

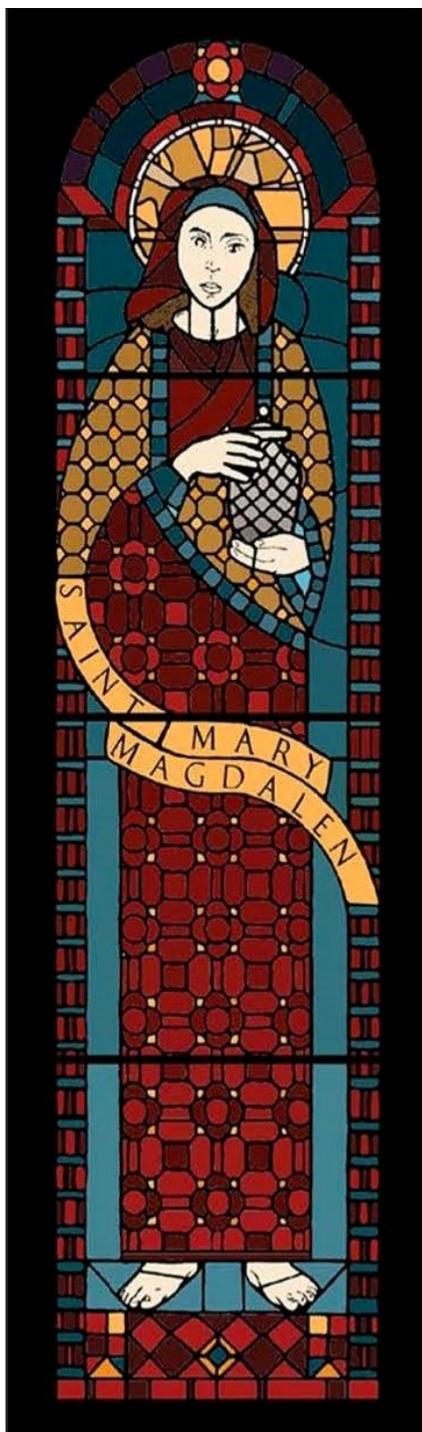


# Saint Mary Magdalen Dominican Parish

March 5, 2017  
First Sunday in Lent, Year A

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

First Sunday in Lent. (The Kids' Bulletin is again **MOVED** to Page 5.)



## DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

Monday-Saturday: **8:00 a.m.**

Monday-Friday: **5:30 p.m.**

## SUNDAY LITURGY

Saturday: **5:30 p.m.** Vigil Mass

Sunday: **8:00, 9:30 & 11:00 a.m.**

## LITURGY OF THE HOURS

Weekdays: **7:30 a.m. & 5:10 p.m.**

Saturday mornings: **7:30 a.m.**

## RECONCILIATION

Saturdays: 4:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.

or by appointment

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9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

(Office Closed: Noon-1:00 p.m.)

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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!*

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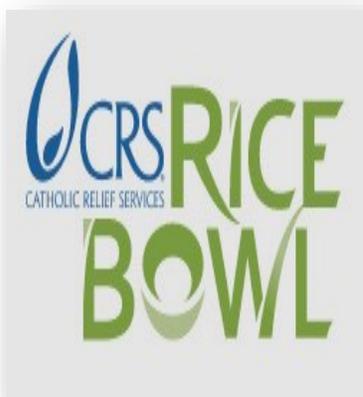
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## Calendar for March

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| March 4 & 5         | <b><u>Bishop's Appeal</u></b> Commitment Weekend during all weekend Masses   |
| Mar. 5 Today        | <b><u>1st Sunday Dinner for the Poor</u></b><br>Noon-4:30 pm, Parish Hall  |
| Mar. 6 Monday       | <b><u>St. Vincent de Paul Society</u></b><br>7:15 pm, Norton Hall  |
| Mar. 7, 14, 21 & 28 | <b><u>RCIA</u></b> , Tuesdays from 7:00-9:00 pm, Norton Hall. <a href="mailto:rcia@marymagdalen.org">rcia@marymagdalen.org</a> |
| Mar. 8, 15, 22, 29  | <b><u>SPRED</u></b> , Wednesdays from 6:00 to 9:00 pm. in Norton Hall.   |
| March 8 Wednesday   | <b>Interfaith Climate Action Committee</b><br>6:00-8:30 pm., Conference Room   |
| March 9 Thursday    | <b><u>School of the Madeleine</u></b> BAND CONCERT<br>7:00 pm, Parish Hall   |
| Mar. 9, 16, 23, 30  | <b>Faith Studies: "<u>The Pivotal Players.</u>"</b><br>Thursdays 7:00-9:00 pm, Norton Hall                                     |
| March 10 Friday     | <b><u>Refugee Aid Committee</u></b> , 4:00-5:00 pm, Conference Room  |
| Mar. 10, 17, 24, 31 | <b>Stations of the Cross + Soup Supper</b><br>6:00 Stations; 6:30 Supper in Norton Hall  |
| March 11 Saturday   | <b><u>Mission Lunch</u></b> (Filipino Cuisine!)<br>11:30 a.m. {Fr. Miguel Rolland in person.}                                  |
| March 11 Saturday   | <b><u>2nd Saturday Concert Series:</u></b><br>Dinner: 6:30 pm; Concert: 7:30 pm  |
| March 12 Sunday     | <b>Concert: <u>Music Sources</u></b><br>5:00 pm, Church  |
| March 17 Friday     | <i>Episcopal Dispensation from Abstinence from Eating Meat on St. Patrick's Day</i>  |
| March 18 Saturday   | <b>St. Patrick' Day Dinner</b><br>6:30 pm, Parish Hall   |
| March 19 Sunday     | <b>Concert: <u>Voices of Music</u></b><br>7:30 pm, Church  |
| March 25 Saturday   | <b>Book Group: <u>The Last Report on the Miracles at Little No Horse.</u></b> 10 am, Conf. Room                                |
| Mar. 26 Sunday      | <b><u>4th Sunday Dinner for the Poor</u></b><br>Noon-4:30 pm, Parish Hall  |

### LENTEN REFLECTION ON SOCIAL JUSTICE

The **Catholic Mobilizing Network** to end the use of the **Death Penalty** suggests that Lent is "the perfect time to reflect on where we are complicit with a culture that is not life-giving for all [...] The work to end the death penalty is not easy, but it is something that our faith demands of us. During these 40 days, please take the time to read, listen, and call on others to choose life and stand against elements in our culture that threaten life." Learn more at [catholicmobilizing.org](http://catholicmobilizing.org).

Sunday, March 5, 2017

## First Sunday Of Lent

### PLATE COLLECTIONS

Sunday, February 26th \$6,500.98

Plate Collection: \$6,405.98

#### Previous Weeks' 2<sup>nd</sup> Collections:

Food for the Poor: \$35.00

School of the Madeleine: \$60.00

### Mass for the Intentions Week

- Saturday 5:30 Peggy Guehltig, RIP  
Sunday 8:00 Intentions of Carlo Joseph  
Campo  
11:00 Intentions of Ruby Samuels  
Monday 8:00 Intentions of Kyle Joseph  
McIver  
Tuesday 8:00 Arnold Aquino RIP  
Wednesday 5:30 George Hood RIP  
Friday 5:30 Intentions of Krysia Grycz

The next meeting of the parish  
[Refugee Aid Committee](#) will take place on  
**Friday, March 10th**, from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m.  
in the rectory conference room.  
All are invited to attend!



### Temporary Prayer for Our New Pastor

Heavenly Father, eternal shepherd,  
You govern your flock with unflinching care.

May the Holy Spirit, we pray,  
guide Bishop Michael and all who assist him  
in choosing the next pastor  
of our beloved St. Mary Magdalen Parish.

Give us hearts filled with gratitude  
as we prepare to say "goodbye"  
to our Dominican friars.

Comfort us in our sorrow  
and assuage our uncertainty.  
Help us to warmly welcome our new pastor  
and to be open to the blessings  
you have in store for us,  
which are beyond all we can ask for or imagine.

We make our prayer through  
Jesus Christ, Our Lord. Amen.

V: Mary, Seat of Wisdom. R: Pray for us!

V: St. Francis de Sales. R: Pray for us!

V: St. Mary Magdalen. R: Pray for us!

## It's Lent!

Truth be told, we have some bizarre images of penance. They run the gamut from the childishly insipid to a sort of spiritual masochism. In the latter extreme, God becomes the ultimate voyeur-sadist: enjoying human suffering, particularly if it is self-inflicted. Consequently, Lent becomes a whole season of ecclesiastically endorsed, self-inflicted misery to make God happy. I think not.

Properly understood, penance is a response to a frustrating reality in human life. St. Paul puts it simply: "[For I do not do the good I want, but I do the evil I do not want.](#)" (Romans 7:19) Everyone suffers from this to one degree or another. "In everyone, the weeds of sin will still be mixed with the good wheat of the Gospel until the end of time." (CCC #827)

Anyone with a green thumb will tell you that weeding is hard, constant, often frustrating work. However, it is necessary for a garden to thrive. It is easy to spot the difference between someone who takes care of a patch of ground and someone who does not. Weeds have a mind-boggling ability to survive our best efforts to eradicate them. Doesn't that sound like sin?

So like any garden, you and I need to be weeded. We need to remove those things in our lives that prevent us from thriving. It may be painful at the moment, but the results are more than worth it. Some sins/weeds are easy: we pull them up and they are gone. Others have highly developed "root systems" that make them particularly pernicious. These are the ones that need penance.

The experience of Christians (and others) throughout history recommends three preeminent penitential tools to help us in our weeding task: prayer, fasting and almsgiving. They work closely together to help us recognize and break the hold of sin in our life and the life of the community.

**Prayer** is more than coming to Mass on Sunday, saying an occasional rosary and reciting prayers by rote. Prayer is meant to be the foretaste of heaven. The source of true prayer is love, not fear. Authentic prayer moves us away from fear into love. "There is no fear in love, but perfect love drives out fear because fear has to do with punishment, and so one who fears is not yet perfect in love." (1 John 4:18) Again, it is God's initiative and we respond: "We love because he first loved us." (1 John 4:19)

**Fasting** is another powerful tool in our arsenal. It quickly strips us of the illusion that we do not need anyone or anything outside of ourselves. (Maybe that is why it is so unpopular as a spiritual practice these days.) It reminds us of our radical dependence on God's grace not only for our spiritual lives, but for our physical existence as well. It reminds us what it feels like to be hungry, if only for a few hours. We can choose this, others cannot. Fasting also helps us recognize and purify our desires.

**Almsgiving** is a synonym for what we call "charity" today. "What do you have that you did not receive? And if you received it, why do you boast as if it were not a gift?" (1 Cor. 4:7) As we acknowledge how much we have received, how good God and others have been to us, it is much easier to be generous to others. The practice of almsgiving helps meet the real needs of others; we are called to imitate God who gives freely and generously to everyone, bad and good alike.

Prayer, fasting and almsgiving are three powerful ways of practicing penance. By doing penance, by weeding our garden as it were, we prepare ourselves to experience eternal life. The best reward any gardener receives is seeing the garden in a glorious full bloom and bearing fruit. It is what makes the hard work in the meantime worthwhile. Let us enter Lent with this spirit.



*Fr. Carl Schlichte, O.P.*

# Parish News & Events

## Mexicali Mission Support Lunch THIS SATURDAY at 11:30 am!

Come share a Filipino lunch, support our sister parish in Mexicali, and meet **Dominican missionary Fr. Miguel Rolland, O.P.** in person!

Our sister parish, *Santa María de Guadalupe*, needs our help! Current **fundraising goals** include [1] building **climate-controlled classroom space** for students currently being catechized outdoors, [2] renting (and eventually building) a **catechetical center**; [3] funds to subsidize the salary for a **special pastoral minister** to oversee the **“homework club/after-school study program”**; [4] a **building enclosure** for climate control at *Capilla San Juan Diego* — maybe even a **simple bell tower!** A **\$2500.00 donation** would provide much for an initial effort

(labor, basic materials), plus another \$500.00 for an evaporative cooler. Last year, generous parishioners of St. Mary Magdalen helped them to install a new weather-proof roof on the chapel.



Please R.S.V.P. to [receptionist@marymagdalen.org](mailto:receptionist@marymagdalen.org).

## Electronic Giving is Back & It's Better Than Ever!

Some of you may be aware that EFT (electronic funds transfer) payments stopped functioning early last year. (Check your Tax Donation Statement for details.) Now, — **just in time for the annual Bishop's Appeal** — you may again donate to our parish electronically!

Moreover, you can initiate your donations online, using one of the two “Donation” links on the parish website: [marymagdalen.org](http://marymagdalen.org). [See below.] You may opt to use either your bank account, or your debit or credit card, on any schedule you please (one-time, weekly, monthly...).

Questions? Call the Parish Office and ask for Laura, or email [bulletin@marymagdalen.org](mailto:bulletin@marymagdalen.org).

Michael C. Barber, SJ  
Miseratione Divina et Apostolicae Sedis Gratia  
Episcopus Quercopolitanensis

### Decree

The disciplinary practice of abstaining from meat on the Fridays in Lent is an important dimension of the penitential nature of the season. This year, the Feast of St. Patrick, March 17, 2017, falls on a Friday in Lent. Given the many celebrations that occur on this day, in accord with the norm of law, I herewith grant to all Catholics of the Diocese as well as all present here that day, a dispensation from abstinence from meat and meat products. I encourage all who make use of this dispensation to engage in another sacrificial or charitable act that day.

Given in Oakland, this twenty second day of February, 2017.

The Most Reverend Michael C. Barber, SJ

## THIS AFTERNOON IN THE PARISH HALL: 1ST SUNDAY DINNER FOR THE POOR & HOMELESS

Today is the First Sunday in Lent. We invite you to join us in the Parish Hall to set up or cook from noon to 1:00 pm, prepare to serve at 2:30 pm, and clean up from 3:30 pm until closing. **We always need help returning the Parish Hall and Kitchen into good condition.**

We count on your **delicious desserts!** They may be brought to the Parish Hall by **1:30 pm**.

Are you a newcomer? The Parish Hall is located directly under the Church. Enter from the parking lot side stairs.



## FRIDAY EVENING STATIONS OF THE CROSS + SOUP SUPPERS

After the 5:30 pm Mass of the six Fridays in Lent, the following ministries in our Parish will lead the **Stations of the Cross**, followed by a simple Soup Supper in Norton Hall. Please come and join us in prayer and fellowship!

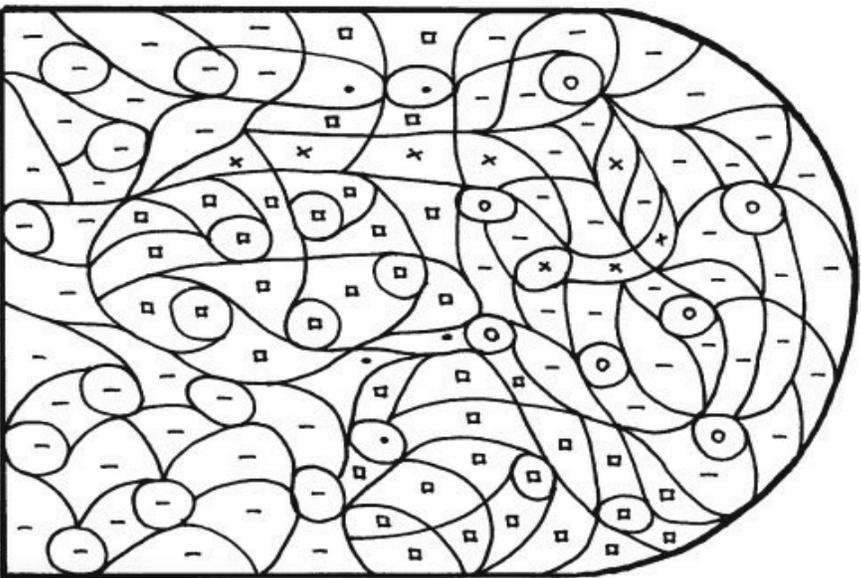
**March 3 Dinners for the Poor & Homeless**  
**March 10 Dominican Laity**  
**March 17 Lectors**

**March 24 Choirs**  
**March 31 Mission Dinners/YAMMs**  
**April 7 RCIA**

# The Kids' Bulletin

## First Sunday of Lent

*Today's first reading tells us about sin. Use the code at the bottom to colour in the spaces and find out what the story was.*



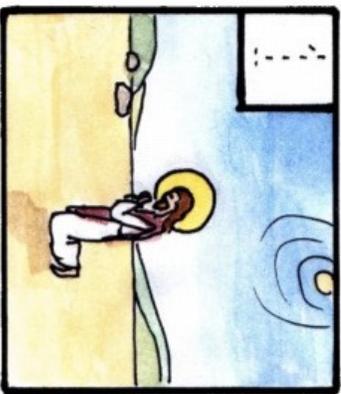
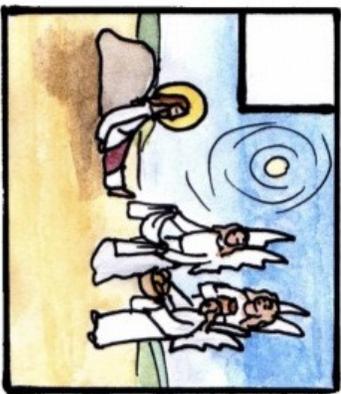
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## Sort the Story!

What happened when Jesus had prayed and fasted for forty days in the desert?  
See if you can sort out the order of these pictures. Write 1 on the first, 2 on the second, and so on.



# UPDATES ON THE UPCOMING DIRECTORY:

## Photos of All Sunday Dinner & Holiday Outreach Volunteers Scheduled for Sunday, March 12, 2017

If you have ever volunteered at a **1st or 4th Sunday Dinner for the Poor**, or helped bag or deliver donations from the **Giving Tree** at Christmastime, please report to Rengel Plaza (in front of Norton Hall) to have your photo taken:

- [Holiday Outreach Volunteers](#): after the 8:00 a.m. Mass (approximately 9:10-9:15 a.m.)
- [Sunday Dinner Volunteers](#): *two photos* (to be merged):  
(1) after the 8:00 Mass (approximately 9:30 a.m.) and  
(2) after the 9:30 Mass (approximately 10:30 a.m.)

### Groups whose photos are yet to be scheduled:

Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Choirs (& Cantors), Ushers, Altar Servers, Environment, Rosary Group, Family Liturgy, Funeral Reception, Finance Committee, St. Vincent de Paul, SPRED, 2nd Saturday Dinner Group, Office Receptionists, Bridge Group, RCIA, Faith Studies, YAMMs & all Scouts.

## Submit Your Own Photo for the 2017 Parish Directory!

Didn't make it down to the Parish Hall when LifeTouch came? **For only \$10, you can still have your photo appear in the upcoming Parish Directory!** Simply bring your photo to the parish office for scanning, or email it to [bulletin@marymagdalen.org](mailto:bulletin@marymagdalen.org). Be sure to name all persons in your picture.

Photos should be in vertical "portrait" orientation—2-1/2 horizontal x 2 vertical—not square or "landscape".

(No photo will be refused for lack of funds.)

### Guides for the Perplexed: Aquinas and al-Ghazali on the Moral Life. 7:30 pm on March 14<sup>th</sup> at the DSPT!



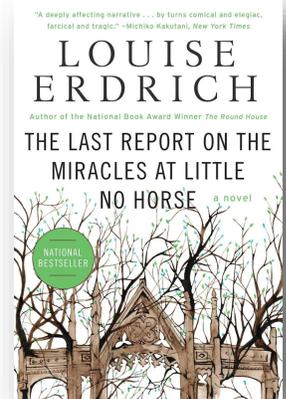
Declare your jihad on thirteen enemies you cannot see - Egoism, Arrogance, Conceit, Selfishness, Greed, Lust, Intolerance, Anger, Lying, Cheating, Gossiping and Slandering. If you can master and destroy them, then will be ready to fight the enemy you can see.

[Marianne Farina, CSC](#), DSPT Professor of Philosophy and Theology, will explore the theological ethics of **Imam Abu Hamid al-Ghazali** and **St. Thomas Aquinas**. Light reception will follow.

### BOOK GROUP MEETING ON MARCH 25<sup>th</sup>

Fr. Cassian's Book Group's seventh meeting will discuss *The Last Report on the Miracle at Little No Horse* on **Saturday, March 25<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m.** in the conference room.

Read the book and come join "Fr. Cassian & The Bookclub Ladies" for a lively discussion!



## Ministries at St. Mary Magdalen



- Adult Education and Formation
- Art & Environment
- Baptism Preparation
- Berkeley Food Pantry
- Eucharistic Minister to the Homebound
- Eucharistic Ministers at Mass
- Lectors (Readers) at Mass
- Altar Servers at Mass
- Ushers at Mass
- Faith Studies
- Funeral Reception Committee
- Girl Scouts
- Boy Scouts
- Holiday Outreach
- Mission Dinner Community
- Music (9:30 & 11:00 a.m. Choirs)
- RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)
- RCIC (Rite of Christian Initiation of Children)
- St. Vincent de Paul
- Social Justice Committee
- Refugee Aid Committee
- Sunday Dinners for the Poor and Homeless
- Young Adults at Mary Magdalen (YAMMs)
- ENDOW

If you are interested in volunteering for any of these ministries, please contact the parish office at 510.526.4811, or send an email to Fr. Carl at [pastor@marymagdalen.org](mailto:pastor@marymagdalen.org).

## PEACE & SOCIAL JUSTICE NOTES

### 2017 CROP Hunger Walk.

Yes, it's that time again! More than a dozen Berkeley congregations will be taking part in the 2017 CROP Hunger Walk to raise funds to alleviate hunger abroad and at home. This year's walk is scheduled for **April 30th at 1:30 p.m., starting here at our parish.**

CROP Hunger Walks take place all over the U.S., and the Berkeley Walk has been one of the most successful, raising close to \$25,000 in 2016. Our parish has participated in previous Walks, and will once again be the host parish.

*We need a volunteer to be the liaison between St Mary Magdalen and the organizing committee. **Please consider taking on this role!*** It does not require much time, and it provides a chance to work with a loving group of people of different faiths who share a passionate commitment to help the hungry. If you are interested, please contact Maureen Wesolowski, [mswesolowski@gmail.com](mailto:mswesolowski@gmail.com) or (510) 524-4006.

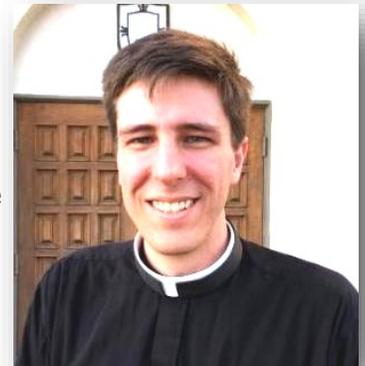
Network, the Catholic Social Justice lobby, invites us to sign up for their Lenten series: [A Time to Pray, A Time to Act](#). We will receive weekly readings and reflection questions on the principles of Catholic Social Justice, and join with Network in making phone calls to Catholic members of Congress. To sign up, go to [networklobby.org/lentreflectact](http://networklobby.org/lentreflectact).

### **20 Questions for our Deacon, David Paternostro, S.J.**

(Final five questions! Entire interview available online at [marymagdalen.org](http://marymagdalen.org))

16. *Have you worked with RCIA before? What have you learned so far this year? What will you do differently next Fall, based on what you have learned?*

I actually had worked with RCIA when I was at Texas A&M, although it was a little different because it was a very large group-- between the size and the difficulties of student schedules, we actually needed three opportunities a year to receive people into the Church, rather than just doing it at the Easter Vigil. A lot of the learning this year has been focused on getting a hang of the logistics and how to best organize things. One thing I would like to try and do next year is get sponsors involved earlier, and invite them to play more of a role in the formation/education process.



17. *What do you most want to convey to your catechumens and candidates?*

That in the Church and in the sacraments, they can experience the love that Jesus Christ has for each of them in a very concrete and life-changing way.

18. *The current transition aside, how does our parish seem to you? That is, how does it compare to your home parish in Texas, or other parishes in which you have lived or worked?*

My home parish maybe wasn't quite large enough to be a "mega-parish," but it was certainly in that direction, which has advantages and disadvantages. One disadvantage is that it was sometimes difficult to know everybody, even at the Mass you attend, whereas here I think that people know one another fairly well and produce a tight-knit feeling. In past parishes, it also seemed more common for people to float between the Masses (going to the early Mass one week, and the full choir Mass the next), whereas that is less common here, which certainly helps the people at a given Mass to all know each other.

19. *What, in your opinion after having spent five months here, do you feel our parish needs to work on, in order to become a stronger community of faith?*

We can always do better at talking to one another, and making sure that we're talking to people in the parish who aren't necessarily part of the circles we run in. That's going to be even more important over the coming months as we help each other deal with the transition of the parish. But if we can do that, remain connected through our common faith in Jesus Christ, and keep inviting others to join in that bond of faith, we will meet whatever comes our way.

20. *What is one thing you would like parishioners to know about you that I haven't asked?*

That I'm glad to be here, and glad to be staying.



All God's People  
- United in Faith -  
2017 BISHOP'S APPEAL

February 2017

Looking back at 2016, many memories come to mind. I reflect on the many encounters and experiences the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy brought to our lives. I witnessed how our diocese made great efforts to answer Pope Francis' call to bring the experience of God's mercy to the whole world. However, we also witnessed violent acts of terror, tragic natural disasters, and fear of uncertainty for many across our nation.

As we begin 2017, it is important to unite as brothers and sisters in one Faith and remember we are all loved by our Lord. When considering the theme for the **2017 Bishop's Appeal**, I wanted to convey a message of unity and love, which is why we chose *All God's People - United in Faith*.

I am grateful for the numerous people who not only make a monetary sacrifice, but who also take time away from their families and lives to help with the many needs of the diocese. Without the support of our donors, we would not be able to carry out our ministries to the East Bay community.

**Our goal this year is to raise over \$2.5 million for the 2017 Bishop's Appeal** which provides funds for important ministries such as faith formation, Catholic schools and parishes in need, CYO programs, religious education, clergy support, and safe environment programs. Through these ministries, we are able to provide our people with the sacraments, education in the Faith, and spiritual leadership necessary to grow stronger in Faith.

If you, your family members, friends, or loved ones have benefited from any diocesan ministries, I ask you to consider joining our efforts by making a contribution to the Bishop's Appeal. All gifts to the 2017 Bishop's Appeal are important and we would not be able to carry out our services without the generous giving of parishioners like you. Those individuals who are blessed with more are challenged to give more, but I am asking all of our diocesan family to come together "unite in faith" by participating in this year's Appeal. A pledge spread out over ten months will help countless individuals and can help us reach our goal. If you are financially able to make a gift of \$200, or a pledge of \$20 per month, I ask you to please consider it.

Saint Ignatius of Loyola said, "Lord, teach me to be generous, to serve you as you deserve, to give and not count the cost..." Just as Saint Ignatius prayed, I also pray that our Lord will inspire your generosity for the mission of the Church. Know that I am grateful for your support of the Diocese of Oakland and our efforts to carry out Christ's mission. May you and your family continue to receive God's blessings and unending love.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

The Most Reverend Michael C. Barber, S.J.  
Bishop of Oakland