

August 18th, 2024 | Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Parish



This Weekend: The 100th Anniversary of the Dedication of our Church!

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)

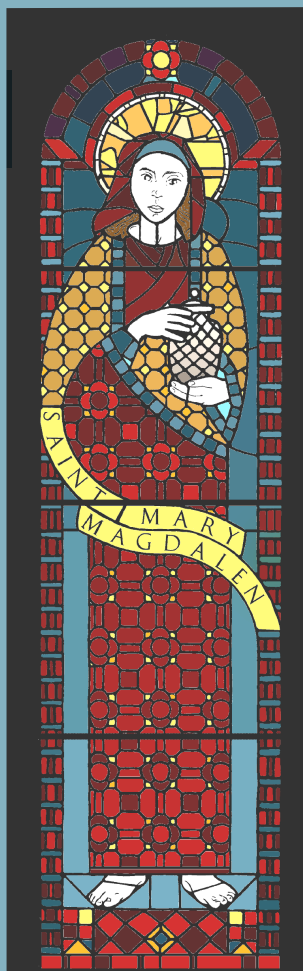
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1:00 pm – 5:00 pm
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We live the Gospel, and we care for others.”

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 5th Sunday Mass, and by appointment.

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Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B ~ August 18th, 2024

Parish Collections for August 11 th , 2024			
Sunday	Actual	Budget	Difference
08/11/2024	\$9,185.30	\$8,980.00	\$205.30
Year-to-Date	\$264,167.09	\$301,280.00	-\$37,112.91
We achieved our weekly goal — thank you!			



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Scripture Readings for the Week

18th **DEDICATION OF ST. MARY MAGDALEN CHURCH**
 Ezekiel 47:1-2, 8-12 / 1 Cor. 3:9-17 / John 2:13-22

19th *Weekday [Saint John Eudes, Priest]*
 Ezekiel 24:15-23 / Matthew 19:16-22

20th *Memorial: St. Bernard, Abbot and Doctor*
 Ezekiel 28:1-10 / Matthew 19:23-30

21st *Memorial: St. Pius X, Pope*
 Ezekiel 34:1-11 / Matthew 20:1-16

22nd *Memorial: The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary*
 Ezekiel 36:23-28 / Matthew 22:1-14

23rd *Weekday [St. Rose of Lima]*
 Ezekiel 37:1-14 / Matthew 22:34-40

24th *FEAST: SAINT BARTHOLOMEW, APOSTLE*
 Revelations 21:9-14 / John 1:45-51


Mass Intentions

Saturday	5:30	Intentions of Gregory Carter
Sunday	8:00	Joanne Grace Anderson RIP
	9:30	For the People of the Parish
	11:30	Ronald Edmonds RIP
Monday	5:30	Baldwin Miranda RIP
Tuesday	8:30	For Peace in the World
Wednesday	5:30	Baldwin Miranda RIP
Thursday	8:30	For Peace in the World
Friday	5:30	For Peace in the World
Saturday	8:30	Intentions of Ann Fitzgerald

Parish Calendar through September 1 st , 2024	
August 16 Friday	Pray the Rosary for Peace in Ukraine & Gaza 3:00 pm, Church
August 16 Friday	Peace & Justice Monthly Meeting 4:00 pm, Norton Hall
August 17/18 Weekend	Icon Painting Workshop in Norton Hall 9:00 am Saturday; 1:00 pm Sunday
August 17/18 Weekend	Centennial of the Dedication of our Church 5:30 pm Saturday; 8:00/9:30/11:30 am Sunday
August 17/18 Weekend	Preacher at Weekend Masses: Fr. Nick 5:30 pm Saturday; 8:00/9:30/11:30 am Sunday
August 20 Tuesday	Reflection on the Sunday Gospel Zoom link: tinyurl.com/SMM-GospelGroup 2:00 - 3:00 pm
August 21 Wednesday	First Day of School at the Madeleine The 2024-2025 school year begins!
August 23 Friday	Reflection on the Sunday Gospel 9:15 - 10:15 am, Norton Hall
August 25 Sunday	PARISH-SCHOOL PICNIC 10:30 am onwards, Live Oak Park
August 25 Sunday	Fourth Sunday Dinner for the Hungry Noon - 4:00 pm, Magdalen Hall <i>Volunteers needed!</i>
August 27 Tuesday	Adult Christian Initiation 7:00 pm, Norton Hall initiation@marymagdalen.org
August 29 Thursday	Funeral for Monique DUAX 10:30 am, Church
September 1 Sunday	First Sunday Dinner for the Hungry Noon - 4:00 pm, Magdalen Hall <i>Volunteers needed!</i>

Our Teen Confirmation Class is Starting Soon!

We are excited to offer a teen confirmation class here at Saint Mary Magdalen this coming year. All baptized teens in 10th, 11th, or 12th grades are welcome. We'll be meeting at the School of the Madeleine approximately every other week on Sundays after the 9:30 Mass—from about **10:45 am until Noon**. (The program will run through May 2025.)



Confirmation Preparation
for teens
Sacrament Preparation

Our first meeting will take place on **Sunday, September 8th, at 10:45 am.**

If you have any questions, please contact Jen Welch at jwelch510@gmail.com or call 510.847.5503.

Notes from Fr. Nick

Dedication of St. Mary Magdalen Church

Earlier this year we concluded our 100th parish anniversary celebrations. Why are we celebrating yet another centennial event? The Church, after all, is primarily the community of believers — why celebrate a building? The practice goes back to the ancient life of the Church.

November 9th, the dedication of St. John Lateran in Rome, is a major feast in the Church's calendar. That church, a gift of the Laterini family in the fourth century, is the pope's cathedral. In a sense, it is the home parish of all western Christians. The building we see there today is largely from the seventeenth century, but the foundations of the original church are within its walls. It is out of the practice of celebrating ancient church buildings like St. John Lateran that we acknowledge our own church beginning.

In February 1923, our parish began its liturgies in local homes, but eventually in the auditorium of Thousand Oaks School. The Dominican Friars immediately began making plans for our church building. They purchased an entire block on Berryman Street from the Southern Pacific Railroad, and construction of our church was completed in July 1924, and dedicated on August 17th. Today we celebrate a century of worship in this building.

I see the need to honor our church building from two perspectives: professional and personal. My academic background is in church design; my specialty is in how a church building both shapes and accommodates worship. In the document *Built of Living Stones: Art, Architecture and Worship*, the U.S. Bishops state:

Just as the term *Church* refers to the *living temple*, God's People, the term *church* also has been used to describe "the building in which the Christian community gathers to hear the word of God, to pray together, and to receive the sacraments, and celebrate the Eucharist." That building is both the house of God on earth (*domus Dei*) and a house fit for the prayers of the saints [us] (*domus ecclesiae*). Such a house of prayer must be expressive of the presence of God and suited to the celebration of the sacrifice of Christ, as well as reflective of the community that celebrates there.

We humans are material and corporeal beings; we live in time and take up space. It is germane to our being that we inhabit the physical space where we worship. Religion doesn't just exist in our minds. It follows that we honor that space as our spiritual home, and its birth anniversary is an appropriate time.

At a personal level, I have feelings for this place where I have worshiped with you for the past seven years. The architecture and furnishings of our church have become home to me by their familiarity. Some day I will retire and probably move away. When that happens, a part of me will remain behind. My faith has been shaped not only by you, the people of God, but by the walls, furnishings, smells, and echoes of sound that are unique to our worship space.

A couple of years ago, illness quite suddenly took my mother and brother from the 137-year-old home where our family had dwelled for 56 years. While we still own it, and may occupy it again, I feel a separation and unmooring from no longer being able to settle on the back porch to watch the cattle and sandhill cranes in the pasture behind it, no longer smelling fish frying in the kitchen or watching a human being set foot on the surface of the moon on the television in our living room, celebrating the joys and tragedies of family life. It may be an inanimate building, but it has shaped who I am.

Our church building gives shape and color to faith just as our homes enfold our families.. It is right to honor our *domus ecclesiae* this weekend on the 100th anniversary of its dedication.

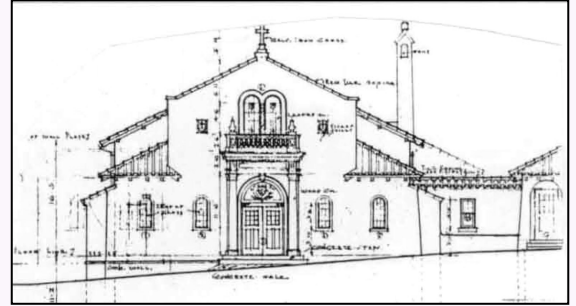


Our church's interior during much of its first half century.

Excerpts from Barbara Gamba's History of our Parish: Our Church Building

The contract for designing our new church and rectory was awarded to the Beezer Brothers, architects based in Washington. Chief architect Arnold Constable (who was also engaged to design the new St. Dominic's Church in San Francisco), was asked to head up our project.

St. Dominic's is in the Gothic style, which was insisted upon by then-Dominican Provincial Fr. Arthur McMahon, OP. No doubt thanks to the gentle persuasiveness of our pastor, Fr. Driscoll, OP, and our founding parishioners, the Provincial apparently sat still while Constable's plans for a California mission-style church were designed and executed.



Arnold Constable's original vision of our church.



Contractor Jack Brennan

Once the specifications were approved, no time was wasted in beginning construction. The successful bidder for the job was a rising young Berkeley contractor, John P. ("Jack") Brennan, a St. Joseph's parishioner who would later go on to establish a fine building record, including hundreds of homes and businesses, as well as St. Mary's High School, St. Mary's College, and St. Leo's Church in Piedmont.

Contractor Jack Brennan has been aptly described as a man with both unusual ability and uncanny resourcefulness. In a matter of five months, and at a cost of \$68,210.75, including furnishings, Brennan and his crew transformed what one writer for the *Berkeley Gazette* described as an *unsightly open creek bed* into our new church, parish hall, and rectory.

A concrete foundation was laid to cover Cordonices Creek, which Brennan diverted through a massive pipe under the parish hall. The type of construction employed for the church and hall was unusual at the time: it was of the best and most durable kind of its day, a balloon-form construction that will rock and sway in an earthquake, but will not collapse.

Construction was completed in July 1923, and after the church had been furnished and the appointments fine-tuned, we were ready to open for business. Dedication ceremonies took place on Sunday, August 17, 1924.

To learn more about our past, go to tinyurl.com/SMM-History.



Fr. Conrad Antonsen, OP, pastor from 1987 to 1992, had the columns and balcony of our façade painted to match the natural red of our Spanish tile roof. The day before his funeral, a few parishioners repainted the columns (since turned white) red in his memory.

Our post-Vatican II interior (pictured below) was designed by parishioner/architect Frank Mighetto in 1970. Costing only \$12,000, it endured until our major renovation in 1999.

Then-pastor, Fr. Francisco Vicente, OP, commissioned a Spanish sculptor to create the wooden crucifix together with the bas-relief of Our Lady, whom Christ was regarding.



The inset shows the original church interior of 1923, with a plaster altar against the north wall and altar rail in front. (The windows were soon to be covered up, not replaced until October 1999.)



International Dinner



Join us at **6:30 pm** on **Saturday, September 28th** for our **2nd 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 at bit.ly/IntlDin2024.

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

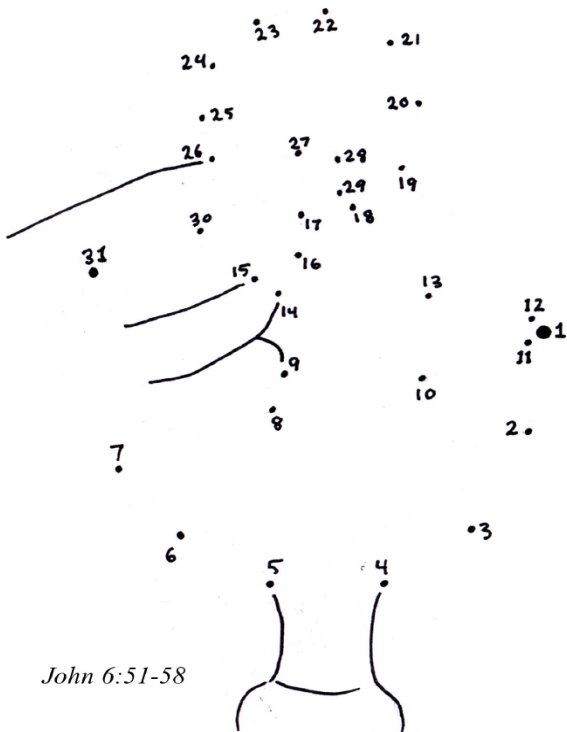
As this is a fundraiser, please note rates:

\$50 per Adult, \$30 per Student (ages 6-13). Children under the age of 6 are free.

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

The Kids' Bulletin

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 18th, 2024



John 6:51-58

Jesus told the people that He is the Bread of Life and that He would give Himself to them as food.

Connect the dots to see how He gives Himself to us today.

St. Paul Teaches Us...

Ephesians 5:15-20

UNDERSTAND
GWATCHHHIH
WILLVEAYIE
TSONGSNMGA
HDRAFIKNNR
GODNOSSOT
IMBROTHERS
VFILLEDKAL
ISSPIRITNI
NALWSSAYCV
GFATHERSEE

Try to find all the words in CAPITALS from today's reading. Use the leftover letters to fill in the blanks at the end to find an important part of being a Christian.

BROTHERS and SISTERS: WATCH carefully how you LIVE, not as FOOLISH persons, but with WISDOM, making the most of

the opportunity, because the days are evil. Therefore, do not continue in IGNORANCE, but try to UNDERSTAND the WILL of the LORD. And do not get drunk on wine, in which lies debauchery, but be FILLED with the SPIRIT, addressing one another in psalms and HYMNS and spiritual SONGS, singing and playing to the Lord in your HEARTS, GIVING THANKS always and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to GOD the FATHER.

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