



St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Parish

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)

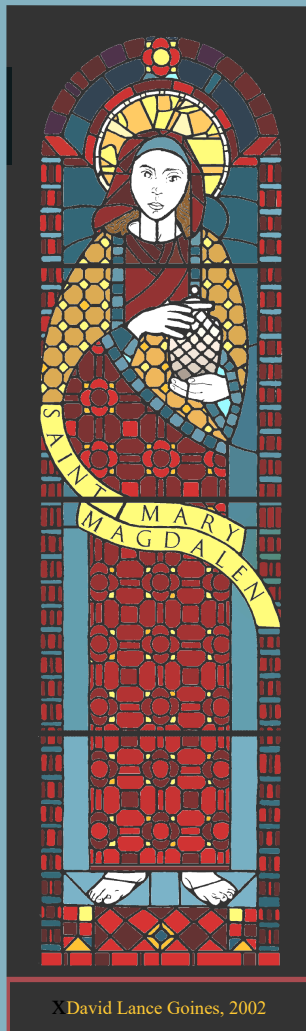
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BAPTISM: Classes take place at 5:30 pm on First Mondays; contact the office for more information.

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.

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C ~ February 23rd, 2025

Collections for the Week of February 16th, 2025

Sunday	Actual	Budget	Difference
02/16/2025	\$6,902.00	\$10,000.00	-\$3,098.00
Year-to-Date	\$54,062.55	\$70,000.00	-\$15,937.45

Remember the Widow's Mite.

This QR code leads to the Parish Donation page — use it to initiate a one-time payment or increase the amount you give to your parish every month.



tinyurl.com/SMM-Donations

Scripture Readings for the Week

23rd SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23 /

1 Corinthians 15:45-49 / Luke 6:27-38

24th Weekday

Sirach 1:1-10 / Mark 9:14-29

25th Weekday

Sirach 2:1-11 / Mark 9:30-37

26th Weekday

Sirach 4:11-19 / Mark 9:38-40

27th Weekday [St. Gregory of Narek, Abbot & Doctor]

Sirach 5:1-8 / Mark 9:41-50

28th Weekday

Sirach 6:5-17 / Mark 10:1-12

1st Weekday [Blessed Virgin Mary]

Sirach 17:1-15 / Mark 10:13-16

Mass Intentions



Saturday	5:30	Tom Harezlack RIP
Sunday	8:00	For the People of the Parish
	9:30	Mary Lee Lao RIP
	11:30	Intentions of Mary Irish Guerra
Monday	5:30	John Albertini RIP
Tuesday	8:30	David Sporer RIP
Wednesday	8:30	Intentions of Denis Field
	5:30	Intentions of Velma Richmond
Thursday	8:30	Patricia Glisson RIP
Friday	5:30	Intentions of Fr. Anthony Nwankwo
Saturday	8:30	Philip Maser RIP

Parish Calendar through March 2nd, 2025

February 21 Friday	Pray the Rosary for Peace in Ukraine & Gaza 3:00 pm, Church
February 21 Friday	CONCERT: Barefoot Chamber Ensemble 6:30 pm, Magdalen Hall
February 22/23 Weekend	Preacher at Weekend Masses: Fr. Titus 5:30 pm Saturday; 8:00/9:30/11:30 am Sunday
February 23 Sunday	Fourth Sunday Dinner for the Hungry Noon - 4:00 pm, Magdalen Hall
February 23 Sunday	CONCERT: Bach Cantata Collective 5:00 pm, Church <i>Including Singalong Choruses!</i>
Feb. 24 & 25 Mon. & Tues.	PARISH DIRECTORY PHOTOS (BY APPOINTMENT) Afternoon/Evening. <i>Contact parish office for info.</i>
February 25 Tuesday	Reflection on the Sunday Gospel <i>Zoom link:</i> 2:00 - 3:00 pm, tinyurl.com / SMM-GospelGroup
February 26 Wednesday	Meeting of SPRED Catechism 6:30 pm, Norton Hall
February 28 Friday	Reflection on the Sunday Gospel 9:15 am, Norton Hall. <i>(All are welcome to join!)</i>
March 1 Saturday	Liturgy Committee Meeting 10:00 am, Conference Room + Zoom
March 1 Saturday	MOVIE NIGHT: <i>Conclave</i> <i>(See p. 2 for details.)</i> 6:30 pm, Norton Hall. Discussion follows.
March 1/2 Weekend	Preacher at Weekend Masses: Fr. Wilson 5:30 pm Saturday; 8:00/9:30/11:30 am Sunday
March 2 Sunday	Girl Scout Cookie Sales — Troop 32694  10:30 am, parking lot. <i>(Penultimate chance to buy!)</i>

A Message from our Parish Peace & Justice Committee

On January 21st, the Inaugural Prayer Service at the National Cathedral in Washington, D.C., [featured a powerful sermon by Bishop Budde](#). Some members of the parish Peace & Justice Committee have responded to this momentous occasion by these words of thanks:

Dear Bishop Budde,

As a parishioner of St. Mary Magdalen Roman Catholic parish in Berkeley, California, I wanted to thank you for the excellent sermon you gave on January 21 at the National Cathedral. Your statement to our Nation of the Gospel call to compassion and mercy was inspirational, and a reminder that each of us is called to do whatever we can to affirm and embody the moral call to care for our brothers and sisters who are troubled or in need.

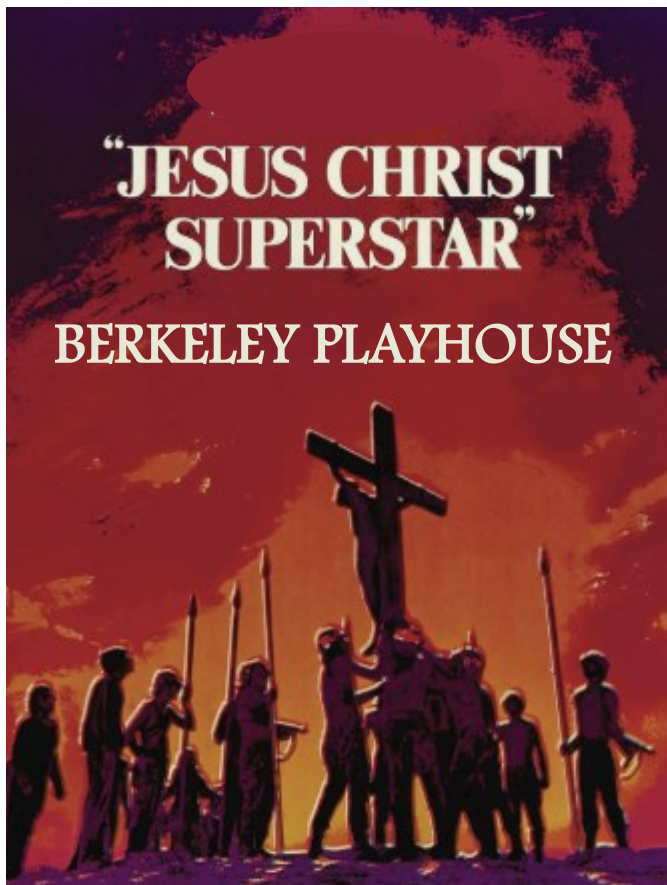
For those who also wish to send a message to the Bishop:

The Right Rev. Mariann Edgar Budde
Episcopal Church House
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MOVIE NIGHT ~ MARCH 1ST
6:30 PM ~ NORTON HALL

CONCLAVE CONCLAVE

NOMINATED FOR EIGHT ACADEMY AWARDS
SAVORY & SWEET TREATS ~ CLEAR SUBTITLES
DISCUSSION LED BY FR. NICK FOLLOWING THE FILM



“A LIVING DIRECTORY” ~ AFTERNOON OF DISCUSSION & FOOD

It's a fact universally acknowledged that parishioners (and pastors) use a church directory to learn who is who. **The REC Committee is creating a series of encounters we're calling a "living directory."** Based on the model established by the parish Men's Group, we'll gather around small tables to answer some questions, and then share our responses with the larger group.

The theme: *our identities* — familial, regional, ethnic, spiritual, national, gendered, religious....

The first gathering will take place after the 11:30 am Mass (~ **12:30 pm**) on **Sunday, March 16th**. Food and drink will be provided; salads & desserts are welcomed.

Questions / RSVP to bulletin@marymagdalen.org.

Parish Outing to the Berkeley Playhouse!

Thursday, March 20, at 7:00 pm.

Tickets are 25% off ~ purchase from the Parish Office by tomorrow (Monday, Feb. 24th).

The Four Quartets

My high school English teacher, Mrs. Holly, was a prophet! Her freshman English Literature classes were like liturgy. She exposed us to a depth and beauty of our language that remains with me more than fifty years later. Her tour de force was immersing us in the poetry of T.S. Eliot, and in particular, *The Four Quartets*. On account of Mrs. Holly, I would add these poems to the canon of Scripture if I could get away with it.

Thomas Sterns Eliot was born in the wrong city, state, and country. As an adult, this Kansas City boy corrected that error and moved to London, where he worked by day as a lowly bank clerk, but in his spare time became one of the greatest English poets of the 20th century.

In his early poems, including “The Love Song of J. Alfred Prufrock” and “The Wasteland,” Eliot critiqued the corrosive effects of modern culture on the human psyche and banality of middle-class society. In a sense these poems were a critique of the poet himself. Eliot lived in interwar England’s “Jazz Age,” and suffered a disastrous marriage. His poetry balanced a life of relative excess.

The Four Quartets are more hopeful, and personify a mature author. They span the years of World War II, a time when Eliot became a naturalized British subject and converted to Christianity. These poems explore spirituality, consciousness, and, above all, *time*: present and past, mortality and eternity. Although not always apparent, the poems are complexly metrical: each of the four poems is divided into five sections; they display a form similar to a symphony. In this way, their structure and symbolism interlock; time and eternity are united.

Eliot’s spirituality is apparent in the symbolism of these poems. Eucharistic themes show up in images like these lines from “East Coker,” the second of the *Four Quartets*:

*The dripping blood our only drink,
The bloody flesh our only food;
In spite of which we like to think
That we are sound, substantial flesh and blood—
Again, in spite of that, we call this Friday good.*

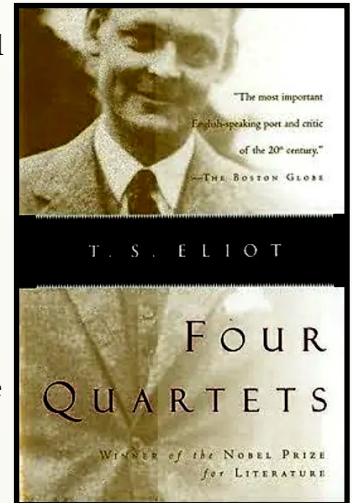
Yet spirituality also shows up in the poem’s structure. I have always been struck by the similar meters in the opening stanza of the first of the *Four Quartets*, “Burnt Norton,” and the prologue to Saint John’s Gospel:

*Time present and time past
Are both perhaps present in time future,
And time future in time past.
If All time is eternally present
All time is unredeemable.*

*In the beginning was the Word
And the Word was with God
And the Word was God
He was with God in the beginning
Not one thing had its being but through him.*

Although the meter isn’t exact, each passage shares a common rhythm. Moreover, they are both addressing matters of eternity. Throughout the poems of *The Four Quartets*, Eliot struggles with the imprecision of words, sometimes relying on the shape and sound of a word or passage to convey part of his idea. St. John seems to be getting at a similar theme, but addressing God as the “Word” strikes home with the meaning.

Volumes have been written on the significance of Eliot’s poetry and their spirituality. His work complements Scripture and theology by conveying the meaning of our relationship with God. Consider reading *The Four Quartets* on some rainy night beside your fireplace. My hope is that studying these poems will deepen your spirituality, as Mrs. Holly’s sharing of them did for me.



THIS IS YOUR LAST CHANCE...

... to get a professional photo in the *Parish Directory!*

This Monday & Tuesday, February 24th & 25th, from 2:00 pm to 8:30 pm. Contact Norah to register: 510.526.4811 x 111 or nhippolyte@marymagdalen.org



JustFaith Lenten Series

Would you like to enrich your Lent this year?

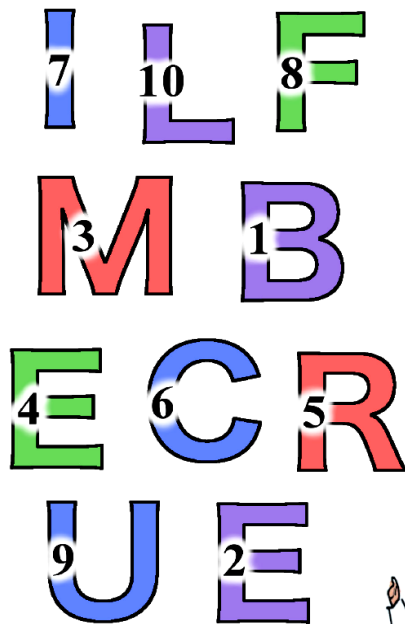
Parishioners who have engaged in small faith group discussions in the past have always found them spiritually rewarding. The **JustFaith Lenten Series** consists of **six one-hour sessions**, an **optional mini-retreat**, and **discussion questions** for an optional **post-Easter gathering**.

Are you interested? At present, we are planning an **in-person group** that would meet in the parish on Wednesday morning from 10:30 am to 11:30 am, and a **virtual group** that would meet over Zoom on Thursday mornings.

Please email Mary Hurd (mbhurd@comcast.net) or Maureen Wesolowski (mswesolowski@gmail.com), letting them know which day would work best with your schedule. **Groups will begin meeting the week of March 2nd, and finish before Holy Week.**

The Kids' Bulletin

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 23rd, 2025



What was Jesus telling us to do in today's Gospel reading? Use the numbers to help unscramble the letters!



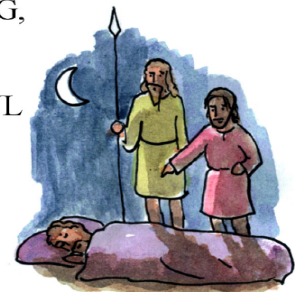
David and King Saul Word-Find

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E N V I O U S E F T O A
A G E T S N F O U N D W
G E D E E M R U L E R A
O I N S T E A D I E S Y

See if you can find all the words in **CAPITALS** in this story of David and King Saul.

Use the leftover letters to fill in the blanks at the end.

LONG AGO GOD chose SAUL to be the king of the ISRAELITES. Sometimes Saul WAS a good RULER and sometimes he wasn't. When David became a great WARRIOR the people STARTED to love HIM more than they LOVED King Saul. The king became ENVIOUS and wanted to kill DAVID, so he took his SOLDIERS and WENT HUNTING for him. But that night when the KING and his soldiers were SLEEPING, David FOUND them. He could have easily KILLED King Saul, but he CHOSE to be MERCIFUL INSTEAD. He went AWAY without HURTING Saul.



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