

Rev. Nicholas Glisson, Pastor
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Notes from Fr. Nick

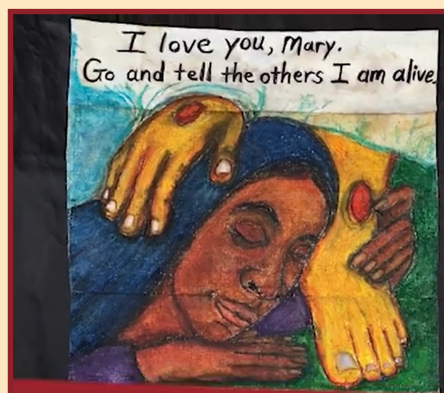
The Mary Magdalen Festival, *Au revoir, Père Laurent*

Two weeks ago, our Mary Magdalen Festival was an unqualified success! In spite of Covid-19 restrictions, we built on the festivals of the past two years to celebrate our patron's feast in style. Beyond our own activities, on July 21st & 22nd, [Ann Regimbal](#) conducted two [worldwide Zoom meetings of parishes named after St. Mary Magdalen](#) in which we took part. Ann lives in New York City and just published a book on the Stations of the Cross from Mary Magdalen's perspective. (There may be a few autographed copies still available in the office by the time you read this.)

[John Ernst](#), our livestream Mass videographer, assembled sidewalk chalk images of the Magdalen's symbols drawn by the children of our parish, under the direction of our Director of Religious Education, [Heather Skinner](#). His [video](#) concludes with the explanation of his mother, [Mary](#), of an art piece she made that imagines the encounter of our patron with Jesus from a current perspective.

[Alison Benders](#) and [Lisa Fullam](#), professors at the Jesuit School of Theology, were the featured speakers for our annual [Mary Magdalen lecture](#). After having [viewed the lecture on YouTube](#), on Saturday morning, July 25th, over 50 parishioners (and others) gathered on Zoom to discuss Mary's statement, "I've seen the Lord," and what it means to us in this time of pandemic and social unrest.

Sunday morning, July 26th, Ann Regimbal was with us virtually from New York to give [her reflections on the Gospel](#) during our livestream celebration of the Eucharist. At the end of Mass, we were remotely addressed by [Doña Maria Teresa Bastidas](#) concerning the challenges faced by our sister parish, [Santa María de Guadalupe](#), on account of the pandemic, followed by a wonderful musical performance by the [Rivera family of Mexicali](#). (The Riveras had originally planned to attend our Festival in person.)



Mary Ernst



Lynn O'Fee, the 'Bishop's Warden in Charge' of [St. Mary Magdalene Anglican Parish in Ashhurst, New Zealand](#), joined our Virtual Dinner Party.

Sunday evening we enjoyed a virtual dinner party that began with a concert by [Andy Canepa](#), our Music Director. Many of us drank Bloody Marys and had our dinners catered by parishioner [Angelo D'Alo](#) of [Agrodolce Osteria](#). The internet allowed people from as far away as France and New Zealand to join with us.

While there were a few technical glitches, every event exceeded our expectations. Most of the internet offerings are still available on our website, Facebook or YouTube. They are well worth reviewing, each in their own right. (See the [links on our website](#).)

Unconnected with the festival was the departure of [Fr. Laurent Okitakatshi](#). He will lead the Student Center at the Southeast Missouri State University for two years. Père Laurent joined us three years ago, just a couple of weeks after his ordination. His homilies and approachable style added much to our parish. While he'll be missed, we expect to see him back in Berkeley from time to time as he writes his dissertation. We had a reception for him on Sunday afternoon, but hope to have a bigger sendoff for him after the Covid-19 restrictions have ended.

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SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday 4:00 pm
(and by appointment)

August 9th, 2020 — 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Collections for the week ending August 2nd, 2020

Sunday	Actual	Budget	Difference
08/02/2020	\$5,593.70	\$8,829.00	-\$3,235.30
Year-to-Date	\$256,043.92	\$284,870.00	-\$28,826.08

Maintaining in times of crisis. Thank you.

Help Educate Two Young Girls from our Sister Parish in Mexicali



Sisters Laura (13) & Cinthia (8)

Doña Maria Teresa and the Sisters of Charity of Mexicali have asked us to consider supporting the education of sisters Laura and Cinthia. Their mother left their family years ago; the girls lived with their father until he too, left, taking only their brother with him. They are now living with their grandparents and are supported by their uncle, a faithful parishioner of Santa María de Guadalupe, our sister parish in Mexicali.

The Sisters of Charity are requesting an initial year of assistance for public school, and if the sisters do well enough academically, they will apply to parochial school for the following school year. The cost for school supplies and clothing is \$100 USD per month, per girl (twice that amount for school supplies in September), for a monthly commitment that would total \$2200 for the school year.

If you are moved to participate, please visit marymagdalen.org/donate and select 'Mexicali' for a one-time or periodic donation. Or you may send or drop off a check at the parish office. Thank you in advance for your support.

Mass Intentions

Saturday	5:30	Sean Cassidy RIP
Sunday	8:00	Intentions of Bill & Ann Betschart
	9:30	For the People of the Parish
	11:30	Intentions of Paul Sporer and Marilyn Sporer RIP
Monday	8:30	Marilyn Sporer RIP
	5:30	Intentions of Clyde Driscoll
Tuesday	8:30	Walter Betschart RIP
	5:30	Intentions of Dorothy Portner
Wednesday	8:30	Intentions of Alvarho José Guzman
	5:30	Robert Whalen RIP
Thursday	8:30	Intentions of Angela & Joe Hansen
	5:30	Michael Daly RIP
Friday	8:30	Intentions of Will Silloway
	5:30	Intentions of Mary Doyle
Saturday	8:30	Intentions of Leila Lukban

JustFaith Groups Starting!

We are at a moment in time that has exposed the reality of racial injustice in our country. This is a source of pain for all our community, as we are asked to recognize the economic systems, public policies, cultural norms, and hidden biases that empower some, but oppress others. At the July 14th Parish Council meeting, Fr. Nick and Parish Council members acknowledged this potentially seismic shift in our nation's understanding and conscience, and they discussed how we as a parish can support community discussion, awareness, action and perhaps the "conversion of faith" to which our Church calls us in the wake of George Floyd's murder.

The Parish Council endorsed bringing *JustFaith's* small group program on Faith and Racial Equity to St. Mary Magdalen. *JustFaith* offers eight weekly sessions of prayer, discussion, and exploration about racial inequity through the lens of faith. (Several parishioners have participated in other *JustFaith* programs and found them to be transformative.)

We'll soon provide information about when the groups will start. We welcome your ideas and thoughts about how our parish community can engage on this complex and difficult topic. This will be a journey for all of us, and we welcome your participation at this planning stage.

Questions? Interested in participating? Please contact *Dennis Smith* (duhwright3@hotmail.com), *Claire Broome* (cvbroome@gmail.com) or *Kristin Collins* (krstncllns@hotmail.com). Alternatively, you may call the parish office at 510-526-4811.

Scripture Readings for the Week

9 th	19 TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 1 Kings 19:9-13 / Romans 9:1-5 / Matt. 14:22-33
10 th	Feast [St. Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr] 2 Corinthians 9:6-10 / John 12:24-26
11 th	Memorial [St. Clare] Ezekiel 2:8-3:4 / Matthew 18:1-5, 10-14
12 th	Weekday [St. Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious] Ezekiel 9:1-7; 10:18-22 / Matthew 18:15-20
13 th	Weekday [Sts. Pontian, Pope, and Hippolytus, Martyrs] Ezekiel 12:1-12 / Matthew 18:21-19:1
14 th	Memorial [St. Maximilian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr] Ezekiel 16:59-63 / Matthew 19:3-12
15 th	Solemnity [ASSUMPTION—BLESSED VIRGIN MARY] Rev. 12:1-10 / 1 Cor. 15:20-27 / Luke 1:39-56

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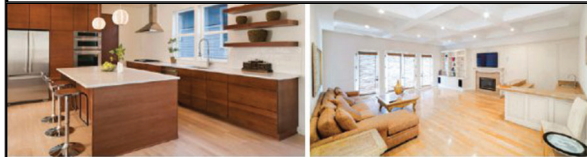
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