

February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2022 | 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

# St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Parish



Rev. Nicholas Glisson, Pastor. The Most Reverend Michael Barber, SJ, Bishop – Diocese of Oakland

## SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday 5:30 pm (Livestreamed)  
Sunday 8:00, 9:30 (Garden Mass,  
11:30 am in good weather)

## DAILY MASSES

Monday – Saturday 8:30 am  
Monday – Friday 5:30 pm

## LITURGY OF THE HOURS

Monday – Saturday 8:00 am  
Monday – Friday 5:15 pm

## ROSARY

Monday – Saturday 9:00 am

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday 4:00 to 5:00 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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our  
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*We live the Gospel,*

### 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; contact the office for more information.

### MARRIAGE:

Please contact the pastor at least six months prior to the wedding.

**ANOINTING OF THE SICK:** The Sacrament is offered at every 5th Sunday Mass, and by appointment.

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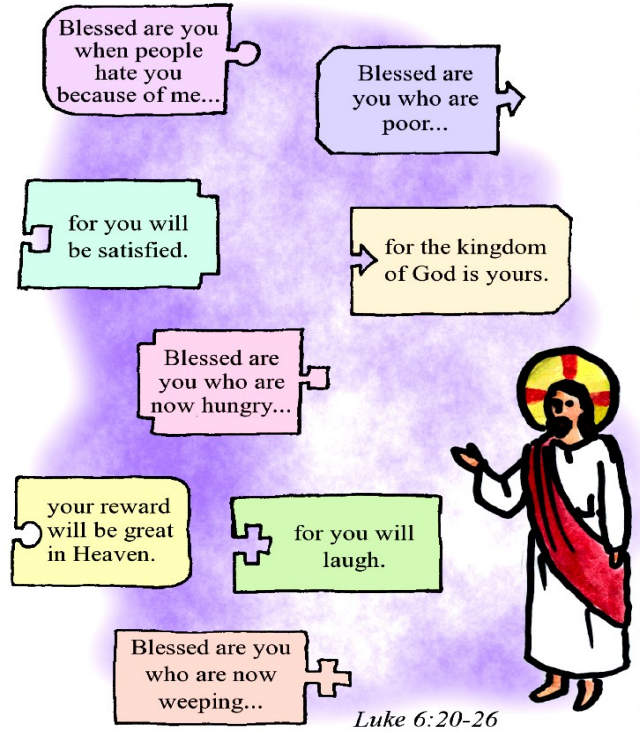
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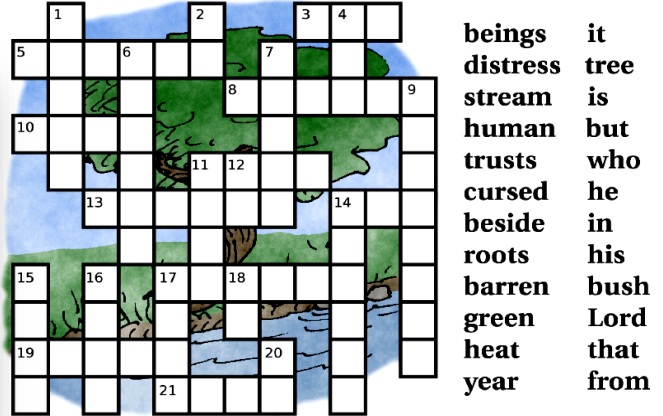
# The Kids' Bulletin

Can you match up the pieces in this puzzle?

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## Trust in the Lord Cross-Word



Here is today's first reading, from Jeremiah.  
 Fill in the blanks using the words from the list and fit them into the puzzle.

Thus says the Lord:

8a is the one who trusts in 7d 17a,  
3a seeks 4d strength 18d flesh,  
 whose heart turns away 16d the Lord.  
12d is like a 13a 17d in the desert  
11a enjoys no change of season,  
14a stands in a lava waste, a salt and empty earth.  
 Blessed is the one who 5a in the Lord,  
 whose hope is the 15d.  
 He 2d like a 11d planted 14d the waters that  
 stretches out its 19a to the 6d:  
 it fears not the 21a when 20d comes; its leaves stay 1d;  
 in the 10a of drought it shows no 9d,  
 but still bears fruit.

# 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C ~ February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2022

Collection for the Week Ending February 6 <sup>th</sup> , 2022			
Sunday	Actual	Budget	Difference
02/06/2022	\$9,110.90	\$8,580.00	\$530.90
Year-to-Date	\$45,228.20	\$51,480.00	-\$6,251.80
<i>Another good week! Great!</i>			

## Help Us Celebrate Our Birthday!

St. Mary Magdalen Parish was founded by a group of passionate local Catholics in February 1923. The Centennial Committee has exciting plans to celebrate our 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday but, as Fr. Nick announced at the APC, “we definitely need more people to serve on this committee.” If you can lend a hand, please call Fr. Nick at 510-526-4811 x 112, or email him at [pastor@marymagdalen.org](mailto:pastor@marymagdalen.org). It will be a fun project!

## Readings for the Week

- 13<sup>th</sup> *SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME*  
Jeremiah 17:5-8 / 1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20 /  
Luke 6:17, 20-26
- 14<sup>th</sup> *Memorial: Sts. Cyril, Monk & Methodius, Bishop*  
James 1:1-11 / Mark 8:11-13
- 15<sup>th</sup> *Weekday*  
James 1:12-18 / Mark 8:14-21
- 16<sup>th</sup> *Weekday*  
James 1:19-27 / Mark 8:22-26
- 17<sup>th</sup> *Weekday [The 7 Holy Founders of the Servite Order]*  
James 2:1-9 / Mark 8:27-33
- 18<sup>th</sup> *Weekday*  
James 2:14-24, 26 / Mark 8:34-9:1
- 19<sup>th</sup> *Weekday [Blessed Virgin Mary]*  
James 3:1-10 / Mark 9:2-13

## Mass Intentions



Saturday	5:30	Edith Mantilla RIP
Sunday	8:00	Julian Guerrero RIP
	9:30	Intentions of Ed Bogner
	11:30	For the People of the Parish
Monday	8:30	Intentions of Maria Eva
	5:30	Intentions of Michael Novello
Tuesday	8:30	Leonard Guerrero RIP
	5:30	Gail Booth RIP
Wednesday	8:30	Alex Luis RIP
	5:30	Intentions of Theodore Grycz
Thursday	8:30	Nicholas Espejo RIP
	5:30	Renee Threadgill RIP
Friday	8:30	Rosemary Calderon RIP
	5:30	Intentions of Florence Wahl
Saturday	8:30	Intentions of Roger & Elizabeth Silloway

## Peace & Justice Notes

**Diaper Collection Sunday February 20<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>:**  
The *Peace & Justice Committee* will be collecting diapers on the last two Sundays in February after all Masses. Look for a Peace and Justice Representative on these dates in or near Norton Hall.

The diaper drive supports the work of **Hively**, a non-profit organization that provides social services to children and families in Alameda County. The families particularly need **toddler-sized diapers** (any disposable kind) and **wipes** as well. Thank you for your generosity!

## What You Can Do to End World Hunger

Please join with *Bread for the World* to advance Congressional legislation that will help alleviate hunger in this country and overseas by calling your representative **now** and asking them to support the **Global Nutrition Act of 2021 (HR 4693)**. If this bill becomes law, it would authorize the *U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID)* to coordinate their efforts with leaders of various agencies to alleviate and treat global malnutrition.

In the Bay Area, only Ro Khanna (D-Fremont) has co-sponsored the bill. Help to change that! Phone your legislators now and ask them to support the **Global Nutrition Act of 2021 (HR 4693)**. For *Alameda County*: call Rep. Barbara Lee at **(510) 763-0370** or **(202) 225-2661**.

For *Contra Costa County*: call Rep. Mark DeSaulnier at **(510) 620-1000** or **(202) 225-2095**.

*Bread for the World* is a “collective Christian voice urging our nation’s decisions makers to end hunger at home and abroad. Moved by God’s grace in Jesus Christ, we advocate for a world without hunger.” Please consider making that phone call today.

## Girl Scout Cookies!

An announcement from our Girl Scout Troop: “Hi! My name is Trinity from Troop 32694. Would you like to buy some cookies from us so we can help the homeless and go to Chabot Space Center? **We will be selling cookies after the 9:30 and 11:00 am Masses from February 27<sup>th</sup> through March 27<sup>th</sup>.** Thank you for supporting Troop 32694.”  
➔ Order ahead! [tinyurl.com/32694Cookies](https://tinyurl.com/32694Cookies)



## Notes from Fr. Nick

# Fra Angelico

Guido di Pietro was born in Tuscany circa 1395. After establishing himself as a painter, he became a Dominican friar at the convent in Fiesole (near Florence) and took the name Giovanni. His piety was so well known that his fellow friars called him *Giovanni Angelico* ("Angelic John"). As an artist, he is popularly known as **Fra Angelico**.

In 1436, he moved to the newly built friary of San Marco in Florence, sponsored by Cosimo de' Medici, a wealthy and powerful member of Florence's ruling family. At Cosimo's urging, Fra Angelico set about decorating the chapel of the friary. His most reproduced work of art, *The Annunciation* (above), still resides there, as does *The Transfiguration* and *Noli me tangere* (below).



*Dominican Cloister, San Marco, Florence, c. 1437-1446.*

Renaissance artists may be more lavish and dynamic, but their work builds on foundations laid by Fra Angelico.

As his name indicates, Fra Angelo was also known for his asceticism and piety. Artistic expression risks breeding arrogance, but this humble friar managed to avoid it. For this mixture of skill, talent and humility, Pope John-Paul II elevated Fra Angelico to the status of "Blessed" in 1983, and also named him *Patron of Catholic Artists*. We will celebrate his feast day this Friday, February 18<sup>th</sup>.

The Vatican summoned Fra Angelico several times to decorate various chapels. Among them were the Blessed Sacrament chapel of Pope Eugene IV (later destroyed by Paul III) and the Niccoline Chapel. For his efforts, the pope apparently offered Fra Angelico an Archbishopric, but the humble friar refused it.

As an early Renaissance artist, Fra Angelico is noted for careful rendering of figures; clear, bright colors, and subtle use of expression. The work of Michelangelo and other



*Dominican Cloister, San Marco, Florence, c. 1440-1441.*



## Symposium at St. Mary Magdalen

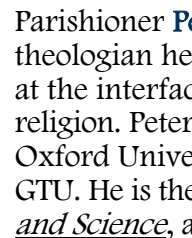
# Is Heaven Real?

## Classical Philosophy and its Influence on Christian Teaching

### Saturday, February 26<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm



Phillbert Cheng, M.A., is currently completing his doctoral studies at the Graduate Theological Union. He holds a B.A. in Philosophy from Saint Mary's College, an M.A. in Philosophy from the DSPT, and lectures at Zaytuna College.



Parishioner Peter M. J. Hess, Ph.D., is a theologian helping to promote dialogue at the interface between science and religion. Peter earned an M.A. from Oxford University and a Ph.D. from the GTU. He is the co-author of *Catholicism and Science*, and has taught in seven institutions, including the GTU & the University of San Francisco, and served as International Director of the Center for Theology & the Natural Sciences in Berkeley.

These stimulating talks will use words and images to explain how the Christian concept of heaven does not come directly from the Bible; our Catholic theology has, rather, been deeply influenced over the centuries by the ideas of Plato, Aristotle, and later Neo-Platonists. Parishioners **Sharon Ceasar** and **Catie Cariaga Nakamura** will respond to each talk in turn, followed by a Q&A, with "Lunch on the Lawn" between the two presentations in the church. Admission is free - invite your friends! (But please RSVP for the lunch.)

## St. Mary Magdalen Celebrates Black History Month

Our newly-formed Racial Equity Committee is celebrating all the communities of our parish in 2022, starting with the contributions of notable African-Americans. These 12 talented men and women were selected, and their biographies composed, by committee members. The posters can be seen on the fence, in the church, and on our website: [tinyurl.com/SMM-Honorees](http://tinyurl.com/SMM-Honorees). Read the bios — you'll likely learn new facts about our honorees!



St. Mary Magdalen Parish Celebrates Black History Month.

### Benjamin Banneker (1731 - 1806)



Benjamin Banneker was a mathematician, astronomer, inventor, surveyor, writer, compiler of almanacs, and one of the first important Black intellectuals. Sadly, after on the day of Banneker's funeral destroyed many of his papers and belongings, leaving us very few of his journals and artifacts. Benjamin was born on November 4, 1731 in Baltimore County, in the then-British Colony of Maryland. He was the eldest child of an African freedman — a former slave who had bought his own freedom — and of Mary Banneker, the daughter of an Englishman and a freed African slave. His parents owned a tobacco farm near Baltimore that he would eventually inherit.

By some accounts, Banneker may have received some formal schooling through over periodic attendance at a one-room Quaker schoolhouse, but he was largely self-taught, and did much of his learning through the voracious reading of borrowed books.

Early on, he demonstrated a particular facility for mathematics and invention. He was encouraged in the study of astronomy by George Ellicott, a Quaker and amateur astronomer whose family owned some nearby mills. While still a young man (probably about age 20), Banneker built a wooden clock that kept precise time until his death.

In 1790, Banneker began to make astronomical calculations, and he accurately predicted a solar eclipse that occurred in 1799. Around the same time, he conceived the idea of publishing an almanac in order to promote "the Cause of Humanity, as many are of Opinion that Blacks are 'of a lower endowment'."

Building on this work, Banneker produced an Almanac and Ephemeris that he sent to Thomas Jefferson in 1791, along with a letter asking Jefferson's help in obtaining justice for African Americans. (See an excerpt below.) The volume was published in 1792, and several almanacs subsequently followed; the last ones to be published were four editions of Banneker's almanac of 1797.

Benjamin Banneker died, presumably in his log cabin in Ellicott City, on October 19, 1806, at the age of 74.

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### Harriet Tubman (1822 - 1913)



Harriet Tubman, often called the "Black Moses," was a central figure in the struggle against slavery. During an eight-year span as a conductor on the Underground Railroad, she made 13 trips into the South, escorting over 70 slaves to freedom. She also served as a nurse, scout, spy, and eventually a general soldier for the Union Army during the Civil War. She became the first African-American woman to serve in the U.S. military.

She was born Araminta "Molly" Ross in Dorchester County, Maryland, one of nine children of the slave Harriet Green and the freedman Benjamin Ross. At age five, her owners rented her to neighbors as a domestic servant, and at age twelve, intervening in her master's beating of another slave, she was hit in the head with a two-pound weight, leaving her with severe headaches and narcolepsy throughout her life. The injury also caused her to have prophetic visions, and led to her enormous faith in God.

When she was 22, Araminta wed John Tubman, a free black man, and renamed herself Harriet Tubman. After the death of her master, she escaped to Philadelphia via the connections on the Underground Railroad. She was returned to Maryland, eventually escorting most of her family members (except her husband, who had remained) to freedom, many of them to Canada.

In 1850, Tubman met John Brown, and helped him plan and recruit supporters for his 1859 raid on Harper's Ferry. Shortly after war broke out in 1861, Tubman began working in a series of camps in Union-held portions of South Carolina, eventually serving as a spy. Her reconnaissance work laid the foundation for one of the most daring raids of the Civil War, when she personally accompanied Union soldiers in their nighttime raid at Combahee Ferry in June 1863. Over 750 slaves were freed as a result.

After the Civil War, she promoted women's suffrage with Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Susan B. Anthony, cared for the elderly, raised funds for freedmen, and wrote her autobiography with the help of Sarah Bradford. Harriet married a young Black Union soldier, Nelson Davis, who died in 1883. In 1899, she established the Harriet Tubman Home for the Aged for impoverished Black people in her adopted hometown of Auburn, New York. Due to her generosity, and the unwillingness of the U.S. government to grant her military pension, she herself spent the last years of her life there.

Harriet Tubman died on March 10, 1913, and was buried, with military honors, at Fort Hill Cemetery.

This is a collection of the Underground Railroad for eight years and I can say that most conductors are 'spies' — I never ran my train off the track and I never lost a passenger."

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