

September 30th, 2018 | 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

St. Mary Magdalen

Catholic Parish



Blessing of the Animals ~ Next Weekend!

Rev. Nicholas Glisson, Pastor. His Excellency, Michael Barber, SJ, Bishop — Diocese of Oakland

SUNDAY MASSES

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

DAILY MASSES

Monday — Saturday 8:00 am
Monday — Friday 5:30 pm

LITURGY OF THE HOURS

Monday — Saturday 7:30 am
Monday — Friday 5:15 pm

ROSARY

Monday — Saturday 8:30 am

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday 4:00 pm
(and by appointment)

OFFICE HOURS

Monday — Friday
9:00 am — 5:00 pm
Closed for Lunch: Noon-1:00 pm
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*"Together we share our
Faith in Jesus Christ."*

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

BAPTISM:

Preparation classes take place at 5:30 pm on the first Monday of the month.
Please call the parish office for more information.

CONFIRMATION: Classes take place semi-weekly in the convent after the 9:30 am Mass,

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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Parish Calendar: September & October

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| Sept. 29 & 30 | Anointing of the Sick at all Masses [The anointing takes place every 5 th Sunday] |
| Sept. 30 Sunday | Confirmation Class: Second Meeting 10:45 am, Convent. Register at parish office. |
| Oct. 1 Monday | Meeting of St. Vincent de Paul Conference 7:15 pm, Norton Hall |
| Oct. 2, 9 16, 23, 30 | RCIA Class (Inquiring about the Faith) 7:00-9:00 pm, Norton Hall |
| Oct. 3, 10 17, 24 | SPRED (Special Religious Education) 6:00-9:00 pm in Norton Hall |
| Oct. 4, 11 & 25 | Faith Studies: The Creed Thursdays at 7:00 pm, Norton Hall |
| Oct. 6 & 7 Weekend | Collection for Berkeley Food Pantry Leave your donations in either vestibule |
| Oct. 6 & 7 Weekend | Blessing of the Animals (See page 4.) Bring your pets to Mass! |
| October 7 Sunday | 1st Sunday Dinner for the Poor 12:00 (set up); 3:00 pm (dinner), Parish Hall |
| October 8 Monday | Columbus/Indigenous People's Day PARISH OFFICE CLOSED |
| October 12 Friday | Refugee Aid Committee (See page 5.) 4:00-5:00 pm, Conference Room |
| October 12 Friday | Fr. Hilary Martin, O.P. Lecture & Discussion 7:30—8:30 pm, Norton Hall. (See page 5.) |
| October 20 Saturday | School of the Madeleine FALL FESTIVAL 11:00 am—3:00 pm, Parish & Norton Halls |
| Oct. 20 & 21 Weekend | CONCERT: Elegant French Baroque Trios 8:00 pm Saturday & 1:00 pm Sunday |
| Oct. 28 Sunday | 4th Sunday Dinner for the Poor 12:00 (set up); 3:00 pm (dinner), Parish Hall |

RCIA Classes Are Starting!



Are you interested in becoming a Roman Catholic?
 Or are you a 'cradle Catholic' who has never been
 confirmed? Consider joining our RCIA (*Rite of Christian
 Initiation of Adults*) class, which takes place on **Tuesday**.
 It began last week and will continue to meet every Tues-
 day from **7:00 to 9:00 p.m.** in **Norton Hall** until June.
 Please contact RCIA leader **Jonathan Harmon, S.J.**, at
rcia@marymagdalen.org or 526-4811 x 129. (Or fill
 out this form: marymagdalen.org/rcia-page-builder.)

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Weekly Collection: September 16th–23rd

| Sunday Plate + EFT | Actual | Budget | Difference |
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| 09/23/2018 | \$7,151.31 | \$8,255.00 | -\$1,103.69 |
| Year-to-Date: | \$314,011.28 | \$326,435.00 | -\$12,423.72 |

Our parish is very busy and we operate on a very tight budget. If you were away for the summer and did not contribute, please consider making a catch-up donation. Thank you.

Berkeley Food Pantry Collection Pickup Next Weekend

Please Bring One or More of the Following Items to the Vestibules **NEXT WEEKEND**

- Canned **tuna** — low-sodium & low-fat
- **Peanut butter** (in plastic jars only)
- **Breakfast cereal** — low-sugar
- Canned **soups & beans** — low-sodium
- **Healthy snack foods** for kids — low-sugar nutrition bars and dried fruit
- **Gluten-free grains & pasta; Brown rice**
- **Non-dairy milk**—soy, almond, oat (shelf-stable)
- **Condiments**—ketchup, mustard, salad dressing, & mayonnaise (in plastic jars only)
- **Seasonings** (salt, pepper, herbs, spices), *in plastic*
- **Cooking oil**, *in plastic*
- **Teabags**—in boxes
- **Meal replacements**
- **Toiletries**—toothbrushes, toothpaste, shampoo, soap, deodorant, feminine hygiene products, etc.

Special Collection for St. Vincent de Paul at this Weekend's Masses.

Dr. Troy Kaji, a member of our Conference of St. Vincent de Paul, shared a Thank-You Card from the 'backstretch workers' at Golden Gate Fields, who received 20 hams through donations we made to St. Vincent de Paul. Here's what they wrote (translated):

"To Our Friends at St Mary Magdalen & St Vincent de Paul: Thank you very much. Very nice of you to do this. Thank you for the help because we need it. May God give you more. Many thanks. —Javier Ortiz. Thank you for helping us with the hams. Many people who work here are very grateful for your having helped us. Many thanks. —Maria Antonia Ruiz. I want to thank you for giving us these delicious HAMS. God be with you and bless you and give you more for us. Everybody likes them. With all our hearts we thank you. We are appreciative from our hearts. The people are very happy. We hope you don't forget or abandon us. —Mario Benitez. Thank you! God bless you for helping us. The ham gave our large family a very nice dinner. Many Thanks! — Sebastiano Antonia.



Please give generously this weekend, or online.

Mass Intentions

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| Saturday | 5:30 | For the People of the Parish |
| Sunday | 8:00 | Sybil B. Hippolyte RIP |
| | 11:00 | William Healy RIP |
| Monday | 8:00 | Intentions of Br. José Maria |
| | 5:30 | Ramon Ramirez RIP |
| Tuesday | 8:00 | Intentions of Chet Grycz |
| | 5:30 | Intentions of Br. Antony Augustine Cherian, OP |
| Wednesday | 8:00 | Wallis Curtis RIP |
| | 5:30 | Intentions of Roberto Rodrigo |
| Thursday | 8:00 | José Luis Guzman RIP |
| | 5:30 | Maryann Skowronski RIP |
| Friday | 8:00 | Intentions of Br. Francis Dominic |
| | 5:30 | Maryann Skowronski RIP |

Senior Luncheon

Thursday, October 11th at Noon

At Noon on Thursday, October 11th, 2018, Fr. Nick will hold the 4th in a continuing series of quarterly potluck luncheons in the Parish Hall. While intended for 'seniors', Fr. Nick invites all who wish to participate.

We will welcome any potluck dish that you would like to bring, but please let us know in advance, so that we can better plan the meal.

Please call or email the parish office to register, sign up with Carolyn during Coffee Hour, or fill out the online form: marymagdalen.org/fall

St. Francis of Assisi—the Pope's Patron

This coming Thursday, October 4th, is the Feast of Saint Francis. One doesn't have to be Catholic—or even Christian—to be aware of the example Saint Francis set. Saint Francis' call for radical poverty and harmony of all God's creation reminded people that God's kingdom would not be found in wealth or power, but in kindness, humility, and care for creation.

If there is a problem with Saint Francis' spirituality, it is that we are not all able to live it fully. Personal temperament, family responsibilities, and the way our world is organized make it difficult to live Franciscan spirituality to the full outside a monastery. Even the Franciscans themselves find it challenging. The best most of us can do is get as close to the ideal as possible. We do this by actively giving to those in need, caring for our environment and recognizing we are not the masters of our world.

When Cardinal Jorge Bergoglio assumed the name "Francis" as Pope, his choice was a shocking statement about how he saw his papacy. Apparently other popes toyed with the idea of being called Francis, but they felt Saint Francis' example was so

extreme they might be criticized when they couldn't meet it.

I doubt that our current pope has any illusions about

matching the saint's sanctity, but he also feels we should challenge ourselves to be the best.

The Pope's choice of Francis is a clear statement of how he sees his ministry: Early in his papacy he said that he would not judge gays and lesbians. He scandalized the establishment by washing the feet of women, Muslims, and people with AIDS. His statement on the environment tied morality and spirituality to protecting God's creation. Even the secular world is taking notice. This is what evangelization means in the 21st century!

As we celebrate Francis' feast, we are ready to take up the saint's and the Pope's challenge. Are we ready to look for practical solutions to the problems around us? Can we engage in debate with people of different mindsets and lifestyles with an openness and kindness toward them?

Can we be challenged by a goal we know we won't fully attain in this life? This is what Saint Francis and Pope Francis are calling us to do. Let's raise our personal expectations, reorganize our priorities, and treat others—and ourselves—a little more humanely.

We're moving the traditional blessing of animals from Thursday to next weekend's Masses.

Last year the blessing was an unqualified success. The animals behaved themselves during Mass, and we had the wonderful opportunity to praise God in the company

of some of his most splendid creations. Your pets are welcome inside during Mass, and the blessings will occur on Berryman Plaza afterwards. We'll provide water and treats for your pets, and clean up any messes that should occur.

We also invite you to encourage your neighbors to bring their animals to be blessed, even if they don't attend Mass with us. It's a chance to share our faith with other people and their pets.



Parish News

**Fr. Hilary Martin, O.P. to Lecture at
7:30 p.m. on Friday, October 12th**

**Who Has the Right to Land? Who Has a Right
To Move Onto Someone Else's Land?**

A longtime priest-in-residence here (and DSPT Professor Emeritus), Fr. Hilary's talks are always scintillating. Next month he'll discuss land from the context he observed while serving in Aus-



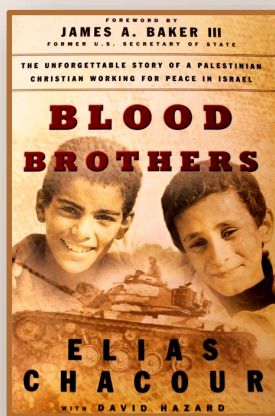
tralia: *"Aboriginal people do not own the land — the land owns them."* Fr. Hilary will compare this perspective to those of St. Thomas Aquinas and other theologians, as well as the Islamic precept that *"The land belongs to those who work the land."* Join us in **Norton Hall** for an eye-opening discussion!

**Please Keep These Fellow
Parishioners in Your Prayers:**

*Christina Lipson
Dolores Opet*



**Next Meeting of the Parish Book Group:
Saturday, November 10th
Blood Brothers by Elias Chacour**



Thrice nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize, **Elias Chacour** is the first Palestinian to become a bishop of the Catholic Church, and is the Archbishop of Northern Israel, whose territory includes the land of Jesus' birth (and his own).

We will discuss his memoir, *Blood Brothers*, at **10:00 am** on **Saturday, November 10th**, in the rectory Conference Room. Buy or check out *Blood Brothers* from a nearby library, and join us in the parish office this Saturday morning for what we hope to be a profound discussion.

Social Justice Notes

Save These Dates and Times!

Saturday, October 13th, 9:30 am-Noon: The youngest of **Dorothy Day's** grandchildren, **Kate Hennessy**, will talk about her grandmother's extraordinary life and the Catholic Worker movement at the Motherhouse of the Dominican Sisters of Mission San Jose. R.S.V.P. at bit.ly/2018Kate_Hennessy or call **510-933-6360**.

Social Justice member **Laura Morland** plans to attend and has offered a ride to anyone who would like to go with her. Contact her at LMorland@gmail.com, or leave a message for her at 526-4811 x 118.

Saturday October 13th, 7:00 pm: The Social Justice Council of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley, 1 Lawson Road, Kensington, will present a free screening of *Human Flow*, a film by **Ai Weiwei**. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. for art-making, story telling and refreshments. Tickets required for this free event. Go to humanflowuucb.eventbrite.com.

UPDATE ON WELCOMING THE STRANGER

On September 18th, the Administration slashed the number of refugees it will permit into the United States to 30,000 during fiscal year 2019 (which begins tomorrow, October 1st), down from 45,000 the previous year. However, according to State Department records, only 20,918 refugees were granted admission this past year while in 2016, the last full year of the Obama Administration, the U.S. welcomed nearly 85,000 refugees. Around the world, our allies and global humanitarian groups are critical of the United States' abandonment of people fleeing violence and persecution. According to **Ryan Mace** of **Amnesty International**, *"This is the lowest goal in the history of the program, and compounded by this administration's history of creating roadblock after roadblock for refugees to arrive, this is clearly as an all-out attack against our country's ability to resettle refugees, both now and in the future."*

Worldwide, according to the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees, some 25.4 million people sought refuge last year, with many more people internally displaced within their home countries. Most aid groups and governments advocate resettlement as a last resort, preferring to allow refugees to return to their homes if conditions improve, rather than permanently moving to another country. Yet each day we read of terrible ordeals faced by millions. The U.S. is only intending to provide safety to 30,000 — if that. [See this space for more updates.]

Blessing of the Animals

After all Masses: October 6th & 7th



The 2018 Catholic Campaign for Human Development Grant Awards Luncheon will be held Oct. 5th, 12:00 to 2:00 p.m. at St. Columba Parish Hall, 6401 San Pablo

Avenue. On behalf of the anti-poverty program of the U.S. Catholic bishops, **Bishop Barber** will present CCHD grants to nonprofits doing community organizing or economic development projects with low-income people to improve their lives and to build a more just community. The guest speaker will be attorney **Ali Saidi**, Deputy Public Defender for immigrants in Contra Costa County. **Emma Paulino**, a longtime organizer with Oakland Community Organizations (OCO) will be honored for her service to the community. Please register for this free event by contacting Marc McKimmey at 510-768-3176 or mmckimmey@cceb.org.

BLUE MASS

The annual Blue Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Barber on Sunday, October 7th, at 10:00 a.m. at the Cathedral of Christ the Light. All are welcome, but especially public servants, such as first responders.

School Corner

News from the [School of the Madeleine](#)

Save These Upcoming Dates!



- **School Tour:** Friday, Nov. 2, 8:00 - 9:30 am
- **School Tour:** Friday, Dec. 7, 8:00 - 9:30 am
- **Open House:** Sunday, Jan. 27, 11:00 am-12:30 pm
- **Priority Application Deadline:** Friday, Feb 1st

Principal Nagel writes: "My hope is that all parish families will consider the Madeleine for their children's education. I hope also that parishioners will reach out to friends and families that they feel would contribute to and benefit from a Catholic education, and let them know what the School of the Madeleine has to offer."



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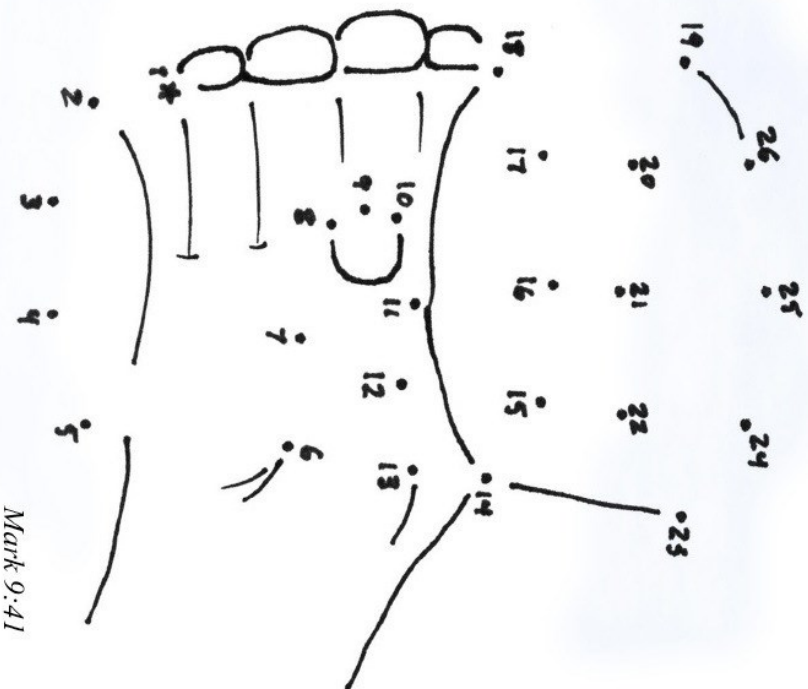
Join Maryknoll Fathers and Brothers for a Mission-

ary Discipleship Formation on October 6th to 7th, 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Maryknoll Center in Los Altos. This program provides ministers and educators the knowledge, skills, and resources to better help their communities go forth as agents of encounter and positive Christian change.

Donation is \$40 for Saturday only, \$60 for both days, and \$95 both days with housing Saturday night. Contact Carolyn at 650.386.4440 or visit conta.cc/2NfZIMk for more information.

The Kids' Bulletin

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Mark 9:41

What is it?

Connect the dots to find out!

Jesus says in today's Gospel reading that anyone who gives one to someone for His sake will receive their just reward.

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Guardian Angels



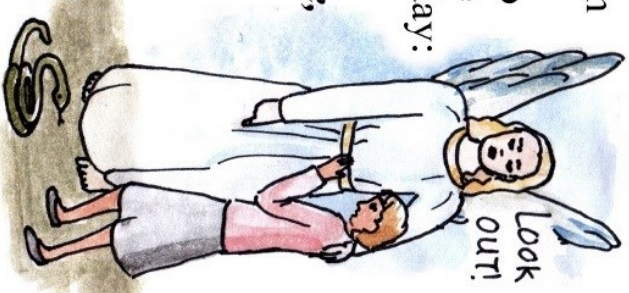
On October 2nd we celebrate the feast of the Guardian Angels. Did you know that God has an angel specially looking after you? God gave you a guardian angel to help guard you against temptation and danger.

Angels are pure spirits. Even though we draw them like men with wings, they don't have bodies, so they don't take up space or move around. They can see and understand much more than we can, and they know God much better than we do, too. They are very powerful and can help us very much.

We should try to talk to our Guardian Angel every day. Thank your angel for looking after you, and ask him to keep protecting you from evil. Here is a good prayer you can say every day:

*Angel of God, my guardian dear,
to whom God's love commits me here,
Ever this day be at my side
to light, to guard, to rule and guide.
From sinful state O keep me free,
and at death's hour my helper be.*

Amen.



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