secretly disgusted at the foul odor of the tobacco that Bhima chews all day long, the woman almost embodying everything that is repulsive about the slums just a short distance away. Gorgeously imagined, this intimate and sensuous tale is constantly fraught with tension, the human condition this author's specialty. It is impossible to imagine more frightening circumstances than those conditions that Bhima must endure at her age, her heart broken by the people around her with their deceit, their treachery, their fallibility, and their sheer humanity. Through the course of the story, Bhima learns that none of the old rules, the old taboos apply, hers is a fragile existence, a world constructed of sand - shaky, ambiguous, and ultimately impermanent.

April 2010

Calendar of Events

				1 8:00 am Morning Prayer 9:00 am Mindful Handicrafts 5:30 pm Arrive with food for Seder/Agape meal 6:00pm Seder/Agape Meal	2 Noon – Good Friday service 7:00 pm Good Friday service	3 9:00 am Easter Egg Dyeing for children 8:00 pm Easter Vigil
4 Easter Sunday 8:15 Worship 9:30 Easter Egg Hunt 10:30 Worship	5 5:45 pm EFM	6 9:15 Centering Prayer 6:45 Healing Ministry	7 6:00 pm Financial Peace University class	8 9:00 am Mindful Handicrafts	9	10 9am – 2pm Vestry Retreat at YWCA 5:00 pm Contemplative service
11 8:15 Worship 10:00 Worship 11:45 Confirmation	12 5:45 pm EFM	13 Mike away at CREDO 12-19th 9:15 Centering Prayer	14	15 9:00 am Mindful Handicrafts 4-8 pm Health Fair set up	16 Health Fair set-up	17 9Health Fair 7 am - noon 5:00 pm Holden Evensong
18 8:15 Worship 10:00 Worship 11:45 Last Confirmation class	19 5:45 pm EFM 7:00 pm Outreach	20 Mike back in office 9:15 Centering Prayer	21	22 9:00 am Mindful Handicrafts	23	24 10:00 am Confirmation at Holy Comforter in Broomfield 5:00 pm Worship service
25 8:15 Worship 10:00 Worship	26 5:45 pm EFM Open House	27 9:15 Centering Prayer	28	29 9:00 am Mindful Handicrafts noonFront Range Parish Administrator luncheon 4:30 pm Staff meeting	30 7:00pm Book Group at Janie Pierre's	

Choir sings on April 4th for Easter. No other April rehearsals
 Easter Sunday services are at 8:15 and 10:00 am

April Ministry Duties

	April 4	April 11	April 18	April 25
Greeter	Everyone	8:15 Katy Schmoll 10:00 Peter & Jeri Chandler	8:15 Shelby & Carolyn Kesterson 10:00 John Thornbury, Jane Rogers	8:15 Bob & Janet Poley 10:00 Frank & Karen Lamb
Healing Prayer	8:15 Linda White 10:30 Jeri Chandler, RJ Harrington	8:30 RJ Harrington 10:30 Linda White, Cheryl Andrews	8:15 Jeri Chandler 10:00 Linda White RJ Harrington	8:15 Lynn Mulcare 10:00 Cheryl Andrews, RJ Harrington
Ushers	8:15 Neil & Maria Cox 10:30 Bill Andrews, Mark Christie	8:15 Bob & Dickey Lee Hullinghorst 10:00 Doug & Leslie Harvison	8:15 Rick & Karen Dauer 10:00 Niles Oien, Tiffany O'Meara	8:15 Dennis & Jenny Kapela 10:00 Bill Andrews, Mark Christie
Altar Guild	8:15 Donna Begley 10:30 Janie Pierre	8:15 Mark Handschy 10:00 Vivian/Christina	8:15 Keyo Ross 10:00 Suzanne Metzger	8:15 Dickey Lee 10:00 Arlee
Eucharistic Visitor	Karen Klena	Heather & Devi	Sarah & Eric	Shelby & Carolyn
Lector/Chalice Bearer	8:15 Sarah Wheeler, Janet Poley 10:30 Gete Bond, Kip White	8:15 Jim Lillie 10:00 Tom Fanning, Julia Lee-Taylor	8:15 Eric Kallgren 10:00 Larry Burgess, Peter Chandler	8:15 Frank Lamb 10:00 Kip White, Amy Thornbury
Acolyte	8:15 Alison Rowan 10:00 Patricia Hyde, Emiko Fredo	8:15 Mark Lillie 10:00 Shea & Morgan Herring	8:15 Alli Mulcare 10:00 Colin, Brendan, & Devin Doyle	8:15 Allison Rowan 10:00 Patricia Hyde, Emiko Fredo
Sound Engineer	8:15 10:30 Eric Tussey	8:15 10:00 Bea & John Morreale	8:15 10:00 Phillip Killeen	8:15 Alex Petroy 10:00 Meg Thornbury
Nursery Helper	Tom Fanning	Tiffany O'Meara	Vivian Dratch	Juanita Redfield
Coffee Hour	Tiffany O'Meara, Roberta Killeen	Sheila Martinson	Win & Spen Kellogg	Need volunteer