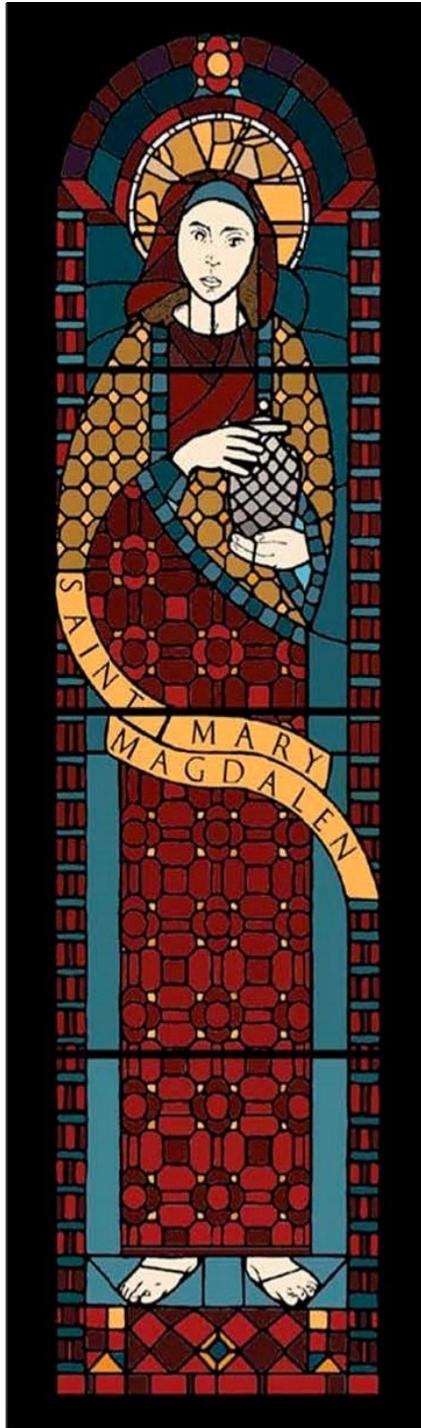




Saint Mary Magdalen Dominican Parish

September 11th 2016
Twenty-Fourth 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.

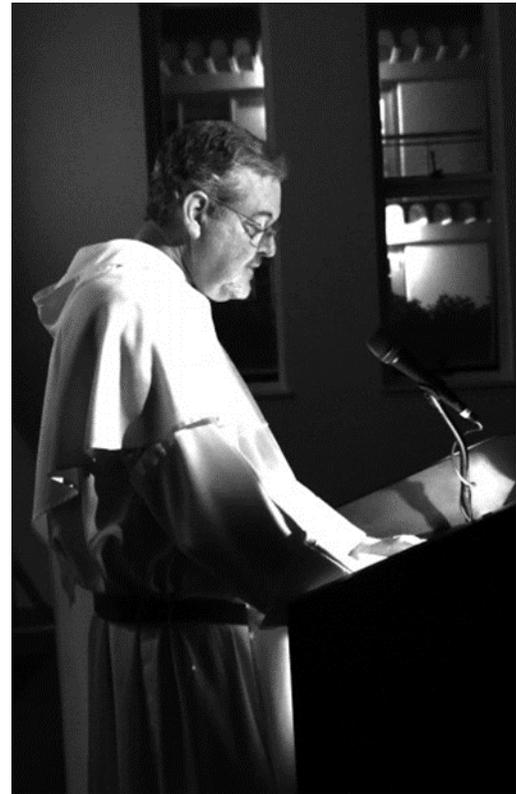
We are pleased to announce that the Rosary immediately after Morning Mass Monday through Saturday is growing in numbers. You are welcome to attend right after the Morning Mass!
Thank you!

Sunday, September 11, 2016
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The Beloved Father Michael Morris, O.P.
1949 to 2016

MASS INTENTIONS

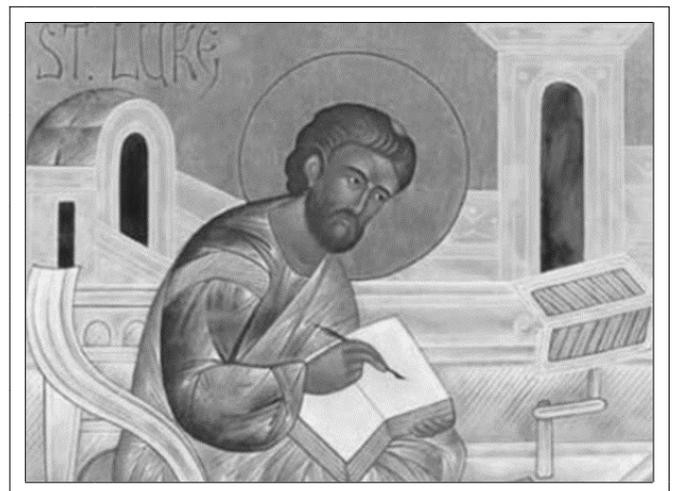
Saturday	5:30	Intentions of Emily Onglatco
Sunday	8:00	Anthony Moura, R.I.P.
	9:30	For the people of the parish
	11:00	Intentions of Dorothy Portner
Monday	8:00	Intentions of Br. Columban Mary Hall, O.P.
	5:30	Fr. Michael Morris, O.P., R.I.P.
Tuesday	5:30	Intentions of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Wednesday	8:00	Intentions of Elizabeth Silloway
	5:30	Cynthia Puech, R.I.P.
Thursday	8:00	Intentions of Anna Maria Lukban
Friday	8:00	Fr. Michael Morris, O.P., R.I.P.
	5:30	Fr. Michael Morris, O.P., R.I.P. & Intentions of Frs. Michael Carey, O.P. and Emmerich Vogt, O.P.
Saturday	8:00	Intentions of Fr. Mark O'Leary, O.P.



May he dwell always in our hearts.
May we keep him always in our
prayers.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Sunday	Ex 32: 7-11, 13-14 / 1 Tm 1: 12-17 / Lk 15: 1-32
Monday	1 Cor 11: 17-26, 33 / Lk 7: 1-10
Tuesday	1 Cor 12: 12-14, 27-31a / Lk 7: 11-17
Wednesday	The Exaltation of the Holy Cross Nm 21: 4b-9 / Phil 2: 6-11 / Jn 3: 13-17
Thursday	1 Cor 15: 1-11 / Jn 19: 25-27
Friday	1 Cor 15: 12-20 / Lk 8: 1-3
Saturday	1 Cor 15: 35-37, 42-49 / Lk 8: 4-15



Saint Luke



Repentance: the first step toward being forgiven

This week I am going to share some thoughts from another one of my favorite writers, Frederica Mathewes-Green. These excerpts are from her essay entitled *Whatever Happened to Repentance?*, which first appeared on Beliefnet.com on September 16, 2001 (© Frederica Mathewes-Green) The irony of course is that it was published just days after the September 11 terror attacks. It is easy to see evil in other's behavior, but there is nothing we can do about it. We can, however, see the evil in our own behavior and there is something we can do about it: repent. The emphasis is mine. -Fr. Carl, OP

...The first time we see [Jesus], in the first Gospel, the first instruction he gives is "Repent" (Mark 1:15). From then on, it's his most consistent message.

... We'd rather feel as if we're victims of a cruel world than admit we are contributors to the world's cruelty, lost sinners who perversely love our lostness, clinging to our treasured sins like a drowning man to an anvil...

How bizarre such language seems today. We look around our neighborhood and our congregation and everyone seems so *nice*. We know what really wicked people are like—we see them in the papers every day—and we're not like that. God must find us, in comparison, quite endearing...With these and a thousand other sweet murmurs we shield ourselves from our real condition and remain Christian babies all our lives: pampered, ineffective, whiney, and numb...

... A nation of grownup Christians, courageous, confident, humble, and holy, would be more compelling than any smiley-face ad campaign. The Lord does not love us for our good parts and pass over the rest. He died for the bad parts and will not rest until they are put right. We must stop thinking of God as infinitely indulgent. **We must begin to grapple with the scary and exhilarating truth that [God] is infinitely holy, and that he wants the same for us...**

A good place to start is with the word repentance, or the Greek *metanoia*, meaning a change of mind. (The Hebrew word is *shub*, which means to change from the wrong to the right path.) *Metanoia* is a compound word; "*meta*" is a versatile preposition that here denotes transformation. Metamorphosis is change of shape; *metanoia* is a change of the "*nous*," or the innermost consciousness, a region that lies below both rational thought and emotion. "Be transformed by the renewal of your mind [*nous*]," Paul wrote, ... Repentance is not blubbing and self-loathing. It is insight.

The insight is about our true condition. **We begin to see our fallen inclinations the way God does, and realize how deep-rooted is the rotteness in our hearts... Repentance, "great understanding," replaces our distorted self-image with God's perspective.**

"Sadness according to God," repentance, is joy. Initially we fear looking squarely at our sins, lest we get overwhelmed. But the reverse turns out to be true. **The more we see the depth of our sin, the more we realize the height of God's love. The constant companion of repentance is gratitude.** Like the woman who washed Jesus' feet with her tears, we are forgiven much and discover endless love. Seeing our sin becomes, paradoxically, an opportunity for joy.

Then we are free indeed: free from any need to hide, to conceal or impress, to make excuses for ourselves, to demand our fair share. Free to love God with abandon, free to love others without bargaining and conditions. Free to love even those who hurt us because, ultimately, nothing can hurt us. Knowing our own sin, we pray for all other sinners, asking God to show them the mercy he has given so abundantly to us...

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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.

September 11, 2016—the Fifteenth Anniversary of 9/11

Pope Francis visited "Ground Zero" at the 9/11 Memorial and Museum in New York City on Sept. 25, 2015.

Below is the full text of the Holy Father's speech which was published on the Catholic News Agency website.



Pope Francis speaks during an interreligious prayer service at Ground Zero, Sept. 25, 2015.

Credit: Addie Mena/CAN

Dear Friends,

I feel many different emotions standing here at Ground Zero, where thousands of lives were taken in a senseless act of destruction. Here grief is palpable. The water we see flowing towards that empty pit reminds us of all those lives which fell prey to those who think that destruction, tearing down, is the only way to settle conflicts. It is the silent cry of those who were victims of a mindset which knows only violence, hatred and revenge. A mindset which can only cause pain, suffering, destruction and tears.

The flowing water is also a symbol of our tears. Tears at so much devastation and ruin, past and present. This is a place where we shed tears, we weep out of a sense of helplessness in the face of injustice, murder, and the failure to settle conflicts through dialogue. Here we mourn the wrongful and senseless loss of innocent lives because of the inability to find solutions which respect the common good.

This flowing water reminds us of yesterday's tears, but also of all the tears still being shed today.

A few moments ago I met some of the families of the fallen first responders. Meeting them made me see once again how acts of destruction are never impersonal, abstract or merely material. They always have a face, a concrete story, names. In those family members, we see the face of pain, a pain which still touches us and cries out to heaven.

At the same time, those family members showed me the other face of this attack, the other face of their grief: the power of love and remembrance. A remembrance that does not leave us empty and withdrawn. The name of so many loved ones are written around the towers' footprints. We can see them, we can touch them, and we can never forget them.

Here, amid pain and grief, we also have a palpable sense of the heroic goodness which people are capable of, those hidden reserves of strength from which we can draw. In the depths of pain and suffering, you also witnessed the heights of generosity and service. Hands reached out, lives were given.

In a metropolis which might seem impersonal, faceless, lonely, you demonstrated the powerful solidarity born of mutual support, love and self-sacrifice. No one thought about race, nationality, neighborhoods, religion or politics. It was all about solidarity, meeting immediate needs, brotherhood. It was about being brothers and sisters. New York City firemen walked into the crumbling towers, with no concern for their own wellbeing. Many succumbed; their sacrifice enabled great numbers to be saved.

This place of death became a place of life too, a place of saved lives, a hymn to the triumph of life over the prophets of destruction and death, to goodness over evil, to reconciliation and unity over hatred and division.

It is a source of great hope that in this place of sorrow and remembrance I can join with leaders representing the many religious traditions which enrich the life of this great city. I trust that our presence together will be a powerful sign of our shared desire to be a force for reconciliation, peace and justice in this community and throughout the world. For all our differences and disagreements, we can live in a world of peace. In opposing every attempt to create a rigid uniformity, we can and must build unity on the basis of our diversity of languages, cultures and religions, and lift our voices against everything which would stand in the way of such unity. Together we are called to say "no" to every attempt to impose uniformity and "yes" to a diversity accepted and reconciled.

This can only happen if we uproot from our hearts all feelings of hatred, vengeance and resentment. We know that that is only possible as a gift from heaven. Here, in this place of remembrance, I would ask everyone together, each in his or her own way, to spend a moment in silence and prayer. Let us implore from on high the gift of commitment to the cause of peace. Peace in our homes, our families, our schools and our communities. Peace in all those places where war never seems to end. Peace for those faces which have known nothing but pain. Peace throughout this world which God has given us as the home of all and a home for all. Simply PEACE.

In this way, the lives of our dear ones will not be lives which will one day be forgotten. Instead, they will be present whenever we strive to be prophets not of tearing down but of building up, prophets of reconciliation, prophets of peace.



Peace & Social Justice

BERKELEY FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND, September 10th & 11th

Please bring one or more of the following items to the Vestibules of the Church as you come to Mass. The Food Bank is extremely grateful for all that we can do.

Beans - canned and/or dried
Rice
Dry pasta
Tuna - canned
Meat - canned
Tomato sauce - canned
Peanut butter - plastic containers preferable
Jelly
Cold cereal
Oatmeal
Juice - plastic containers preferable
Vegetables - canned
Fruit - canned
Macaroni and cheese
Soup - canned and/or dried



Proverbs 22: 9

A generous person will be blessed, for he gives some of his food to the poor.



Opening paragraph from the *Angelus* address of Pope Francis in Saint Peter's Square on September 1, 2013

"Today, dear brothers and sisters, I wish to . . . add my voice to the cry which rises up with increasing anguish from every part of the world, from every people, from the heart of each person, from the one great family which is humanity: it is the cry for peace! It is a cry which declares with force: we want a peaceful world, we want to be men and women of peace, and we want in our society, torn apart by divisions and conflict, that peace break out! War never again! Never again war! Peace is a precious gift, which must be promoted and protected. . . ."



Parish News & Events

Bridge Club

The Bridge Club is convening again on Monday, October 3, 2016 in Norton Hall.

We meet the first Monday of each month in Norton Hall starting at 10:30 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

It's great fun socializing and playing cards.

All are welcome: both beginners and experts!

Please call Mary Hurd if you are interested. Her telephone number is (510) 849-2526.

ENDOW

Endow will meet Fridays at 7:00 p.m. in Norton Hall.

This is a small study group capped at 12 women. It is open to women of all ages. No homework – the study guide is covered during the meeting.

This class is a meditation on God's design for man and woman; it contains the theological foundations for John Paul II's claim that an authentic feminine presence is essential to building a civilization of love.

Registration is online at www.EndowGroups.org/join-a-group or by calling the Endow office at 720-382-5242.

Note: We will *not* meet Friday, October 21st due to the Fall Festival set up.

Week-day Masses

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



Invitation to join our Rosary after daily Mass in the morning, Monday through Saturday

You are invited to join us in our daily Rosary after morning Mass during the week. The numbers are growing and we welcome you too! Thank you.

The Rosary or *rosarium* in Latin and in the sense of a "crown of roses" or a "garland of roses", is often in the form of the Dominican Rosary. It is a type or form of prayer used especially in the Roman Catholic Church named for the string of prayer beads. These prayer beads are used to count the component prayers of the Rosary.

Please join us in prayer after morning Mass.

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.



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

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.

Diocesan News & Events



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

September 11th:	Diocesan Priest Retirement
September 25th:	School of The Madeleine
October 2nd:	Rosary Sunday & Catholic Voice
October 9th:	Sunday Dinners for the Poor & Homeless
October 16th:	School of the Madeleine
October 23rd:	World Mission Sunday—Home Mission Appeal
October 30th:	St. Vincent de Paul



“It is more blessed to give than to receive.”
Acts 20: 35

It is not how much we do, but how much love we put in the doing. It is not how much we give, but how much love we put in the giving.

Mother Teresa



Ministries at St. Mary Magdalen

- Adult Education and Formation
- Altar Servers
- Art & Environment
- Baptism Preparation
- Berkeley Food Pantry
- Catholic Scouting (Boys)
- ENDOW
- Eucharistic Minister to the Homebound
- Extraordinary Ministers @ Mass
- Funeral Receptions
- Girl Scouts
- Holiday Outreach
- Mission Dinner Community
- Music
- RCIA
- RCIC
- Readers @ Mass
- St. Vincent de Paul
- Small Christian Community
- Social Justice
- Sunday Dinners for the Poor and Homeless
- 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.

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