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**SUNDAY MASSES**

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

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

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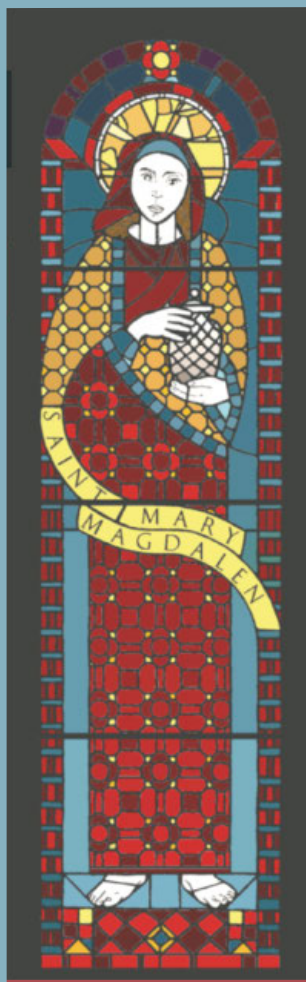
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*“Together we share our Faith in Jesus Christ.*

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

**BAPTISM:** Classes will recommence on September 9<sup>th</sup>, then First Mondays thereafter.

**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.

# 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 at [bit.ly/IntlDin2024](https://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!*



## Reception for Former Priest-in-Residence Fr. Laurent Okitakatshi: THIS SATURDAY, September 7<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30 pm in Norton Hall



Fr. Laurent on a staff outing with Carolyn Tune and Oscar Guillen.

Fr. Laurent came to our parish in 2017, one month after Fr. Nick's arrival and less than three weeks after his ordination to the priesthood in his native Congo. His brilliance as a preacher and his quietly profound spirituality eased us parishioners in our transition from a Dominican to a diocesan parish. Sadly, after only three years, he left us to lead a Newman Center near St. Louis. Now, his Ph.D. accomplished, his bishop has appointed him **President-Rector of the St. John Paul II Seminary** in the Diocese of Tshumbe in the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

Fr. Laurent will preach at all the Masses this weekend. Come on Saturday evening to watch his presentation on his new mission in the Congo! Wine, cheese, and tea sandwiches will be served to accompany a 25-minute film on Catholic life and culture in the largest country of sub-Saharan Africa. A Q&A period will follow.

**For those who are unable to attend the event on Saturday, Fr. Laurent will also be present during Coffee Hour the following morning, Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup>.**



# Prayer for Peace

As ongoing wars continue to create severe humanitarian hardships, we have returned to reciting our prayer for peace at the end of each Mass. When we Christians witness so much suffering, we ask, *What can we do?* We don't just pray, we also act. If you have the urge to act, or if you simply want to learn more about the work the Catholic Church is doing in Gaza and in the refugee camps, please go to Catholic Relief Services' website to learn about the compassionate aid being given there: [crs.org/stories/support-gaza-families#](https://crs.org/stories/support-gaza-families#)

I pray for your peace in troubled lands,  
in places where people fear each day,  
in cities or villages under threat of danger.

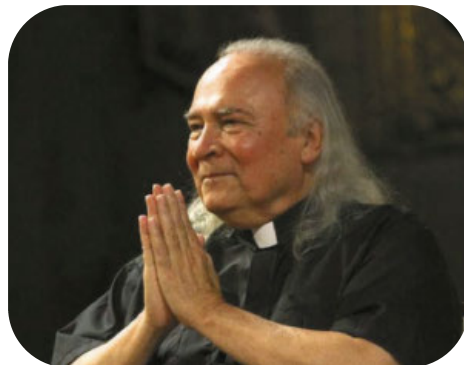
I pray your peace into the hearts of those who hate,  
into the minds of those who live in anger,  
of those who long for revenge.

The hot winds of war sweep over so many lives,  
dear God, terror and cruelty following in their wake,

I do not know what else to do, but stand here making my appeal to heaven.

Peace I pray.

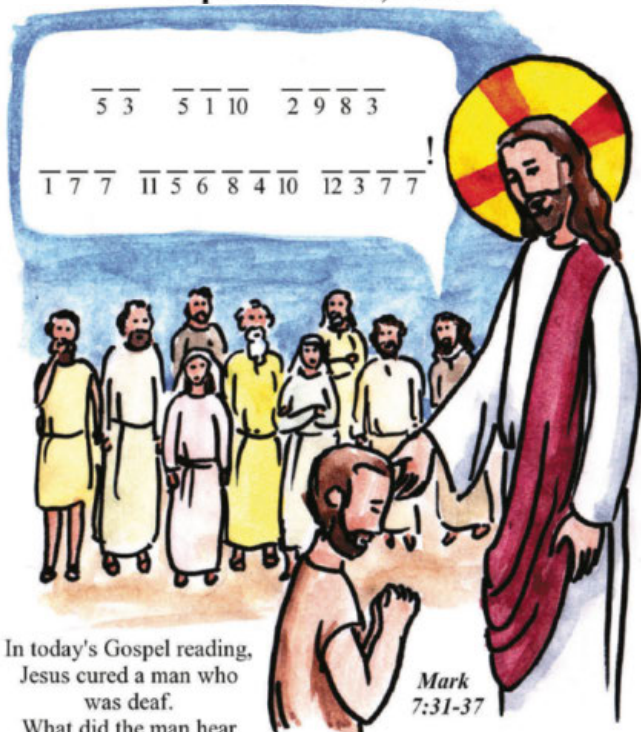
Peace against all the odds, peace without compromise, peace strong and enduring,  
peace so children never worry as they go to sleep.



~ Steven Charleston, Episcopal Bishop Emeritus of Alaska and Citizen of the Choctaw Nation

## The Kids' Bulletin

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time  
September 8th, 2024



In today's Gospel reading,  
Jesus cured a man who  
was deaf.  
What did the man hear  
people saying when he  
could hear again?

Mark  
7:31-37

Use the number code below  
to find the answer!

A D E G H I L N O S T W  
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12

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## Our Lady's Birthday

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WITHOUTYHE  
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PURECHRIST

See if you can  
find all the  
words in  
CAPITALS in  
the puzzle.

Use the left  
over letters to  
fill in the  
blanks at the  
end.



On September 8th we celebrate Mary's BIRTHDAY. She was CHOSEN by God to be the MOTHER of JESUS before she was even BORN. To PREPARE Mary to receive His SON, God made her PURE and WITHOUT SIN right from the first moment of her life.

JOACHIM and ANN were HOLY JEWS who were WAITING for the MESSIAH to come. God chose them to be the FATHER and mother of MARY, who would become the mother of CHRIST.



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## Recent Reading

During my last cruise, a passenger on the Holland America *Westerdam* recommended I read Philip Gefter's *Cocktails with George and Martha*. The book chronicles the making of Edward Albee's play and film, *Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?* which appeared on Broadway in 1962 and premiered as a film in 1966. My mother saw the play on her first trip to New York. She said it was riveting, and so intense she wanted to run out of the theatre pulling her hair out and screaming! The film left a similar impression on me.

The couple, George and Martha, were played on stage by Arthur Hill and Uta Hagen and in the film by Richard Burton and Elizabeth Taylor. George is a history professor and Martha, the daughter of the college president. They invite a young couple to their home for a nightcap after a faculty party, and what ensues is a game of verbal abuse and one-upmanship that plays out until dawn. In spite of the rage and vitriol, you start caring for these people and eventually realize George and Martha really do love each other.

If you like stories about the making of theatre and film this is a good book for you. This film solidified Mike Nichols as an A-list director. I think Burton—playing against type as a wimp—and Taylor—playing the ultimate harpy—each gave the best performances of their careers. It proved how versatile both actors were.

Percival Everett's *James* is a retelling of Mark Twain's *Huckleberry Finn* from the point of view of the slave, Jim. Everett's writing was engaging, and highlighted how slaves endured slights, slurs and abuse that free people were almost completely unaware of. I looked forward to this book because I think *Huckleberry Finn* is one of the finest novels in American literature. While I stayed with it until the end, I found it less than satisfying. I think Everett took too many liberties with the story. True, in a piece of fiction, an author is free to develop the characters as he or she sees fit, but I think that James' character grew in a way that strained credulity. Further, the unremitting cruelty toward slaves by white people seemed overblown. At the very least, slaves were seen as valuable property and continuous beatings would have diminished their masters' investment. I can't decide whether, as a native southerner, I'm being defensive, or if Everett's portrayal was satisfying some progressivist tropes the author wanted to press.

George Stephanopoulos' *The Situation Room* is a page turner. I found myself stealing free minutes from work all week to get through his account of the room in the White House where crucial events play out and critical decisions are made. Major disasters and triumphs emanated from this room.

Although earlier presidents had special rooms to handle critical events, Dwight Eisenhower first conceived of a place in the White House where vital strategic decisions could be made. The original space itself was underwhelming and primarily served as the President's clearinghouse of events as they occurred around the world. More recently, the Situation Room has become worthy of what is portrayed in the movies.

John Kennedy built the first Situation Room after the Bay of Pigs disaster in 1962. The Cuban Missile Crisis was the first event in which the Situation Room played a major part. Since then, every important world event in which the United States has played a central role has been handled within its walls. The Iran hostage crisis, the aftermath of 9/11, and the killing of Osama bin Laden were coordinated from this room.

For Stephanopoulos, the room is more about the people who staff it than the space itself. They are unbelievably dedicated. Ordered to evacuate three times during 9/11, each time, the staffers looked up for a few seconds and then went back to their jobs!

This book reads like a novel, but it is about events we all lived through. I had thought of the author as Bill Clinton's brash, boyish press secretary, but he has now covered the White House for more than thirty years and his tale of the Situation Room is compelling reading.



# Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B ~ September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Parish Collections for September 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2024			
Sunday	Actual	Budget	Difference
09/1/2024	\$6,535.40	\$8,980.00	-\$2,444.60
Year-to-Date	\$285,419.30	\$328,220.00	-\$42,800.70
HELP!			

**Come downstairs  
to Norton Hall  
for  
COFFEE HOUR  
and fellowship  
following the  
8:00 & 9:30 am  
Masses!**



## Scripture Readings for the Week

8<sup>th</sup> **TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
Isaiah 35:4-7 / James 2:1-5 / Mark 7:31-37

9<sup>th</sup> *Memorial: Saint Peter Claver, Priest*  
1 Corinthians 5:1-8 / Luke 6:6-11

10<sup>th</sup> *Weekday*  
1 Corinthians 6:1-11 / Luke 6:12-19

11<sup>th</sup> *Weekday*  
1 Corinthians 7:25-31 / Luke 6:20-26

12<sup>th</sup> *Weekday [The Most Holy Name of Mary]*  
1 Corinthians 8:1-7, 11-13 / Luke 6:27-38

13<sup>th</sup> *Memorial: St. John Chrysostom, Bishop & Doctor*  
1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-27 / Luke 6:39-42

14<sup>st</sup> *FEAST: THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS*  
Numbers 21:4-9 / Philippians 2:6-11 /  
John 3:13-17

## Mass Intentions

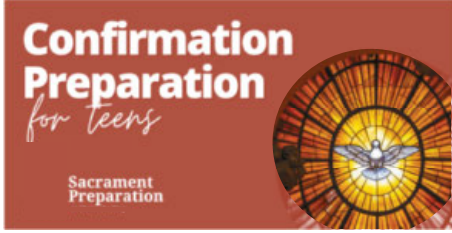
Saturday	5:30	Mary Brodin RIP
Sunday	8:00	For the People of the Parish
	9:30	Sally Campbell RIP
	11:30	Monique Duax RIP
Monday	5:30	Intentions of Mary Day
Tuesday	8:30	Intentions of Mary Day
Wednesday	8:30	Anthony Louis Fredotovich RIP
	5:30	Daryl Kirdeikis RIP
Thursday	8:30	Colette Sheehan
Friday	5:30	Intentions of Stefan Grycz and Family
Saturday	8:30	Peter On RIP

## Parish Calendar through September 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024

August 30 -	Fr. Nick is on vacation!
September 14	He is currently the Chaplain on the Queen Mary 2.
September 7/8	<b>Preacher at Weekend Masses: Fr. Laurent</b> Weekend 5:30 pm Saturday; 8:00/9:30/11:30 am Sunday
September 9	<b>Pre-Baptismal Seminar</b> Monday 5:30 pm, Conference Room. <i>Call office for details.</i>
September 10	<b>Reflection on the Sunday Gospel</b> <i>Zoom link:</i> Tuesday 2:00 - 3:00 pm, <a href="https://tinyurl.com/SMM-GospelGroup">tinyurl.com/SMM-GospelGroup</a>
September 10	<b>Adult Christian Initiation</b> Tuesday 7:00 pm, Norton Hall <a href="mailto:initiation@marymagdalen.org">initiation@marymagdalen.org</a>
September 10	<b>Parish Pastoral Council Meeting</b> Tuesday 7:00 pm, Conference Room. <i>(Anyone may join.)</i>
September 13	<b>Reflection on the Sunday Gospel</b> Friday 9:15 - 10:15 am, Norton Hall
September 13	<b>Peace &amp; Justice Monthly Meeting</b> Friday 4:00 pm, Norton Hall
September 14/15	<b>Preacher at Weekend Masses: TBA</b> Weekend 5:30 pm Saturday; 8:00/9:30/11:30 am Sunday
September 17	<b>Reflection on the Sunday Gospel</b> <i>Zoom link:</i> Tuesday 2:00 - 3:00 pm, <a href="https://tinyurl.com/SMM-GospelGroup">tinyurl.com/SMM-GospelGroup</a>
September 17	<b>Adult Christian Initiation</b> Tuesday 7:00 pm, Norton Hall <a href="mailto:initiation@marymagdalen.org">initiation@marymagdalen.org</a>
September 20	<b>Reflection on the Sunday Gospel</b> Friday 9:15 - 10:15 am, Norton Hall
September 21	<b>Life Line Screening</b> —Details on Website Saturday 9:00 am–5:00 pm, Magdalen & Norton Halls

## Our Teen Confirmation Class Starts Today!

We are excited to offer a teen confirmation class here at Saint Mary Magdalen parish this 2024-2025 year. All baptized teens in 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, or 12<sup>th</sup> grades are invited.



We'll be meeting approximately every other Sunday at the **School of the Madeleine** after the 9:30 Mass —from about **10:45 am until Noon**. (The program will run through May 2025.)

Our first meeting will take place  
**TODAY, September 8<sup>th</sup>, at 10:45 am.**

If you have any questions, please contact Jen Welch at [jwelch510@gmail.com](mailto:jwelch510@gmail.com), or call 510.847.5503.

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