

March 10<sup>th</sup> 2019 | 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent, Year C

# St. Mary Magdalen

## Catholic Parish



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  
Phone: 510-526-4811  
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### WEBSITE

marymagdalen.org



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

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

### BAPTISM:

Preparation classes take place on the first Monday of the month.  
Please call the parish office for more information.

**CONFIRMATION:** Classes take place semi-monthly 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 8th Sunday Mass, and by appointment.

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## Parish Calendar: March 2019

March 11, 18, 25	<b>Exposition &amp; Adoration (Holy Hour)</b> Mondays of Lent after the 5:30 pm Mass (6:05 pm)
March 12 Tuesday	<b>Parish Pastoral Council Meeting</b> 7:00 pm, Conference Room. <i>All are welcome!</i>
March 13, 20, 27	<b>SPRED (Special Religious Education)</b> Wednesdays from 6:00-9:00 pm in Norton Hall
March 13, 20, 27	<b>RCIA Class (Growing in Faith)</b> 7:00 - 9:00 pm, Conference Room
March 14, 21, 28	<b>Faith Studies - Psalms</b> Thursdays from 7:00 - 9:00 pm in Norton Hall
March 15, 22 & 29	<b>Stations of the Cross + Soup Supper</b> 6:05 pm, Stations, then Supper in Norton Hall
March 15 Friday	<b>Refugee Aid / Peace &amp; Justice Meeting</b> 4:00 pm, Conference Room. <i>All are welcome!</i>
March 16 Saturday	<b>St. Patrick's Day Party!</b> [See page 6 for details.] 6:30 pm. Ticket sales after Mass or in Office.
March 23 Saturday	<b>"Julian of Norwich: A Mystic for our Time"</b> 10:00-Noon, Norton Hall. Veronica Mary Rolf
March 24 Sunday	<b>4th Sunday Dinner for the Poor</b> 12:00 (set up); 3:00 pm (dinner), Parish Hall
March 24 Sunday	<b>CONCERT: Coro d'Amici</b> (with Joan Bell) 7:00 pm, Church.
March 29 Friday	<b>CONCERT: New Esterhazy Quartet</b> 8:00 pm, Church. <i>Hayden, Mozart, Brahms (in B<sup>b</sup>)</i>
March 30 Saturday	<b>Book Group: The Truth About Awiti</b> 10:00-11:30 am, Conference Room
March 30 Saturday	<b>CONCERT: JUNIOR BACH FESTIVAL</b> 8:00 pm, Church

## encounter Lent



### Encounter Norma

In Guatemala, we encounter a young mother, Norma, who supports her family and shares her skills with her community. Raising a son in the mountains of Guatemala can be hard, but Norma and her son, Victor, are thriving thanks to health and nutrition classes.



Our faith calls us to protect and **Respect the Dignity of Life** in all its forms. Reflect on the importance of family in your life. How can you contribute to support families in your community? Visit [crsricebowl.org](http://crsricebowl.org) for more.



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Collections: Week Ending March 3 <sup>rd</sup>			
Sunday	Actual	Budget	Difference
03/03/2019	\$7,995.70	\$8,843.00	-\$847.30
Year-to-Date:	\$84,724.18	\$79,587.00	+\$5,137.18

Thank you all for your commitment to your parish.

## REFUGEE AID MEETING THIS FRIDAY

The *Peace & Social Justice Committee* invites you to join them as they plan ways to support the stranger in our midst. Meetings take place the Friday following the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month, at 4:00 pm in the Conference Room. At this Friday's meeting (**March 15<sup>th</sup>**) we will be welcoming guests from nearby *Epworth United Methodist Church* on Hopkins, who will share with us their experiences with refugees in McAllen, Texas.

Questions? Please email Committee Chair Ann Fitzgerald ([fitz1607@gmail.com](mailto:fitz1607@gmail.com)) or leave a message for her at the Parish Office (510-526-4811).

## Lenten Reminder from Our Bishop

All Catholics aged 14 and over are to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent. All Catholics between 18 and 59 years of age are also obliged to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Please see [tinyurl.com/Oakland-Guidelines](http://tinyurl.com/Oakland-Guidelines) for the complete document: *2019 Guidelines for Lent* from the Oakland Diocesan Office of Worship.

## Mass Intentions



Saturday	5:30	Intentions of Krysia Grycz
Sunday	8:00	For the People of the Parish
	9:30	Joe Drake RIP
	11:00	Spencer Yeh RIP
Monday	8:00	Arthur Larson RIP
	5:30	Intention of Conor Fitzgerald
Tuesday	5:30	Solona Torralba Canoy RIP
Wednesday	8:00	Intentions of Sr. Carmel Marie, OP
	5:30	Intentions of Fr. Hilary Martin, OP
Thursday	8:00	Burhans and Hengel Families RIP
Friday	8:00	Intentions of Andrew Joseph Lukban and Farah Lukban
	5:30	Intentions of Xio Mara
Saturday	8:00	Intentions of Edith Tencio

## Important Dates for 2019

Please note them on your Calendar.

- ◆ **Stations of the Cross + Soup Supper:** Fridays in Lent, after the 5:30 pm Mass (*Approximately 6:05 pm.*)
- ◆ **Exposition & Adoration:** Mondays in Lent, immediately after the 5:30 pm Mass (*Approximately 6:05 pm.*)
- ◆ **Parish Fundraising Event: Concert & Cuisine,** featuring Andy Canepa, pianist & Lourdes Guzman, cuisine. Solo works by Schumann, Liszt & Chopin. Hillside Church, El Cerrito Hills. Sunday, April 7<sup>th</sup>, at 5:00 pm
- ◆ **Reconciliation Service:** Monday, April 8<sup>th</sup>, at 7:30 pm.
- ◆ **Celebration of Fr. Nick's 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Priesthood.** Saturday, May 25<sup>th</sup>, after the 5:30 pm Mass: **Party** Sunday, May 26<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 am: **Anniversary Mass**
- ◆ **2nd Annual Parish-School Picnic.** Sunday, August 26<sup>th</sup> from 10:30 am to 3:00 pm. Live Oak Park.

## Triduum Dates in 2019

[Please note them on your Calendar.]

- ◆ **TENEBRAE SERVICE:** 9:00 am on April 18<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, & 20<sup>th</sup>.
- ◆ **HOLY THURSDAY:** 7:30 pm on April 18<sup>th</sup>, followed by Adoration in the Parish Hall until Midnight.
- ◆ **PASSION OF THE LORD, WITH VENERATION OF THE CROSS:** April 19<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 pm. [*Note new time this year.*]
- ◆ **STATIONS OF THE CROSS:** Friday, April 19<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 pm in the Dominican Garden, with Procession into the Church.
- ◆ **SEVEN LAST WORDS CONCERT:** Friday at 8:00 pm.
- ◆ **EASTER VIGIL:** 8:00 pm on April 20<sup>th</sup>, Berryman Plaza & Church.
- ◆ **EASTER SUNDAY:** Masses at 8:00, 9:30 & 11:30 a.m.

## Scripture Readings for the Week

10<sup>th</sup> *FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT*

Deuteronomy 26:4-10 / Romans 10:8-13/  
Luke 4:1-13

11<sup>th</sup> *Lenten Weekday*

Leviticus 19:1-2, 11-18 / Matthew 25:31-46

12<sup>th</sup> *Lenten Weekday*

Isaiah 55:10-11 / Matthew 6:7-15

13<sup>th</sup> *Lenten Weekday*

Jonah 3:1-10 / Luke 11:29-32

14<sup>th</sup> *Lenten Weekday*

Esther C:12-16, 23-25 / Matthew 7:7-12

15<sup>th</sup> *Lenten Weekday*

Ezekiel 18:21-28 / Matthew 5:20-26

16<sup>th</sup> *Lenten Weekday*

Deuteronomy 26:16-19 / Matthew 5:43-48

## Temptation in the Desert

It would seem that Jesus' retreat in the desert would be a time when he would be the least tempted, but that's not what the Bible records. In order to understand this Sunday's Gospel reading, we must see the larger picture.

The story that immediately precedes this passage is that of Jesus' baptism. As he stood in the water, Jesus received his Father's revelation about his true mission in life—that he was the Messiah, and that he was to preach the Good News of salvation. Until that moment Jesus may have regarded himself as a small-town carpenter; the son of Joseph and Mary. Now, God's Will was opened up to him, and he needed some time to think and pray. The desert, then and now, is often a place where one can be alone in prayer and sort

things out, so off he went.

Why would Jesus be tempted in this moment of intense communion with the Father? While the Bible says that the devil tempted him, we all know that something inside us has to accede to temptation in order for it to turn into sin. Mark's Gospel does not elaborate on Jesus' temptations, but Luke's Gospel spells out the three



*Sandro Botticelli: Temptations of Christ. 1481-82. Sistine Chapel, the Vatican.*

temptations: Jesus being tempted to turn stone into bread, to cast himself down from the temple (so that angels would catch him), and being offered worldly power as a ruler. These are odd thoughts from someone whom God the Father has acknowledged as his Son.

I suspect that, like us, Jesus was vulnerable to temptation in the desert precisely *because* he was so deeply in communion with God. During the time I have been a priest, I have noticed that at moments of intense prayer people tend to let their guard down in other aspects of their personality. Irritability, greed, or even simple hunger can overwhelm us just when we are happily concentrating on our relationship with God. The human side of Jesus was no different.

Lent offers us an opportunity to deepen our bond with God through prayer, fasting and good works. Yet while concentrating on improving our rapport with God, we should be careful that our foibles and character flaws do not go unguarded. Being irritable because somebody has interrupted our prayer may render the prayer mute. Bragging about acts of charity can turn them into self-glorification. Fasting to the point of imperiling our health limits the good we can do in the future. In the end, knowing ourselves and attending to our personal needs will make our Lenten desert experience a holier preparation for ourselves and those around us.



## Parish News



**Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament** will take place in the Church after the 5:30 pm Mass (starting at approximately 6:05 pm) on all the Mondays of Lent. Please join us on one or both of these evenings for a sacred time of prayer with our Lord.

### *Celebrate Lent!* FRIDAY EVENING STATIONS OF THE CROSS + SOUP SUPPERS



After the 5:30 pm Mass on Fridays in Lent, the following ministries in our Parish are leading the **Stations of the Cross**, followed by a free, delicious **Soup Supper**.

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

- March 15 Lay Dominicans
- March 22: Teen Confirmandi
- March 29: RCIA
- April 5: YAMMs
- April 12: Peace & Social Justice / Refugee Aid

**Parish Book Group Next Meets on Saturday, March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2019, at 10:00 am.**

### [The Truth About Awiti](#) by CP Patrick

"Is there a connection between the hurricanes that originate off the West Coast of Africa and the slave trade to the Americas? Is it possible angry, restless spirits have created problems for those who participated in slavery and their descendants? "CP Patrick's gripping storytelling in *The Truth about Awiti* explores these thought-provoking questions." ~ [Readers' Favorite](#).



Buy or check out *The Truth About Awiti* from a nearby library, and join us on March 30<sup>th</sup> to discuss it!

## Peace & Social Justice

**[Immigration Congressional Watch](#)** – On March 12, House Democrats will reintroduce the *Dream Act* with new language providing protections for *Temporary Protected Status* and *Deferred Enforced Departure recipients*. California Rep. Lucille Roybal-Allard will reintroduce the measure called the *Dream and Promise Act of 2019* (HR 6), which provides permanent legal protections and a path to citizenship for so-called Dreamers (undocumented immigrants brought to the U.S. as children). While similar legislation was proposed in 2017 with bipartisan support, it is unclear whether this new bill will have the same level of support.

### **[Take Action. Sign the Petition!](#)**

Catholic Charities of the Rio Grande Valley runs a respite center at McAllen, Texas and has been evicted by the local city council. Go to [tinyurl.com/KeepCenter](http://tinyurl.com/KeepCenter) and sign the petition demanding that the city reverse its decision.

### **[April 5-14 Faith Climate Action Week](#)**

*What's that?* Sponsored by *Interfaith Power & Light*, the national event focuses on "how we can take action to protect our climate. This year we will find joy and rejuvenation in the natural world and reconnect to why we love and protect our planet." *Local activities include:*

**April 7, 10:00-11:30 am** - Worship Service at Niles Discovery Church, 36600 Niles Blvd, Fremont. The sermon will look at two faith-based climate activists, *Rev. Jim Antal* and *Rev. Abby Mohaupt*.

**April 13, 1:30-4:00 pm** – Screening and discussion of the documentary film *The Reluctant Radical* at Niles Discovery Church, Fremont. The film follows activist *Ken Ward* as he "confronts his fears and puts himself in the direct path of the fossil fuel industry to combat climate change." It also poses and explores the questions: "If a crime is committed in order to prevent a greater crime, is it forgivable? Is it necessary?"

**April 14, 2:00-5:00 pm** – Screening and discussion of *An Inconvenient Sequel: Truth to Power* at Temple Isaiah, Adult Lounge, 945 Risa Road, Lafayette. View *Al Gore's* film and learn how to make a positive impact on climate change.

Go to [faithclimateactionweek.org](http://faithclimateactionweek.org) for updated and comprehensive information about these events.



## Events of Last Weekend



Nearly a dozen parishioners accepted Rabbi Kahn's invitation to participate in the Interfaith **Havdalah** ceremony at **Temple Beth-El** on Oxford last Saturday night. Here a member shows the custom of holding up one's hands up to the multi-wick candle in order to gaze at the reflection of the light on one's fingernails. Afterwards most participants dispersed to share a communal meal in the homes of several members of Congregation Beth-El.



That same night, the Parish Hall was transformed into an elegant 80's ballroom for the annual **School of the Madeleine Auction**, where school parents bid on dozens of silent auction items while the music of their youth played in the background. Later the Auctioneer—himself dressed in full 80s garb—elicited bidding wars for such prized items as a **VIP Parking Space** in the parish lot (good for School, Mass, etc.); two spaces sold for \$800 apiece!



On Sunday our priests' living room was filled with parishioners eager to hear **Fr. Nick, Alex & Sharon Henthorn-Iwane**, and other members of the delegations talk about their weekend in Mexicali (Mexico).

# Family Potluck

Saturday, March 16<sup>th</sup>  
6:30 pm  
Parish & Norton Halls

Celtic Music

Children's Activities

Corned Beef

St. Patrick's Day

Adults \$15 & Children Free!

**RSVP to the Parish Office  
by THURSDAY March 14th  
(510) 526-4811**

Leave a message with your names  
and the number of people attending.

**TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AFTER EVERY MASS.**

The proceeds will benefit the general  
fund of St. Mary Magdalen Parish.

## Questions?

Contact Joan Bell:  
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# The Kids' Bulletin

First Sunday of Lent



Jesus spent 40 days in the desert preparing for His work. During Lent we spend 40 days getting ready to celebrate Jesus' death and resurrection.

*Can you find your way into the desert to be with Jesus?*

[thekidsbulletin.wordpress.com](http://thekidsbulletin.wordpress.com)

## Jesus Was Tempted by the Devil: True or False?

*How well do you know the story from today's Gospel reading?*

1. Jesus went to the desert and didn't eat anything for 40 days. True or False?
2. Jesus was never tempted by the devil. True or False?
3. Jesus wasn't hungry, even after 40 days with no food. True or False?
4. The devil said that all the kingdoms of the world belonged to him. True or False?
5. Jesus said that He would only worship the devil if he gave Him all the power first. True or False?
6. Jesus wouldn't throw Himself off the Temple because He said it was "putting God to the test." True or False?
7. The devil kept bothering Jesus, even when he ran out of things to tempt him about. True or False?

