

April 26th, 2020 | 3rd Sunday of Easter, Year A



St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Parish

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)

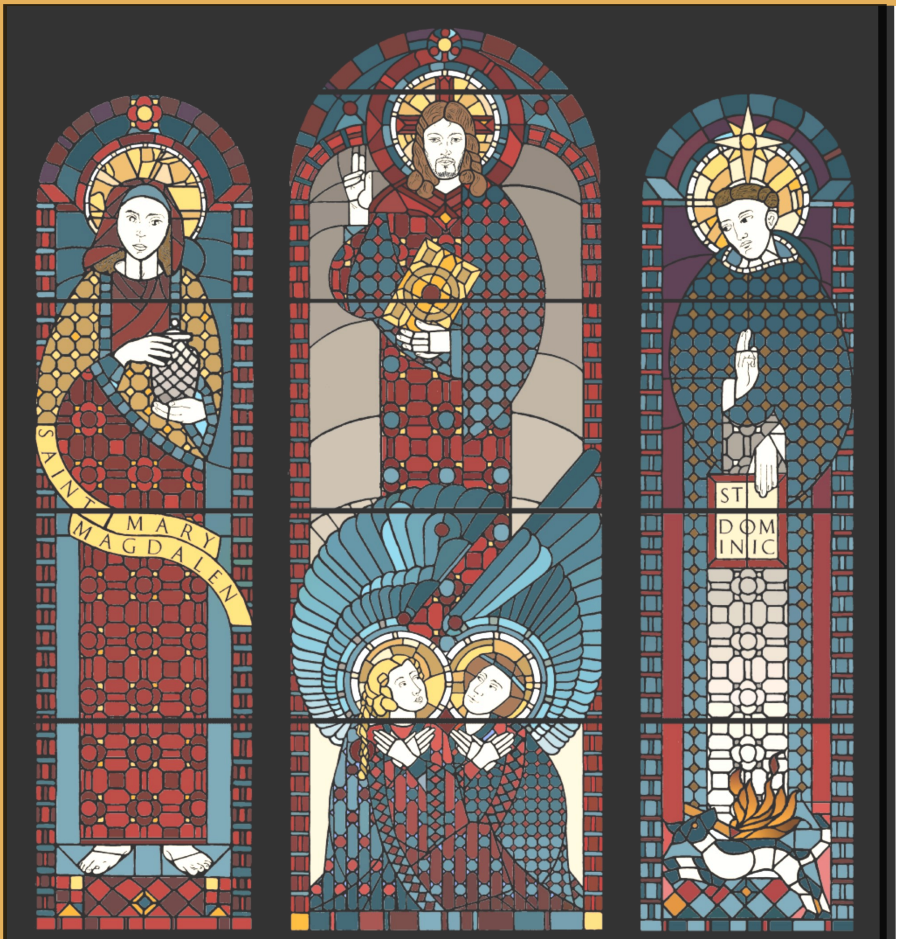
OFFICE HOURS

Monday – Friday
9:00 am – 5:00 pm
Closed for Lunch: Noon-1:00 pm
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Cartoon by Berkeley artist David Goines for the stained-glass windows at St. Mary Magdalen Church, 2002

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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Continuation of

Fr. Nick's Pastor's Column

(Please start from the beginning on page 4.)

What steps are we taking at St. Mary Magdalen?

- ◆ In a matter of days, we went from not receiving the cup or sharing the sign of peace to lived-streamed liturgies. The learning curve for the staff, priests and myself was very steep, and we're still working out the bugs.
- ◆ Our meals for the homeless are functioning as « take out ». The Dinners for the Hungry committee contracted to have lunches made by parishioner Angelo D'Alo's restaurant, and the priests distribute them in the parking lot.
- ◆ The School of the Madeleine continues online and will promote and graduate our students as planned this year.
- ◆ We're establishing a "phone tree" so all members of the parish are contacted regularly.
- ◆ Regrettably, if conditions don't improve soon, we'll have to make some drastic cuts in staffing, services and payroll. I will share in the burden if it comes to this.

I'd like to hear your suggestions for ways we can sustain and enrich our parish community. Often a very good idea can be shot down by some insignificant-appearing detail, but I still want to hear your thoughts. Creative solutions will enhance our parish in ways we cannot imagine now.

Personally, I deeply miss getting together with you. Your presence sustains me in ways you'll never know. Social distancing may keep us alive for the time being, but I long to see you face-to-face.

Six months from now, I hope we'll be remembering how we survived the pandemic of 2020. I hope we'll cherish how it brought us together and helped us discover new ways to be the Body of Christ, the Sacrament of the Church to the world. I hope we can look back on this time as a renewal of our commitment, as it says in the Acts of the Apostles, to make Christ present even to the to the ends of the Earth.

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Collection for April 19th, 2020

Sunday	Actual	Budget	Difference
04/19/2020	\$8,418.19	\$8,829.00	-\$410.81
Easter	\$16,403.24	\$20,000.00	-\$3,596.76
Year-to-Date	\$136,635.24	\$152,345.00	-\$15,799.76

"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



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The Parish Office is Still Open!

Please call or drop by with any questions, or to request that a Mass be said for the intentions of a friend or loved one.



Please call our Business Manager, Norah Hippolyte, at 510-526-4811 x 111, or you may send her an email at nhippolyte@marymagdalen.org.

Mass Intentions

Sunday	8:00	For the People of the Parish
	9:30	Richard Wahl RIP
	11:30	Julia Venejas RIP
Monday	8:30	Elisabeth de Vogelaere RIP
	5:30	Jean-Louis Lepage RIP
Tuesday	8:30	Intentions of Angela Hansen
	5:30	Jozsef Gurovits RIP
Wednesday	8:30	Carlos Vanejas
Thursday	8:30	Richard Goncalves RIP
Friday	8:30	Intentions of Fr. Joseph Sergott OP
	5:30	Intentions of Walter Betschart
Saturday	8:30	Intentions of Vivian Zelaya

Scripture Readings for the Week

26th 3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts 2:14, 22-33 / 1 Peter 1:17-21 /

Luke 24:13-35

27th Easter Weekday

Acts 6:8-15 / John 6:22-29

28th Easter Weekday [St. Peter Chanel, Priest and Martyr;

St. Louis Grignion de Montfort, Priest

Acts 7:51-8:1 / John 6:30-35

29th Easter Weekday [St. Catherine of Siena, Doctor]

Acts 8:1-8 / John 6:35-40

30th Easter Weekday [Saint Pius V, Pope]

Acts 8:26-40 / John 6:44-51

1st Easter Weekday [St. Joseph the Worker]

Acts 9:1-20 / John 6:52-59

2nd Easter Weekday [St. Athanasius, Bishop & Doctor]

Acts 9:31-42 / John 6:60-69

Notes from Fr. Nick

Living Through the Pandemic

The passage from the *Acts of the Apostles* in last Sunday's Liturgy of the Word described the ideal Christian community. The author of the *Book of Acts*, St. Luke, characterized the defining elements of a Christian identity as **prayer**, **communal life**, and the **breaking of bread**. During this quarantine, we're still able to pray, but we've been denied the other two elements. To me, it's pretty clear that the coronavirus may constitute the gravest threat to Christian and Catholic life in our lifetime.

Christianity isn't simply a state of mind. Without social intimacy, and denied the opportunity to practice our rituals, we risk losing our identity. Take away enough of the 'trappings' of our worship, and eventually our faith-lives will collapse.

Two examples I used in my doctoral dissertation bear this out: During the conquest of the New World, the king of Spain decreed that all colonial towns be designed using a street grid. Grids are efficient, and they

promote a certain type of social hierarchy. The street grids in the city of Sonoma are a good local example of the Spanish king's edict. The trouble was, the indigenous tribes of South America had a very different type of plan for their settlements that reflected their values and mores. They built communities around a central clearing, resembling more a womb than a grid. It was egalitarian and encouraged social intimacy. When they were forced to live in a settlement laid out in a street grid, many of the tribes simply fell apart.

Another example of the primacy of symbols is the courtroom. Although a trial can be conducted in any room with enough tables and chairs, without the trappings of court — the judge's robes, a bench, "*Hear ye, Hear ye,*" etc. — jurisprudence will break down. In 1991, this was graphically demonstrated by a trial in Palm Beach County near the school where I was teaching. A member of the Kennedy family was accused of sexual misconduct. The courthouse was being renovated, and so they held court in a sterile meeting room with folding chairs, florescent lights and a cafeteria table as the bench. Although televised, the trial was almost unwatchable. Many participants commented how difficult it was to work in such conditions.

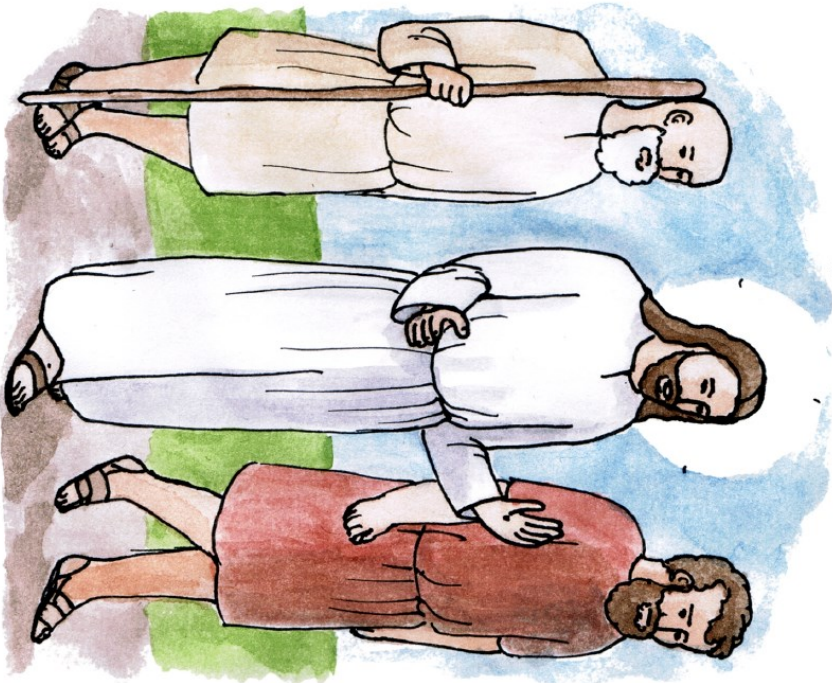
My point is: we can get along with live-streamed liturgy and private prayer for only so long. Our Christian faith as we are living it now cannot sustain us forever. We are like a teetering three-legged stool, and it will require special effort, creativity and discipline for us to stay stable until we're back in our church again.

Sacraments require three elements: a gathered community, the proclamation of the Word of God, and our rituals. Community tends to get short shrift among these three, but it is the foundation without which our house will collapse. Maybe one of the goods that we Catholics' can reap from this crisis is a recognition of how essential our communal life is to us. Christianity is not a correspondence course. It can't be sustained forever online. Our social intimacy, promoted by our worship environment, is essential.



The Kids' Bulletin

Third Sunday of Easter



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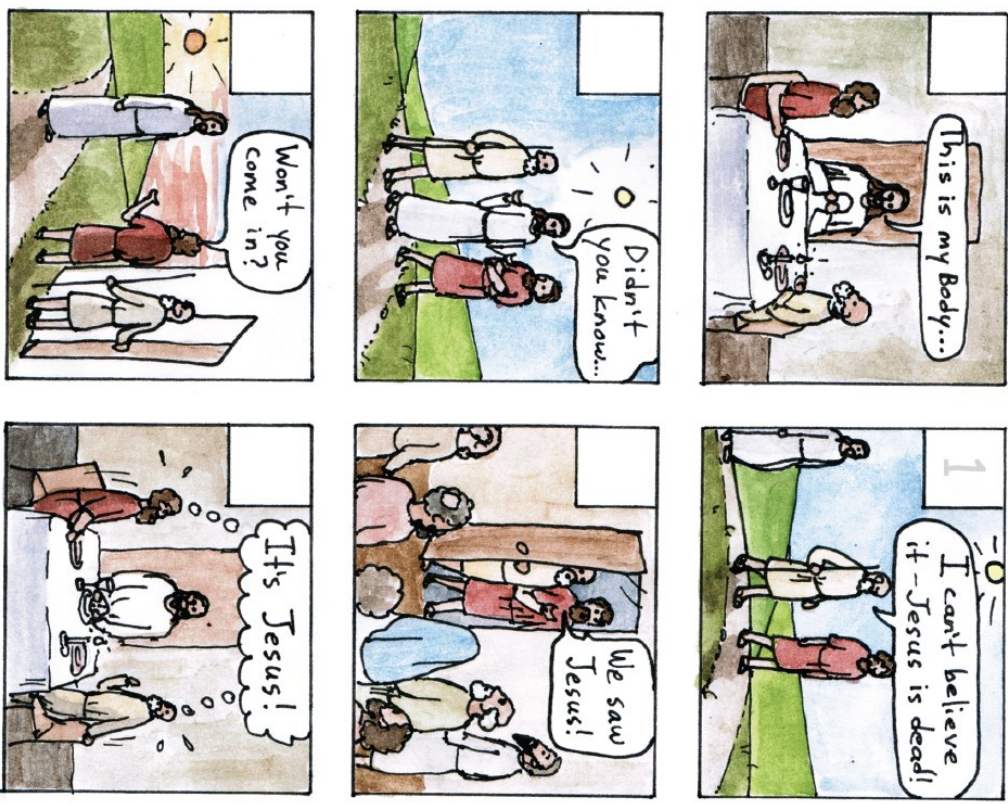
The disciples on the road to Emmaus didn't recognize Jesus at first. How did they recognize Him eventually?
 Use the code to find out!

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Picture Puzzle: The Road to Emmaus

How well do you know the story of the two disciples on the road to Emmaus?
 Figure out the order of the pictures and put the appropriate numbers in the corners.



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