



Rev. Nicholas Glisson, Pastor  
His Excellency, Michael Barber, SJ, Bishop – Diocese of Oakland

## Barbara Gamba, RIP

St. Mary Magdalen parishioners lost a beloved member of our parish on Election Day. A Berkeley native, Barb converted to the Faith in 1983, and at once began working on our parish staff, at first as secretary and treasurer, and eventually as Business Manager, from which position she retired thirty years later. As well, Barb was a parishioner who lent her many talents to the parish, from organizing our 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration and fundraiser to singing in the Vigil Mass choir to founding and cooking our Seder Dinners. John Rengel writes that *“Barbara was well regarded not only as an extremely competent parish financial manager, but for her doing so much more for our parish. She was a wonderful chef and organizer for parish socials (the Seder Dinners, St. Joseph’s Altar Feast) and was the dedicated editor of the weekly church bulletins. For me, as a longtime member of the Finance Committee, she was a delight to work with. Her dedication to so many aspects of the life of the Parish is most commendable.”*



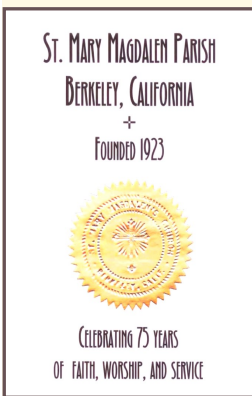
Barb Gamba  
July 1, 1948 - November 3, 2020

Early in her tenure, Barb drafted Bob Kelleher to run the money counters, and they worked together for decades. *“She was quite conscientious,”* Bob recalls. *“She ran everything – she did all the scheduling, she worked closely with the priests. She was working with an Order, and they had their rules.”* Bob went on to explain that *“Barb knew everybody in the parish. She knew their inclinations and what their problems were. When there were problems, she could deal with them.”* Mary Hurd relates that *“she was always someone I could check with in the office when I needed something for the bulletin... she was always very gracious to me. She and Pete shared many short visits over a cigarette, I am sure.”* Mary added that *“Barb was also a very good bridge player—a master, I think. She came faithfully to our bridge group even after she moved out to Rossmoor.”* *“Barb was the best bridge partner I ever had,”* Bob confirmed.

Leo Gaspardone chuckled when he recalled that Barb *“had to handle the transition between working in the office and playing bridge, and she had to be quick on her feet to do both. I thought it was appropriate that she was named Gamba, because in Italian, ‘gamba’ means ‘leg’, and she was quick on her feet!”* Barbara was in fact proud of her Italian heritage, and studied Italian with Maria Curtis. However, her more profound studies lay in the field of genealogy. *“On my 80th birthday,”* Bob recalled, *“she handed me my [family tree]. She had a program on her computer and could go into tax records and cemeteries all over the country.”*

Barb Gamba—who had earned a degree in Rhetoric from the University of California at Davis—was also an historian. John Rengel believes that *“she will be long remembered as the researcher and author of a superb parish history done for its 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary.”* Indeed it is a magisterial work, the product of meticulous archival research, and it is beautifully written as well. Originally published in serial form as a weekly Bulletin insert, it was finally produced as a book at the end of 1999, when the completion of our church remodel coincided with our anniversary. (Barb’s invaluable volume can be downloaded from our website: [tinyurl.com/SMM-75Years](http://tinyurl.com/SMM-75Years).) It was not her only work of history, however; in 2004, as a longtime volunteer and officer of the Turnabout Shop (where her mother had volunteered as well), Barb published a 40-page history of the clinic it supports: *Turning Point: Berkeley Clinic Auxiliary 1917-1954*.

Beyond her many talents—the fruits of which she freely shared—Barb was, as Bob Kelleher recalls, *“the heart and soul of the headquarters. Pastors came and went, but she was there.”*



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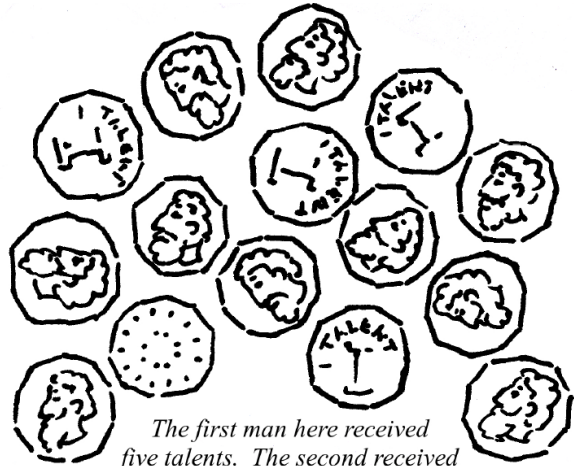
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# The Kids' Bulletin

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The first man here received five talents. The second received two and the third man one. When the master returned, how many did each man have? Colour them this way to find out:



Colour the coins with faces gold.



Colour the coins with letters silver.



Colour the coin with dots bronze.

## Using the Master's Talents - sort out the pictures -

How well do you know the parable from today's Gospel? Put the numbers 1 to 6 in the boxes in the correct order of the story.



# November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020 — 33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Collection for the Week Ending November 8 <sup>th</sup>			
Sunday	Actual	Budget	Difference
11/08/2020	\$7,683.82	\$8,829.00	-\$1,145.18
Year-to-Date	\$368,747.01	\$408,476.00	-\$39,728.99
<i>My soul clings to you; your right hand holds me fast. - Psalms 63:9</i>			

Our **Holiday Outreach Program** will begin as usual on Thanksgiving Day. We will be covering 35 families from St. Mary's Center in Oakland. Please take an ornament from the **Giving Tree** that will be installed on Wednesday, November 25<sup>th</sup> inside the church, near the parking lot entrance.

The ornaments will request a gift for a child aged 0-5. We also need \$25 Target Gift Certificates for older children. Money is likewise needed for the food certificates, and for the other charities that we financially support. More details will be published in next week's Bulletin.

### Scripture Readings for the Week

15<sup>th</sup> 33<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
Proverbs 31:10-20, 30-31 / 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6 / Matthew 25:14-30

16<sup>th</sup> Weekday [St. Margaret of Scotland; St. Gertrude]  
Revelation 1:1-4; 2:1-5 / Luke 18:35-43

17<sup>th</sup> Memorial: St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious  
Revelation 3:1-6, 14-22 / Luke 19:1-10

18<sup>th</sup> Weekday [Sts. Peter & Paul Basilicas; St. Rose Duchesne]  
Revelation 4:1-11 / Luke 19:11-28

19<sup>th</sup> Weekday  
Revelation 5:1-10 / Luke 19:41-44

20<sup>th</sup> Weekday  
Revelation 10:8-11 / Luke 19:45-48

21<sup>st</sup> Memorial: Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
Revelation 11:4-12 / Luke 20:27-40

### Mass Intentions

Saturday 4:00 Intentions of Fr. Michael Dodds, OP

Sunday 8:00 For the People of the Parish  
10:30 Kevin Mariolle RIP

Monday 8:30 Lukban & Fajardo Families RIP  
5:30 Holy Souls

Tuesday 8:30 Intentions of Grace Elizabeth Wang  
5:30 Holy Souls

Wednesday 8:30 Justine Hume RIP  
5:30 Holy Souls

Thursday 8:30 Holy Souls  
5:30 Intentions of JoAnn Harbor

Friday 8:30 Victor Espejo RIP  
5:30 Holy Souls

Saturday 8:30 Holy Souls

## School Corner

News from the School of the Madeleine



Our School of the Madeleine has begun to open up for in-person classes! Here Trinity gave her pup, Emmy, a goodbye hug before setting off for her first day of in-person classes as a 2nd-grader. **Principal Joseph Nagel** explains that "students are in small cohorts of 10-15 per room, wear masks, and attend twice per week for three hours. After Thanksgiving, we will be hosting all grades, twice per week, for half days. It is wonderful to have students onsite, despite the new challenges of mask wearing, and frequent hand washing and sanitizing!"

# THANKSGIVING

**Mass Time: 10:00 am**

**Location: Facebook Livestream** (church will be closed)

## TOILETRIES

**Thanksgiving Giving:** Please contribute any small (hotel-size) toiletries you may have to our *Peace & Justice Toiletry Drive*. Your contributions will be donated to local shelters and other advocacy groups for those in need. **You can drop them off at the Parish Office during regular open hours — 9:00 am - 5:00 pm** (closed Noon-1:00 pm). Please try to deliver your toiletries by **Monday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>**.

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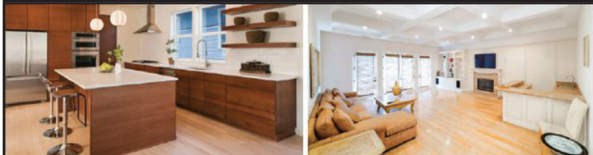
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