

## 2021–2022 Parish Pastoral Council



Joan Bell

I moved into the parish in 1993. I started to get involved in 2000 when I joined the Parish Play Group with my daughter. My three children attended the School of the Madeleine. I am a lector and a eucharistic minister. I was the lector coordinator for a few years. I am a part of the music ministry, I cantor, play piano, and sing with the choir. I have helped with the children's choir for about 14 years. I have been leading the teen confirmation program for eight years. Since Covid, I have participated in Just Faith as a co-facilitator and I have been facilitating a gospel discussion group on Zoom.

Ceara Brencic serves on the Parish Council as a Facilities Coordinator. She and her family have been members of the Parish since 2001. Ceara currently works in the residential construction industry, and has degrees in Architecture and Construction Management from Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo. She has worked in construction since 1998, her first job out of college was the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels in Los Angeles, Ca. Ceara has also served as a volunteer at the School of the Madeleine on the Advisory Board, Auction Committee, and as a Room Parent. She is also an active Vincentian within the Parish. Ceara enjoys the beach, travelling, parties, and Italian food.



Ceara Brencic



Sharon Ceasar

I have been a parishioner at Saint Mary Magdalen Parish for over twenty years. My two daughters and youngest son went to the School of the Madeleine. Most parishioners may recall Alex and Isaiah as the often attended Mass with me.

Prior to COVID-19 I attended the Saturday Vigil Mass volunteering as a Lector and Eucharistic Minister. I welcome the opportunity to be of continued service to the St. Mary Magdalen Community.

I was confirmed at St. Mary Magdalen in 1998. My two children were baptized in 1997 and participated in our parish religious education through their early teens. I sing in the 9:30 choir and am a member of the Peace & Justice Committee and the Funeral Ministry.



Kristin Collins

I was born and raised in the Philippines in a household with seven siblings. Our Catholic faith was a central part of our upbringing. I moved to California to get a BFA degree at the California College of Arts. Upon graduation my family immigrated to Canada. I returned to California and got married at St. Mary Magdalen in 1987. We raised four boys. I was asked to help decorate the church in 1998 and I have been sharing that passion with the parish since.



Lourdes Guzman



Brian King

I've been a member of the SMM parish for 5-6 years, was at St. Columba prior to that, and St. Joseph the Worker before that. I am married to Kate King. I love fly fishing, sailing, and competitive bridge (Kate is my bridge partner), and enjoy camping, skiing, and golfing. I am a builder, focusing on large urban infill apartment complexes. Passionate about eradicating racial inequity, and am a member of the SMM Racial Equity Committee.

I am a retired school teacher. I have been a parishioner of St. Mary Magdalen for many years. I am a member of the Peace and Justice Committee. I am looking forward to working with the members of the Parish Council.



Maria Martinez



Alex Saldanha

I have been a parishioner since 1988. All four of my children, ages 18 through 28, attended the School of the Madeleine. My youngest son Gregory currently plays saxophone in the choir, and my beloved late wife Avril was a longtime cantor at weekend Masses for many years.

The St. Mary Magdalen Parish Pastoral Council meets monthly to support and promote the activities and spiritual life of our Parish. We are a sounding board for both our pastor, Fr. Nick, and fellow parishioners. This year the council has worked to implement one of the suggestions that came from the Parish Conference. In November of 2021, be sure to look at the fence along Henry Street to see images of saints of African descent.

Parishioners may self-nominate or be nominated by others to the Council; candidates are then invited by Fr. Nick to serve. Each Council member is expected to complete a three-year term, providing a staggered rotation on and off the Council.

Parishioners are encouraged to contact Council members to share ideas, concerns, and aspirations for our church and our community!