

March 24th 2019 | 3rd 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 5:10 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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WEBSITE

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David Gomes, 2002

*“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 5th Sunday Mass, and by appointment.

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Parish Calendar: March 2019

March 24 Sunday	Pray for and with our Sister Parish in Mexicali <i>On every 4th Sunday we are united with them in prayer.</i>
March 24 Sunday	4th Sunday Dinner for the Poor 12:00 (set up); 3:00 pm (dinner), Parish Hall
March 24 Sunday	CONCERT: Coro d'Amici (with Joan Bell) 7:00 pm, Church.
March 25	Exposition & Adoration (Holy Hour) Mondays of Lent after the 5:30 pm Mass (6:05 pm)
March 27	SPRED (Special Religious Education) Wednesdays from 6:00-9:00 pm in Norton Hall
March 27	RCIA Class (Growing in Faith) 7:00 - 9:00 pm Wednesdays, Conference Room
March 28	Faith Studies - Psalms Thursdays from 7:00 - 9:00 pm in Norton Hall
March 29	Stations of the Cross + Soup Supper 6:05 pm Stations, then Supper in Norton Hall
March 29 Friday	CONCERT: New Esterhazy Quartet 8:00 pm, Church. <i>Hayden, Mozart, Brahms (in B^b)</i>
March 30 Saturday	Book Group: The Truth About Awiti 10:00-11:30 am, Conference Room
March 30 Saturday	CONCERT: JUNIOR BACH FESTIVAL 8:00 pm, Church

Lenten Penance Service Monday, April 8th, at 7:30 pm.

Fr. Nick would love to see 100% participation at the upcoming Reconciliation Service! As always, the Act of Contrition will be recited by the congregation *before* individual confessions, so that we can begin speaking to our confessor without hesitation.



In addition to our three resident priests, two 'outside' priests will be present to deliver this important sacrament. No closing ceremony means that we are free to leave once we are finished.

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CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES

Encounter the DhathCroos Family



The DhathCroos family is rebuilding their lives in Sri Lanka. During the Sri Lankan Civil War, they fled to India as refugees. *Our faith reminds us that we are called to Family, Community, and Participation* — and that means protecting families, no matter where they live. Visit crsricebowl.org for more information.

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Collections: Week Ending March 17th

Sunday	Actual	Budget	Difference
03/17/2019	\$7,731.14	\$8,843.00	-\$1,111.86
Year-to-Date:	\$102,875.88	\$97,273.00	+5,602.88

Is our past week's collection a sad sign? The good news is we are still above our YTD goal, but not for long. Thank you for your support.

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. Sunday, April 7th, 5:00 - 6:30 pm.
- ♦ **Reconciliation Service:** Monday, April 8th, at 7:30 pm.
- ♦ **Celebration of Fr. Nick's 40th Anniversary of Priesthood.** Saturday, May 25th, after the 5:30 pm Mass: Party Sunday, May 26th at 11:00 am: **Anniversary Mass**
- ♦ **2nd Annual Parish-School Picnic.** Sunday, August 26th from 10:30 am to 3:00 pm. Live Oak Park.



The **2019 Bishop's Appeal** has finally begun! Please look in the pews for donation envelopes and brochures, and pray for guidance for what amount you and your family can contribute to this critical act of solidarity with the services our Diocese provides. oakdiocese.org/giving/bishops-appeal

Looking After Refugees at Home & Around the World: International Rescue Committee-Oakland

As part of our Lenten giving activities, we are once again working with the Oakland Office of the **International Rescue Committee (IRC)** to



help newly arrived refugee families in Alameda County. Buy a **Target Gift Card**, in any denomination, and place the gift card (having written the amount on the envelope) in the collection basket any Sunday during Lent (or drop it off at the Parish Office). These gift cards will enable refugees to set up their homes as they begin their new lives here with us in Alameda County.

The film *Unplanned*, about a young director of a Planned Parenthood clinic who becomes an advocate in the Right to Life movement, is opening nationwide on March 29th. It was produced by the Christian film studio **Pure Flix**. Check your local listings for details.

Mass Intentions



Sunday 8:00 Norma Gray RIP
 11:00 For the People of the Parish
 Monday 5:30 Intentions of Maria Ancielia Canoy

Triduum Dates in 2019

[Please note them on your Calendar.]

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

Scripture Readings for the Week

24th **THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT**
 Genesis 3:1-15 / 1 Corinthians 10:1-12 / Luke 13:1-9

25th *The Annunciation of the Lord [Solemnity]*
 Isaiah 7:10-14; 8:10 / Hebrews 10:4-10 / Luke 1:26-38

26th *Lenten Weekday*
 Daniel 3:25, 34-43 / Matthew 18:21-35

27th *Lenten Weekday*
 Deuteronomy 4:1, 5-9 / Matthew 5:17-19

28th *Lenten Weekday*
 Jeremiah 7:23-28 / Luke 11:14-23

29th *Lenten Weekday*
 Hosea 14:2-10 / Mark 12:28-34

30th *Lenten Weekday*
 Hosea 6:1-6 / Luke 18:9-14

The Annunciation

As of tomorrow there are only nine more shopping months 'till Christmas, for Monday is the feast of the Annunciation. Given the usual length of a pregnancy, the Church celebrates Jesus' conception on March 25th, exactly nine months before Christmas.

Artists of the Middle Ages and Renaissance (e.g., Botticelli, El Greco) portrayed the Annunciation by depicting Mary quietly reading a prayer book in her private chapel. A glorious angel whispers God's will into her ear, which she almost passively accepts. The symbolism in these settings is that Mary was a refined woman, always ready to do God's will.



Botticelli (Alessandro di Mariano Filipepi), *The Annunciation*, ca. 1485-92. Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York.

I doubt that there has ever been a pregnancy, even one most eagerly planned, that hasn't been greeted by its parents with the thought, "Well now, this changes everything!" The same was true for Mary. The scriptures reveal the fact that she "was greatly troubled by [Gabriel's] words." We can safely assume that she was pondering the consequences of saying "yes" to God's will.

Every time we receive a sacrament, say a prayer, or do a good deed, we reinforce our own ability to accept God's will. This acceptance carries consequences that influence or limit further choices on our part. Deliberating about God's will is good because it gives insight about the changes it will cause in our lives. However, like Mary's, our "yes" can only come by God's grace.

Every day, many people around the world learn that they are about to be parents. Let us pray that they have the courage to say "yes," and support them in their choice.

What the Old Masters missed in these portrayals was the wrenching predicament that this Good News presented for Mary. To all outward appearances she was to be an unwed mother—a far more dire situation than it is today. There was the question of how Joseph, her fiancé, would react. Upon receiving the news of God's will, her son, Jesus, was to retreat to the desert for forty days of prayer and fasting. It stands to reason that Mary must have been similarly troubled.



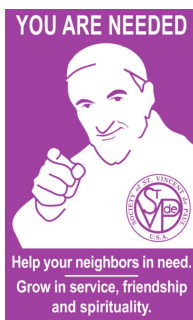
El Greco, *The Annunciation*, ca. 1595-1600. Szépművészeti Múzeum (Museum of Fine Arts), Budapest.

Parish News

St. Vincent de Paul Needs You!

Our story this month:

Two members of our SVdP made a home visit to a delightful elderly woman in her 80s, who had spent many years doing volunteer outreach herself. She had fallen behind on her utility bills because her furnace had failed, and she has since been heating her home with space heaters and by keeping her gas oven on. Meanwhile, she is on a fixed income and had to pay her property tax. Her son has worked out a payment plan with PG&E, and so we helped with this month's payment, and will refer her case to SVdP Oakland for more assistance. **You can help neighbors like this one by donating generously next Sunday, or through EFT.** [See Insert for details.]



Peace & Social Justice

Governor Gavin Newsom joins Pope Francis in bringing more justice to our world: Last year Pope Francis declared that the death penalty was “inadmissible” in all cases, stating that state executions are “an attack on human dignity” and pledging that the Church will work to end capital punishment in all nations. Twelve days ago, Governor Gavin Newsom declared a moratorium on capital punishment lasting as long as his tenure in office, insisting that the California death penalty has been an “abject failure” in its discriminatory, ineffective, and inaccurate application. He also declared that the death penalty itself is an immoral practice.

Update from our Refugee Aid Committee. At our March 14th meeting, visitors from *Epworth United Methodist Church* shared their volunteer experiences with immigrants at the Respite Center in McAllen, Texas, run by *Catholic Charities*. The Center sees nearly 300 immigrants released each day from U.S. detention to this single McAllen resource center. Time at the Center is short and purposeful: a shower, hot meal, clean clothes, a phone call with sponsors/families who fund bus tickets from McAllen to each immigrant's ultimate destination, and a bagged lunch for the journey. Volunteers spoke highly of the overworked staff and explained that “you just do what is necessary, as needed” to help these travelers on their way to a better life. We also learned that upon detention, authorities take away immigrants' belts, shoelaces, hair ties and sometimes socks. The Committee is planning to organize a drive to provide these small items to the Respite Center. Please look for more information in next week's bulletin!

Sunday, March 31st, 1:00-3:00 pm - Berkeley Congregation Beth El Immigration Justice Committee presents a free program, “**Moving from Outrage to Action**,” in response to criminalizing immigrants, separating families at the border, and blocking asylum seekers. Register at tinyurl.com/y2sxhyej. **Questions?** Contact Mike Austin: mjaustin@berkeley.edu.

Friday, April 12th, 11:30 am – Join the next monthly *Interfaith Immigration Vigil* at 630 Sansome Street, S.F., to demonstrate support for immigrants. Outcomes seem to improve when we all “show up”!

Choose How You Want to Make a Difference — JustFaith Group Starting April 2nd, 2019

JustFaith is a small-group program that invites participants into a process of learning and discovering how to live more compassionately. *JustFaith helps you explore today's issues together as you open your heart and mind to the Spirit of God in our midst*, and dialogue with other participants about how you can make a difference.

Following the inspiring workshop that founder Jack Jezreel presented in January, we will be starting an eight-week session of JustFaith in our area and invite you to consider this transformational opportunity. For more information, or to sign up, please contact Claire Broome: cvbroome@gmail.com.

Parish Book Group Next Meets this Saturday, March 30th, 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?”

Buy or check out *The Truth About Awiti* from a nearby library, and join us this Saturday to discuss it!

4th Sunday Dinner for the Poor: TODAY

Lent is in full swing. Can you lend us some of your time to help at this Sunday's Dinner for the Poor and Homeless?

We need volunteers at **Noon** to cook and set up, to prepare to serve at **2:45 pm**, and to clean up the Kitchen and Parish Hall starting at **3:30 pm**. *We especially need volunteers to clean up.* It's encouraging to see fresh faces coming to help as the Dinner winds down.

Like to bake? Our guests like sweets and really appreciate your delicious desserts. Please drop them off in the Parish Hall before 1:00 pm.

The Parish Hall is found via the stairs from the parking lot; turn left.

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



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

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

March 29: RCIA April 5: YAMMs
April 12: Peace & Social Justice / Refugee Aid

Concert & Cuisine

A Transporting Evening of Food & Wine paired with 19th-Century Solo Works featuring

Andy Canepa, Pianist
Lourdes Guzman, Chef

A Fundraiser for
St. Mary Magdalen Church

Hillside Community Church
1422 Navellier Street, El Cerrito

Tickets \$75 ~ Advance Sales Only

Call for tickets: 510-526-4811
Check, Cash, or Credit Cards Accepted

Photos from Last Saturday

by Parishioner Samuel Leung

Rite of Election at the Cathedral of Christ the Light



Our Catechumen and Candidates were received by Bishop Michael Barber on Saturday, March 16th.

Annual St. Patrick's Day Party



The Kids' Bulletin

Third Sunday of Lent



I need to go to the store to buy some more food.

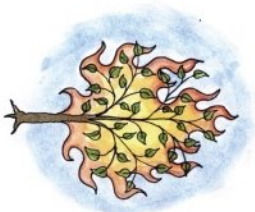
Yes, but you should go to the store to buy some more food.

What's wrong with this fig tree?
See what the two men want to do with it by reading what they say in a mirror.

thekidsbulletin.wordpress.com

The Burning Bush Word-Find

See if you can find all the words in **CAPITALS** in this story.



The left over letters tell what the Israelites in Egypt wanted:

A F F R A I D O F F R E E
 B D E L I V E R O M F S
 R G O D J E T H R O R U
 A L O R D E A O W S E F
 H A V E F S K L A E J F
 A N I L I H E Y R S A E
 M D S G R O U N D A C R
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MOSES was looking after the sheep of his father-in-law, JETHRO, on Mount HOREB. Suddenly he noticed a BUSH that was BLAZING like FIRE, but it wasn't burning up! He came FORWARD to look closer, but GOD spoke from the FLAME, saying "Come no nearer. TAKE your SHOES OFF, for this is HOLY GROUND. I am the God of your fathers- of ABRAHAM, ISAAC and JACOB." Moses was AFRAID to LOOK at God, and covered his FACE. The LORD said, "I HAVE seen the MISERABLE state of my people in EGYPT and heard their cry to be FREE. I will DELIVER them from their SUFFERING and bring them to a new LAND."