

September 8th, 2019 | 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, 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, 11:30 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
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*“Together we share our
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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 for September

Sept. 7 & 8 Weekend	Collection for the Berkeley Food Pantry Drop off donations in either Vestibule.
Sept. 9 Monday	Meeting of the St. Vincent de Paul Conference 7:15 pm, Norton Hall. <i>All are welcome.</i>
Sept. 10, 17, 24	RCIA Classes (Inquiring about the Faith) Tuesdays 7:00 - 9:00 pm, Parish Hall
Sept. 11 Wednesday	Discussion of <i>Letter to a Suffering Church</i> 6:30 - 8:30 pm, Parish Hall
Sept. 12, 19, 26	Faith Studies: The Story of Salvation Thursdays, 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 Movie Night [<i>Kasdan's Grand Canyon</i>] 6:45 - 9:15 pm, Parish Hall (<i>See page 5 for details.</i>)
Sept. 15 Sunday	CONCERT: A Feast of Bach with Andy Canepa 3:00 pm, Church. Harpsichord & viola de gamba
Sept. 22 Sunday	4th Sunday Dinner for the Poor & Homeless 12:00 (set up); 2:45 pm (dinner), Parish Hall
Sept. 29 Sunday	FREE CONCERT: Bach Cantata Collective 5:00 pm, Church. BWV 61 and BWV 131

Confirmation Classes Begin Today!



Joan Bell, Leader

The first teen confirmation class will take place **today, September 8th**, in the convent, right after the 9:30 a.m. Mass. The confirmation classes will meet in the convent, approximately every two weeks starting at about 10:45 am.

The class is designed for high school students who are at least in the 10th grade. The program will entail online components and service requirements as well.

Questions? Please call the parish office at 510-526-4811.

The RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults)



process began **last Tuesday**, but you can still join! RCIA classes meet weekly and are for adults inquiring about the Catholic Faith; those interested in becoming Catholic; or people 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 September 1st

Sunday	Actual	Budget	Difference
09/01/2019	\$7,032.01	\$8,843.00	-\$1,810.99
Year-to-Date:	\$308,499.01	\$321,162.00	-\$12,662.39

We hope that you all enjoyed your Labor Day holiday weekend!

Berkeley Food Pantry Collection

Pickup THIS WEEKEND

Please Bring One or More of the Following Items to the Vestibules next Saturday or Sunday, September 7th & 8th:

- 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
- **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, cooking oil
- **Teabags**—in boxes
- **Meal replacements.**
- **Toiletries**—toothbrushes, toothpaste, shampoo, soap, deodorant, feminine hygiene products, etc.

Help the Retired Priests of our Diocese

A special collection for the *Diocesan Priest Retirement Benefit Trust* will take place this weekend, *September 7th & 8th*. This collection allows us to express gratitude and support for our retired and soon-to-be retired priests, many of whom are still “laboring in the vineyard” in service to the faithful, but now face retirement with minimal government assistance.

Thank you in advance for your generosity!

Walk for the Poor — September 28th

Supporters of the St. Vincent de Paul Conferences will lace up their walking shoes the last Saturday in September for the *Friends of the Poor Walk*, which will start at 9:00 am at the Fernandez Park Baseball Field, located at 595 Tennent Avenue in Pinole.

Support Our Local Walker!

Longtime parishioner **Monique Duax** is our parish representative to the Walk for the Poor. You may leave cash or a check for Monique at the Parish Office. Please make your check payable to **St. Vincent de Paul** (and be sure to write “*Walk for the Poor*” on the Memo Line.)

The suggested donation amount is **\$35.00**, but our St. Vincent de Paul Conference will gratefully accept any amount you are able to give.



Mass Intentions

Saturday	5:30	Intentions of Liliana Cucha
Sunday	8:00	Intentions of Br. Alex Escalara, OFM Cap
	9:30	For the People of the Parish
	11:30	Jim Barden RIP
Monday	8:00	Intentions of José & Lee Guerrero
	5:30	Intentions of Anonymous Donor
Tuesday	8:00	Intentions of Monica Jameson
	5:30	Intentions of Aggie Finnegan
Wednesday	8:00	Intentions of Yolanda Carlson
	5:30	Phillip Terry RIP
Thursday	8:00	Intentions of Oscar Guillen
	5:30	Intentions of Laurie Murdock
Friday	8:00	Intentions of Fr. Ioane Ono
	5:30	Frances Messer RIP
Saturday	8:00	Intentions of Elizabeth Silloway

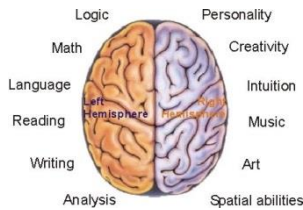
Scripture Readings for the Week

8 th	23 RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Wisdom 9:13-18 / Philemon 9-10, 12-17 / Luke 14:25-33
9 th	Weekday in Ordinary Time [St. Peter Claver] Colossians 1:24 - 2:3 / Luke 6:6-11
10 th	Weekday in Ordinary Time Colossians 2:6-15 / Luke 6:12-19
11 th	Weekday in Ordinary Time Colossians 3:1-11 / Luke 6:20-26
12 th	Weekday in Ordinary Time [Most Holy Name of Mary] Colossians 3:12-17 / Luke 6:27-38
13 th	Weekday in Ordinary Time 1 Timothy 1:1-2, 12-14 / Luke 6:39-42 [St. John Chrysostom]
14 th	Weekday in Ordinary Time [Exaltation of the Holy Cross] Numbers 21:4-9 / Philippians 2:6-11 / John 3:13-17



Notes from Fr. Nick

Our brains are divided into hemispheres that address different ways we interact with our environments. While both sides can process the other's tasks to one degree or another each has its preferences: the right side generally focuses on our emotional lives and deals with relationships while the left side concentrates on data, facts and information. Our parish renewal program proposes to deal with both. Beginning October 13th, we will launch two programs:



Arise is a small group sharing program that will address our need for community, relationships and experience; our brains' right-side preference. We'd like you to join a small group for six weeks during which you can share your faith-life in a personal setting. The Catholic Church has rightfully been accused of being too big and institutional. Arise will give you a deeper understanding of the gospels while allowing you to express your response to God's call with like-minded others. Between now and the 13th you'll be hearing a lot more about signing up and participating.



Adult Sunday School, speaking to our left-brains' strengths, will begin on the same day. I've put together a six-week series of short presentations from the [Catechism of the Catholic Church](#). Topics include basic theological vocabulary of Church doctrine; eternal life; heaven, hell, and purgatory; the feasts of All Saints and All Souls; Christian Death; and the Feast of Christ the King. These presentations should last no more than fifteen minutes. The idea is to impart an element of Church teaching and then let you move on with your day. If you come to the 9:30 Mass, just stay in your pew (I understand childcare will be provided). If you come to the 11:30 Mass, come early. Eight o'clock parishioners who want to attend can go to coffee hour, then attend afterward.



The Parish Renewal is not just an end in itself. Ultimately, we want to become an evangelizing parish! Fr. James Mallon, from Halifax, Nova Scotia, spoke to the priests and lay-leadership of the diocese last October. He believes part of the malaise the Catholic Church is experiencing comes from being too inwardly focused. If our churches are not actively engaged in evangelizing our neighborhoods, communities and the world at large, we slowly contract, become self-centered and die. Fr. James wants us to think of ourselves not just as members of the Church but as disciples.

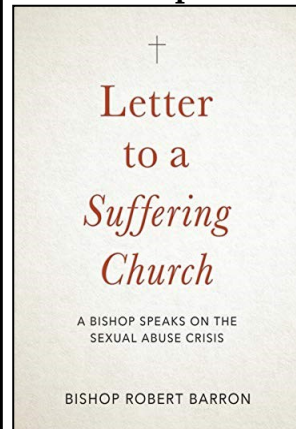
I believe that before we attempt to spread the gospel outside our community we need to get our own act together. Arise and Adult Sunday School are two parts of the plan. I hope you get caught up in the spirit of the renewal and thus will feel freer to proclaim your faith in myriads of small and big ways. Join us in both Arise and Adult Sunday School so we can see ourselves not just as members but disciples.

Parish News

Parish Discussion on *Letter to a Suffering Church*

Please join us this **Wednesday, September 11th**, as parishioners **Denis Ring** and **Theresa Thomas** lead a discussion on Bishop Barron's recent short book, *Letter to a Suffering Church: A Bishop Speaks on the Sexual Abuse Crisis*.

The event will take place in the Parish Hall from **6:30 to 8:30 pm**, and is not intended as *instruction*,



but *discussion*. We expect a range of opinions on Barron's small book, of which nearly 100 copies have been made available to parishioners over the past few weeks. (A few copies are still available.) Light refreshments provided; latecomers are welcome to this stimulating evening.

Inaugural Event: Parish Movie Night!

Starting this month, Fr. Nick and parishioner Benjamin Stone will present a series of movie nights in the Parish Hall that are open to **all adults**.

The first film in the series will take place on **Saturday, September 14th**, at **6:45 pm** in the Parish Hall, where we will screen Lawrence Kasdan's *Grand Canyon*, starring Steve Martin, Danny Glover, Alfre Woodard, and Kevin Kline. As a contemporary review noted: "A series of seemingly random but life-changing events brings together a handful of people from the have and have-not areas of Los Angeles, and provokes a ripple of epiphanies about relationships and responsibilities."

~ Joe Brown, *The Washington Post*.



Peace & Social Justice

Friday, September 13th, 11:30 am -12:30 pm: Join the monthly interfaith vigil in solidarity for immigrant justice at 630 Sansome Street, San Francisco.

Friday, September 20th: *Worldwide Climate Strike* led by youth who will walk out of their classes and jobs to call for action on the climate crisis. **Local strike locations:** Laney College's Main Quad (Oakland, 10:00 am) and Cal's Sproul Plaza (Berkeley, 11:00 am). The timing is meant to influence the September *United Nations Youth Climate and Climate Action Summits*. For more information: www.climatestrike.net.

Citizenship for U.S. Families Overseas: The Administration has announced a new policy that means U.S. government employees and members of the armed services who are overseas will no longer be considered to be "residing" in the United States. Consequently, for some service members, their children born overseas will not be automatically granted citizenship. The *U.S. Customs and Immigration Service* has said "There is still a pathway of citizenship for these children. It simply requires different paperwork." However, legal experts point out that the new policy would give officials the authority to deny citizenship to these children.

Flores Agreement: California and 19 other states have sued the federal government over the Administration's new policy that would set aside the 20-day limit on the detention of children, a limitation stipulated in the 1997 *Flores Agreement*.

"Public Charge" Rule: A similar number of states are taking action to block the Administration's Public Charge Rule (or "wealth test"), which would permit officials to determine immigration or green card eligibility based on the applicant's potential use of public assistance programs. Ironically, the nonpartisan *Fiscal Policy Institute* reported in 2018 that the economy could lose up to \$33.8 billion and 230,000 jobs if 35% of immigrants who use public assistance leave those programs (e.g., Medicaid or food stamps). According to the *Pew Research Center*, there are currently about 35 million legal immigrants in the United States, and about 10 million use public benefits such as Medicaid and food stamps (cf. *Migration Policy Institute*).

Second Set of Photos of our 2nd Annual Parish-School Picnic!



More photos at tinyurl.com/SMM2ndPicnic.



Finance Committee member John Rengel with Emily Onglatco.

Set-up Crew: Kevin Cornish, Kevin Boone, Co-Organizer Elizabeth Jacob, Charlie & Jeremy Banks-Altekruse, Ed Kress, Carlos Guillen, Alfredo Neira, Chris de Rosa, Jeremiah Allen.

Below: Facilities Supervisor Oscar Guillen with his wife, Ana.



Above right & below: Bingo winners!



Fr. Nick had plenty of helpers picking the raffle winners. Kathleen Fettig won the grand prize: dinner with him and our priests-in-residence!

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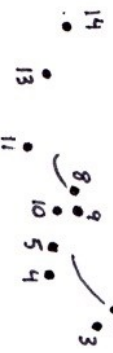
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What do you have to do to be Jesus' disciple?

Connect the dots to find out, starting at the star beside the number 1. Then you can colour the picture in.



*Today is also Our Lady's Birthday!
What can your family do to
celebrate Mary's Birthday?*

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Psalm 90 Word-Find

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E R E K U L O V E L I N
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D A Y S Y W I S D O M

A THOUSAND YEARS in thy sight are but as YESTERDAY when it is past, or as a WATCH in the NIGHT.

Thou dost SWEEP men AWAY; they are like a DREAM, like GRASS which is RENEWED in the morning; in the MORNING it flourishes and is renewed; in the EVENING it FADES and withers.

So teach us to number our DAYS that we may get a HEART of WISDOM. Return, O LORD! How long? Have PITY on thy SERVANTS!

SATISFY us in the morning with thy steadfast LOVE, that we may REJOICE and be GLAD all our days.

See if you can find all the words from today's Psalm that are written in CAPITALS. The leftover letters tell what we are doing when we pray this Psalm.

