

April 19, 2020 - Second Sunday of Easter/Divine Mercy Sunday

St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Parish



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THE OCTAVE OF EASTER

Easter and Christmas are feasts that are celebrated as an octave. By the Church's reckoning the entire week following these feasts are celebrated as though they are the feast itself. This probably had its origins in the eight-day celebration of the Jewish feast of Tabernacles. It was introduced to Christians under the Emperor Constantine in the fourth century for the dedication of new churches such as the basilica at Jerusalem.

The first liturgical feasts to be celebrated with an octave were Easter and Pentecost. In the middle ages, many saints' feasts acquired an octave as well. Confusion resulted as the number of octaves grew and overlapped each other. Popes Pius V and X removed many of these from the calendar. Pope Pius XII removed all but Christmas, Easter and Pentecost. After the Second Vatican Council, Pentecost was removed as well. Christmas and Easter retain their octaves indicating their supreme importance in the life of our faith.

Complicating matters was the introduction of Divine Mercy Sunday by Pope John-Paul II in 2000. Saint Faustina, a Polish nun, received a vision from God in 1937 in which she was told anyone receiving Holy Communion on the Sunday following Easter would receive complete forgiveness for their sins. I'm happy for and encourage participation in this devotion but I also believe in the cleansing power of Lenten penance and the Sacrament of Reconciliation we celebrated just before Holy Week. I hope the ancient observance of the Octave doesn't get lost or have to compete with Divine Mercy.

The Octave of Easter has particular significance for the Neophytes (newly baptized) as they savor their experience of last Saturday night for a whole week. On Holy Saturday Morino and Bach received the Sacraments of Initiation and Morino's wife, Edith, was Confirmed in an unfortunately greatly reduced Easter Vigil. Other participants in our RCIA will be received into the Church and Confirmed throughout the Easter Season. This week pray for our new Church members as they end their octave of Easter celebration to stand alongside us to build God's kingdom.

Fr. Nick



Mass Intentions

Saturday	5:30p	Justine Hume RIP
Sunday	8:00a	Mary Lindh RIP
	9:30a	The People of the Parish
	11:30a	
Monday	8:30a	Elisabeth De Vogelaere RIP
	5:30p	
Tuesday	8:30a	
	5:30p	
Wednesday	8:30a	
	5:30p	
Thursday	8:30a	
	5:30p	
Friday	8:30a	
	5:30p	
Saturday	8:30a	

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Sunday, April 19th, at 9:30 am

<https://www.facebook.com/SaintMaryMagdalenParish/>

Live streaming on Sunday mornings will continue throughout the quarantine.

Also, please check the website daily for a reflection from Fr. Nick..

The Cathedral is also live-streaming at <https://www.facebook.com/ctlcathedral/>

Sunday Dinners Come Full Circle



Many of you may not realize that the 3-course meal that we serve on the 1st and 4th Sundays of the month started out as a sandwich program in our Parish Hall kitchen. Now even sandwich-making is impossible, but Fr, Nick found a way to provide a meal for our hungry neighbors: he asked local restaurateur and Madeleine Dad, **Angelo D'Alo**, to fill the gap. The Agrodolce owner provided delicious turkey & cheese and avocado & cheese sandwiches at a discount, and around 36 meals were served on April 5th by (left to right above) Priest-in-Residence **Fr. Laurent Okitakatshi**, Business Manager **Norah Hippolyte**, School Board President **Peter Cownan**, and behind the camera **Fr. Nicholas Glisson**, Pastor.

Collection Information will return next week.

Thank you to all who have signed up for Electronic Giving, it makes a difference.

“In all this I have given you an example that by such work as we must support the weak, remembering the words of the Lord Jesus , for he himself said, ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’” - Acts 20:35

The Berkeley Food Pantry

The local food pantries are in need of your help. As more people no longer have an income there are more people in need of food.

Alameda County Community Food Bank, which is a food distribution center for many of the local food banks, found people coming to them . They began a distribution center for people to receive food . It began with 50 people, last week they served 743. If you are able, please donate to the Berkeley Food Pantry.

(www.BerkeleyFoodPantry.org)

Read the Bishop’s Easter message at <https://www.oakdiocese.org/news/bishop-michael-barbers-easter-message>

Sacraments of Initiation Continue

Joe was Confirmed on Wednesday, April 15, at the 5:30PM Mass.



Please continue to pray for these Neophytes and for the other RCIA candidates who will be initiated over the next few weeks.

Scripture Readings for 2nd Week of Easter

19 th	Second Sunday of Easter/Sunday of Divine Mercy Acts 2:42-47/ 1 Peter 1:3-9/John 20:19-31
20 th	Monday (Easter Weekday) Acts 4:23-31/John 3:1-8
21 st	Tuesday (Easter Weekday) Acts 4:32-37/John 3:7-15
22 nd	Wednesday (Easter Weekday) Acts 5:17-26/John 3:16-21
23 rd	Thursday (Easter Weekday) Acts 5:27-33/John 3:31-36
24 th	Friday (Easter Weekday) Acts 5:34-42/John 6:1-15
25 th	Saturday (Feast of St. Mark, Evangelist) 1 Peter 5:5-14/Mark 16:15-20