

### **Thoughts on the Daily Word:**

*16<sup>th</sup> Week of Year. Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> July. St. Mary Magdalene. Readings: Song of Songs 3:1-4; Psalm: 62; John 20:1-2,11-18.*

We have an interlude that helps us to see in this story of Mary Magdalene the story of a passionate love between God and our humanity. The stark power of the Exodus God will lead to the beauty of the Song of Songs and even the unrequited love in Hosea. Just how personal it becomes is made real in the story of the crucifixion and Mary Magdalene's commitment, along with other women, to Jesus while most of the men run for it. It is all about relationship, not fear. It is about a marital relationship of commitment and fidelity. Today allows us to breathe a new air before we commit ourselves the desert once again.