

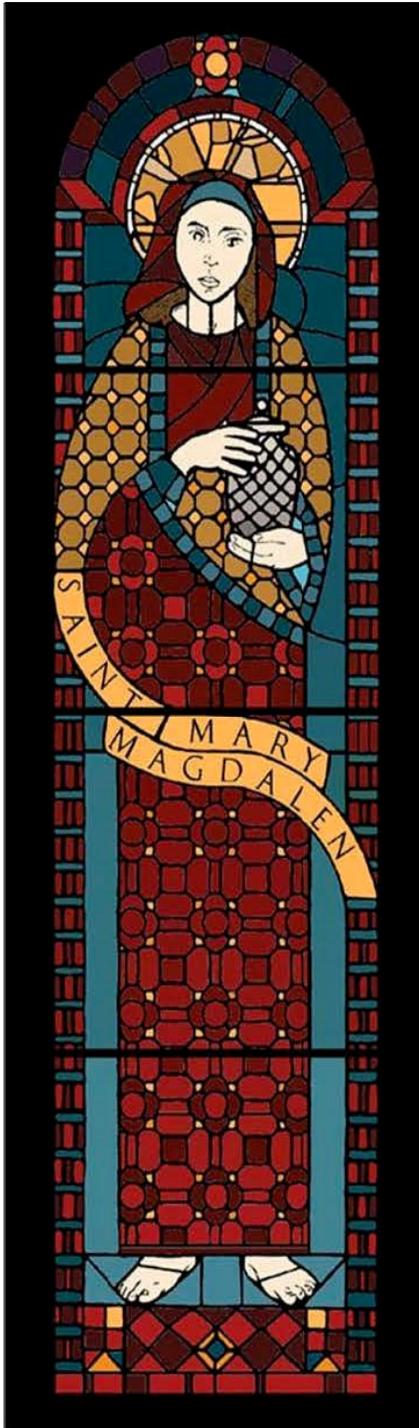


Saint Mary Magdalen Dominican Parish

July 31st, 2016

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Together we share our faith in Jesus Christ. We live the Gospel, and we care for others.”



MASS SCHEDULE

Weekdays—8:00 a.m. & 5:30 p.m.
Saturdays—8:00 a.m.

SUNDAY LITURGY

Saturdays—5:30 p.m. Vigil
Sundays—8:00, 9:30 & 11:00 a.m.

LITURGY OF THE HOURS

Weekdays—7:40 a.m. & 5:10 p.m.

RECONCILIATION

Saturdays - 4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Or by appointment

PARISH OFFICE

Monday—Thursday

9:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.

(Office Closed Noon—1:00 p.m.)

Friday

9:00 a.m.— Noon

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WELCOME TO OUR COMMUNITY!

We are delighted to have all of you here, especially our visitors!

All are welcome and we hope you will find our parish a place where you grow spiritually, put faith into action, and encounter Jesus Christ.

St. Mary Magdalen Dominican Parish is a place where parishioners are encouraged to use their gifts as disciples of Jesus Christ.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 5:30 Fernando Viteri, R.I.P.
 Sunday 8:00 Intentions of Will Silloway
 9:30 For the people of the parish
 11:00 Intentions of Fr. Dennis Klein,
 O.P.
 Tuesday 5:30 Intentions of the Blessed Virgin
 Mary
 Wednesday 8:00 Intentions of Fr. Julian & Roger
 Silloway
 Thursday 8:00 Intentions of Bob & Will
 5:30 Intentions of Fr. Dennis Klein,
 O.P.
 Friday 8:00 Intentions of the Blessed Virgin
 Mary

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Sunday Eccl 1: 2, 2: 21-23 / Col 3: 1-5, 9-11 /
 Lk 12: 13-21
 Monday Jer 28: 1-17 / Mt 14: 13-21
 Tuesday Jer 30: 1-2, 12-15, 18-22 / Mt 14: 22-36
 Wednesday Jer 31: 1-7 / Mt 15: 21-28
 Thursday Jer 31: 31-34 / Mt 16: 13-23
 Friday Na 2: 1, 3; 3: 1-3, 6-7 / Mt 16: 24-28
 Saturday **The Transfiguration of the Lord**
 Dn 7: 9-10, 13-14 / 2 Pt 1: 16-19 /
 Lk 9: 28b-36

Gospel Reading

The Parable of the Rich Fool

Gospel
Luke 12:13-21

Translation from *The New American Bible,*
Revised Edition

Someone in the crowd said to Jesus,
 "Teacher, tell my brother to share the inheritance
 with me."
 He replied to him,
 "Friend, who appointed me as your judge and
 arbitrator?"
 Then he said to the crowd,
 "Take care to guard against all greed,
 for though one may be rich,
 one's life does not consist of possessions."
 Then he told them a parable.

"There was a rich man whose land produced
 a bountiful harvest.
 He asked himself, 'What shall I do,
 for I do not have space to store my harvest?'
 And he said, 'This is what I shall do:
 I shall tear down my barns and build larger ones.
 There I shall store all my grain and other goods
 and I shall say to myself, "Now as for you,
 you have so many good things stored up for
 many years,
 rest, eat, drink, be merry!"'
 But God said to him,
 'You fool, this night your life will be demanded
 of you;
 and the things you have prepared, to whom will
 they belong?'
 Thus will it be for all who store up treasure
 for themselves
 but are not rich in what matters to God."

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Sacraments at St. Mary Magdalen

Sacraments of Initiation

Infant Baptism, Initiation of Adults,
Confirmation.
Call office for interview.

Sacrament of marriage

Call office at least six months before
marriage to begin preparation.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday: 4:00—5:00 p.m.
Other times by appointment with a priest.

Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick

If you know of anyone who is sick, or
who would appreciate a visit, Communion
or Anointing, please call the office.

Pastor's Corner

My fellow Olympians

Part of the Greek ideal for the Olympics was to inspire every citizen to excellence. In our day, the standards are so high, the skills so refined, the margins between gold, silver and bronze are often so narrow that I and 99.999% of humanity are purely awed, not inspired, by what we see. We simply cannot personally relate to what the athletes are doing. We see amazing feats of physical prowess that we ourselves could never accomplish and delight when a non-US athlete makes a misstep that will cost him the bronze medal, for example. We want to see records broken (often by only hundredths or thousandths of a second) and ignore the one who just had the best swim of her life.

St. Paul tells us that we have "put on" Christ by our Baptism. That's great, we made the team, we got the jersey. Now what? For some, that's it. They think that a confession of faith is enough to gain salvation. It is to such as these that Jesus addresses his harsh rebuke, "I do not know where you are from. Depart from me!" Jesus tells us that we have to be "strong enough" to enter heaven through "the narrow gate." In other words, getting to heaven isn't going to be easy! Like athletes, we have to train in order to be awarded the "crown" of everlasting life, that wreath that never fades. Clement of Alexandria, a third century saint, sounds like a pithy, contemporary advertiser: "No effort, no crown!"

Our model (and coach) is always Jesus. In his struggle to do the Father's will Jesus taught, and was rejected. He preached, and was ridiculed. He offered love and friendship, and was betrayed by those closest to him. He healed, and was beaten. He restored life, and was murdered. In that moment when all seemed lost and all that he had done seemed to have been a waste, he prayed, and his sweat became like drops of blood so intense was his prayer. He prayed that there could be another way. But ultimately he prayed that the Father's will, not his, be done. It was hard for Jesus of Nazareth to run the race. Why do we expect to have it any easier? St. Augustine puts it this way: "Our holy Scriptures themselves do not promise us peace, security and rest. On the contrary, the Gospel makes no secret of the troubles and temptations that await us, but it also says that '[the one] who perseveres to the end will be saved.'"

The exercise of his vocation was Jesus' training; so too with us. His response to everyday events were his stretching and weight lifting; so too with us. Jesus encountered obstacles, difficulties and joys, just like we do. Jesus willingly and intentionally embraced the consequences of living a holy life, as well as those things over which he had no say. Choosing to try to reconcile with a difficult family member, for example, is like returning to the gym after an absence (like vacation!): you know you're going to be sore in the morning, but you do it because you know that ultimately you'll feel better for it. We risk pain for a greater good. "We know that God makes all things work together for good for those who love him, who are called according to his purpose." (Rom. 8:28)

Like those in competition in Athens, we too are going for the gold. Our "events" are not the pole vault or relays, but trickier ones like balancing family and work. They take a lifetime rather than a matter of minutes to complete. We don't have to face a panel of judges, rather only one. We know that our Judge is just, but also wants us to succeed in every way. (What would the I.O.C. say if they found out that our Judge's Son is our coach!) If we stumble, there is no automatic deduction; the most courageous act is to get up and continue.

Fr. Carl, O.P.

*If our shadow could fly to your earth it would daringly shout to the Ministers of the Throne:
Leave your petty politics and vain quarrels.
Recall the past splendour of Greece.
Tell me, where are your ancient centuries?
Where are your Olympic Games?*



Written by Greek poet Panagiotis Soutsos writing in 1833 in his "Dialogue of the Dead" in which the spirit of Plato utters to a 19th Century Greece then suffering through economic and political hardship.



Parish News & Events

Week-day Masses

Peace & Social Justice

Social Justice notes for July 31, 2016

Peace Lantern Ceremony

August 6th and 9th are the 71st anniversaries of the atomic bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. In Japan and around the world, people will gather in early August to float lanterns in remembrance of the victims of those bombings, and of all victims of war. This beautiful tradition provides a chance to reaffirm our commitment to building a better future.

Berkeley will hold its fifteenth annual peace lantern ceremony on Saturday, August 6th from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. at the north end of Aquatic Park, which is at the end of Addison St. (two blocks west of Sixth St and one block south of University Ave). The program begins at 6:30 with the decoration of shades for floating peace lanterns, followed by music by Heiwa Taiko and the reading of messages from the mayors of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. The floating of the Lanterns will take place from 8:00 to 9:00. Remember to dress warmly!

NOTE: the annual protest gathering at the Livermore Lab, where scientists are continually developing new nuclear weapons, is scheduled for Tuesday, August 9th at 8:00 a.m. See the flyer in the vestibule of the church for details.

Support Refugees

A message from the Jesuit Refugee Service USA asks us to contact our Senators and Representatives and urge them to co-sponsor the Refugee Protection Act of 2016. This bill aims to repeal some of the most significant barriers that refugees and asylum seekers face in their search for safety and protection.

During the Summer months, we encourage parishioners to attend either or both the morning and evening Masses at St. Mary Magdalen. They are a wonderful time during which to enjoy the Liturgy and to worship God. Please join us as often as you can.

The Services are at 8:00 a.m. and again at 5:30 p.m.

Invitation to join our Rosary after daily Masses

You are invited to join us in our daily Rosary after morning Mass during the week.

A Message from your Saint Vincent de Paul Conference

We will be hosting a Bundle Weekend July 30-31. We are asking for your small appliances and household items in good working condition. We would also appreciate clothes, especially "business casual" clothes. Your donations will be delivered to the St. Vincent de Paul Store in Oakland.

July 30-31 is also our next fifth Sunday collection. Your financial help is greatly appreciated. We continue to receive several calls a week for food, also rent and utility assistance.

If you would like to learn more about our work, please come to our next meeting, Monday August 1st, 7 pm in Norton Hall.

Thanks!

Richard Vohs
Sharon Darrow
Troy Kaji
Ceara Brencic

Diocesan News & Events



St. Albert the Great Chapter of the Dominican Laity

We invite you to join us in celebration
ST. DOMINIC'S DAY!

When: Sunday, August 14, 2016

8:30 am – Morning Prayers

9:30 am - Mass

10:30 am – Potluck celebration,
and some surprises

12:30 pm – Closing Prayers

Where: St. Albert the Great College
5890 Birch Court at College Ave
Oakland, CA.
(1 block from Rockridge BART)

For more information please contact Ms. Anne
Regan, OP at 510-655-4046 or areganopl@att.net
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stsharon@pacbell.net;

[Http://www.DominicanLaityOakland.org](http://www.DominicanLaityOakland.org)

Announcement from St. Jerome Catholic Church

Come and enjoy an evening of uplifting music featuring Cyprian Consiglio, guitar, & Joseph Hebert, cello. Cyprian is a monk, composer & musician, currently the prior of the New Camaldoli monastery at Big Sur. Joe is Assistant Principal Cello with the Oakland East Bay Symphony and has performed and recorded with musicians such as Stevie Wonder and Placido Domingo. The concert will be held at St. Jerome Church, Carmel & Curry St., El Cerrito on Fri. evening, Aug. 12 at 7:30 pm. Proceeds will benefit the Kasimu Education Fund, a non-profit group working to improve the quality of education in Malawi, Africa. Tickets: \$20 general admission, \$15 students/seniors. Send checks to Kasimu Education Fund, 1667 Springer Rd., Mountain View, CA 94040, or call (510) 837-7468.

Mary's Helpers: August 6

All women are invited to a day of service, prayer, and fellowship at the Carmelite Monastery of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph in Kensington on August 6 from 10 AM to 3 PM. We will be helping the Sisters with some outdoor projects, and will also have lunch and Bible study together with opportunities for personal and group prayer.

Please RSVP to Michelle Burns by
August 3:
michelleburns224@gmail.com

*"God is my heaven here below. I live with him.
Even when I am walking, we speak together
without being interrupted by anyone. If you
would know him enough, you would love him. If
you would stay with him for one hour, you would
know heaven on earth."*

St. Teresa of the Andes

Saint Mary's College High School 32nd Golf Tournament Fundraiser

Saint Mary's College High School, Berkeley, 32nd Golf Tournament fundraiser for tuition assistance, September 12, Mira Vista Golf and Country Club, El Cerrito. \$225 entry fee. Tee signs and sponsorships available. 19th Hole Reception open to non-golfers for \$25/person; reservations required. Online registration at www.saintmaryschs.org (use the "Support Saint Mary's" link) or contact Joanne Howe at 510-559-6227 or jhowe@stmchs.org.

News for the Bulletin?

Please submit your request by 5 p.m. on Thursday for the upcoming respective Sunday (10 days later) via email in a Word file attached to your email using Palatino Linotype font 12.

Please send your news or other items to the Interim Business Manager, Scott Redding Mixer at smixer@marymagdalen.org. Thank you very much.

Summer Volunteer Positions

Starting in July, we have volunteer positions for university students and others who will receive training and have great fun working in the Parish Office. The projections include working on:

- Church website
- Church bulletin
- Church database
- Church filing system

If you are interested, please call Lorna on the Church telephone number: (510) 526-4811, ext 11.

Alternatively, you may write to her at: lmckeown@marymagdalen.org

Thank you very much.

Lorna Wallace McKeown

Religious Vocations

Western Dominican Province

Discerning a vocation in the priesthood?

Consider joining the Order of Preachers (The Dominican Friars) who have been setting the world ablaze with the Gospel message for nearly 800 years! To learn more about the Dominican Friars and vocation discernment to the Order of Preachers, visit www.opwest.org



Considering a vocation in the priesthood, diaconate or consecrated life?

Contact Fr. Neal Clemens
Diocesan Director of Vocations at
(510) 267-8345 or nclemens@oakdiocese.org



Dominican Sisters of Mission San Jose

Discern a possible vocation with the Dominican Sisters of Mission San Jose built on four values:

Prayer
Community
Study
Ministry

www.msjdominicans.org
vocations@msjdominicans.org

Upcoming Special Collections

July 31st: St. Vincent de Paul

August 7th: Sunday Dinner for the Poor & Homeless

August 28th: School of the Madeleine

“Let all that you do be done in love.”

1 Corinthians 16:14

Ministries at St. Mary Magdalen

- Adult Education and Formation
- Altar Servers
- Art & Environment
- Baptism Preparation
- Berkeley Food Pantry
- Catholic Scouting (Boys)
- Catholic Underground Bay Area
- ENDOW
- Eucharistic Minister to the Homebound
- Extraordinary Ministers @ Mass
- Funeral Reception
- Girl Scouts
- Holiday Outreach
- Sunday Dinners for the Poor and Homeless
- Mission Dinner Community
- Music
- RCIA
- RCIC
- Readers @ Mass
- St. Vincent de Paul
- Small Christian Community
- Social Justice
- Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible
- Ushers
- Welcoming Ministry
- Young Adults at Mary Magdalen (YAMMs)

If you are interested in volunteering for any of these ministries, please contact the parish office at (510) 526-4811. We certainly need volunteers in our Parish Office. Please call Lorna. Thank you.