



St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Parish



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SUNDAY MASSES

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

DAILY MASSES

Tuesday / Thursday / Saturday 8:30 am

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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BAPTISM: Classes take place at 5:30 pm on First Mondays; contact the office for more information.

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.

Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B ~ November 3rd, 2024

Parish Collections for October 27 th , 2024			
Sunday	Actual	Budget	Difference
10 / 27 / 2024	\$5,573.91	\$8,980.00	-\$3,406.09
Year-to-Date	\$345,977.72	\$399,980.00	-\$54,002.28
<i>Time, Talent, and Treasure!</i>			



First Friday Eucharistic Adoration will take place this Friday, November 1st, at 6:00 pm. Mass will exceptionally occur at 7:30 pm.

Scripture Readings for the Week

- 3rd **THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
Deuteronomy 6:2-6 / Hebrews 7:23-28 / Mark 12:28-34
- 4th Memorial [St. Charles Borromeo, Bishop]
Philippians 2:1-4 / Luke 14:12-14
- 5th Weekday
Philippians 2:5-11 / Luke 14:15-24
- 6th Weekday
Philippians 2:12-18 / Luke 14:25-33
- 7th Weekday
Philippians 3:3-8 / Luke 15:1-10
- 8th Weekday
Philippians 3:17-4:1 / Luke 16:1-8
- 9th FEAST: THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA
Ezekiel 47:1-2, 8-12 / 1 Corinthians 3:9-17 / John 2:13-22

Mass Intentions

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| Saturday | 5:30 | Rosemary & CW Dodds RIP |
| Sunday | 8:00 | For the People of the Parish |
| | 9:30 | Paul Small RIP |
| | 11:30 | Jerh Spillane IRP |
| Monday | 5:30 | Janete Graca RIP |
| Tuesday | 8:30 | Esther Higgins RIP |
| Wednesday | 8:30 | Intentions of Erin Makarczyk |
| | 5:30 | Mary Lee Lao RIP |
| Thursday | 8:30 | Rudin Johnson RIP |
| Friday | 5:30 | Fr. Francis Lynch RIP |
| Saturday | 8:30 | Julio Cordova RIP |

Parish Calendar through November 3rd, 2024

- November 1** ALL SAINTS DAY-HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION
Friday MASS TIMES: 8:30 am, 10:30 am & 7:30 pm
- November 1** First Friday Adoration (Holy Hour)
Friday 6:00pm, Church (*before the 7:30 pm Mass*)
- November 2/3** Preacher at Weekend Masses: "Finance Talk"
Weekend 5:30 pm Saturday; 8:00 / 9:30 / 11:30 am Sunday
- November 3** First Sunday Dinner for the Hungry
Sunday Noon - 4:00 pm, Norton Hall. *Desserts needed!*
- November 4** St. Vincent de Paul Conference Meeting
Monday 7:00 pm, Norton Hall *All are welcome!*
- November 4** Prayer Vigil for a Peaceful & Fair Election
Monday 6:15 pm, Church. *Invite your Neighbors!*
- November 5** Reflection on the Sunday Gospel Zoom link:
Tuesday 2:00 - 3:00 pm, [tinyurl.com / SMM-GospelGroup](https://tinyurl.com/SMM-GospelGroup)
- November 5** Adult Christian Initiation
Tuesday 7:00 pm, Norton Hall initiation@marymagdalen.org
- November 4** Racial Equity Committee Meeting
Monday 7:00 pm, Zoom *Contact parish for Zoom link.*
- November 6** Meeting of SPRED Catechism
Wednesday 6:30 pm, Norton Hall
- November 9/10** Preacher at Weekend Masses: Fr. Nick
Weekend 5:30 pm Saturday; 8:00 / 9:30 / 11:30 am Sunday



Kathy, Kathy, Elizabeth, & Rea with Chef Lisa

This Sunday is our **First Sunday Dinner for the Hungry**. **Could you spend one hour downstairs in Magdalen (Parish) Hall sometime today from Noon to 4:15 pm?** Or do you have a child who may have a "volunteer hours" requirement?

You are very welcome to come help set up or serve our guests (*see below*), but **we especially need volunteers to clean the kitchen and Magdalen Hall.**

We set up from **Noon to 1:00 pm**, prepare to serve at **2:15 pm**, and then we start cleaning the kitchen at **2:30** and putting away tables and chairs at **~3:30 pm.**

Attention all bakers! Our guests like sweets and really appreciate your desserts. You may drop them off at Coffee Hour or in the kitchen until 1:30 pm.

For more info: sundaydinners@marymagdalen.org.

2024

EQUALLY SACRED CHECKLIST

How can we know we are voting for candidates who promote the common good?

Pope Francis makes it clear: **Catholics and all people of good will are called to be multi-issue voters, not single-issue voters**, in the 2024 elections and in our continued participation in public life. This resource can support you in educating yourself as a faithful voter on the issues and concerns that are “**equally sacred**.”

“We cannot uphold an ideal of holiness that would ignore injustice in the world.”



—Pope Francis, *Gaudete et exsultate*, par. 101

FREEDOM TO BE HEALTHY

Will you vote for candidates who...

- will protect and expand affordable health care for all and end the injustice of medical debt?
- support policies to reduce the cost of prescription medicines so patients can afford lifesaving care?
- support ending the Black maternal health crisis by investing in the expansion of critical programs to support the lives of parents and babies?
- support ending hunger in our nation with needed food assistance programs, such as SNAP, WIC, and school lunch programs?

The Catholic Church affirms that food and health care are not privileges reserved for the wealthy, but universal rights.

FREEDOM TO LIVE ON A HEALTHY PLANET

Will you vote for candidates who...

- will address the climate crisis and invest in a rapid, just transition to renewable energy?
- will end policies that benefit fossil fuel corporations, such as tax subsidies and approval of pipelines?
- will address pollution and toxic dumping that disproportionately affect Black, Brown, and Indigenous communities, and ensure clean air and water for all?

Care for our common home is a requirement of the Catholic faith.

FREEDOM TO PARTICIPATE IN A VIBRANT DEMOCRACY

Will you vote for candidates who...

- refuse to use violent language or threats of violence against other candidates or groups of people?
- will ensure all eligible voters have access to voting, and restore voting for formerly incarcerated people?
- will limit the power of the wealthy to manipulate our democracy through unlimited dark money and gerrymandering?

Catholic teaching affirms that every person has both a right and a responsibility to participate in our shared political processes, which we must structure to serve the common good.

FREEDOM TO CARE FOR OURSELVES AND OUR FAMILIES

Will you vote for candidates who...

- will reduce costs for families, including via a robust Child Tax Credit, paid leave, and funding for childcare?
- will ensure all workers can earn a living wage and have the right to join a union?
- will ensure the wealthy pay their fair share of taxes, including by supporting a billionaire's tax?
- will address skyrocketing housing costs, including by investing in affordable housing, housing assistance programs, and a renter's tax credit?
- will support future generations by expanding training and apprenticeship programs and free college?

Catholic teaching promotes the dignity of work, the rights of workers, and an inclusive economy that places people over profit and ensures that we all have what we need to thrive.

FREEDOM FROM HARM

Will you vote for candidates who...

- support common sense gun control, including banning the use of AR-15s and other weapons of war, so our children and communities can live safely?
- will protect the rights of marginalized communities including Black, Brown, and Indigenous communities as well as LGBTQ+ people?

The Catholic Church insists upon every person's intrinsic worth, dignity, and right to live in safety—with no exceptions.

FREEDOM TO LIVE IN A WELCOMING COUNTRY THAT VALUES DIGNITY AND HUMAN RIGHTS

Will you vote for candidates who...

- support the right to asylum and paths to citizenship, and prioritize integration?
- promote inclusive policies that support border communities rather than militarization?

The Catholic Church affirms that we all have a right to migrate to seek a safe and good life for ourselves and our families, and that nations have a moral imperative to welcome immigrants.

Notes from Fr. Nick

Making Moral Choices in an Election Year

Four years ago, I wrote to you about the Catholic Church's policy concerning elections. While the Church's position has not changed, this election seems more crucial than most when it comes to the direction our country will take. Our democratic process appears to be broken in many ways, and opportunists are taking advantage of its flaws for their own ends.

Many of us Californians may feel that our vote doesn't count this time since the election will likely be decided by a few votes in a small number of states. The situation has become so contentious that the outcome may be decided in the courts, rather than by the will of the majority. Yet I urge you not to give up on our system just yet. It will likely take good will and trust to repair the damage.

It will take our prayers as well as our democratic resolve to see us through these trying times. To this end, we will hold a Prayer Vigil for a Peaceful and Fair Election following the Mass on Monday, November 3rd. The Vigil will start at 6:15 pm.

The last several presidential elections have reached a new low in rhetoric. Some candidates have used lies and vulgar language. They have misrepresented the facts in their efforts to gain votes. Even some of our Church hierarchy has indulged in partisanship. In the face of this deliberate obfuscation and dirty tricks, how are we to decide for whom to vote?

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops provides some guidance for making informed choices by active Christians. We have sent you a copy of the document, *Faithful Citizenship*, as an attachment to the email blast, but I want to highlight here the portion that addresses your freedom to vote your conscience. This section is entitled "Making Moral Choices":

The US Bishops state, "Difficult political decisions require the exercise of a well-formed conscience aided by prudence."

They emphasize that a Catholic's conscience is properly formed when it "always opposes policies that violate human life or weaken its protection." Thus we are obliged to work for the correction of defective laws that diminish the value of human life, or even destroy it. Prudence demands that we choose the best approaches to restoring justice. Sometimes the best approach is open to discussion.

Regarding other social teachings the bishops state: "Prudential judgment is also needed to determine the best way to promote the common good in areas such as housing, health care and immigration.." Church teaching is less binding here than in areas that speak to the sanctity of life.

Faithful Citizenship does not tell Catholics for whom or for what they should vote. You are free to vote for a person with whom the Church may not agree on every issue, if you believe their overall position promotes our moral values better than another's. *Faithful Citizenship* is intended to help frame political issues in the context of the Church's moral teachings to give you a guide in making informed, prudential, moral choices. Another guide, prepared by the Catholic Social Justice Network, is found on page 3 of this Bulletin.

As we head to the polls or review our absentee ballots, it is important to clear away all the hype and vitriol that has besmirched the election process. We should get out our pens and take our responsibility seriously.

The Challenge of Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship
Part I of II: Our Call as Catholic Citizens
This brief document is Part I of a summary of the US bishops' reflection, *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship*, which complements the teaching of bishops in dioceses and states.

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"If indeed 'the just ordering of society and of the state is a central responsibility of politics,' the Church's concern and care not remain on the sidelines in the fight for justice."¹ So writes Pope Francis, quoting Pope Benedict XVI.

Our nation faces many political challenges that demand well-informed moral choices:

- The ongoing destruction of a million innocent human lives each year by abortion
- Physician-assisted suicide
- The devaluation of marriage
- The excessive consumption of material goods and the destruction of natural resources, harming the environment as well as the poor
- Deadly attacks on Christians and other religious minorities throughout the world
- Efforts to narrow the definition and exercise of religious freedom
- Economic policies that fail to prioritize the needs of poor people, at home and abroad
- A broken immigration system and a worldwide refugee crisis
- War, terror, and violence that threaten every aspect of human life and dignity.

As Catholics, we are part of a community with profound teachings that help us consider challenges in public life, contribute to greater justice and peace for all people, and evaluate policy positions, party platforms, and candidates' promises and actions in light of the Gospel in order to help build a better world.

Why Does the Church Teach About Issues Affecting Public Policy?
The Church's obligation to participate in shaping the moral character of society is a requirement of our faith, a part of the mission given to us by Jesus Christ. As people of both faith and reason, Catholics are called to bring faith to political life and to practice Christ's commandment to "love one another" (In 13:34).

The US Constitution protects the right of individual believers and religious bodies to reclaim and live out their faith without government interference, favoritism, or discrimination. Civil law should recognize and protect the Church's right and responsibility to participate in society without abandoning its moral convictions. Our nation's tradition of pluralism is enhanced, not threatened, when religious groups and people of faith bring their convictions into public life. The Catholic community brings to political dialogue a consistent moral framework and broad experience serving those in need.

Who in the Church Should Participate in Political Life?
In the Catholic tradition, responsible citizenship is a virtue, and participation in political life is a moral obligation. As Catholics, we should be guided more by our moral convictions than by our attachment to any political party or interest group. In today's environment, Catholics may feel politically disenfranchised, wanting that no party and few candidates fully share our comprehensive commitment to

human life and dignity. This should not discourage us. On the contrary, it makes our obligation to act all the more urgent. Catholics big women and men need to act on the Church's moral principles and become more involved: running for office, working within political parties, and communicating concrete to elected officials. Even those who cannot vote should raise their voices on matters that affect their lives and the common good. Faithful citizenship is an ongoing responsibility, not just an election year duty.

How Can Catholic Social Teaching Help Guide Our Participation?
In the words of Pope Francis, "progress in building a people in peace, justice and fraternity depends on four principles related to constant tensions present in every social reality. These derive from the pillars of the Church's social doctrine, which serve as 'primary and fundamental parameters of reference for interpreting and evaluating social phenomena.'"² The four principles include the dignity of the human person, the common good, subsidiarity, and solidarity. Taken together, these principles provide a moral framework for Catholic engagement in addressing what we have called a "consistent ethic of life" (Living the Gospel of Life, no. 22).

Rightly understood, this ethic does not treat all issues as morally equivalent; nor does it reduce Catholic teaching to one or two issues. It anchors the Catholic commitment to defend human life and other human rights, from conception until natural death, in the fundamental obligation to respect the dignity of every human being as a child of God.

Catholic voters should use Catholic teaching to examine candidates' positions on issues and should consider candidates' integrity, philosophy, and performance. It is important for all citizens "to see beyond party politics, to analyze campaign rhetoric critically, and to choose their political leaders according to principles, not party affiliation or mere self-interest" (USCCB, *Living the Gospel of Life*, no. 33). The following summary of the four principles highlights several themes of Catholic social teaching for special consideration: these include human rights and responsibilities, respect for work and the rights of workers, care for God's creation, and the preferential option for the poor and vulnerable.³

The Dignity of the Human Person
Human life is sacred because every person is created in the image and likeness of God. There is a rich and multifaceted Catholic teaching on human dignity transmitted in the Catechism of the Catholic Church, the Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church, and the *Principles of the Social Doctrine of the Church*. Every human being "must always be understood in its inseparable and inalienable essence... This entails above all the requirement not only of simple respect on the part of others, especially political and social institutions and their leaders with regard to every man and woman on the earth, but even more, this means that the primary commitment of each person towards others, and particularly of these same institutions, must be for the promotion and integral development of the person" (nos. 131). The Compendium continues, "It is necessary to 'consider every neighbor without exception

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The Kids' Bulletin

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time
November 3rd, 2024

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Mark 12:28-34

In today's Gospel reading, one of the scribes asks Jesus what the greatest commandment is.

What does Jesus say?

Use every second letter to fill in the blanks to find out!

The Greatest Commandment Puzzle

Use the words from the list to fill in the blanks and use the letters in boxes to fill in the blanks at the end.

One of the scribes came to Jesus and asked him, "Which is the first of all the commandments?"

Jesus replied, "The first is this:

Hear, O Israel! The Lord our God is alone! You shall the Lord your God with all your , all your soul, with all your , and with all your . The is this: You shall love neighbor as .

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What is the order of importance of those we must love?



ONE NAME TO REMEMBER
WHEN IT'S TIME TO
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