

April 28th, 2019 | Sunday of the Octave of Easter, Year C

St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Parish



Nine Children will be Baptized at Today's 9:30 a.m. Mass!

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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When the doors were locked
where the disciples were,
Jesus came and said to them,
"Peace be with you. As the Father
has sent me, so I send you."
~ John 20:19-21

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:

April & May 2019

April 27 & 28	4th-Sunday Prayers for St. María de Guadalupe [We unite in prayer with our sister parish in Mexicali.]
April 28	1st Sunday Dinner for the Poor
Sunday	12:00 (set up); 3:00 pm (dinner), Parish Hall
April 28	FREE CONCERT: Bach Cantata Collective
Sunday	5:00 pm, Church. BWV 62 & 72. [Four voices]
April 30	JustFaith Small Group Program
Tuesday	Tuesdays from 7:00-9:00 pm in Norton Hall
May 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29	SPRED (Special Religious Education)
Wednesday	Wednesdays from 6:00-9:00 pm in Norton Hall
May 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29	Mystagogia Class (Neophytes & Newly Confirmed)
7:00 - 9:00 pm	Wednesdays, Conference Room
May 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30	Faith Studies - Psalms
Thursday	Thursdays from 7:00 - 9:00 pm in Norton Hall
May 3	First Friday Eucharistic Adoration (Holy Hour)
Friday	6:05 pm, Church. [First Friday of every month.]
May 4	Parish Book Group: The Children Act
Saturday	10:00 am, Conference Room. (See page 5 for details.)
May 4	Confirmation of our adolescent Confirmandi
Saturday	5:30 pm Mass, celebrated by Fr. George Mockel
May 4 & 5	Collection for the Berkeley Food Pantry
Weekend	Drop off donations in either Vestibule
May 5	1st Sunday Dinner for the Poor
Sunday	12:00 (set up); 3:00 pm (dinner), Parish Hall
May 5	CONCERT: Voci Women's Vocal Ensemble
Sunday	7:00 pm, Church. Baltic "Northern Lights"
May 6	St. Vincent de Paul Conference Meeting
Monday	7:15 pm, Norton Hall. All are welcome!
May 7, 14, 21 & 28	JustFaith Small Group Program
Tuesday	Tuesdays from 7:00-9:00 pm in Norton Hall
May 10	Refugee Aid - Peace & Justice Committee
Friday	4:00 pm—5:00 pm, Norton Hall
May 14	Parish Pastoral Council
Tuesday	7:00 pm, Conference Room. All are welcome!
May 18 & 19	Special Collection for Catholic Charities
See also:	marymagdalen.org/donate
May 19	Berkeley Crop Hunger Walk
Sunday	1:00 pm, Parish Parking Lot. (See page 5 for details.)
May 25	Celebration of Fr. Nick's 40th Anniversary of Ordination: 6:30 pm, Parish & Norton Halls
May 26	Mass of Thanksgiving for Fr. Nicholas Glisson
Sunday	11:00 am, Church
May 26	4th-Sunday Prayers for St. María de Guadalupe
Sunday	[We unite in prayer with our sister parish in Mexicali.]
May 26	4th Sunday Dinner for the Poor
Sunday	12:00 (set up); 3:00 pm (dinner), Parish Hall
May 26	CONCERT: Music Sources - Langballe & Martinez
Sunday	5:00 pm, Church. Music of 17th-century Denmark
May 27	PARISH OFFICE CLOSED
Monday	Memorial Day Holiday

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Collections: Week Ending April 21st

Sunday	Actual	Budget	Difference
04/21/2019	\$4,275.50	\$0.00	+\$4,275.50
EASTER	\$17,376.12	\$20,500.00	-\$3,123.88
Year-to-Date:	\$157,844.04	\$153,145.00	+\$4,699.05

We received over \$21,000.00 in donations last week. We are still ahead of our YTD goal—thank you all!

Important Dates for 2019

Please note them on your Calendar.

- ◆ Celebration of the 40th Anniversary of Fr. Nick's Ordination to the Priesthood.
Saturday, May 25th, after the 5:30 pm Mass: Party Sunday, May 26th at 11:00 am: Anniversary Mass
- ◆ St. Mary Magdalen Festival (Concerts & Talks)
Friday-Saturday-Sunday, July 19th to 21st.
- ◆ 2nd Annual Parish-School Picnic at Live Oak Park.
Sunday, August 25th, from 10:30 am to 3:00 pm.



The 2019 Bishop's Appeal has begun, and [the donation envelopes are finally in the pews](#). Please read the companion brochures, and prayerfully consider how best to donate. oakdiocese.org/giving/bishops-appeal

REBUILD MY CHURCH
2019 BISHOP'S APPEAL

Refugee Aid Committee: Same Time; New Location

The next St. Mary Magdalen Refugee Aid Committee Meeting will take place on Friday, May 10th, from 4:00 to 5:00 pm.

We've outgrown the parish conference room! Our new location is Norton Hall (down from the parking lot). Please come and bring your ideas and your energy.

Northern Lights

Sunday, May 5, 2019, 7:00 PM
St. Mary Magdalen Church, Berkeley

Voci Women's Vocal Ensemble

Mitchell Covington, Artistic Director
Edna Yeh, Assistant Conductor • Amy Belles, piano

Voci's performance here on Sunday, May 5th, at 7:00 pm will feature rich and rarely performed works for women's voices by 20th and 21st century composers from Sweden, Norway, Finland, Latvia and Estonia. Music for women's voices is being produced in these northern countries in abundance, with great diversity and exquisite quality.

Tickets: \$20 (\$15 Students)

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Scripture Readings for the Week

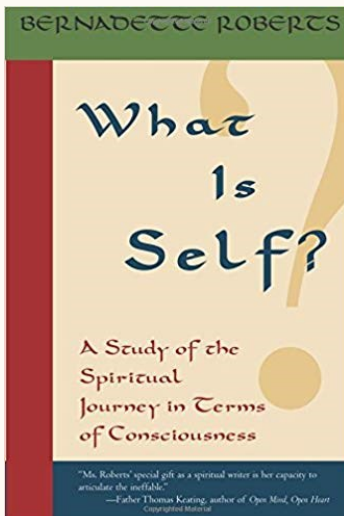
- 28th SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER
Acts 5:12-16 / Revelation 1:9-19 / John 20:19-31
- 29th Easter Weekday
[St. Catherine of Siena, Doctor of the Church; Memorial]
Acts 4:23-31 / John 3:1-8
- 30th Easter Weekday
Acts 4:32-37 / John 3:7-15
- 1st Easter Weekday [Saint Joseph the Worker]
Acts 5:17-26 / John 3:16-21
- 2nd Easter Weekday [Saint Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor]
Acts 5:27-33 / John 3:31-36
- 3rd Easter Weekday [Saints Philip and James; Feast]
1 Cor 15:1-8 / John 14:6-14
- 4th Easter Weekday
Acts 6:1-7 / John 6:16-21

Mass Intentions

Saturday	5:30	For the People of the Parish
Sunday	11:00	Rose del Gaudio RIP
Monday	8:00	Marilyn Lee Merchant RIP
Tuesday	8:00	Richard Goncalves RIP
	5:30	Ted Sharp RIP
Wednesday	8:00	Intentions of Fr. Joseph Sergott, OP
Thursday	8:00	Emily Mannion RIP
Friday	8:00	Intentions of Fr. Joseph Sergott, OP

Notes from Fr. Nick

What is Self? [A Challenging Book]



Bernadette Roberts, *What is Self? A Study of the Spiritual Journey in Terms of Consciousness*. Boulder, CO: Sentient Publications, 2005.

Bernadette Roberts is a former Carmelite nun who writes about contemplative prayer. In *What is Self?* Roberts explores the three states of prayer espoused by mystics over the centuries: *purgative*, *illuminative* and *unitive*. *Purgative prayer* seeks to eliminate any encumbrances to one’s relationship with God; renunciation of evil, avoiding temptation, and ordering one’s life toward God’s grace. *Illuminative prayer* seeks a deeper understanding of God’s presence in one’s life. In the *unitive* state, the ego falls away and one experiences the direct presence of God. Although this last state can be accompanied by a sense of ecstasy, in a nuanced sense, the very experience of bliss is a stepping back from true union.

Roberts proposes an additional state en route to true union with God. She believes that, beyond the loss of the ego—one’s identity, standing apart from the rest of creation—there must also be a “falling away” of the self before true union with the Godhead can occur. In this state there would no longer be any self-awareness, only the eternal happiness of being integrated into the Godhead.

Much of *What is Self?* explores Christ’s nature. On the human side, Roberts believes the second person in the Blessed Trinity so completely entered into the human state that he wasn’t aware of his divinity during his human life. Following the will of the Father was truly an act of faith. He so thoroughly became

human that his death may be seen as the death of God—his rising, God’s rising, to new life.

On the divine side, Roberts talks of the Father as the un-manifest essence of God. The Manifest presence of God is Christ — He is the *raison d’être* for creation [my words]. Jesus is the manifestation of the un-manifest Godhead. The Paschal Mystery is that manifestation in motion [my words again]. She believes that we don’t pay enough attention to the Ascension, but that it is the necessary completion of this movement of the Godhead. Eucharist is, therefore, the divine manifestation of the Christ in time and space.

Roberts’s book helped me with an understanding of life after death. Most of us assume that heaven will be like this world, but improved. Other than the promise that we will be perfectly happy, there is little to support this notion in Scripture or Church teaching. On the other hand, if we give up life as we know it—even self-awareness—for something even better, what’s wrong with that?

While I have some concerns with some of Roberts’ ideas, my issues with her writing might be muted if she had more thoroughly hashed them out. Nevertheless, *What is Self?* is a rewarding — if challenging and complex — work to read. It bears more study than just a simple read-through. Areas where she and Church teaching may diverge can be compared to the nascent work of Freud in relation to later psychiatric theory. Roberts’ work could open the door for 21st-century skeptics who have difficulty with popular notions of heaven, or that God interacts with each of us personally. If they yearn for a sense of life beyond measurable and verifiable scientific and critical thought, *What is Self?* may help them on their journey.

Berkeley Food Pantry Collection Pickup Next Weekend

- **Peanut butter** (in plastic jars only)
- **Breakfast cereal**—low-sugar
- Canned **soups & beans** [low-sodium] & **Brown rice**
- **Healthy snack foods** for kids
- **Canned tuna & chicken**
- **Gluten-free grains & pasta**
- **Non-dairy milk**—soy, almond, oat (shelf-stable)
- **Condiments**—ketchup, mustard, salad dressing, & mayonnaise & **cooking oil** (in plastic jars/bottles only)
- **Seasonings**— salt, pepper, herbs, spices, **Tea** (in bags)
- **Meal replacements**
- **Toiletries**—toothbrushes, toothpaste, shampoo, etc.

Parish News

1st Sunday Dinner for the Poor

In the spirit of the Easter season, rise to the occasion and join us 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.

New to the parish? The Parish Hall is found via the steps from the parking lot. Turn left after the steps; knock on the door to the right.

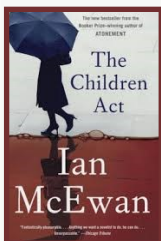
Berkeley CROP Walk 2019

Please stop by the tables after Mass **next weekend** and sign up for this year's CROP Walk, which begins and ends in our parish parking lot! It will take place on Sunday May 19th, at 1:00 pm. **You may donate now at crophungerwalk.org/berkeleyca.** (Scroll down to the St. Mary Magdalen link.)

Sponsored by the Church World Service soon after WWII, the **CROP Walk** aims to provide food for hungry people *and* to raise awareness about hunger in our communities and around the world. These walks have raised millions of dollars over the years. If you would like more information, or can volunteer in any way to support our parish's participation, please call or email **Maureen Wesolowski** at (510) 524-4006, or mswesolowski@gmail.com.

The Parish Book Group Next Meets on Saturday, May 4th, 2019, at 10:00 am.

The Children Act by Ian McEwan



"A fiercely intelligent, well-respected High Court judge in London faces a morally-ambiguous case while her own marriage crumbles. A novel that will keep readers thoroughly enthralled until the last stunning page." ~ Goodreads [Now a major film starring Emma Thompson & Stanley Tucci.]

Buy or check out *The Children Act* from a nearby library, and join us in the Conference Room to discuss it!

Peace & Social Justice

Monthly Vigils at the San Francisco Immigration Court:

The April vigil, led by Berkeley's *Temple Beth-El*, focused on family separation and migrant children. Some background: The Administration is still trying to circumvent or end the *Flores Law*, which limits the amount of time children can be detained to 20 days. As of October 2018, however, the average detention time was 59 days. While the number of unaccompanied minors remained steady through 2018, per U.S. Customs and Border Patrol data (*Southwest Border Migration FY2019*), the number of children in custody of the *Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR)* steadily increased, largely due to Administration policy changes that significantly reduced the number of sponsors able to take these children. Fortunately, in December 2018, over 4,000 children were released to their families! For a comprehensive report, check out *The Flores Settlement Agreement & Unaccompanied Children in Federal Custody (February 2019)* at www.youthlaw.org.

The next interfaith vigil is Friday, May 10th, 11:30 am-12:30 pm at 630 Sansome Street, San Francisco.

Welcome the stranger: If you are interested in more ways to support immigrants and asylum seekers, please contact parishioner Sally Smith (qtheb@hotmail.com) about opportunities at *Refugee Transitions* (reftrans.org).

Pending California Legislation

Please write, call or email your California representatives in the State Assembly or Senate in support of these pending bills. Find details about each bill at leginfo.legislature.ca.gov.

AB 32 – A prohibition on State contracts with private, for-profit prisons, and after January 1, 2028, a prohibition on the incarceration of inmates or other persons in a private, for-profit prison facility.

AB 1282 (No Private ICE Act): A prohibition on using private security guards to detain, take custody of, or arrest individuals for immigration enforcement purposes. The Bill was introduced to address ICE's increasing reliance on private contractors to make immigration arrests, which violates the federal *Immigration and Nationality Act (INA)*.

AB 1080: a prohibition on single-use plastics by the year 2030.

Saint Mary Magdalen Vigil Mass & Easter Family Mass

Photos: Samuel Leung, Parishioner & Choir Accompanist [More photos to come next week.]



Fr. Nick, Deacon Jonathan, & Frs. Laurent & Robert



Baptisms of Alison Olsen & Isabella D'Anna



Fr. Nick and the entire congregation posed before the start of the 9:30 a.m. Mass on Easter Sunday.

You can find many more of Sam's beautiful photos of Holy Week here: tinyurl.com/SMMHolyWeek2019

Plus: 173 photos of the Masses of Easter Vigil and Sunday 9:30 am here: tinyurl.com/SMMEaster2019

The Kids' Bulletin

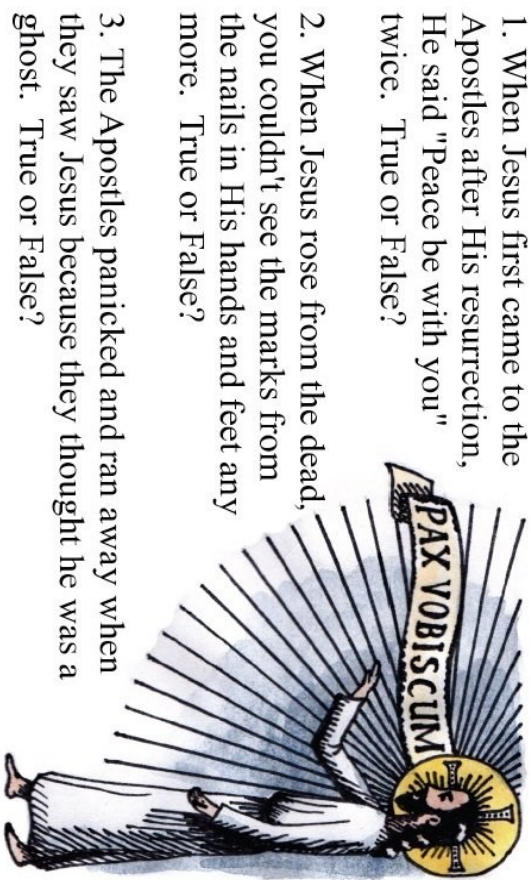
Second Sunday of Easter
Divine Mercy Sunday



What did Jesus and Thomas say to each other? Look in the mirror to find out!

thekidsbulletin.wordpress.com

True or False: When Jesus Came to the Apostles



1. When Jesus first came to the Apostles after His resurrection, He said "Peace be with you" twice. True or False?
2. When Jesus rose from the dead, you couldn't see the marks from the nails in His hands and feet any more. True or False?
3. The Apostles panicked and ran away when they saw Jesus because they thought he was a ghost. True or False?
4. Jesus breathed on the Apostles and told them that they now had the power to forgive people's sins. True or False?
5. The Apostle Thomas was not with the others when Jesus first came to them after He rose from the dead. True or False?
6. Thomas believed that they had seen Jesus, so he wasn't surprised when Jesus came again a week later. True or False?
7. Jesus told Thomas to put his fingers in the nail-holes in His hands and put his hand in Jesus' side where the spear had gone in. True or False?

