



Diocese of
Green Bay

OFFICE OF DIVINE WORSHIP

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ELEVATION OF FEAST OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE (JULY 22)

Pope Francis has elevated the feast day of Saint Mary Magdalene from a Memorial to a Feast in the General Roman Calendar, effective July 22, 2016. This requires these changes in the following liturgical books:

- **Roman Missal (Third Edition):**
 - General Roman Calendar, July 22: *Change the rank from Memorial to Feast;*
 - Proper of Saints, July 22: *Change the rank from Memorial to Feast; Add the rubric before the Collect, “**The Gloria in excelsis (Glory to God in the highest) is said.**” The new proper Preface, available in Latin, must await translation into the vernacular with the requisite approval of the Conference of Bishops and the confirmation of the Apostolic See.*
- **Lectionary for Mass:**
 - July 22: *Change the rank from Memorial to Feast in both Weekday Volumes II and III.*
- **Liturgy of the Hours:**
 - July 22: *Change the rank from Memorial to Feast.*

Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments, DECREE the celebration of St. Mary Magdalene raised to a feast in the General Roman Calendar (10 June 2016), Prot. N. 257/16. The complete text of this decree is available at this Vatican link: http://www.vatican.va/roman_curia/congregations/ccdds/documents/sanctae-magdalенаe-decretum_en.pdf

Questions?

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