

March 22nd, 2020 | 4th Sunday of Lent, Year A

St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Parish



The Last Bulletin until the Masses are Allowed to Resume Again.

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
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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 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 23, 30 CANCELLED: Eucharistic Adoration
Mondays at 6:05 pm, Church

March 24, 31 **RCIA**
Tuesday 7 - 9 pm, Virtual Meeting

March 25 CANCELLED: SPRED
Wednesday Wednesdays, 6:00 - 9:00 pm, Norton Hall

March 27 CANCELLED: Stations of the Cross
Friday (as well as the Soup Suppers)

March 22 CANCELLED: **Sunday Dinner for the Hungry**
Sunday 1st & 4th Sundays of the Month

March 28 & 29 CANCELLED: *Anointing of the Sick*
At all 5th Sunday Masses



All the concerts previously scheduled for March have been cancelled, as well as the Senior Luncheon with Fr. Nick.

HOLY HOUR
Takes Place on
MONDAYS
of LENT
at 6:05 pm



Exposition & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament would have taken place tomorrow after the 5:30 pm Mass, and all remaining *Mondays of Lent through April 6th*.

Please join your fellow parishioners in spiritual communion, as Jesus Christ is with us always.

Celebrate Lent! FRIDAY EVENING STATIONS OF THE CROSS



After the 5:30 pm Mass on every Friday in Lent, the singing groups in our church were reading the Stations of the Cross. The Soup Suppers have been discontinued for the remainder of Lent.

Please celebrate the Stations in the safety of your own home.

March 27: Lay Dominicans

April 3: Confirmandi

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Collection for March 15th, 2020

Sunday	Actual	Budget	Difference
03/15/2020	\$5,325.25	\$8,829.00	-\$3,475.75
Year-to-Date	\$92,193.50	\$97,119.00	-\$4,925.50

"No one can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth." ~ Matthew 6:24



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The Bishop's Appeal is Bishop Barber's annual call for us to help provide essential services as well as works of charity throughout the diocese. (Please see details below.)

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CRS RICE BOWL
CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES

Please put the coins and bills in your Rice Bowl that you have saved from your Lenten sacrifices.

"CRS has changed my life—and the life of my family," says Gaudencia. "Before, I could tell that Yvone wasn't healthy. But now, she's active." Gaudencia is proud of what she's learned from the CRS program about healthy eating habits — she has taught her family to include vegetables with every meal. Her father, Eliakim, suffers from diabetes. "What I have learned is really good, and I have seen positive changes in my health," explains Eliakim. "I have benefited a lot from Gaudencia's participation with Catholic Relief Services."

Mass Intentions

Saturday	5:30	Intentions of Gretchen Mork
Sunday	8:00	Mary Lindh RIP
	9:30	For the People of the Parish
	11:30	Joseph McWalters RIP
Monday	8:30	Intentions of Vera Janovic
	5:30	Intentions of Benjamin Grycz
Tuesday	8:30	Donald Edwards RIP
	5:30	Simone Brignall RIP
Wednesday	8:30	Ogden LaFaye RIP
	5:30	Intentions of Rhonda Hart
Thursday	8:30	Silvain Bournhonesque RIP
	5:30	Enzina Caporeale RIP
Friday	8:30	Giovanna Cau RIP
	5:30	Intentions of Alberto Rosa
Saturday	8:30	Genevieve and John Below RIP

Scripture Readings for the Week

22nd 4th SUNDAY OF LENT

1 Samuel 16:1, 6-13 / Ephesians 5:8-14 / John 9:1-41

23rd Lenten Weekday [St. Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop]

Isaiah 65:17-21 / John 4:43-54

24th Lenten Weekday

Ezekiel 47:1-9, 12 / John 5:1-16

25th Lenten Weekday [The Annunciation of the Lord]

Isaiah 7:10-14; 8:10 / Hebrews 10:4-10 / Luke 1:26-38

26th Lenten Weekday

Ex 32:7-14 / John 5:31-47

27th Lenten Weekday

Wisdom; 2:1, 12-22 / John 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

28th Lenten Weekday

Jeremiah 11:18-20 / John 7:40-53

Notes from Fr. Nick

Christian Initiation

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) may be the most far-reaching change that came from the Second Vatican Council. Until after the Vatican II Council, the Catholic Church commonly referred to new members as “converts.” Very often people wanting to join the Church approached a priest who gave them individual lessons after which they would be privately baptized and assumed their place among the ranks of the faithful. The process of conversion was seen as intensely personal, and there was little attempt to integrate new members into the larger community.

The liturgical renewal that preceded Vatican II revealed that the ancient Church had a much more extensive and public process for membership. Inquirers were gathered in classes where they shared their personal journey, were introduced to Christ’s teachings and life in the Church.

If inquirers committed themselves to becoming Christians, they entered a preparatory state called the *Catechumenate* (Greek for *learner*) and participated in the Liturgy of the Word with the larger community. Before the Eucharist began, catechumens would be dismissed for prayer and reflection on the scriptures. Although they had not yet been baptized, Catechumens were (and are) considered members of the Church. If they died before baptism, they would be given Christian burial rites.

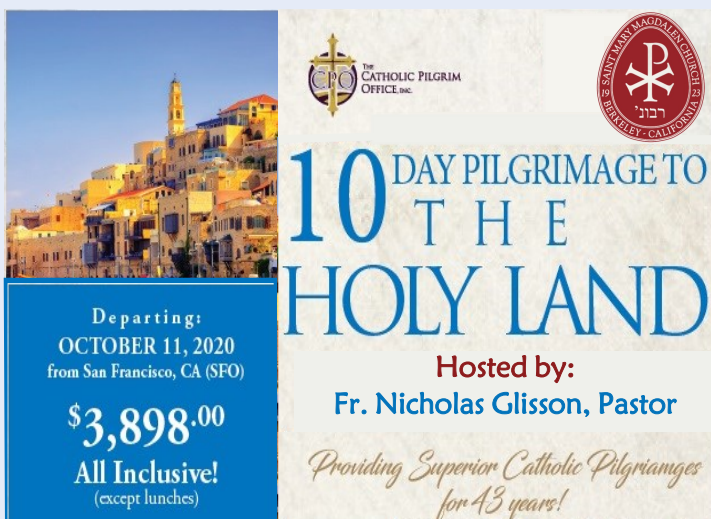
After a period that often lasted for years, catechumens could petition to be baptized at the Easter Vigil. If the bishop and the community agreed that they were living worthy lives, they would be elected for baptism. The Elect underwent three Scrutinies to purify themselves from their past lives and a Lent of intense prayer and reflection.

During the Easter Vigil, the Elect were baptized, confirmed, and joined the faithful at Eucharist for the first time. Referred to as *Neophytes*, the newly baptized learned the meaning of the initiation rituals during a period called *Mystagogia*, which lasted from Easter to Pentecost.

Vatican II saw many parallels between our world and the world of the early Church. The Council believed that reviving this ancient process of receiving new members would serve the Church’s needs

better than private conversions. Therefore the RCIA program was developed and mandated. Although the original program was initially intended only the non-baptized, a parallel process has since been introduced for Christians baptized in other faiths who wish to enter into full communion with the Catholic Church.

Perhaps the RCIA’s most profound effect on the Church was an unintended one: lifelong Catholics have come to appreciate the importance of their own baptisms. By working on the RCIA team, sponsoring catechumens, and witnessing the public initiation of new members, ‘cradle Catholics’ have come to better see the value of their own faith commitment, and to live their Catholic faith more actively.



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Parish News

Peace & Justice



Come, join your fellow parishioners as we all receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation and Absolution for our sins.

After the *Liturgy of the Word*, five priests will be available to hear our private confessions.

The collection for our Berkeley-Albany Conference of St. Vincent de Paul takes place only four times a year — only during months that have five Sundays.



Since there will be no public Mass on Sunday, March 29th, our collection will be significantly reduced, in a time when our many of our neighbors will be more in need than ever. We ask you to consider donating online. Go to marymagdalen.org/donate and select either *one-time* or *periodic* donations. Or send a check to the Parish Office, with **SVDP** on the memo line.

Berkeley Crop Hunger Walk Postponed

Due to the COVID-19 regulations, the Berkeley CROP Hunger Walk will not take place this year. However, all are encouraged to participate in this event through online support. The parish and the school have formed a team together, and you can donate online at tinyurl.com/SMMCropWalk.

Three local non-profit organizations depend on the funds we raise each year: *Dorothy Day House*, *the Berkeley Food Pantry*, and *Youth Spirit Artworks*. This is in addition to global programs that provide assistance with food, clean water, latrines, farming, and many more basic needs. If you prefer to write a check, please make it payable to CWS/CROP, write *Berkeley, CA SMM/SOM* on the memo line, and mail it to the parish office before March 29th. Thank you for your support!

Good News for Overseas U.S. Service Members.

Congress has passed the *Citizenship for Children of Military Members & Civil Servants Act*. Previously, children born abroad to U.S. service members were considered to have residence in the United States. Then in August 2019, the Administration changed the definition of U.S. “residency” for military service members stationed abroad, creating hurdles for these individuals to obtain citizenship for their children. Congress, in a bipartisan agreement, has created a legislative fix to the problem, and the president is expected to sign the bill into law.

Immigrants and Coronavirus – U.S. Customs and Border Patrol agents frequently conduct enforcement inside hospitals, and health experts have requested that the government designate hospitals to be “immigration enforcement-free zones” so that immigrants can seek out medical services without fear. The DHS has the authority to create enforcement-free zones during times of crisis, but has not done so. Over 800 public health and human rights experts have written to the government, stating: “The COVID-19 response should not be linked to immigration enforcement in any manner,” emphasizing that immigrants must feel safe to “utilize care and talk to public health officials” at hospitals. For more information, go to: americanimmigrationcouncil.org.

10:00 am Saturday, TBA

Book Discussion of

Just Mercy

A Story of Justice and Redemption

Bryan Stevenson

Parish Conference Room



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UPDATE MARCH 16, 7:30 PM: BISHOP BARBER SUSPENDS ALL PUBLIC MASSES

In collaboration with local Bay Area officials, and in service to the common good of our communities and our country, the Diocese of Oakland is immediately putting into effect the following actions:

- All public Masses are suspended. Priests are receiving specific guidance from Bishop Michael Barber, SJ, regarding the celebration of sacraments, including baptisms, weddings and funerals.

Information on online daily Masses can be found at

oakdiocese.org/response-to-coronavirus-pandemic.

- Churches will remain open to provide a place of prayer and solace for people. Proper hygiene and social distancing will continue to be emphasized per **CDC guidelines**.
- All other events at parishes and schools are to be postponed, rescheduled or cancelled until further notice.
- All chancery employees are to remain at home during this period. They are being compensated as normal. Those who can work remotely are required to do so. Those whose job responsibilities do not allow them to work remotely are required to stay in communication with their team or supervisor. Parishes are strongly encourage to follow a similar approach with their employees.

In issuing these new guidelines, Bishop Michael Barber stated: *“Our Lady, Health of the Sick, has always come to the aid of the Church in times of plague, pestilence and danger. Let us pray to her to intercede for us with her Son.”*

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Fourth Sunday of Lent
March 22, 2020

*What did the man that Jesus cured say to the people
who thought Jesus was a sinner?
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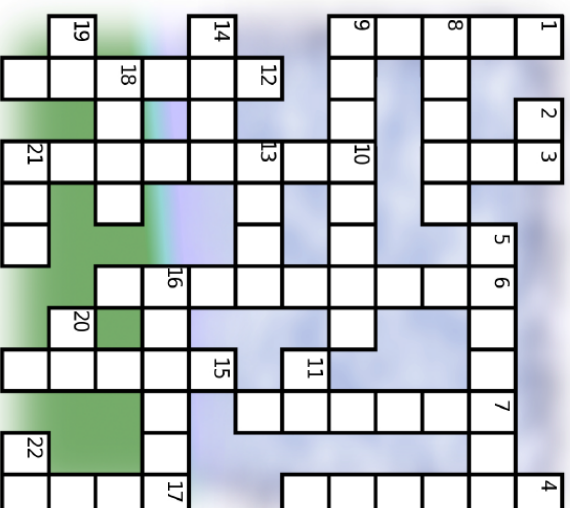
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The Lord is my Shepherd...

OVERFLOWS IN
SHEPHERD OF
WATERS HE
BEFORE OIL
TABLE SAKE
STAFF SOUL
WANT PATHS
LORD VALLEY
SET ANOINT
ME COURAGE
NO PASTURES



The _____ (18A) is my _____ (14A) _____ (9A)
I shall not _____ (14A)
In verdant _____ (10D) he gives me repose;
beside restful _____ (16A) he leads me;
he refreshes my _____ (13A)
_____ (22A) guides _____ (19A) in right _____ (1D)
for his name's _____ (17D)
Even though I walk in the dark _____ (12D)
I fear _____ (2A) evil; for you are at my side
with your rod and your _____ (15D)
that give me _____ (5A)
You _____ (21A) the _____ (8A)
_____ (4D) me
_____ (11A) the sight _____ (20A) my foes;
you _____ (7D) my head with _____ (3D)
my cup _____ (6D)