



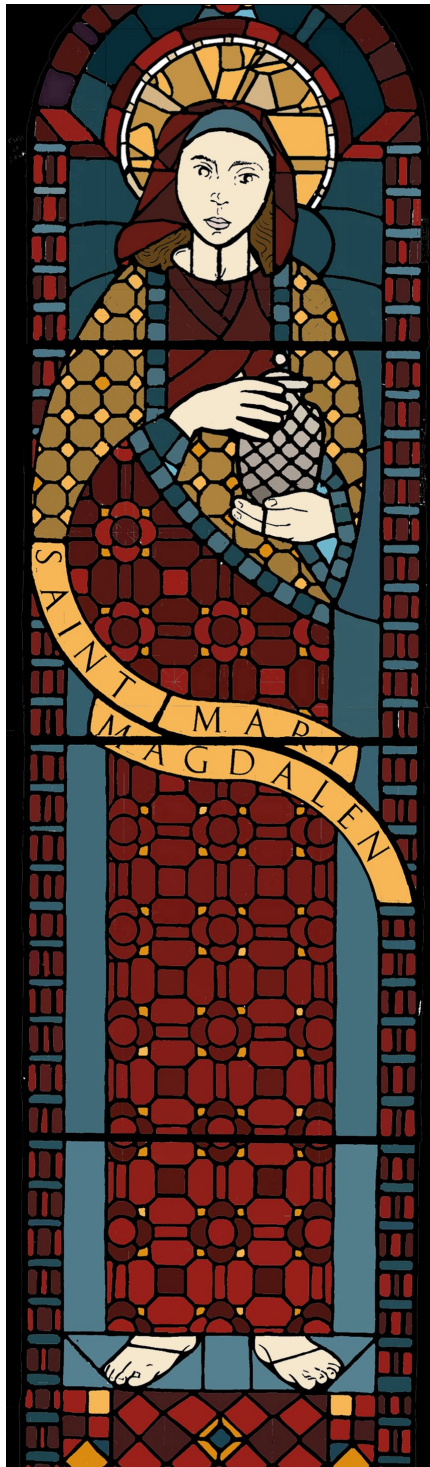
Saint Mary Magdalen Parish

2005 Berryman Street
Berkeley, California 94709

March 18, 2018

**5th Sunday of Lent
Year B**

“Together we share our faith in Jesus Christ.
We live the Gospel, and we care for others.”



DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

Monday - Saturday: **8:00 am**

Monday - Friday: **5:30 pm**

SUNDAY LITURGY

Saturday: **5:30 pm** Vigil Mass

Sunday: **8:00, 9:30 & 11:00 am**

LITURGY OF THE HOURS

Monday - Friday: **7:30 am & 5:15 pm**

Saturday: **7:30 am**

RECONCILIATION

Saturdays: **4:00 pm - 5:00 pm**

and by appointment

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Monday-Friday

9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Closed for Lunch:

Noon - 1:00 pm

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WELCOME TO OUR COMMUNITY.

We are delighted to have
all of you here,
especially our visitors!

All are welcome, and we
hope you will find our
parish a place where you
grow spiritually, put
faith into action, and
encounter

LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE
TOMORROW, MARCH 19th @ 7:30 pm
FR. NICK WANTS TO SEE US ALL THERE.

FINAL STATIONS OF THE CROSS

6:00 pm, Church

(FREE) LENTEN SOUP SUPPER

6:45 pm, Norton Hall (Details on page 6.)

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Calendar: March 2018

March 17 & 18	"EFT Weekend": Sign up for Electronic Donations in the Parish Office after Mass.
March 19 Monday	LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE 7:00 pm, Church
March 20 & 27	RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) Tuesdays at 7:00 pm, Norton Hall
March 21 Wednesday	SPRED [Special Religious Education] Wednesdays at 6:00 pm, Norton Hall
March 22 Thursday	Spring 'Senior' Luncheon with Fr. Nick Noon, Parish Hall <i>All are welcome!</i>
March 22 Thursday	Lecture by Fr. Hilary Martin, O.P. 7:00 pm, Norton Hall
March 23 Friday	STATIONS OF THE CROSS + SOUP SUPPER 6:00 pm, Church; 6:45 pm Norton Hall
March 24 Saturday	CONCERT: "Tenebrae Lessons" 8:00 pm, Church. <i>Schola Magdalen.</i>
March 25 Sunday	PALM SUNDAY Masses: 8:00 am, 9:30 am, 11:30 am
March 25 Sunday	4th Sunday Dinner for the Poor 12:00 (set up); 3:00 pm (dinner), Parish Hall
March 29, 30 & 31	TENEBRAE SERVICES Thursday/Friday/Saturday: 9:00 am, Church
March 29 Thursday	Mass of the Lord's Supper (Holy Thursday) 7:30 pm, Church
March 29 Thursday	Adoration at the Altar of Repose 8:30 pm—Midnight, Norton Hall
March 30 Friday	The 'Three Hours': Noon—2:15 pm, Church Passion of the Lord: 7:30 pm, Church
March 31 Saturday	Easter Vigil 8:00 pm (Easter Fire Lighting on Berryman Plaza)
April 1st Sunday	EASTER SUNDAY Masses: 8:00 am, 9:30 am, 11:30 am
April 1st Sunday	1st Sunday Dinner for the Poor 12:00 (set up); 3:00 pm (dinner), Parish Hall



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The Parish Calendar, already on the Parish website, is also available on our Facebook page.

Find our page by typing our name in the search engine:



The URL: facebook.com/SaintMaryMagdalenParish

5th Sunday of Lent ~ March 18, 2018

LAST WEEK'S DONATIONS

Sunday, March 11th + EFT	\$8,047.61
Sunday Donations	\$4,721.61
Food for the Poor	\$95.00
School of the Madeleine	\$30.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$3.00
Mexicali Mission Support	\$631.00
EFT Donations—03/05-03/09:	\$2,567.00
Sunday Donations	\$2,260.00
Capital Repair & Improvements	\$20.00
Bishop's Annual Appeal	\$27.00
Food for the Poor	\$125.00
Mexicali Mission Support	\$10.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$55.00
Refugee Aid	\$5.00
School of the Madeleine	\$65.00

2018 Bishop's Appeal: A Solid Start!



The first report issued by the Diocese shows that **we have already donated nearly 1/4** of the goal Bishop Barber assigned to our parish: **\$27,700**. The details:

- 7 donors, **\$2,350.00** in outright gifts
- 6 donors, **\$3,900.00** in pledges

Appeal envelopes are in the pews, but you may also donate directly to the Diocese online at tinyurl.com/BishopsAppeal.

Or you may make a one-time or periodic EFT donations on our own site: marymagdalen.org/donate.

THIS IS 'EFT WEEKEND'

Thanks to all of you who are donating electronically, **our donations have dramatically increased**. However, we still need about \$1000 more per week to cover operating expenses; you can help by visiting our [donation website](#).

For those who haven't yet signed up for EFT (electronic donations), you may sign up after Mass today in the parish office.

(If you cannot stay after Mass, you may call Norah Hippolyte at the Parish Office during the week, or click on marymagdalen.org/donate.)

MORE GOOD FINANCIAL NEWS

Our Business Manager, **Norah Hippolyte**, has announced that the parish has just received another \$1,665.56 as a 'rebate' from the Diocesan-wide Capital Campaign to which many of you contributed in 2015. This amount represents our 25% share of donations from 10/01-12/31/2017.

In total, the Diocese has returned \$37,375.92 to St. Mary Magdalen as 'overage' from the Capital Campaign of 2015. These funds are greatly appreciated, because we had recently borrowed \$30,365.00 from the Building Fund in order to pay two Diocesan quarterly assessments that had been in arrears since 2016. *Your continued generosity made this happen*, and Fr. Nick and the Parish Finance Council are very grateful.

Mass Intentions

Saturday	5:30	Patricia Ames RIP
Sunday	8:00	For the people of the parish
	9:30	Christine Ndzefer Ngwane RIP
	11:00	Jessie Reilly RIP
Monday	8:00	Intentions of Fr. Richard Kingsley
	5:30	Intentions of Fr. Joseph Sergott, OP
Tuesday	8:00	Intentions of Carol Carman
Wednesday	8:00	Intentions of Fr. Laurent Okitakatshi
	5:30	Intentions of Benjamin Grycz
Thursday	8:00	Intentions of the Curtis Family
	5:30	Joseph C. McWalters, Sr. RIP

Fr. Martin de Porres Walsh, O.P., our preacher at all last weekend's Masses, was too modest to ask for donations directly, but *if you would like to help support our sister parish in Mexicali*, here are two easy methods:

- (1) Drop a check in the collection plate with "Mexicali Mission" on the memo line; or
- (2) Go to our own site — marymagdalen.org/donate — and select Mexicali Mission Support. Several parishioners make small monthly donations, which add up nicely over time.

Notes from Fr. Nick

Symbols: Their Meaning and Power

[Editor's Note: Fr. Nick has composed a special Pastor's Column this week in order to convey the meaning of various symbols in the liturgy. It is being published as a 2-page insert into the Bulletin. Fr. Nick would like for you to read it in its entirety. Highlights are below.]

Symbols are incredibly powerful. Yet they are ubiquitous, and their pervasiveness often obscures their power. In his book, *How to Understand the Liturgy*, Jean Lebon writes: "Pure intelligence gives us access to only one part of reality. *The poet, the artist, the mystic, take other ways and can claim to grasp a reality which is much broader, much higher or much deeper, which cannot be quantified and which is difficult to understand.*" Critical thinking, the scientific method and the binary language of computers have completely transformed our lives and brought about much good, but they also devalue the importance of what cannot be measured or verified. If data reign supreme, then the symbolic world may seem superfluous....

Life is sustained by **water**, but water can also deal death. The first months of our lives are spent in the water of our mother's womb; our body's organs are flushed with water, cleaning them of impurities; we bathe in and drink water to cleanse and refresh.... This is why the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults sees immersion in a baptismal pool as the normal way people are to be baptized, but it recognizes that full expression of the symbol isn't always possible....

The trouble comes when we descend from the ideal out of convenience, or worse, squeamishness over the symbol's power. *Sprinkling as a method of baptism is acceptable when water is truly scarce, but is inappropriate when it's simply a matter of expediency.* If you decline to descend into a pool because you're uncomfortable with death and resurrection, then you're missing out on the full experience of the sacrament. We need to embrace the untidiness of this sacrament. This Easter, as in the past, we will pour water over the heads of our baptismal candidates, but I want to revisit this symbol in the future....

In the Church, **chrism is used in baptism, confirmation and ordination.** It was also used for the coronation of kings and queens. In each of these rites chrism indicates the receiver is being set aside for sacred duty....

Bread and wine were the most basic elements in Jesus' culture; they thus became the locus of Christian feasting. *Eucharist actualizes the social nature of our religion and affirms our concern for the basic needs for life....* Receiving the host placed on one's tongue—in the manner we might receive medicine—is not how we dine, and it lessens the value of the symbol... Granted, both reception on the tongue and foregoing the cup are approved options, but they step back from the symbolic act of eating and drinking together.



Fr. Martin de Porres Walsh, O.P., Director of the Dominican Mission Foundation, preached at all the Masses last weekend, and discussed the situation in our sister parish in Mexicali, where he lives, as well as other countries where the Foundation is active. Here he proclaimed the Gospel at the 9:30 am Mass.



The Second Scrutiny was performed by our Elect and Candidates at the 9:30 am Mass: Facing Fr. Martin from left: **Marcell Vazquez-Chanlatte, Sarah Mills, Rose Ellis, Heather Bartow, and James Kliegel.**

[Absent: **Grant Nakamura and Mandy Billinge**]

Parish News

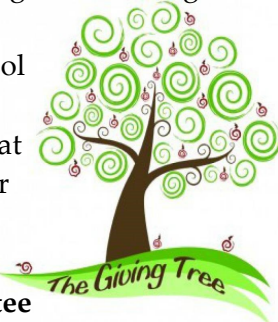
RECONCILIATION SERVICE TOMORROW EVENING:

**Monday, March 19th
7:00 pm in the Church**

Fr. Nick is strongly encouraging *all* parishioners and school parents to attend the Lenten Penance Service tomorrow night. It promises to be a beautiful ceremony. There will be a short presentation by teen confirmandi, live music, and six priests will be stationed around the church to enable you to “set right with God.”

Lenten Giving Tree

Palm Sunday is fast approaching. Please bring one of the household items from our Lenten Giving Tree to the School basement (ECP area) on **Palm Sunday, March 25**. To find what is needed, select a tag from our Giving Tree. We are working with the Oakland Office of the **International Rescue Committee** (IRC) to box and deliver the items urgently needed by recently-arrived refugee families in order to set up their apartments and begin their new lives here in Alameda County.



Seder Dinner Postponed

Due to its contiguity with Easter, the Seder Dinner has been postponed until next year. We look forward to an exciting service led by Mike Cassidy in 2019!

STEINBECK

Travels
with
Charley
IN SEARCH OF AMERICA



Next Book Group Meeting: Saturday, April 28th

After some heavy reading over the past few months, the Book Group has chosen a light classic from the past: John Steinbeck's *Travels with Charley: In Search of America*. We'll meet to discuss it on Saturday, April 28th, at **10:00 am** in the **Parish Conference Room**.

Social Justice Notes

March For Our Lives, Saturday, March 24 in Oakland (10:00 am) and Richmond (11:00 am)
Join the growing youth movement demanding common-sense reforms to end gun violence on March 24. Show up at one of ten local marches (668 world-wide!) to support our children who say “enough is enough.” Details on locales and how to participate at marchforourlives.com.

Informational Event on March 25th :
“*Current Threats to Immigrants*”, 1:00-4:00 pm at Beth El Social Hall. Facebook Event: [facebook.com/events/274075349794755/](https://www.facebook.com/events/274075349794755/)
RSVP to immigrationworkshop2018@gmail.com

Protest from home – Support *Community Initiatives for Visiting Immigrants in Confinement (CIVIC)*, which had its visitation rights revoked by Contra Costa Sheriff David Livingston on March 5th. *CIVIC* is often the only link between immigrant detainees and their families, community and legal resources. The Sheriff's action further isolates our immigrant community and obscures detention practices from the public. Sign the petitions protesting his order at tinyurl.com/SheriffPetition

“**Every human person is sacred across all borders**”
Saturday April 7, 11:00 am-12:00pm: Attend the next Interfaith Vigil at West County Detention Center (5555 Giant Highway, Richmond). Stand in solidarity with immigrant detainees held by Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) at this facility. This will be a Passover Seder Vigil.

Learn more about **Interfaith Movement for Human Integrity**, a vital organization supporting immigrants as they face uncertainty and legal threats to their lives, at www.im4humanintegrity.org.

Bicycles Wanted Again!

Bikes are requested for recent refugees who are in need of a cheap, reliable form of transportation. If you have a bicycle available for donation, please phone **Monica Grycz** at **526-0637**. Helmets and bicycle locks would be appreciated.!

SENIOR SPRING LUNCHEON

This Thursday, March 22nd

Noon in the Parish Hall



If you have not had time to register for Fr. Nick's luncheon, you may call the parish office during the week, or sign up with Carolyn during Coffee Hour this morning.

Are You Sensitive to Incense?

Incense has been a part of Catholic liturgy for millennia; the Church uses it a symbol of sanctification and purification. However, if you are allergic to incense, Fr. Nick is concerned about you. He has, therefore, designated a SMOKELESS MASS on **Easter Sunday: the 9:30 am Mass.**

Incense lovers should come to the 8:00 am and 11:30 am Masses! [Please note that incense will be used on Holy Thursday and at the Easter Vigil Mass.]

LAST CHANCE FOR STATIONS OF THE CROSS + SOUP SUPPERS



After the 5:30 pm Mass this Sunday, **March 23rd**, the **TEEN CONFIRMANDI** will lead the final **Stations of the Cross**, followed by a free **Soup Supper**.

Please come and join us in prayer in the Church, and fellowship in Norton Hall.

Combined Parish + School Picnic! Sunday, August 26th Noon-5:00 pm in Live Oak Park

Parish picnics were a great success in his previous assignments, and so Fr. Nick wants to initiate our parish in an annual tradition of a picnic to start off the school year. The first planning meeting was held last week. The School Parents' Association will supply drinks and the main dish; parishioners will bring side dishes. Musicians will play, and activities will be organized for children *and* adults (including a raffle!). There will be no fee to attend.

Sacred Concert:

COUPERIN'S LESSONS OF TENEBRAE

Saturday March 24th at 8:00 pm in the Church

Luciana Miranda, soprano, and Andy Canepa, harpsichord, will join with other musicians to perform

Francois Couperin's exquisite musical setting of the hauntingly beautiful **Tenebrae Lessons.**

General admission: \$20
Students/Seniors \$15
Children under 18 are free.

brownpapertickets.com/event/3359637



Longtime SMM Sunday Dinners volunteer

Sr. Barbara Green, O.P.

Professor of Biblical Studies, DSPT will lecture on **Wednesday, April 4th.**

Graduate Theological Union
2400 Ridge Road, Berkeley

Reception 6:30 pm ~ Lecture 7:00 pm



"Can We Do That?"

Reading Sacred Texts As They Read Us"

"Our eyes and ears do not perceive quite the same world as did the authors of ancient texts.

*How do our capacities to read this material help or hinder us?
How is that deep texts may prompt compassion in us?"*

SPIRITUALITY OF CREATIVITY

Father Arthur Poulin

Father Poulin is a Camaldolese monk, priest, and artist living at Incarnation Monastery, Berkeley, California. He holds a degree in fine arts from Loyola University.

"Art offers a silent invitation to enter into a mysterious, non-verbal interior world and landscape that exists within each of us. My presentation offers people *vision, joy, hope and comfort* in confusing and challenging times. I am always inspired by the words of Dostoyevsky: *'Beauty will save the world.'*"



Saturday, April 14th, from 9:00 - 11:30 am
RSVP by April 9, 2018 at bit.ly/2018_FrPoulin
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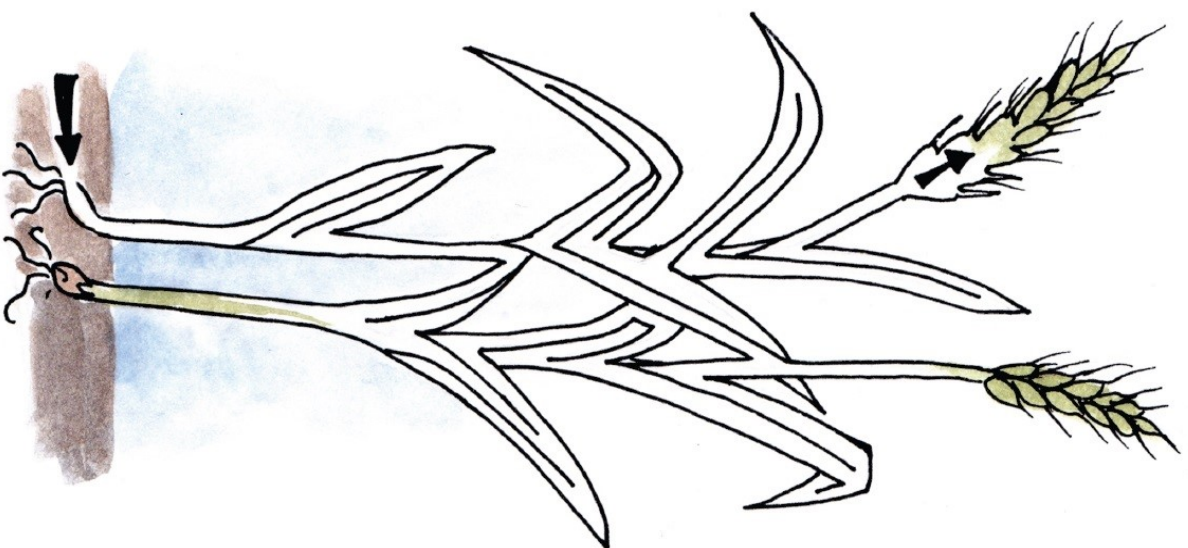
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The Kids' Bulletin

Fifth Sunday of Lent

March 18, 2018



In today's

Gospel reading

Jesus says,

"Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit.

Can you find your way from this grain of wheat to the new seeds at the top?

thekidsbulletin.wordpress.com

Psalm 51 Word-Find

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

See if you can find the words from today's Psalm that are in CAPITALS in the puzzle!

The leftover letters tell what the author of the Psalm was asking God for!

Have MERCY on me, O GOD,
in your GOODNESS;
in the GREATNESS of your COMPASSION
wipe OUT my OFFENCE.
THOROUGHLY WASH me from MY GUILT
and of my SIN CLEANSE me.

A clean HEART CREATE for me, O God,
and a STEADFAST spirit RENEW within me.
CAST me not out from your PRESENCE,
and your Holy Spirit TAKE not from me.
