

March 1st, 2020 | 1st Sunday of Lent, Year A

St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Parish



Series 3 of Adult Sunday School Begins Today: 10:40 am in the Church

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)

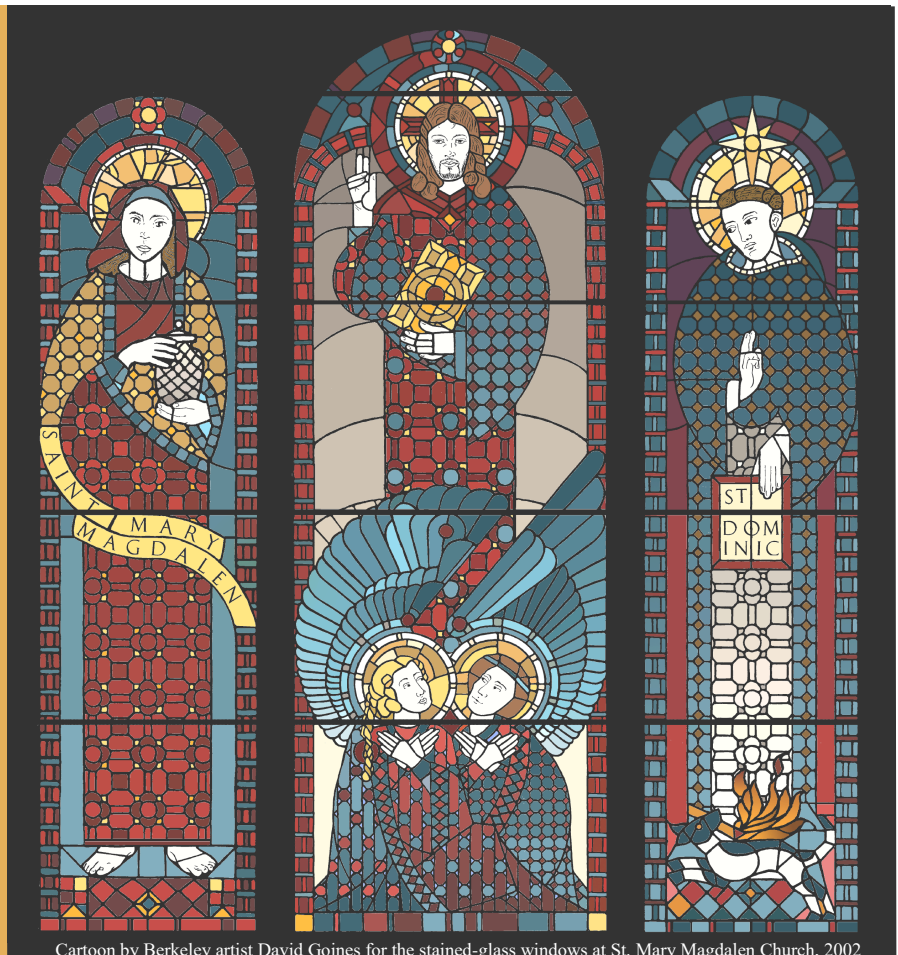
OFFICE HOURS

Monday – Friday
9:00 am – 5:00 pm
Closed for Lunch: Noon-1:00 pm
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*“Together we share our
Faith in Jesus Christ.*

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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 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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Parish Calendar for March

- March 1** Fellowship for Parents with Young Children
Sunday 10:30 am, School of the Madeleine Playground
- March 1, 8, & 15** Adult Sunday School with Fr. Nick
10:40 am, Church
- March 1** **1st Sunday Dinner for the Poor & Homeless**
Sunday 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** St. Vincent de Paul Conference Meeting
Monday 7:15 pm, Conference Room *All are welcome!*
- 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: *The Story of Salvation*
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 8** CONCERT: Music Sources
Sunday 5:00 pm, Church. *Nadia Sorée, Harpsichord*
- March 13** Peace & Justice / Refugee Aid Meeting
Friday 4:00 pm, Norton Hall *All are welcome!*
- March 14** Parish Movie Night *Tim's Vermeer*
Saturday 6:30 pm, Norton Hall. (*See details on page 4.*)
- March 22** **4th Sunday Dinner for the Poor & Homeless**
Sunday 12:00 (set up); 3:00 pm (dinner), Parish Hall
- March 22** FREE CONCERT: Cantata Collective
Sunday 5:00 pm, Church. BWV 55 and BWV 22.
- March 29** CONCERT: Voci Women's Vocal Ensemble
Sunday 4:00 pm, Church, w/ Jubilate Baroque Orchestra

Voci Women's Vocal Ensemble

4:00 pm

Sunday, March 29th



In observance of the beginning of Holy Week, the Voci Women's Vocal Ensemble will present a devotional concert of sacred Baroque music in our church, accompanied by the Jubilate Baroque Orchestra on period instruments. Works will include Giovanni Battista Pergolesi's beloved *Stabat Mater Dolorosa*; three movements from Johann Adolf Hasse's *Miserere*; the motet *Salve Regina* by Renaissance master, Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina; and the *Concerti Armonici* #5 by Unico Wilhelm van Wassenaer.

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| Collection for February 23 rd , 2020 | | | |
|-------------------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Sunday | Actual | Budget | Difference |
| 02/23/2020 | \$6,887.80 | \$8,829.00 | -\$1,941.20 |
| Year-to-Date | \$68,941.57 | \$70,632.00 | -\$1,690.43 |

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Kickoff for the Annual Bishop's Appeal!



What is the Bishop's Appeal? It is the annual call of our Bishop to help to provide essential services for our diocese, as well as works of charity. It offers us, St. Mary Magdalen parishioners, a chance to assist in the costs of forming our future priests and to care for older ones in their retirement, as well as to share our resources to help our brothers and sisters in the less fortunate parishes (and schools) of our diocese.

This year, Bishop Barber has chosen to reprise last year's theme, the admonition that St. Francis received in a vision to *Rebuild my Church*. The goals for each parish also remain the same as last year. For St. Mary Magdalen, we have again been asked to raise \$27,700.00 for the appeal.

We ask you pray for the Bishop's Appeal and join us in *Rebuilding Christ's Church* in our Diocese!

How to donate?

Use one of the envelopes in the pews.

Go to marymagdalen.org/donate and select *Bishop's Appeal*.

At the diocese: oakdiocese.org/bishops-appeal-donation-page

Where do your donations go?

- ◆ Religious Education & Formation
- ◆ Clergy Formation & Support
- ◆ Pastoral Ministries & Services
- ◆ Priest Retirement & Care
- ◆ Support for Schools & Parishes in Need

Scripture Readings for the Week

- 1st 1ST SUNDAY OF LENT
Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7 / Romans 5:12-19, 17-19 / Matthew 4:1-11
- 2nd Lenten Weekday
Leviticus 19:1-2, 11-18 / Matthew 25:31-46
- 3rd Lenten Weekday [St. Katharine Drexel]
Isaiah 55:10-11 / Matthew 6:7-15
- 4th Lenten Weekday [St. Casimir]
Jonah 3:1-10 / Luke 11:29-32
- 5th Lenten Weekday
Esther C:12, 14-16, 23-25 / Matthew 7:7-12
- 6th Lenten Weekday
Ezekiel 18:21-28 / Matthew 5:20-26
- 7th Lenten Weekday [Sts. Perpetua & Felicity, Martyrs]
Deuteronomy 26:16-19 / Matthew 5:43-48
- 8th 2ND SUNDAY OF LENT
Genesis 12:1-4 / 2 Timothy 1:8-10 / Matthew 17:1-9

Mass Intentions

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| Saturday | 5:30 | For the People of the Parish |
| Sunday | 8:00 | Pat Haukom Sontag RIP |
| | 9:30 | Christine Ndzefer Ngwane RIP |
| | 11:30 | Amelia ('Mimi') Hognlund RIP |
| Monday | 8:30 | Intentions of Bill Betschart |
| | 5:30 | Intentions of Jessie Morland |
| Tuesday | 8:30 | Mary Lindh RIP |
| | 5:30 | Ed Mazzucchi RIP |
| Wednesday | 8:30 | Intentions of Alexandra Jacob and Carlo Joseph Ocampo |
| | 5:30 | Intentions of Velma Richmond |
| Thursday | 8:30 | Intentions of Mharsie Paterno |
| | 5:30 | Intentions of Sarah Mills |
| Friday | 8:30 | Intentions of Kyle McIver |
| | 5:30 | Cyril Dodds RIP |

Notes from Fr. Nick

The Benefits of Volunteering

While riding a streetcar in the City recently, a man seated next to me volunteered the purpose of his trip. He was on his way downtown to help a homeless person who was having difficulty getting medical services. He seemed to need to tell me that he was doing a good deed. I don't think his revelation violated Jesus' admonition in St. Matthew's Gospel's to keep good deeds secret. Rather, it was a proclamation that goodness is alive and well in the world today.



Lent is a special season for doing good deeds. At this time of year, we are all a little more inclined to engage in random acts of kindness, but have we committed ourselves to more long-term acts of goodness? The act of volunteering forces us to get outside of our own problems and focus on larger issues. Besides fulfilling our baptismal vows to help one another, volunteering puts our own problems in perspective and helps to make them more manageable.

The biggest obstacle to engaging in volunteer work is not really a lack of time. Rather, it is the inertia we all live in that keeps us from changing our habits. It takes more energy than we realize to pick up the phone and ask someone how we can help. That's why, when we are asked us to get involved, we should seize the opportunity. Somebody with a need has reached out to meet us halfway. Sometimes, we really don't have the time or talent to respond to their request, but more often than not, saying, "Oh well, why not?" is a declaration that you can free yourself from routine and make a difference.

Take the opportunity to volunteer. Consider going downstairs today to help out at our Sunday Dinner for the Poor. Look for a way to connect with recent immigrants to our area. Or volunteer to serve once a month as a Greeter or Eucharistic Minister at Mass. Like the man on the streetcar, your acts will proclaim that goodness is alive. And you'll be doing yourself a favor as well.



Parish Movie Night : **Tim's Vermeer**

Masters of illusion **Penn & Teller** tell the story of Tim Jenison, a Texas inventor who spent 10 years trying to solve an enduring mystery: How did the Dutch master Johannes Vermeer paint so realistically 150 years before the invention of photography? Jenison's adventurous pilgrimage unfolds like a whodunit, as he uses 17th-century technology to recreate what he believes to be Vermeer's secret.

Join Fr. Nick and fellow parishioners in Norton Hall after the 5:30 pm Mass a week from **Saturday, March 14th, at 6:30 pm.** Bring food or drink to share!

Parish News

1st 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.

Spiritual Direction Now Available to Parishioners

Spiritual Direction has been defined as *"help given by one believer to another that enables the latter to pay attention to God's personal communication to him or her, to respond to this personally-communicating God, to grow in intimacy with God and to live the consequences of the relationship."* In a nutshell, a spiritual director helps a person pray – in and out of formal times of prayer.

Who is a candidate for spiritual direction?

Anyone who desires to grow in their relationship with God would do well in spiritual direction. For instance, a person may need God's aid in discerning a problem or making an important decision. Or a person may be having difficulty generally in praying and connecting with God, or may be in a particularly challenging life circumstance and want to see where God is in it. The common thread is that a person who seeks spiritual direction is experiencing a desire to engage more with God, whether that is around a particular purpose or not, and whether prayer is consoling, a struggle, or even painful.

Spiritual Directors located in and near our parish:

Allison de Laveaga: allison@delaveaga.com

Sharon Henthorn-Iwane: sharon.heniwa@gmail.com

Sr. Mary Pat White: mwhite@rscj.org

The suggested payment/donation is \$50-\$75 per session. However, a sliding scale is available and no one is ever turned away for lack of funds. See more details at marymagdalen.org/spiritualdirection.

Peace & Justice

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

pm: Join the next community vigil 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.

Prepare for the Berkeley Crop Hunger Walk!



The parish and the school have formed a team to walk for hunger! Come and join us as we walk to raise awareness of hunger and food insecurity both locally and globally. You can register and/or donate online at tinyurl.com/SMMCropWalk

Not able to make it that day? Consider registering as a virtual walker, donate to the team or to an individual parish/school walker.

Sunday, March 29th at 1:30 pm
St. Mary Magdalen Parking Lot

Local Immigrant and Asylum Support

Are you interested in learning about how local immigrants receive support? Founded in 1982, the *East Bay Sanctuary Covenant* is dedicated to offering sanctuary, solidarity, support, community organizing assistance, advocacy, and legal services to those escaping war, terror, political persecution, intolerance, exploitation, and other expressions of violence. Our Parish *Peace and Justice Committee* participates in *EBSC* events and supports their work. *EBSC's* asylum program is one of the largest in the country, with a 97% grant approval rate, and continues to successfully provide legal status to individuals fleeing persecution. For more information, see eastbaysanctuary.org/.

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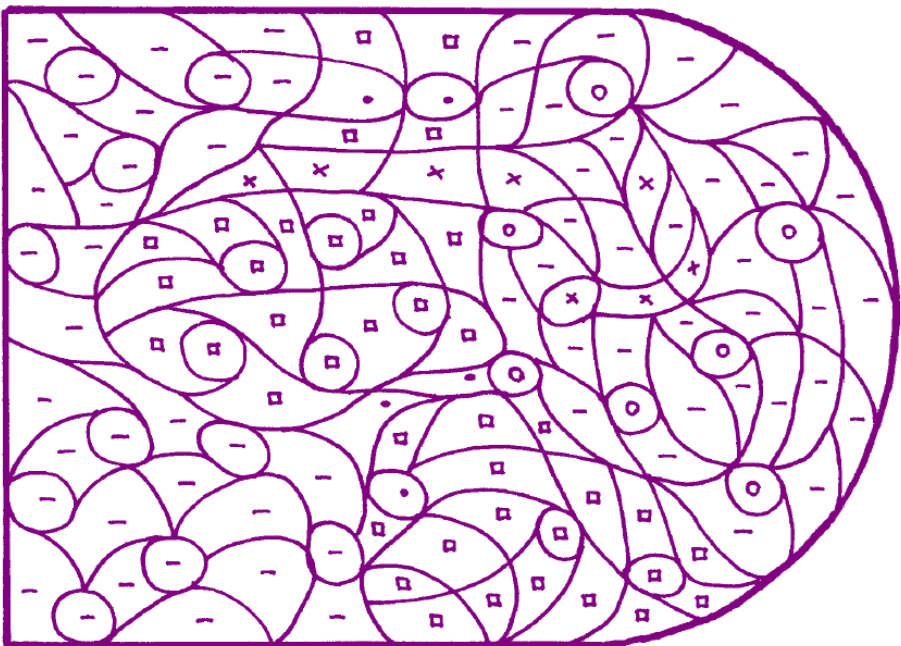
The Kids' Bulletin

First Sunday of Lent

March 1st, 2020

Today's first reading tells us about sin.

Use the code at the bottom to colour in the spaces and find out what the story was.



- ▣ blue
- red
- ! green
- skin colour
- * brown

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Sort the Story!

What happened when Jesus had prayed and fasted

for forty days in the desert?

See if you can sort out the order of these pictures.

Write 1 on the first, 2 on the second, and so on.

