

Who is Mary Magdalene?

AN UPDATE

with Sr. Teresita Kambeitz, OSU

An online three-part series using Zoom

Dates and Times: Wednesday evenings, October 7, 14 & 21
7:00 – 9:00 p.m. Mountain Daylight Time
Repeated
Thursday mornings, October 8, 15 & 22
10:00 a.m – 12:00 p.m.

Cost: \$90.00 for 3 sessions
A minimum of 9 participants are needed to offer each program.
Registration deadline: **October 5**

Recordings of each session will be available to anyone who cannot attend all three sessions. Cost is per person or couple - if more than two people are participating in this Zoom event, we invite you to make a donation to the retreat centre.

Registration Details: There are two options to consider when registering for this series:

- Visit our website: http://www.queenshouse.org/?page_id=4399
Participants can now register and pay online!
- Call Queen's House and register over the phone: 306-242-1916. As our staffing is minimal, please leave a message and we will be in touch ASAP.

Detail: The recent discovery of the town of Magdala has shed new light on Mary Magdalene, a woman who has fascinated believers down the centuries. In this three-part series we will reflect upon an updated view of this special friend of Jesus and with the aid of scripture and visuals, prayerfully deepen our own friendship with Christ, the Risen Lord.

Session 1: "From whom seven demons had gone out..." (Lk. 8:2)

We are introduced to Mary Magdalene as one of the financiers of the missionary work of Jesus and the disciples, after she was fully healed from critical illnesses. Why is she associated with a town rather than with a man (as was customary)? How could her story of healing offer hope to us as we encounter our own "inner demons"?

Session 2: “Standing near the cross of Jesus ...was Mary Magdalene” (Jn. 19:25)

In spite of this clear statement in John’s Gospel, western art depicts Mary Magdalene as clinging to the feet of Jesus on the cross. Eastern icons, however, depict her as a tower of strength with her arm around Mary, the mother of Jesus. How did a 6th century papal sermon come to taint Mary Magdalene’s reputation in the Western church? Which image of her do we find most inspiring?

Session 3: “I have seen the Lord!” (Jn. 20:18)

In the East Mary Magdalene is honored as “the apostle to the apostles,” as “equal to the apostles” and even as “church builder.” However, it is only recently that Pope Francis has elevated her feast day, July 22, to that of an apostle. The 2020 Amazon Synod Final Document states: “We desire a Church like Mary Magdalene who feels loved and reconciled and who with joyful conviction announces Christ crucified and risen” (#22). How do we become “Easter People”? How can we be announcers of the resurrection in our present world?

Presenter: **Sister Teresita Kambeitz** teaches theology for teachers in the Master of Religious Education program through Newman Theological College. She also gives talks and conducts retreats throughout the RC Diocese of Saskatoon and beyond. Her vocation as teacher has been carried out in Swift Current, Holy Cross High School and St. Thomas More College in Saskatoon, Newman Theological College in Edmonton as well as overseas in summer courses for teachers in the Caribbean, Venezuela, Latvia and South Africa. An Ursuline of Prelate, she holds a Ph.D. from the University of Toronto and enjoys going on pilgrimages, reading, playing the piano, attending classical music concerts, and engaging in stimulating conversations with friends and family. She grew up in Richmond, Saskatchewan, in the south-west corner of the province, in a family of two parents, four sisters and four brothers.