
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 7:55 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

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

**CONFIRMATION:** Classes run from September through 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 with a priest.

Cartoon by Berkeley artist David Goines for the stained-glass windows at St. Mary Magdalen Church, 2002
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Parish Calendar for January

January 18 & 19
HOLY LAND TOUR: Sign-Up Weekend
After all Masses on Berryman Plaza

January 19
Mexicali Mission Luncheon & Fundraiser
12:30 pm, Norton Hall

January 19 & 26
Fr. Nick’s Adult Sunday School — 2nd Series
10:40 am, Church.

January 28
RCIA Sessions (Catechumenate)
Tuesday
Tuesdays 7:00 - 9:00 pm, Norton Hall

January 22 & 29
SPRED (Special Religious Education)
Wednesdays, 6:00 - 9:00 pm, Norton Hall

January 23 & 30
Faith Studies: The Story of Salvation
Thursdays, 7:00-9:00 pm, Norton Hall

January 28
CONCERT: Music Sources @ 5:00 pm, Church
Uccelini, Muffat, Bach, Royer, and Mondonville.

January 25
3rd Annual Parish Leadership Conference
Saturday
9:30 am - 2:30 pm, St. Perpetua, Lafayette

January 26
4th Sunday Dinner for the Poor & Homeless
Sunday
12:00 (set up); 3:00 pm (dinner), Parish Hall

January 27
Fr. Hilary Martin: “The Church & Politics.”
Monday
7:00 – 8:30 pm, Norton Hall

Register by Tomorrow!

3rd Annual Parish Leadership Conference
“A Centennial of Prayer and Service”
Saturday, January 25th, 2020
9:00 am - 2:30 pm
St. Perpetua Parish, Lafayette

Who should attend?
¬ Everyone involved in a parish ministry
¬ Everyone who wishes to help our parish thrive

Please fill out the Registration Form we emailed to you, along with the brief questionnaire.
(Or tear off the registration form on page 4.)
Quarterly Report: Parish Donations
For Maintenance & Social Ministries

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**End-of-the-Year Collections**

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<td>$18,336.37</td>
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We are off to a good new year! Thank you for helping your parish to thrive.

Please pray for our RCIA participants as they continue their journey toward full reception into the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil.

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**West Coast Walk for Life**
Saturday, January 25th
Walk with us! Peaceably protest abortion in a joyous celebration of life, walking from San Francisco’s Civic Center to Embarcadero Plaza.
We will meet at St. Mary Magdalen Church at 10:30 AM and then take BART together from Downtown Berkeley to the Civic Center.
To join other SMM walkers, email Emma Deist: emmagracedeist@gmail.com, or leave Emma a message at 415-963-1427.
Visit walkforlifewc.com for more information.

**Scripture Readings for the Week**

19th 2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Isaiah 49:3, 5-6 / 1 Corinthians 1:1-3 / John 1:29-34

20th Weekday in Ordinary Time [Sts. Fabian & Sebastian, Martyrs]
1 Samuel 15:16-23 / Mark 2:18-22

21st Weekday in Ordinary Time [St. Agnes, Martyr]
1 Samuel 16:1-13 / Mark 2:23-28

22nd Weekday in Ordinary Time [Day for Unborn Children]
1 Samuel 17:32-33, 37, 40-51 / Mark 3:1-6

23rd Weekday in Ordinary Time [Sts. Vincent; Marianne Cope]
1 Samuel 18:6-9; 19:1-7 / Mark 3:7-12

24th Weekday in Ordinary Time [St. Francis de Sales]
1 Samuel 24:3-21 / Mark 3:13-19

25th Weekday in Ordinary Time [Conversion of St. Paul]
Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22 / Mk 16:15-18
In many ways Martin Luther King has become a modern saint. His courage, eloquence, organizational skills and not least, his faith, moved the civil rights cause ahead at a pace few would have predicted in the years following the Second World War.

Yet, because many people who knew Reverend King personally (or knew of him through his reputation) are still alive, we are also conscious that he was a human being, with the limitations we all share. Martin Luther King had an ego. His family, friends and coworkers will tell you there were times when the great leader could be difficult to be around.

For me, Reverend King’s foibles and idiosyncrasies do not detract from his greatness. Rather, these very traits remind me that sainthood is not about being perfect, but about striving for perfection. Every saint who ever lived possessed a fully-rounded personality that included bugs and annoyances that occasionally may have made them difficult to live with. However, sometimes these were the very traits that made them great.

As saints fade from living memory, it is easy to forget about the irritating features of their characters. Many of the personality traits of long-ago saints are not even known to us. When we lose sight of a saint’s humanity, however, we run the risk of limiting his or her effectiveness as an example for our lives. We forget that all saints struggled with faults, just like the rest of us, and yet they still managed to live holy lives in spite of their faults. This quality is what set apart Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and all the rest of the saints in our lives.
**Parish News**

**10 Day Pilgrimage to the Holy Land**

Hosted by: Fr. Nicholas Glisson, Pastor

$3,898.00 All Inclusive! (except lunch)

For more information, please contact parishioner M. Emily Onglatco at EmSMMHolyLand@gmail.com and/or go to Catholicpilgrimoffice.com/frnick.

Sign-ups will take place this weekend after every Mass.

Come to Emily’s table on Berryman Plaza!

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**Peace & Justice**

**Casa Francisca Update** – Our parish supports Casa Francisca, a home founded in 1986 to provide temporary housing and support for refugees and asylum seekers in our community. They just relayed wonderful news: two Casa guests were granted asylum, and another (with residency) is now applying to transfer to a UC campus after working hard to complete high school and community college here! Members of our Peace & Justice/Refugee Aid Committee regularly liaise with Casa guests and staff.

**Kudos** – Thank you to School of the Madeline Staff, who partnered with the Peace and Justice Committee to provide Christmas baskets to the local immigrant families we work with. The generous support from school staff enabled our Committee to provide more gifts this year. We hope to continue this terrific joint partnership in the future, but in the meantime, a big ‘thank you’ to the staff!

**U.S. Census and a sense of urgency** – The upcoming 2020 census in April gathers critical data that determine Congressional representation (how many districts, how many seats) and provide demographic information for resource allocation to each state. The 2020 Census is particularly important to California, as out-of-state migration means we will most likely lose Congressional seats for the first time ever. Two populations will be hard to count: our immigrant communities (fearful because of Trump policies) and the estimated 151,000 homeless population. Reaching all communities will ensure that California receives its just due for all funds, services and representation based on state population. See 2020census.gov, and be sure to fill out your own census form!

**Just Mercy and criminal justice.** - The Committee recommends that you read or see *Just Mercy*, the true story of author Bryan Stevenson’s defense of Walter McMillian, an African-American wrongfully sentenced to death. Read the book or see the recently released movie starring Jamie Foxx! Bryan Stevenson is the founder of the Equal Justice Initiative, a legal practice dedicated to defending those most desperate and in need: the poor and the wrongly condemned. More info: justmercy.eji.org/
Thanks to your generous contributions to the Advent Giving Tree, we were able to give gifts and food certificates to over 40 families.

We also gave monetary donations to the following groups:

- East Bay Sanctuary: $750
- St. Mary’s Center: $750
- Elizabeth House: $750
- Catholic Charities: $750
- Mercy Brown Bag Program: $1500
- St. Vincent de Paul: $270, plus we were able to give our parish SVdP Conference all the extra food gift cards.

The extra gifts went to Elizabeth House, the Oakland Children’s Hospital, the refugee program, and the Richmond Fire Department. Everyone has been very grateful. Thank you for sharing your abundance with our neighbors in Berkeley, Albany, Oakland, and Richmond.

**Volunteer to Help Pregnant Mothers in Need**

*Orientation: Saturday, February 1st*

The Respect for Life team is launching a new ministry!

The Gabriel Project announces to pregnant women what the Angel Gabriel announced to a young Virgin Mary: “Fear not, for God is with you! Nothing is impossible with God.” We are seeking volunteer ‘Angels’ to help pregnant mothers with their physical, emotional, and spiritual needs. Please consider attending our orientation in Norton Hall on Saturday, February 1st, at 9:30 am, to learn more about how we can help support pregnant mothers in our area as a Gabriel Parish.

Please contact Emma Deist: (415) 963-1427 or emmagracedeist@gmail.com. To learn about the Gabriel Project, visit cagabrielproject.wordpress.com.

**The Berkeley Food Pantry Marks 50 Years**

On October 6th, the Berkeley Food Pantry officially celebrated 50 years of providing emergency groceries to our neighbors. They reflected on the fact that one person, Dorothy Noble, felt called to help local families in need and mobilized her friends, professionals, and the faith community to open the first emergency food pantry in Berkeley.

As we look back 50 years, we give thanks to all of our previous directors, volunteers, and supporters, as well as our current. We have helped many people and we are grateful to all of our supporters because we could not run this operation without them. Today, the Alameda County Community Food Bank estimates that 1 in 5 Alameda County residents live in food insecurity. Despite the historically low unemployment rate and our limited resources, the Berkeley Food Pantry continues to serve around 1,700 Berkeley and Albany residents a month.

The Food Pantry hopes that 50 years from now food pantries will exist only in history books.

Earlier this month St. Mary Magdalen parish delivered **375 pounds of food** you donated to the 1st Sunday Pantry Collection. We are one of their most reliable donors, and they are very grateful for our support.

Would you like to help organize funerals in our parish? Fr. Nick needs one or two more people to join our team of rotating parish Funeral Coordinators. Training is provided. The time commitment varies; all duties are shared with other volunteers. If interested, please email pastor@marymagdalen.org.
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I did not restrain my lips, as You, O Lord, know.
I announced Your JUSTICE in the vast assembly;
and Your law is WITHIN my HEART.

"In the WRITTEN scroll it is prescribed for me,"
then I said, "Behold I COME," HOCUSPACUST or sin-offerings you sought not;
ho EARS open to OBEDIENCE you gave me,
SACRIFICE or OFFERING you wished not.

a hymn to our God,
and he put a new song in my mouth,
and he glorified TOWARD me and HEARD my cry,
I have waited, waited for the LORD,

Use the left over letters to fill in the blanks at the end.
See if you can find all the words that are in CAPITALS.

**THE KIDS' BULLETIN**

**SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

January 19, 2020

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[Image of children and a water slide]