

Pastoral Team

Kori R. Pacyniak, MDiv - Pastor

Kori joined the pastoral team of Mary Magdalene Apostle Catholic Community (MMACC) in January of 2017. In the past, Kori has worked in the non-profit sector with LGBTQ organizations, veteran support groups, and communications. Kori holds a Master of Divinity (MDiv) from Harvard Divinity School with a concentration in queer theology and a Master of Sacred Theology (STM) from Boston University School of Theology with a concentration in Trauma and Theology with work that focused on LGBTQ veterans and service members. Born and raised in Chicago, Kori has a passion for traveling and has studied in Rome, Poland, and Brazil and been part of multiple social justice trips and pilgrimages to Israel and Palestine. Kori previously served as parish intern at St. Luke's and St. Margaret's Episcopal Church in Boston, assistant chaplain at Suffolk University's Interfaith Center, scholar in residence at the Religious Institute and social media strategist for TransEpiscopal. Kori is pursuing ordination through Roman Catholic Woman Priests (RCWP). Kori lives in San Diego with her platonic life partner, Jessica, and their three cats.

Jane Via, Ph.D. – Pastor Emerita

Jane earned a B.A. from Purdue University, a Ph.D. in Religious Studies from Marquette University, and a J.D. from University of San Diego. Jane was a professor of Religious Studies at a Catholic college and university. She then served as a county prosecutor with the San Diego District Attorney's office for 26 years. Jane is a member of the Immaculate Heart Community in Los Angeles. Jane recognized her call to become an ordained Roman Catholic priest when she learned of the Roman Catholic Womenpriest movement in Europe. She felt compelled to use her theological knowledge, her teaching and public speaking skills, and her love of the church to call the church to change. Jane was ordained a deacon in 2004 and was ordained a priest in 2006. In 2005, Jane founded MMACC with Rod Stephens, a Roman Catholic priest. She lives in San Diego with her husband, Phil Faker. They have two adult sons.



Mary Magdalene Apostle Catholic Community

"A new way to be Roman Catholic"

...Making Catholicism relevant

...Restoring women's ordination

...Living the change we envision

www.mmacc.org

Mary Magdalene Apostle Catholic Community
c/o Gethsemane Lutheran Church
2696 Melbourne Drive
San Diego, CA 92121
858-452-1957

Welcome

We welcome you to a church that recognizes and fosters the dignity and ministry of all in the church.
We invite you as you are, with your unique gifts and talents.
We invite you to celebrate our inclusive liturgies.
We invite you into a discipleship of equals.
We invite you with your individual spirituality and look forward to sharing our spirituality with you.
We invite you to Mary Magdalene Apostle Catholic Community, and we welcome you as a gift.

Our Mission Statement

Mary Magdalene Apostle Catholic Community was founded and convened by Jane Via, a Roman Catholic woman priest and Rod Stephens, a Roman Catholic Priest.

Our mission is to:

- **Welcome all.**
- **Affirm and promote** the full equality of women and men in a transformed Church and world.
- **Restore and support** women's ordination.
- **Practice** radical inclusivity in worship, ministry and language, reaching out to those who feel marginalized by the traditional church.
- **Provide** individuals, families, youth, and children opportunities for spiritual growth grounded in a thoughtful faith.
- **Honor** our Roman Catholic heritage and respond to the prophetic call of the Holy Spirit.
- **Dedicate** ourselves to loving one another in community and in the world by living Gospel values of compassion, peace, respect, and social justice as exemplified by Jesus the Christ.
- **Create** a new model of church community as a discipleship of equals with democratic, transparent, and accountable governance.
- **Be mindful** of our communion with all God's creation, caring for the earth and practicing environmental responsibility

Who We Are

Mary Magdalene Apostle Catholic Community is a faith community of open and affirming, progressive Catholics where ALL are invited to join and participate. We seek to be the change we want to see in the world by being the future church now.

We believe that the people of God are the church, and should be able to receive ALL seven sacraments. Therefore, we hold that ordained ministry is open to people of all genders, sexualities and marital status. It is God who calls.

Radical Inclusivity in Liturgy, Language, and Life

Mary Magdalene Apostle Catholic Community (MMAACC) strives to be a community that is inclusive in every way:

In our liturgy, contemporary theology informs our prayers, homilies, and music. Readings are selected to reflect the wide variety of characters, stories, and theologies represented in Scripture, otherwise not represented in the traditional lectionary. As an expression of our sharing in the priesthood of Christ and the Body of Christ, the entire community recites the words of consecration. At our table, God is the host, and all are welcome to partake.

In our language about God, we strive to be gender-balanced or gender-neutral, non-sexist, non-hierarchical, inclusive, and expansive. In our language about others, we emphasize a person's humanity rather than define a person or group of people by a quality, condition, or circumstance.

In our life, we endeavor to embrace one another as we are in a caring community, to promote educational and spiritual growth, and to exercise social justice. We reach out to those who have been marginalized by the traditional church, especially those in LGBTQ communities, those divorced or driven away, and those who can no longer worship with integrity in the traditional church.