

August 25th, 2019 | 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Parish



The Parish-School Picnic is TODAY! { Live Oak Park, 10:30 am - 2:30 pm }

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, 11:30 am

DAILY MASSES

Monday – Saturday 8:30 am
Monday – Friday 5:30 pm

LITURGY OF THE HOURS

Monday – Saturday 8:00 am
Monday – Friday 5:10 pm

ROSARY

Monday – Saturday 9:00 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

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 run September-May 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: August - September 15th

August 25 Sunday	2nd Annual Parish-School Picnic 10:30 am - 2:30 pm, Live Oak Park
August 25 Sunday	4th Sunday Dinner for the Poor & Homeless 12:00 (set up); 3:00 pm (dinner), Parish Hall
August 27 & 28 Sunday	Parish Office Closed Tuesday & Wednesday Retreat for Renewal Committee & Parish Staff
Sept. 1 Sunday	1st Sunday Dinner for the Poor & Homeless 12:00 (set up); 3:00 pm (dinner), Parish Hall
Sept. 2 Monday	Parish Office Closed Labor Day Holiday
Sept. 3, 10, 17, 24 Tuesdays	RCIA Classes Begin (Inquiring about the Faith) 7:00 - 9:00 pm, Parish Hall
Sept. 6 Friday	1st Friday Eucharistic Adoration (Holy Hour) Every first Friday after the 5:30 pm Mass (6:00 pm)
Sept. 7 Saturday	Parish Book Group: <i>Beloved</i> by Toni Morrison 10:00 - 11:30 am, Parish Conference Room
Sept. 7 Saturday	Thank-You Dinner: All Ministers of the Mass 6:30 pm, Rectory (Enter via parking lot.)
Sept. 7 & 8 Weekend	Collection for the Berkeley Food Pantry Drop off donations in either Vestibule.
Sept. 11 Wednesday	Discussion of Bishop Barron's Book 6:30 - 8:30 pm, Parish Hall
Sept. 12, 19, 26 Thursdays	Faith Studies: The Story of Salvation 7:00-9:00 pm, Norton Hall
Sept. 13 Friday	Refugee Aid / Peace & Social Justice Meeting 4:00 - 5:00 pm, Norton Hall
Sept. 14 Saturday	Parish Liturgy Committee: Advent/Christmas 9:00 am - Noon, Conference Room
Sept. 14 Saturday	Parish Movie Night [Film title to be announced.] 6:45 - 9:15 pm, Parish Hall

The RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults)

process will begin at the Parish on Tuesday, September 3rd. RCIA classes meet weekly and are for adults inquiring about the Catholic Faith; those interested in becoming Catholic; or persons who have been baptized Catholic but who have yet to celebrate the Sacraments of Initiation; including Baptized Christians who desire to be received into the Catholic faith, Baptized Catholics who desire to receive the sacraments of Eucharist and/or Confirmation.

If interested, contact Cat Nielsen, phone (510) 526-4811 ext. 113, by email rcia@marymagdalen.org, or by filling out the form at marymagdalen.org/rcia.



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Collections: Week Ending August 18 th			
Sunday	Actual	Budget	Difference
08/18/2019	\$7,545.00	\$8,843.00	-\$1,297.20
Assumption	\$670.00	\$0.00	\$670.00
Year-to-Date:	\$293,973.63	\$303,476.00	-\$9,502.37

Summers 'last hoorah' before school begins!
We were missing many faces over the weekend.
You donated **\$1,431.00** to the Mission Cooperative Appeal.



Worldwide Marriage Encounter

A Get-Away Weekend!!!

Do you need a vacation? Give yourself and your spouse time away from the pressures of work and everyday responsibilities. Enjoy a chance to talk and listen to that special someone who loves you!

The next Marriage Encounter Weekends:

- ◆ Sep 13-15, 2019 in Concord
- ◆ Nov 15-17, 2019 in Danville

For more information and/or to register for a Weekend, please visit the Marriage Encounter website at oaklandwwme.org.

Or contact Chuck & Annie at 925-849-5466 or applications@oaklandwwme.org.



Our last dinner had a robust crew of volunteers — thank you! **Can you please help us out again at this Sunday's Dinner for the Poor & Homeless?**

This Sunday is an especially busy day with our **4th Sunday Dinner** and the **Parish/School Picnic** happening at the same time. If you attend the 11:00 am Mass, could you help us set up and cook at Noon before heading over to the picnic?

The picnic will be finishing up at 2:30 pm, and we will still need help at 2:45 pm to serve and 3:30 pm until



closing to clean up. Many hands make it go quickly.

Your desserts are always welcome and can be brought to the Parish Hall by 1:30 pm.

New to the Parish? The Parish Hall is located directly below the Church. Take the stairs from the parking lot and turn left; door is straight ahead.

Mass Intentions

Saturday	5:30	Intentions of Rodrigo Ubillus
Sunday	8:00	For the People of the Parish
	9:30	Sue Nakamura RIP
	11:30	Marta Ehling RIP
Monday	5:30	Intentions of Steve Haggmark
Tuesday	8:00	Louise Valenciana RIP
	5:30	Marta Ehling RIP
Wednesday	8:00	Intentions of Marie Smith
	5:30	Intentions of Br. Koa Mary Bartsch, OP
Thursday	5:30	Intentions of Fr. Ioane Ono
Friday	8:00	Intentions of Benjamin Karpen
Saturday	8:00	Stefan Hemmrich RIP

Scripture Readings for the Week

25 th	21 ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Isaiah 66:18-21 / Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13 / Luke 13:22-30
26 th	Weekday in Ordinary Time 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5, 8-10 / Matthew 23:13-22
27 th	Weekday in Ordinary Time [St. Monica, Memorial] 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8 / Matthew 23:23-26
28 th	Weekday in Ordinary Time [St. Augustine, Bishop and Doctor, Memorial] 1 Thessalonians 2:9-13 / Matthew 23:27-32
29 th	Weekday in Ordinary Time [Passion of St. John the Baptist, Memorial] 1 Thessalonians 3:7-13 / Mark 6:17-29
30 th	Weekday in Ordinary Time 1 Thessalonians 4:1-8 / Matthew 25:1-13
31 st	Weekday in Ordinary Time [Blessed Virgin Mary] 1 Thessalonians 4:9-11 / Matthew 25:14-30

Notes from Fr. Nick

Parish Renewal & Adult Sunday School

Since last October we have talked about parish renewal. This project began when our staff and I attended the diocesan priests' convocation led by Fr. James Mallon. Some other parishes have already begun this process, but I wanted to be sure that we get it right, and so we're being deliberate. Earlier this year we assembled a Renewal Committee, which is chaired by parishioner Claire Broome. More recently I asked Deacon Jeff Burns to assist in their deliberations and planning.

After much debate, the Renewal Committee chose the **Renew Program** as the main vehicle for our rejuvenation. We decided that Renew's Lectionary-based program (Scripture readings from Sunday Mass) best serves our community. Many longtime parishioners will recall that the Renew program worked very well in our parish starting in the late 1990s — one of our Renew groups lasted through 2017. Soon we'll be asking you to join a small Renew group to share your reflections on Scripture and what it means in your life.

In addition, once the new audiovisual equipment is installed in the church, we'll begin **Adult Sunday School** between the 9:30 am and the (newly moved) 11:30 am Masses. While sharing our faith experiences is central to deepening our relationship with God, it is also important for us to understand what our Church teaches. Starting on October 13th, I'll be leading short classes based on the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*. They will begin around 10:40 am in the church, and will last about 10-15 minutes, with discussion continued downstairs during Coffee Hour in Norton Hall.

These Adult Sunday School classes will give us a common vocabulary to discuss the role of faith in our lives. We're entering new territory with these presentations, and so we hope you'll be patient while we work out how they are best presented.

This coming week our staff and Renewal Committee will be away for a retreat all day Tuesday and Wednesday (August 27th & 28th) and the parish office will be closed. All of us want to be up to speed on the Renew process, and therefore we are taking this time for a "crash course" in the Renew Program so that we can best implement it here in our parish.

Please keep the Parish Staff and our Renewal Committee in your prayers this week. We want the renewal of our parish to be something that truly energizes our community for years to come.

Adult Sunday School Class Schedule

(All Classes Taught by Fr. Nick in the Church, immediately after the 9:30 am Mass)

October 13th:

Introduction; Life after Death

October 20th:

Heaven, Hell, Purgatory

November 3rd:

All Saints — All Souls

November 10th:

The Meaning of Christian Death

November 17th:

Christ the King

December 1st:

Meaning of the Symbols of Advent

[No Sunday School will be held on "Family Liturgy" Sundays.]

A Warm Welcome to Fr. W.E. Ngema, Our New Priest-in-Residence



Our senior priest-in-residence, **Fr. Ioane Ono**, has been called back home to Samoa for the remainder of this year, but God has graced our parish with the presence of **Fr. W.E. Ngema**, who arrived in the U.S. for the very first time just ten days ago. Fr. Ngema (as he likes to be called) is enrolled in the doctoral program at the Jesuit School of Theology, where he will study for five or six years before returning to his diocese in the Southwest (English-speaking) Region of Cameroon. A priest for nearly ten years, Fr. Ngema has been a founding pastor of two different parishes, and he has also enjoyed a rich and long editorial experience, most recently as the editor of the monthly journal of the Catholic bishops of his country, *Cameroon Panorama*. We eagerly await the reception of his faculties in our diocese so that Fr. Ngema can celebrate Mass and the sacraments with us.

Parish News

Letter of Gratitude from Fr. Joseph Kamoga

"I am writing to thank the parishioners of St. Mary Magdalen parish for opening their hearts to funding a new water supply for the schools of my parish in the



Diocese of Masaka, Uganda. The original estimated cost was \$2100, but when water and borehole engineers did a survey, they found water 90 feet

down, not at 60 feet, as we had earlier anticipated. This means that we will need 50% more corrugated stainless steel pipes and waterproof cement, and that raised the cost to \$2,900.

"Thankfully we have received enough money from your wonderful good-willed parishioners to enable us to make two good boreholes. Boreholes will be drilled at St Charles Lwanga Kabendera Primary School [pictured above] and at St Kizito Secondary School.

"Work on the project started last week and will take a period of six to eight weeks. Upon completion of these borehole projects, I will send reports and photos and letters from the administration of these two schools to you so that your parishioners can see what their money did—that is, availing access of clean water to vulnerable schoolchildren."

Commissioning of Parish Council Members



At last Sunday's 9:30 am Mass Fr. Nick invited the congregation to bless the newly-commissioned members of the Parish Pastoral Council: **Kristin Collins**, Convener **Dennis Smith**, **John Harbo**, **Nori Grimes**, and School VP **Heather Skinner**.

Peace & Social Justice

Refugee Aid Committee Update: We continue to support Casa Francisca, which provides housing for refugees and asylum seekers, and the Committee donated baby clothes and diapers to an expectant immigrant mother living there.

In June our parish contributed six carloads of usable items to a truck travelling to the *McAllen Respite Center* (organized by Bay Area Border Relief). There will be no truck in September. Instead, BABR has identified other ways that we can support the McAllen Respite Center and immigrants at the border, and the Committee will soon be sharing that information with the parish.

Monday, August 26, 6:00-8:30 pm: Join the inter-faith community for a free screening (registration required) of *Waking Dream*, a series of short documentary films exploring the lives of young undocumented people in the U.S. who have DACA permits. Then hear a panel discussion that will broaden the immigration discourse beyond DACA, and provide concrete ways to act. Location: New Parkway Theatre, 474 24th Street, Oakland. You may register at [eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com): "[Beyond a Dream. All of us. Or none of us.](#)"

August 31, 3:00-5:00 pm: *Alternative Facts: The Lies of Executive Order 9066* about the false information which led to the mass incarceration of nearly 120,000 Japanese Americans. Film screening followed by Q&A with director, Jon Osaki. Berkeley United Methodist Church, 1710 Carleton St. *Free!*

September 5, 6:00 pm: Join *Death Penalty Focus* and *Mike Farrell* as they honor *Sister Helen Prejean* and celebrate her new book at Book Passage, 51 Tamal Vista Road, Corte Madera. Tickets for the reception are \$60 and include a copy of Sister Prejean's book. Tickets: yoko@deathpenalty.org or (415) 243-0143. Although California's last execution took place on January 17, 2006, capital punishment is still legal in our state. Attorney General Barr has also ordered that capital punishment resume for federal crimes; he has scheduled five federal inmates for execution in December 2019-January 2020. The last federal execution took place in 2003.

The Parish Rose Garden – A Success and a Correction

George Springer has found an assistant to help him care for our gorgeous rose garden at the west end of Berryman Plaza: lifelong parishioner **Gabrielle deVogelaere Baumgartner** responded to his call, and is not only laboring in our garden, but already applying his instructions to her own rose garden up the hill. George would like, however, to correct the history reported in the *Bulletin* earlier this month: it was **Fr. David O'Rourke, OP**, who instigated the garden in 1980 by asking **Al Kennings** to take on the project. Al maintained the garden for decades, first with the help of **Al Gamman** and **Larry Hartman**, and eventually George himself. Thank you, George, for the beauty of our magnificent rose bushes!



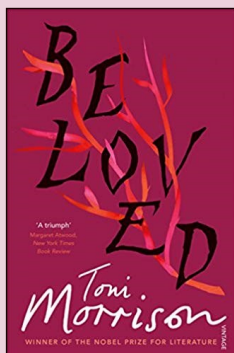
Tending our rose garden: Gabrielle Baumgartner & George Springer.

Faith Day with the Oakland As!



St. Mary Magdalen parishioners participating in the annual **Oakland As Faith Day** were privileged to meet mascot Stomper at the game (which the As won, 8-4). From left: **Mariah Colbert**, **Soon-Young Namgoong**, **Noah Colbert**, **Stomper**, Business Manager **Norah Hippolyte**, and Parish Technologist **Cat Nielsen**.

Next Meeting of the Parish Book Group: Saturday, September 7th



In honor of the recent death of literary titan Toni Morrison, the Parish Book Group has voted to read her best-known novel, *Beloved*, for our next meeting. At the time of its publication, the [New York Times](#) wrote: "Ms. Morrison's versatility and technical and emotional range appear to know no bounds.

"If there were any doubts about her stature as a pre-eminent American novelist, of her own or any other generation, "Beloved" will put them to rest." Buy or rent *Beloved* from your local library, and join us for a lively discussion on September 7th!

Confirmation Classes are Starting Soon

The Confirmation kickoff took place yesterday evening, but you can still join! Classes will meet in the convent, approximately *every other Sunday* after the 9:30 am Mass. The class is for high school students in 10th grade or higher. There will be online components and service requirements as well. *Questions?* Leave a message in the Parish Office for Joan Bell: 526-4811.



