

# St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Parish



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Rev. Nicholas Glisson, Pastor. The Most Reverend Michael Barber, SJ, Bishop – Diocese of Oakland

## SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday 5:30 pm  
Sunday 8:00, 9:30 11:30 am

## DAILY MASSES

Tuesday/Thursday/Saturday 8:30 am  
Monday/Wednesday/Friday 5:30 pm

## LITURGY OF THE HOURS

Monday – Saturday 8:00 am  
Mon./Wed./Friday 5:10 pm

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday 4:00 to 5:00 pm  
(and by appointment)

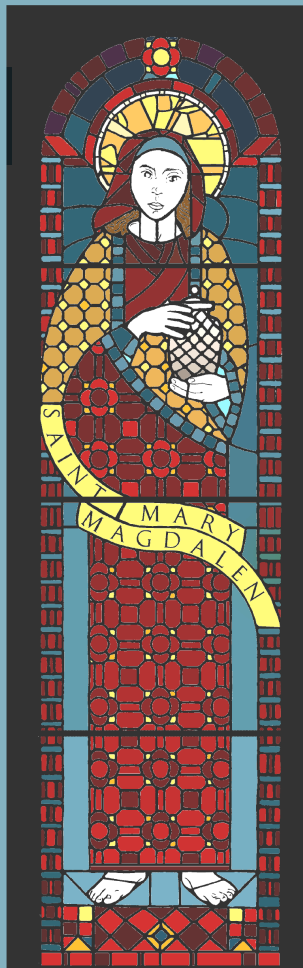
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*"Together we share our Faith in Jesus Christ."*

*"We live the Gospel, and we care for others."*

**BAPTISM:** Classes will recommence in September; please contact the office for details.

**CONFIRMATION:** Classes run from September through May; contact the office for more information.

**MARRIAGE:** Please contact the pastor at least six months prior to the wedding.

**ANOINTING OF THE SICK:** The Sacrament is offered at every 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Mass, and by appointment.

# Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B ~ August 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024

## Parish Collections for July 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Sunday	Actual	Budget	Difference
07/28/2024	\$5,338.98	\$8,980.00	-\$3,641.02
Year-to-Date	\$247,354.79	\$283,320.00	-\$35,965.21

*Thank you for your donations.*



*First Friday Eucharistic Adoration will take place this Friday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>, at 6:00 pm.*

## Scripture Readings for the Week

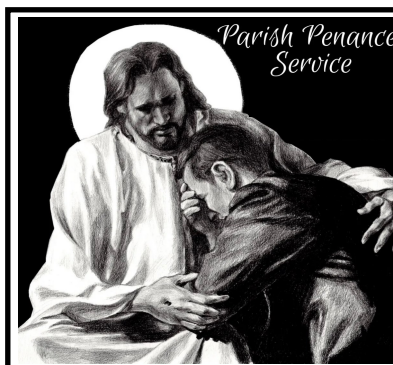
- 4<sup>th</sup> **EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15 / Ephesians 4:17, 20-24 / John 6:24-35
- 5<sup>th</sup> *Weekday [Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major]*  
Jeremiah 28:1-17 / Matthew 14:13-21
- 6<sup>th</sup> **FEAST: THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD**  
Deuteronomy 7:9-14 / 2 Pt 1:16-19 / Mark 9:2-10
- 7<sup>th</sup> *Weekday [St. Sixtus II & Companions, St. Cajetan]*  
Jeremiah 31:1-7 / Matthew 15:21-28
- 8<sup>th</sup> *Memorial: St. Dominic, Priest*  
Jeremiah 31:31-34 / Matthew 16:13-23
- 9<sup>th</sup> *Weekday [St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Martyr]*  
Nahum 2:1, 3; 3:1-7 / Matthew 16:24-28
- 10<sup>th</sup> **FEAST: SAINT LAWRENCE, DEACON AND MARTYR**  
2 Corinthians 9:6-10 / John 12:24-26

## Mass Intentions

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| Saturday  | 5:30  | For the People of the Parish                   |
| Sunday    | 8:00  | Intentions of Kevin Carter                     |
|           | 9:30  | Elizabeth Ann O'Connor RIP                     |
|           | 11:30 | Rudin Johnson RIP                              |
| Monday    | 5:30  | Baldwin Miranda RIP                            |
| Tuesday   | 8:30  | Intentions of the Children of Gaza             |
| Wednesday | 5:30  | Amparo Nicario RIP                             |
| Thursday  | 8:30  | Marilyn Sporer RIP & Intentions of Paul Sporer |
| Friday    | 5:30  | Marie Smith RIP                                |
| Saturday  | 8:30  | William Clark RIP                              |

## Parish Calendar through August 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024

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| August 2<br>Friday      | Eucharistic Adoration (Holy Hour)<br>6:00 pm, Church <i>(after the 5:30 pm Daily Mass)</i>   |
| August 3<br>Saturday    | Funeral for Joe Fitzgerald<br>10:00 am, followed by a Reception & Burial   |
| August 3/4<br>Weekend   | Preacher this weekend: Fr. Joseph Kamoga<br>5:30 pm Saturday; 8:00/9:30/11:30 am Sunday  |
| August 4<br>Sunday      | <b>First Sunday Dinner for the Hungry</b><br>Noon-4:00 pm, Magdalen Hall. <i>Volunteers welcome!</i>   |
| August 5<br>Monday      | <b>St. Vincent de Paul Monthly Meeting</b><br>7:00 pm, Norton Hall <i>All are welcome!</i>   |
| August 6<br>Tuesday     | <b>Reflection on the Sunday Gospel</b> Zoom link:<br>2:00 - 3:00 pm, <a href="https://tinyurl.com/SMM-GospelGroup">tinyurl.com/SMM-GospelGroup</a> |
| August 9<br>Friday      | <b>Reflection on the Sunday Gospel</b><br>9:15—10:15 am, Norton Hall   |
| August 10/11<br>Weekend | <b>Icon Painting Workshop in Norton Hall</b><br>9:00 am Saturday; 1:00 pm Sunday   |
| August 10/11<br>Weekend | Preacher at Weekend Masses: Fr. Nick<br>5:30 pm Saturday; 8:00/9:30/11:30 am Sunday  |
| August 14/15<br>Weekend | <b>ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY</b><br>5:30 pm Wednesday; 8:30am/7:30 pm Thursday   |
| August 17/18<br>Weekend | <b>Icon Painting Workshop in Norton Hall</b><br>9:00 am Saturday; 1:00 pm Sunday   |
| August 17/18<br>Weekend | <b>Centennial of the Dedication of our Church</b><br>5:30 pm Saturday; 8:00/9:30/11:30 am Sunday   |



## Summer Reconciliation Service

**Monday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>**  
**7:30 pm**  
Exchange your heavy load  
for the lighter burden  
of Christ!

## Death of Monique Duax

The parish regrets to announce the sudden welcome into the Lord's Kingdom of longtime parishioner Monique Duax. Since the onset of the pandemic, she had been under doctor's orders not to attend Mass. However, she worshipped with us once recently, and even attended Fr. Nick's talk a week ago Saturday. The details of her funeral will be announced in next week's Bulletin (and elsewhere). *Requiescat in pace.*



## Grant Nakamura's Photos of the Mary Magdalen Festival Art Show



Organizer Sharon-Henthorn Iwane

Poet (and chef) Rhonda Piffman Hart

Leo Nakamura read Denis Ring's poem.

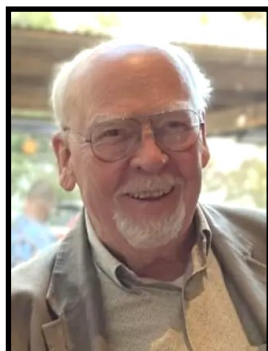


Kay Kyung-Nyun Richards read her poem, "Glory of Suffering," to a rapt crowd, including Fr. Nick (left rear), and Joan Bell (far right), parishioner & soprano who performed medieval music with Andy Canepa and guest musicians.

The entire photo album is online at [tinyurl.com/SMM-2024-Festival](https://tinyurl.com/SMM-2024-Festival).

(Click on each photo to view the corresponding video.)

## Funeral for Joseph Edward Fitzgerald



Beloved longtime parishioner Joe Fitzgerald entered Eternal Life on July 23<sup>rd</sup>, at the age of 85, two days shy of his 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary with his wife, Ann. Born in 1938 in Hutchinson, Kansas, Joe was three years old when his family moved to the Bay Area. He attended St. Patrick School in Oakland, St. Mary's College High School in Berkeley, and St. Mary's College in Moraga, where he graduated with a Bachelor's of Science in Psychology. In their sixty years of marriage, the Fitzgeralds reared a daughter, Madeleine, and three sons: Eamon, Neil, and Owen. Joe's courage and love and true faith in God comforted and sustained his family and friends at the loss of their 16-year-old son, Owen, in 1990. Throughout his thirty-year career in the U.S. Postal Service, Joe touched countless lives with his charm and empathy. At home, he built with Ann a loving foundation for their family, always selflessly supporting his wife and children's educations, careers, and diverse interests. A man of diverse interests himself, he read widely, traveled enthusiastically, enjoyed hunting and fishing, and was an avid music fan. He was blessed with delightful grandchildren, who were the pride and delight of Joe's life. Joe was a devoted member of our parish, where he worshipped for the past 70 years, attending Mass every weekend and following the advice of Blessed Father Solanus Casey, OFM Cap. (and great-uncle to Ann), to always "Thank God Ahead of Time." He was full of gratitude to the very end.

Joseph's Funeral Mass will take place on Saturday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>, at 10:00 am, with a reception following in Magdalen Hall. He will be buried at St. Dominic Cemetery in Benicia at 12:30 pm. All are welcome to attend.



## The God of the Old Testament

Our understanding of God can sometimes be very confusing. For Jesus, the essence of God is a loving father. The Hebrew word “Abba” might be more accurately translated as *Daddy* than *Father*. At the same time, we hear about God “smiting” people for the sins of their forbearers, which is patently unfair. How can we reconcile a God who is loving and caring with one who appears to be a vindictive, vengeful patriarch?



Before proceeding with an examination of God’s personality, there is a major caveat: The God we address as Father is completely unknowable without the revelation of His Son. Our human intellect may ascertain the existence of a Supreme Being, but to have access to that being and know Him in the way we know other people is solely because Christ—God the Son—has revealed Him to us. It first occurred naturally through the prophets, as well as in natural signs and wonders, and ultimately in the person of Jesus Christ. Any portrayal of God is filtered through our human meditation.

Our understanding of God as Father came about over the course of millennia through the Jewish people. One must find the oldest writings in the Jewish scriptures. These are not found at the beginning of the Bible, but are buried a little later in the book of Genesis, as well as in the Book of Job. In these Scriptures, God comes across as a capricious deity, much like the gods of other ancient Near Eastern peoples.

Over the course of Jewish history, the prophets and writers gradually come to a deeper understanding of God’s relationship with his people. After the exile (c. 597-538 BC), the Wisdom writers record God saying, “*It is not sacrifice I desire, but a contrite spirit.*” (Hosea 6:6) Blood sacrifices ended with the destruction of the Temple in 70 AD. While rabbis would not have adopted Jesus’ saying, “*Love one another as I have loved you*” (John 13:34), for the most part they would agree that our God is a loving God.

Loving one another as Jesus has loved us applies to the Father, because Jesus is the revelation of God to the world. In John’s Gospel, Jesus also states, “*If you have seen me, you have also seen the Father.*” (John 14:8-9) We can, therefore, equate Jesus’ attitude and behavior with that of the Father.

Most of us are not acquainted with the structure and sequence of Jewish scripture, and so it is easy to take any story or saying from the Old Testament and apply it equally with others. But we risk encountering a distorted picture of God if we do so. Over the course of their journey with Him, the Jewish people grew in their understanding of God’s relationship with them. They eventually did come to realize that God loved and cared for them more than anything else.





# International Dinner



Join us at **6:30 pm** on **Saturday, September 28<sup>th</sup>** for our **2<sup>nd</sup> Annual International Dinner Event!**

Come to Magdalen Hall and indulge in a diverse selection of delicious global dishes lovingly prepared by the talented members of our parish. Immerse yourself in a vibrant atmosphere filled with cultural connections and engaging conversations.

Limited seating is available, and so **RSVP** to secure your place at this enchanting celebration. *Don't miss out!*

Tickets can be purchased online soon.

(Volunteers will be selling tickets in Norton Hall after the 8:00 am & 9:30 am Masses.)

As this is a fundraiser, please note rates:

**\$50 per Adult, \$30 per Student. Children under the age of 5 are free.**

*Come to Eucharist at the 5:30 pm Mass and stay for an international feast!*

## The Kids' Bulletin

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
August 4th, 2024

## God Provides Bread word puzzle

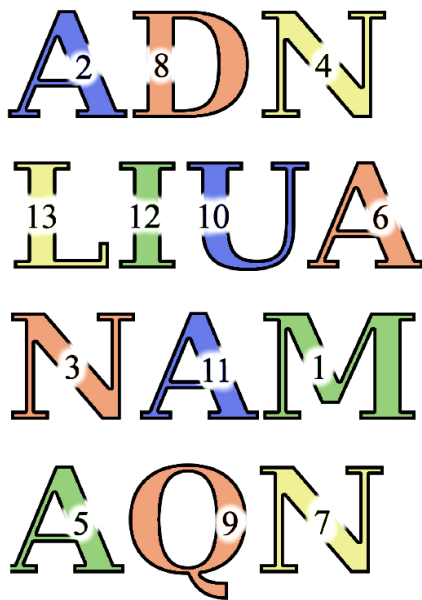
John 6 24-35

Fill in the missing words.

Use the letters in boxes to fill in the blanks at the bottom.

The people came looking for Jesus after the miracle of the loaves and fishes. Jesus said to them, "You are only looking for me because you    the loaves and were filled. Don't work for food that perishes but for the    that lasts for eternal   ." The people asked, "What can   do to do the works of  ?" Jesus said to them, "This is the work of God, that you    in the one he sent." So they asked him, "What   can you show us so that we can believe in you? Our ancestors ate manna in the desert, like it is written in the Scriptures, "He gave them bread from Heaven to eat." So    said to them, "It was not Moses who gave you bread from Heaven; my    gives you the true bread from Heaven. The bread of God comes down from Heaven and gives life to the   .   always!"

Jesus said to them, "I am the



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Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15

In today's first reading the people of Israel were starving in the desert. When Moses prayed to God He sent them food. What was it? Sort out the letters by their numbers to find out!

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