



# OFFICE OF DIVINE WORSHIP

Archdiocese of Newark

## **Saint Mary Magdalene**

*June 28, 2016*

Please note the following regarding the change in the calendar of the ranking of Saint Mary Magdalene from a Memorial to a Feast.

### **From the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments:**

Pope Francis has established that from now on the celebration of Saint Mary Magdalene should be inscribed in the General Roman Calendar with the rank of Feast rather than Memorial as is presently the case. The day dedicated to the celebration of Saint Mary Magdalene remains the same as it appears in the Roman Calendar, that is 22 July.

### **From the USCCB Committee on Divine Worship:**

The Feast of Saint Mary Magdalene may be celebrated immediately, beginning with this year's celebration on July 22. Because her liturgical celebration was already enriched with many proper texts in both the Roman Missal and the Liturgy of the Hours, there are only minor additions that are to be made at this time:

- The *Gloria in excelsis Deo* (Glory to God in the highest) is sung or said at Mass
- The proper readings for St. Mary Magdalene in the *Lectionary for Mass* (no. 603) are proclaimed instead of the readings of the Ordinary Time weekday; previously only the Gospel was proper that day, whereas now all the readings are proper
- In the Office of Readings of the *Liturgy of the Hours*, the psalmody, verse, and First Reading with its responsory are taken from the Common of Holy Women instead of the usual day; the *Te Deum* is also sung or said after the Second Reading with its Responsory.

