# 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual St. Mary Magdalen Festival July 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>, 2019

### Speaking at all weekend Masses:

Alison Benders, Senior Lecturer in Systematic Theology and Associate Dean, Jesuit School of Theology.



Professor Benders was an antitrust litigator in Philadelphia for a number of years before earning her Ph.D. in Systematic and Comparative Theology from Boston College. Since coming to the JST in 2014, she has taught courses on world religions, theological Anthropology, and moral theology. Her research interests include race as social justice issue, moral transformation, and the contributions of the Jesuit theologian Bernard Lonergan. Professor Benders is the author of *Just Prayer* (Liturgical Press, 2016).

Alison Benders will be reflecting on St. Mary Magdalen at the 5:30 pm Vigil Mass on July 20<sup>th</sup>, and at the 8:00, 9:30, and 11:00 am Masses on July 21<sup>st</sup>.

Conference on Saint Mary Magdalen: Saturday, July 20<sup>th</sup>, 2019 10:00 am in the Church (Reception following on the Rectory Lawn)

#### MAIN SPEAKER:

Velma Bourgeois Richmond,

**Ph.D.,** Fellow of the Dominican School of Philosophy & Theology; former Chair of the Department of English, Speech and Drama, and Dean of Academic Affairs at *Holy Names College*; 50+ year parishioner, Sacristan, and Liturgical Minister here at St. Mary Magdalen Parish. One of her many criti-



cal works, *Shakespeare, Catholicism and Romance,* was awarded the Conference on Christianity in Literature book award in the year 2000.

### **RESPONDENTS:**

Fr. Michael Dodds, O.P, Ph.D., Professor at the Dominican School of Philosophy, is the author of, among other works: *Unlocking Divine Action: Contemporary Science and Thomas Aquinas.* A priest-in-residence here for many years, Fr. Dodds was recently award-ed the title of *Master in Sacred Theology*, an award bestowed to the most

distinguished scholars in the Order of Preachers.

**Dona María Teresa Bastidas, Ph.D.,** sociologist and parishioner of Santa María de Guadalupe, our sister parish in Mexicali, Baja California. Concert for Saint Mary Magdalen: Sunday, July 21<sup>st</sup>, 2019 12:00 pm in the Church (Potluck Lunch following in the Rectory)



A 20-minute concert featuring Medieval and Renaissance works composed for our Patron Saint, Mary of Magdala.



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Reflections on our patron saint during all weekend Masses:

> **Hison Benders,** Ph.D., J.D.

Saturday, 10:00 am

*Lecture:* Velma Richmond DSPT Fellow

Responses: Michael Dodds, OP DSPT Faculty

Dona Maria Teresa Bastidas, sociologist and parishioner of our sister parish in Mexicali Choral Concert SUNDAY after the 11:00 am Mass (12:00 - 12:30 pm)

Reception in the Rectory after Sunday's Concert (approximately 13:40 pm.

Sidewalk Chalk Art for Children after the Choral Concert (starting approximately 12:40 pm)

Music, Art, Lectures, Spiritual Reflections & Community Gatherings