On June 10, 2016, the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments issued a decree by which, in accordance with the will of the Holy Father, it was established that the liturgical memory of St. Mary Magdalene, celebrated on July 22, will be elevated from an obligatory Memorial to the rank of Feast.

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 Liturgy of the Hours, there are only minor additions that are to be made at this time:

- The *Gloria* is sung or said at Mass.
- The proper readings for Saint Mary Magdalene in the *Lectionary for Mass* (no. 603) are proclaimed instead of the readings of the Ordinary Time weekday.
- 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.

In addition, the Holy See has promulgated a new Preface in honor of Saint Mary Magdalene to be inserted into the *Roman Missal* for this Feast. At this time, the Preface is only available in Latin. The International Commission on English in the Liturgy will work on providing a draft English translation, and work will also begin on a Spanish translation. The drafting and approval of the English and Spanish translations of the new Preface will mostly likely require a year or two for completion. In the meantime, Preface I or II of Saints is to be used as usual (at Ordinary Form Masses in Latin, the new Preface may be used).

**English texts – Mass, Lectionary, and Liturgy of the Hours**, pages 2-5
**Latin texts – Preface**, page 6
**Spanish texts – Mass, Lectionary, and Liturgy of the Hours**, coming soon
**Reflection on Mary Magdalene, apostle to the apostles** -
http://press.vatican.va/content/salastampa/en/bollettino/pubblico/2016/06/10/160610c.html
Entrance Antiphon
The Lord said to Mary Magdalene:
Go to my brothers and tell them:
I am going to my Father and your Father,
to my God and your God.

The Gloria in excelsis (Glory to God in the highest) is said.

Collect
O God, whose Only Begotten Son
entrusted Mary Magdalene before all others
with announcing the great joy of the Resurrection,
grant, we pray,
that through her intercession and example
we may proclaim the living Christ
and come to see him reigning in your glory.
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

Prayer over the Offerings
Accept, O Lord, the offerings
presented in commemoration of Saint Mary Magdalene,
whose homage of charity
was graciously accepted by your Only Begotten Son.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

Preface I or II of Saints.
Communion Antiphon  
2 Cor 5:14, 15
The love of Christ impels us,  
so that those who live may live no longer for themselves,  
but for him who died for them and was raised.

Prayer after Communion
May the holy reception of your mysteries, Lord,  
instill in us that persevering love  
with which Saint Mary Magdalene  
clung resolutely to Christ her Master.  
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.
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First Reading

**First Option**

Song of Songs 3:1-4b

*I have found him whom my heart loves.*

**OR**

**Second Option**

Corinthians 5:14-17

*Even if we once knew Christ according to the flesh, yet we know him so no longer.*

Responsorial Psalm

63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9

*R. My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.*

Alleluia

*R. Alleluia, Alleluia.*

Tell us, Mary, what did you see on the way?
I saw the glory of the risen Christ, I saw his empty tomb.

*R. Alleluia, Alleluia.*

Gospel

John 20:1-2, 11-18

*Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?*
Mary Magdalene was one of Christ’s disciples and was present when he died. Early on the morning of the resurrection, she was, according to Saint Mark’s account (16:9), the first to see the risen Lord. By the twelfth century particularly, devotion to Saint Mary Magdalene was widespread in the western Church.

From the Common of Holy Women, except for the following:

Office of Readings

SECOND READING

From an homily on the Gospels by Gregory the Great, pope (Hom. 25, 1-2. 4-5: PL 76, 1189-1193)

She longed for Christ, though she thought he had been taken away

RESPONSORY

Upon returning from the Lord’s tomb, Mary Magdalene told the disciples:
I have seen the Lord.
— How blessed is she who was worthy to be the first to proclaim that the Lord had truly risen. While she was weeping, she saw her beloved, and then ran to announce the good news to the others.
— How blessed is...

Hymn, Te Deum.

PRAYER

O God, whose Only Begotten Son entrusted Mary Magdalene before all others
with announcing the great joy of the Resurrection, grant, we pray,
that through her intercession and example we may proclaim the living Christ
and come to see him reigning in your glory.
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.
Vere dignum et iustum est,
æquum et salutáre,
nos te, Pater omnípotens,
cuius non minor est misericórdia quam potéstas,
in ómnibus prædicáre per Christum Dóminum nostrum.
Qui in hortu maniféstus appáruit Maríæ Magdalénæ,
quippe quae eum diléxerat vivéntem,
in cruce víderat moriéntem,
quæsíerat in sepúlcro iacéntem,
ac prima adoráverat a mórtuis resurgéntem,
et eam apostolátus offício coram apóstolis honorávit
ut bonum novæ vitae núntium
ad mundi fines perveníret.
Unde et nos, Dómine, cum Angelis et Sanctis univérsis
tibi confitémur, in exsultatióne dicéntes:
Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus Dóminus Deus Sábaoth.