

February 23rd, 2020 | 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Parish



Lent begins this Wednesday ~ See page 3 for Ash Wednesday Mass Times.

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)

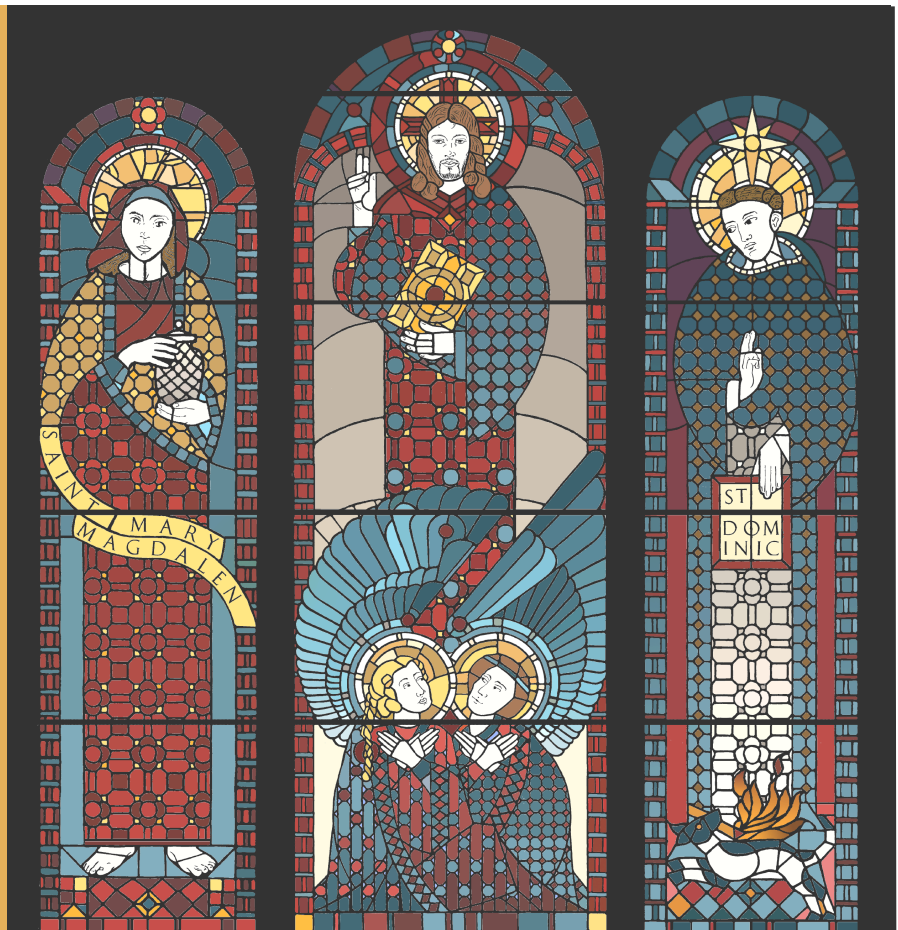
OFFICE HOURS

Monday – Friday
9:00 am – 5:00 pm
Closed for Lunch: Noon-1:00 pm
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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 7th Sunday Mass, and by appointment with a priest.

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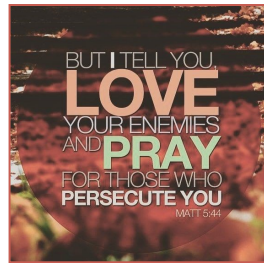
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Parish Calendar for February & March

February 22 through 28	First Week of ARISE (Small Group) Gatherings <i>(Call the Parish Office for more information.)</i>
February 23 Sunday	4th Sunday Dinner for the Poor & Homeless 12:00 (set up); 3:00 pm (dinner), Parish Hall
February 25 Tuesday	RCIA Sessions (Catechumenate) Tuesdays 7:00 - 9:00 pm, Norton Hall
February 26 Wednesday	SPRED (Special Religious Education) Wednesdays, 6:00 - 9:00 pm, Norton Hall
February 26 Wednesday	ASH WEDNESDAY Masses at 8:30 & 10:30 am; 5:30 & 7:30 pm
February 27 Thursday	Faith Studies: <i>The Story of Salvation</i> Thursdays, 7:00 - 9:00 pm, Norton Hall
February 28 Friday	Stations of the Cross + Soup Supper 6:00 pm, Church + 6:30 pm, Norton Hall
February 29 Saturday	Parish Book Group: <i>There There</i> , Tommy Orange 10:00 am, Conference Room. (See page 5.)
February 29 & March 1	Berkeley Food Pantry Donations <i>Please drop off your donations in either vestibule.</i>
March 1 Sunday	Fellowship for Parents with Young Children 10:30 am, School of the Madeleine Playground
March 1, 8, & 16	Adult Sunday School with Fr. Nick 10:40 am, Church
March 1 st Sunday	1st Sunday Dinner for the Poor & Homeless 12:00 (set up); 3:00 pm (dinner), Parish Hall
March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30	Eucharistic Adoration (Holy Hour) 6:05 pm, Church
March 2 Monday	St. Vincent de Paul Conference Meeting 7:15 pm, Conference Room <i>All are welcome!</i>
March 2, 9 & 16	Life Planning: Legacy & Funeral Preparations 7:30-8:30 pm, Norton Hall
March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31	RCIA Sessions (Catechumenate) Tuesdays 7:00 - 9:00 pm, Norton Hall
March 4, 11, 18 & 25	SPRED (Special Religious Education) Wednesdays, 6:00 - 9:00 pm, Norton Hall
March 5, 12, 19 & 26	Faith Studies: <i>The Story of Salvation</i> Thursdays, 7:00 - 9:00 pm, Norton Hall
March 6, 13, 20 & 27	Stations of the Cross + Soup Supper 6:00 pm, Church + 6:30 pm, Norton Hall
March 7 Saturday	Parish Leadership Conference Follow-Up 12:30 pm, Conference Room
March 8 Sunday	CONCERT: Music Sources 5:00 pm, Church. <i>Nadia Sorée, Harpsichord</i>
March 13 Friday	Peace & Justice / Refugee Aid Meeting 4:00 pm, Norton Hall <i>All are welcome!</i>
March 22 Sunday	4th Sunday Dinner for the Poor & Homeless 12:00 (set up); 3:00 pm (dinner), Parish Hall
March 22 Sunday	FREE CONCERT: Bach Cantata Collective 5:00 pm, Church
March 29 Sunday	CONCERT: Voci Women's Vocal Ensemble 4:00 pm, Church, w/ Jubilate Baroque Orchestra



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Collection for February 16 th , 2020			
Sunday	Actual	Budget	Difference
02/16/2020	\$7,735.60	\$8,829.00	-\$1,093.40
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I M P O R T A N T	ARISE Small Faith Groups — Season 2, Lent:	February 22 nd — April 3 rd	L E N T D A T E S
	Ash Wednesday:	February 26 th (<i>Masses at 8:30 & 10:30 am; 5:30 & 7:30 pm</i>)	
	Stations of the Cross + Soup Suppers:	Fridays at 6:05 / 6:30 pm: February 28 th , March 6 th , 13 th , 20 th , 27 th & April 3 rd	
	Sunday School:	March 1 st , 7 th , 15 th (<i>Fr. Nick's Adult Sunday School in the Church.</i>)	
	Adoration:	Mondays from 6:05 - 7:00 pm: March 2 nd , 9 th , 16 th , 23 rd , 30 th	
	Penance Service:	Monday, March 30 th at 7:30 pm	
	Palm Sunday:	April 4 th & 5 th — Usual Mass Times	
	Tenebrae:	9:00 am on April 9 th , 10 th , and 11 th	
	Holy Thursday:	7:30 pm, April 9 th	
	Good Friday:	1:30 pm, Passion of the Lord, April 10 th 7:00 pm, Stations of the Cross, April 10 th	
T	Easter Vigil:	8:00 pm - 11:00 pm, April 11 th	T R I D U U M
	Easter Sunday:	April 12 th — Usual Mass Times	

Mass Intentions

Saturday	5:30	Intentions of Florence Wahl
Sunday	8:00	For the People of the Parish
	9:30	Patrick James Schaller RIP
	11:30	Intentions of Barbara Butterfield
Monday	8:30	Brenda Ortega RIP
	5:30	Jack O'Sullivan RIP
Tuesday	8:30	James Looney RIP
	5:30	Ezora Caesar RIP
Wednesday	8:30	Intentions of Will Silloway
	5:30	Intentions of Carol Carmen
	7:30	Intentions of Jane Kaer
Thursday	8:30	Intentions of Roberto Rodrigo
	5:30	Intentions of Sammy & Rebecca
Friday	8:30	Intentions of the Paterno, Portugal & Balin Families
	5:30	Intentions of Mary Ellen & Frank Mahoney
Saturday	8:30	Intentions of Carlos Dany

Scripture Readings for the Week

Ordinary Time:
 23rd 7TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
 Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18 / 1 Corinthians 3:16-23 / Matthew 5:38-48

24th *Weekday in Ordinary Time*
 James 3:13-18 / Mark 9:14-29

25th *Weekday in Ordinary Time*
 James 4:1-10 / Mark 9:30-37

Lent:
 26th **ASH WEDNESDAY**
 Joel 2:12-18 / 2 Corinthians 5:20 - 6:2 /
 Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18

27th *Thursday after Ash Wednesday*
 Deuteronomy 30:15-20 / Luke 9:22-25

28th *Friday after Ash Wednesday*
 Isaiah 58:1-9 / Matthew 9:14-15

29th *Saturday after Ash Wednesday*
 Isaiah 58:9-14 / Luke 5:27-32

Notes from Fr. Nick

Stardust

This coming Wednesday, you may hear the words: “Remember you are only dust and to dust you shall return.” Well, dust we may be, but oh, what special dust we are! Did you ever stop to think that the atoms that make up our bodies were formed during the Big Bang when God created the universe? The carbon atoms that are the basis for all life were born in the bellies of stars. We truly are made of *stardust*. When our bodies decay after our death, they return to the elements from which God made us and are recycled back into the cosmos.



We tend to think of ourselves as ‘in the world’ or ‘on this planet’, but rarely see ourselves as an integral part of the earth and the universe. And yet we are. Theologians and scientists have recently begun to look at the earth as one giant organism where human beings are its consciousness and conscience. *We do not stand outside or above the earth, we are part of it.* The sea and the dirt that make up our planet are made of the same stuff as we are, and our planet is so much more than just a rock orbiting the sun.

Understanding ourselves from this perspective might give us new insight into the Paschal mystery unfolding during Lent, and our role in it. If God (at the very least) is the Wholeness by which the universe exists, then the Son of God may not come so much from a heaven outside our world, but from the very heart of it. Jesus is the summation of all that human beings can be. That he chose to die for our sins is equally a supremely human act and the work of God.

Given this new awareness of our cosmic place in God’s universe, and the way Jesus’ ministry makes us aware of this fact, we might consider embarking on a Lenten activity this year different from what we’ve done in the past. Why not walk to a park once a week and spend some time reflecting on your place in creation and how Christ calls us all to be co-creators? Or take some time to clean up litter in a local creek or beach to help repair the damage some of us humans have inflicted. Try helping out at our Sunday Dinner for the Poor and Homeless, interacting with people outside your comfort zone. Or on some clear evening, take your children or grandchildren up to Chabot Observatory and gaze at the magnificent sky.

When it comes to religion, we often tend to live inside our head — or at least inside the Church. We may need some time to convince ourselves that we are stardust, but once we have, we will be on our way to learning the majesty of the world we are part of, the importance of the Paschal Mystery, and our role in it.

Berkeley Food Pantry Collection Pickup NEXT Weekend

Please drop off any of the below items in either vestibule:

- **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. soap, deodorant, feminine hygiene products, etc.

Parish News

4th Sunday Dinner for the Poor

Our parish is one of several religious institutions in Berkeley that provide meals to the poor and homeless every weekend during the year. Please help us to do our part by volunteering at this weekend's **Dinner for the Poor & Homeless**.

We set up and cook from **Noon to 1:00 pm**, prepare to serve at **2:45 pm**, and clean up the Kitchen and Parish Hall starting at **3:30 pm**. We especially need volunteers to clean up. It's a relief to see fresh faces coming to help as the Dinner winds down.

Our guests like sweets and appreciate your desserts. They can be brought to the Parish Hall by 1:30 pm.

New to the parish? The Parish Hall is located directly below the Church. Go down the stairs from the parking lot and turn left. The door will be on your right.

Thanks to the Men who Moved our Pews!

Fr. Nick has long wanted to make the balcony a more hospitable environment to participate in Mass, and now his wish has been fulfilled. Last Friday, the pews that



have been in the apse since the 1999 church renovation were moved up to the

balcony (and were replaced by chairs, much to the joy of Andy Canepa, our Music Director).

Many thanks of the hard work of Facilities Supervisor **Oscar Guillen** & Madeleine Dads **Charlie Altekruse**, **Matt Fetting**, **Victor Gurevich**, **David Wilkie**, **Stefan Hack**, **Chris de Rosa** and **Michael Walmsley**.



Peace & Justice

Bay Area Sanctuary Movement Discussion and 'Sneak Preview' of Film *Sanctuary Rising* – Thursday, February 27, 6:00 - 8:00 pm:

Learn about the interfaith community supporting the Sanctuary Movement and how local congregations participate, and how you can get involved. Calvary Presbyterian Church, 2515 Fillmore Street, S.F. RSVP/tickets at tinyurl.com/SRising.

Interfaith Vigil Friday March 13, 11:30 am -12:30 pm:

Join the next interfaith community at 630 Sansome Street, San Francisco. The vigils highlight the plight of immigrants seeking asylum and refuge. The local faith community has been some of the staunchest support for refugees and your presence at the vigil will be welcome and rewarding.

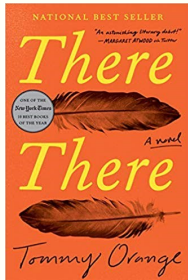
Taking Care of Our Earth: Please consider adding *Interfaith Power & Light* to your list of resources! IPL is a locally founded, national faith-based group that advocates for policies to protect our planet. Visit interfaithpowerandlight.org to find current information and action items to help protect our environment. Pope Francis asks: "What kind of world do we want to leave to those who come after us, to children who are now growing up?" Comprehensive action requires all of us to take part.

Local Immigrant and Asylum Support: *East Bay Sanctuary Covenant* offers sanctuary, solidarity, support, community organizing assistance and legal services to those escaping war, terror, political persecution, exploitation, and other expressions of violence. Our Parish *Peace & Justice Committee* participates in *EBSC* events and supports their work. *EBSC's* asylum program is one of the largest in the country and continues to successfully provide legal status to those fleeing persecution.

Cambodian Deportees: Deportations of Cambodian refugees have increased in frequency, and committee members have accompanied several Cambodians at court hearings. Many were born in refugee camps in Thailand, and have reasonable fear for their lives if returned to Cambodia. Representatives went to Cambodia in November to meet with deportees and host a legal clinic for those interested in reopening their immigration cases. Good news: one father of four, pardoned by Governor Newsom but still detained by ICE, was released last month and has rejoined his family!

The Parish Book Group Will Meet
Saturday, February 29th at 10:00 am to Discuss

There There
by Tommy Orange



"Masterful. White-hot. A devastating debut novel."

—Ron Charles, *Washington Post*

"A gripping deep dive into urban indigenous community in California: an astonishing literary debut!"

—Margaret Atwood, via Twitter

"Welcome to a brilliant and generous artist who has already enlarged the landscape of American Fiction. *There There* is a comic vision haunted by profound sadness. Tommy Orange is a new writer with an old heart."

—Louise Erdrich, *Birchbark Books*

Buy or check out *There There* from a nearby library and join us in the Parish Conference Room on Saturday, February 29th, to discuss it.

Fellowship Event for
Parents with Young Children

Come join us on the school playground after the 9:30 Mass *next Sunday, March 1st*, for a fellowship event for parents with young children. Get to know other like-minded parents while the little ones have fun in the outdoors! *For more information:*

- ♦ Lauren Dutra lamccarl@gmail.com
- ♦ Celine Koh celinekohfc@gmail.com

Sunday, March 1st
10:30 AM – 11:30 AM

Note New Location:
School of the Madeleine Playground

Dates through Summer 2020: March 1st, April 5th,
May 3rd, July 12th, & August 2nd

Ash
Wednesday
Day of
Prayer:

*Rend Your Hearts and
Not Your Garments*

Facilitator: S. Jane Frances Garrison, O.P.



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Join us for a quiet day of prayer as we enter into the season of Lent. The day includes contemplative prayer, Eucharist with distribution of ashes, a simple lunch, and personal time to reflect, journal and share.

Sister Jane Frances Garrison, O.P., is a Dominican Sister of Mission San Jose.

After many years as an educator in the Catholic school system, S. Jane Frances became a board-certified chaplain of the National Association of Catholic Chaplains.



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March 19,
March 26,
April 2

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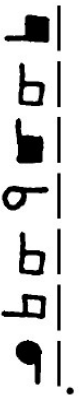
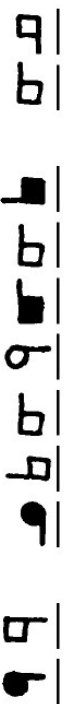
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The Kids' Bulletin

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 23rd, 2020



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*What did Jesus tell the people
in today's Gospel reading?
Use the code to find out!*

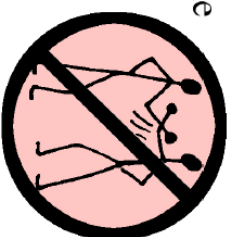
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True or False: What did Jesus say?

*How does Jesus tell us we should act toward others?
Which of these are true and which are false?*



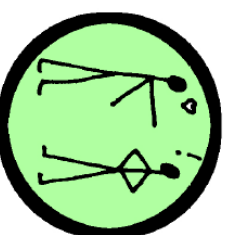
1. When someone hits you on one cheek, you should hit them back.
True or False?



2. If someone tries to take your coat, you should give them your tunic as well.
True or False?



3. If someone makes you walk a mile with them, you should walk two miles.
True or False?



4. If someone asks for something, you shouldn't lend it to them, since they might not give it back.
True or False?

5. You should love your friends and hate your enemies. True or False?

6. You should love your enemies and do good to the people who hate you.
True or False?



7. You should be perfect as our Heavenly Father is perfect.
True or False?