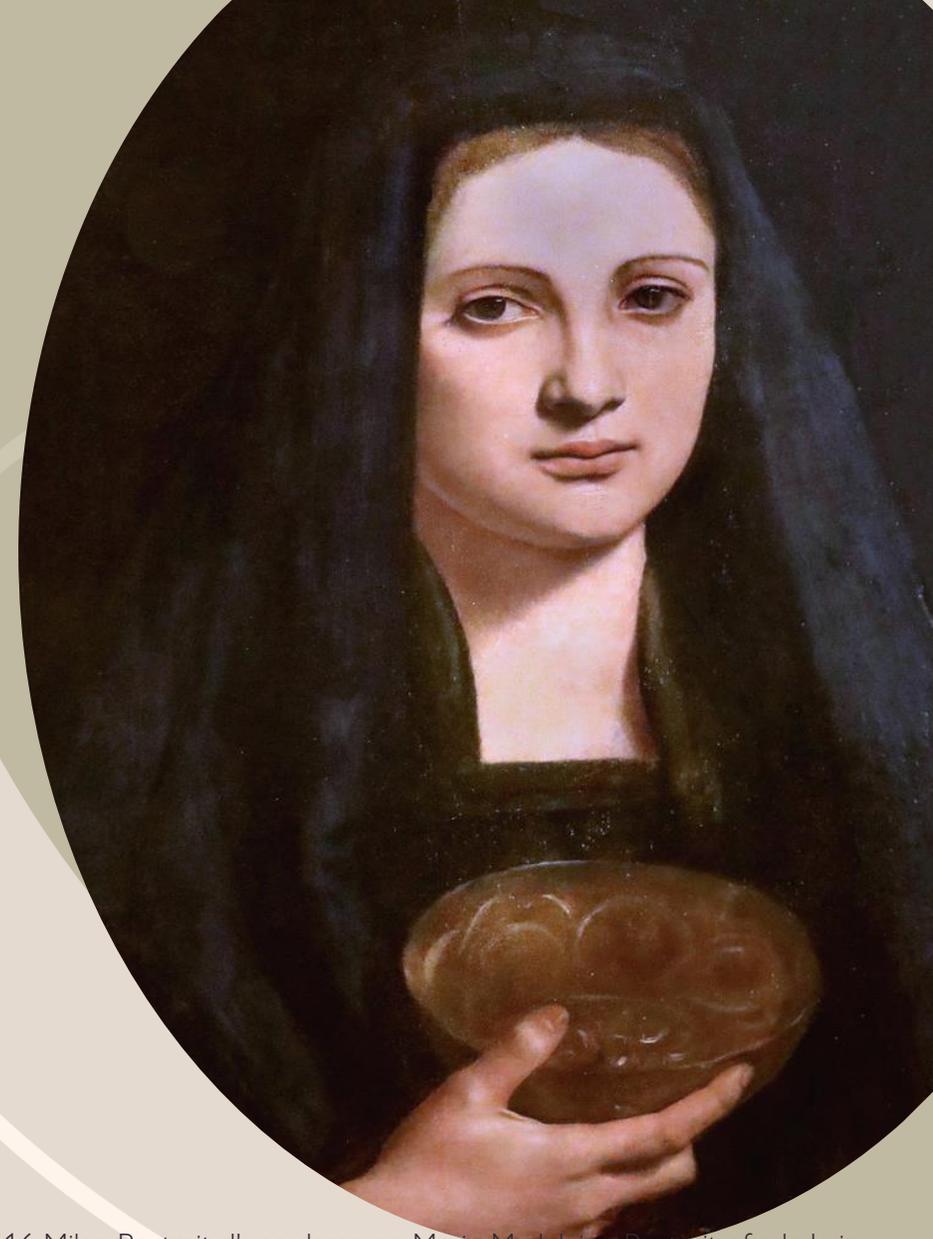




# **AN EVENING CONSIDERING MARY MAGDALENE**

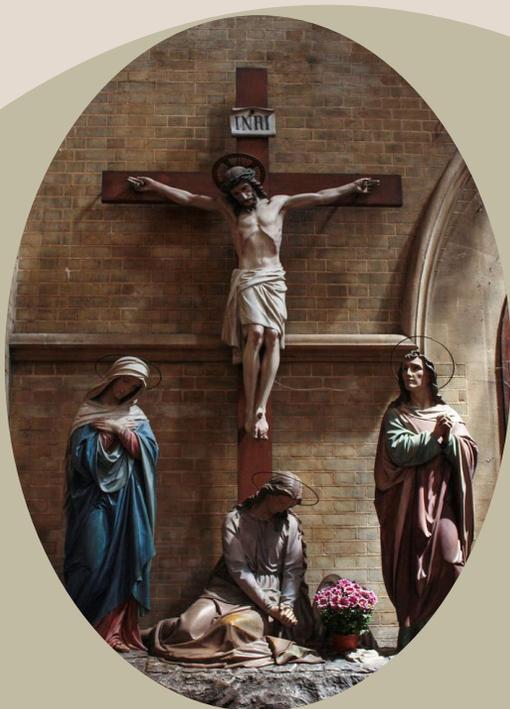
## Who Is Mary Magdalene?

- Jesus drove out the seven demons (Luke 8:2)
- Pope Gregory conflates her with the penitent woman among others
- Present at Jesus' crucifixion and resurrection (John 20)
- First Apostle, "Apostle to the Apostles". Pope Francis raised her to the same level as the male Apostles with a feast day.
- One of Jesus' closest followers (Luke 8:3)



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## Mary Magdalene

This evening's Lectio Divina centers on the Gospel of John 20:1-2, 11-18 in two parts:

- The Resurrection of Jesus
- Jesus Appears to Mary Magdalene



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# LECTIO DIVINA

John 20:1-2, 11-18

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**LECTIO:** Read the passage slowly and carefully

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# **CONTEMPLATIO:** Resting in God

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# ACTIO: Go and do Likewise

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WHEN IN MY LIFE HAVE I BEEN TRANSFORMED?

HAVE I HEARD GOD CALL MY NAME? HOW DO I RESPOND WHEN GOD CALLS ME BY NAME?

HOW DO I SHARE THE GOOD NEWS OF THE RESURRECTION?

DO I RESPOND WITH JOY AS AN APOSTLE TO THE APOSTLES?

# THE MAGDALENE'S BLESSING



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