

# Great Date Nights



What if Marriage...is more than just a contract...  
What if Marriage is...mysterious...holy...eternal...

Dates: Friday, September 28, 2018  
Friday, October 12, 2018  
Friday, November 9, 2018  
Friday, Jan 11, 2019  
Friday, Feb 8, 2019  
Friday, March 1, 2019

Time: 6:30pm - 8:30pm

Place: St. Mary Magdalen  
Parish Life Center (PLC)  
710 Spring Lake Road  
Altamonte Springs, FL 32701

Topics Covered  
*Christ at the Center* (Sept)  
*A Deeper Unity* (Oct)  
*Conflict & Communication* (Nov)  
*Building a Thriving Marriage* (Jan)  
*Protecting the Bond* (Feb)  
*Sexuality & Authentic Love* (Mar)  
[Find out more...](#)

Each Night:  
hors d'oeuvres, drinks, social time  
followed by a video presentation  
and small group discussion

## Register

Complimentary event, please register so that we will have plenty of food and seating prepared. \$20 donation appreciated.

## Child Care Registration

Click the link above to register your child(ren) for complimentary child care during the event.

**ST. MARY MAGDALEN PARISH**

# **SMALL GROUPS**

## **Join. Connect. Grow.**

**JOIN** with others seeking fellowship, deeper connections and personal discovery. **CONNECT** with others through weekly gatherings centered on prayer and reflection! **GROW** in your faith as you pray, reflect and discuss how to live the Gospel Message.



Choose from a variety of groups - women, men, married couples, singles and young adults. For more information or to sign up:

Visit: [stmarymagdalen.org](http://stmarymagdalen.org)

Click: Education/Adult Spirituality/Small Groups Registration

Email: [faith@StMaryMagdalen.org](mailto:faith@StMaryMagdalen.org)

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-St. Pope John Paul II

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**EUCHARISTIC  
ADORATION**



# ADORATION OPPORTUNITIES

## ONGOING

Every Tuesday & Thursday from 9-7  
The First Friday of every month from 9-7

## SPECIAL OPPORTUNITIES

9 Days for Life in January  
Discipleship Week of Prayer  
M-F for the 4 weeks leading to Thanksgiving

# IDEAS FOR ADORATION

## READ SCRIPTURE

Read the Gospel or the Psalms and reflect on the reading--what might God be saying to you through these words?

## PRAY THE ROSARY

What better way to give Jesus and Mary glory than to pray the rosary in front of the Blessed Sacrament?

## ENJOY THE SILENCE

As the Psalms say, be still and know that He is God. Our days are so often filled up with noise--take this opportunity to gaze on the Lord and listen for His voice.

# ADDITIONAL WAYS TO SERVE

## GUARDIAN OF THE HOUR

Guardian's of the Hour commit to adore for the same day & time every week.

## FOR MORE INFO:

Caroline Routson  
407-222-4645 | [aprazr3@cfl.rr.com](mailto:aprazr3@cfl.rr.com)

Adoration (the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament) takes place in the Eucharistic Chapel

Whether you have 5 minutes or an entire hour, Adoration is a wonderful way to rest in Jesus!  
"My peace is my gift to you." -Jn 14:17

# BECOMING CATHOLIC

I HAVE CALLED  
YOU BY NAME.  
YOU ARE MINE.

Isaiah 43:1

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# WHAT IS RCIA?

# RCIA PROCESS

# GETTING STARTED

RCIA (the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) is a process to introduce the teachings of Jesus Christ and the Catholic Church, including the opportunity to become Catholic through the Sacraments of Initiation.

## RCIA IS FOR YOU IF YOU ARE:

- an adult (18+) who has never been part of a formal religion
- an adult who was baptized in a faith tradition other than Catholicism
- an adult who received some but not all of the sacraments
- an adult who was raised in another faith and now wishes to become Catholic

## INQUIRY

The first step of the RCIA journey is scheduling a time to meet to explain the process and answer your questions.

Wherever you are in your journey, you can inquire at any time.

## LEARNING MORE

You will join a small group to learn about and discuss the Church's teachings on Jesus Christ as well as Mass and the Sacraments of the Church. Classes meet weekly on Wednesday nights.

## ONGOING SUPPORT

If you decide to join the Catholic faith, a Confirmation Sponsor will help guide you through the process. Our parish community will also support you through prayer during your time of preparation.

## FOR MORE INFO:

To schedule your inquiry meeting, please contact:  
Mary Gulde  
Steward of Adult Spirituality  
407-265-2315  
[MaryG@stmarymagdalen.org](mailto:MaryG@stmarymagdalen.org).

The St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church parish waits with open arms to embrace you in the love of Christ!



## NEXT WEEK AT MASS

### -Meet Your Neighbors at Mass-

For week two of the Love Where You Live series, we are encouraging people to seek a new perspective and sit somewhere different. We invite you to make the first move and meet your neighbor - or meet in the middle!

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Our Bishop John Noonan, in remarking on the 50 years of our Diocese, says this: “The Church was built on the love of Christ . . . and has grown and multiplied in great numbers simply because people continue to reply ‘Yes!’ to Jesus’ question, ‘Do you love me?’”

With that in mind, we are calling our message series over the next three weeks, “Love . . . Where You Live”, unpacking what it means to bring the love of Jesus to the people around us, person by person, family by family, neighborhood by neighborhood.

There was a time in this country, particularly in large cities, when people completely identified with their neighborhood environment. It was an extension of the family, with everyone knowing each other and each other’s needs, with a willingness to enter into those needs. With the dawn of social media, and in a state as transitory as Florida, those days have long passed. Statistics show more than 50% of people say they don’t know the names of anyone in their neighborhood. Twenty-five percent say they don’t have anyone to talk to in their neighborhood. That means there are some pretty lonely people in our neighborhoods. Maybe you are one of them!

Our intention over these next three weeks is to consider this modern phenomenon, and offer some simple, practical ways to counter this isolation, taking steps to be the neighbor God intended us to be.

In this Sunday’s readings St. James teaches; “Faith of itself, if it does not have works, is dead.” And Jesus, in Mark’s Gospel proclaims; “Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me.” I don’t think being ‘neighbor’ to one another is necessarily a cross to bear, but to “follow” Jesus into those lonely places where we live is an act of faith and love.

You will be hearing frequently this year the mandate to “Seek, Accompany and Serve”. This mini-message series is a perfect entry into this calling.

In Christ,  
Fr. Charlie