

February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2022 | 7<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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### 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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# The Kids' Bulletin

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
 February 20th, 2022

I 7 L 10 F 8

M 3 B 1

E 4 C 6 R 5

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What was Jesus telling us to do in today's Gospel reading?  
 Use the numbers to help unscramble the letters!

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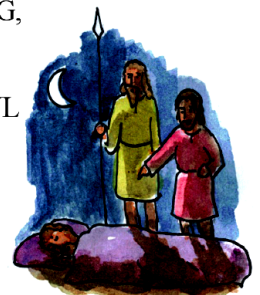
## David and King Saul Word-Find

S O L D I E R S L H O H  
 T S O I V E D A V I D U  
 A L N S W A S U M M Y R  
 R E G R K I L L E D K T  
 T E W A R R I O R W I I  
 E P L E C O U R C E N N  
 D I O L H U N T I N G G  
 E N V I O U S E F T O A  
 A G E T S N F O U N D W  
 G E D E E M R U L E R A  
 O I N S T E A D I E S Y

See if you can find all the words in CAPITALS in this story of David and King Saul.

Use the leftover letters to fill in the blanks at the end.

LONG AGO GOD chose SAUL to be the king of the ISRAELITES. Sometimes Saul WAS a good RULER and sometimes he wasn't. When David became a great WARRIOR the people STARTED to love HIM more than they LOVED King Saul. The king became ENVIOUS and wanted to kill DAVID, so he took his SOLDIERS and WENT HUNTING for him. But that night when the KING and his soldiers were SLEEPING, David FOUND them. He could have easily KILLED King Saul, but he CHOSE to be MERCIFUL INSTEAD. He went AWAY without HURTING Saul.



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# 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C ~ February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2022

Collection for the Week Ending February 13 <sup>th</sup> , 2022			
Sunday	Actual	Budget	Difference
02/13/2022	\$10,061.59	\$8,580.00	\$1,481.59
Year-to-Date	\$55,289.79	\$60,060.00	-\$4,770.41

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### Readings for the Week

20<sup>th</sup> *SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME*  
1 Samuel 26:7-13, 22-23 / 1 Corinthians 15:45-49 / Luke 6:27-38

21<sup>st</sup> *Weekday [St. Peter Damian, Bishop and Doctor]*  
James 3:13-18 / Mark 9:14-29

22<sup>nd</sup> *Feast: The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle*  
1 Pt 5:1-4 / Matthew 16:13-19

23<sup>rd</sup> *Memorial: St. Polycarp, Bishop & Martyr*  
James 4:13-17 / Mark 9:38-40

24<sup>th</sup> *Weekday*  
James 5:1-6 / Mark 9:41-50


25<sup>th</sup> *Weekday*  
James 5:9-12 / Mark 10:1-12

26<sup>th</sup> *Weekday [Blessed Virgin Mary]*  
James 5:13-20 / Mark 10:13-16

### Mass Intentions


Saturday	5:30	Lidia Villanueva de Rosales RIP
Sunday	8:00	Teresa Garcia RIP
	9:30	Sheila Botor Bea RIP
	11:30	For the People of the Parish
Monday	8:30	Intentions of José Guerrero
	5:30	Bill Richmond RIP
Tuesday	8:30	Intentions of the Donor
	5:30	Carol Nobori RIP
Wednesday	8:30	James Mmassi RIP
	5:30	Philomena Feeny RIP
Thursday	8:30	Michael Collins Brown RIP
	5:30	Intentions of Mike and Mark Hurley
Friday	8:30	Dayton Azevedo RIP
	5:30	Intentions of Michael Wahl
Saturday	8:30	Intentions of William Silloway

## Donate Diapers to Families in Need



Today and next Sunday (February 20<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>), the *Peace & Justice Committee* will be collecting diapers after all Masses. Look for a Peace and Justice Representative in Norton Hall or on Rengel Plaza (in front of 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. These families particularly need **toddler-sized diapers** (any disposable kind) and **wipes** as well. Thank you for your generosity!



### Help Us Celebrate Our Centennial!

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 Parish Conference, *"we definitely need more people to serve on this committee."* If you can lend a hand, please email Fr. Nick at [pastor@marymagdalen.org](mailto:pastor@marymagdalen.org), or dial 510-526-4811 x 112. It will be a fun project!

### Girl Scout Cookies for Sale Next Weekend

*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)




## Is Heaven a Myth?

Symposium at St. Mary Magdalen

### Is Heaven Real?

Classical Philosophy and its Influence  
on Christian Teaching

Saturday, February 26<sup>th</sup>

10:00 am to 2:00 pm

“Lunch on the Lawn” between sessions

Please RSVP to help us plan the lunch!

Call 510-526-4811 or email [nhippolyte@marymagdalen.org](mailto:nhippolyte@marymagdalen.org)

The way believers in Jesus’ time conceived Heaven may come as a surprise: they did not believe their souls went up to heaven after death; instead, they thought that at the end of time, God would bring heaven down to earth and their souls would rise from their graves to live in the new kingdom of God. This view is exemplified in St. John’s vision, “I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God.” (Rev. 21:2)

The Greek philosopher Plato had promulgated a different concept: we are in exile here on earth, and if we live a good life, we will go up to heaven when we die. He taught that heaven is the “perfect

world,” and that our world is an imperfect representation — a shadow — of heaven. This concept of heaven was the predominant understanding of most pagan thinkers in the Roman Empire at the time of Jesus.

Beginning in the third century, theologians tried to harmonize the Biblical concept with Plato’s, but by the Middle Ages, Platonism won out. “Heaven” became a reward for a life well lived in an imperfect world.

For good or ill, Platonism has profoundly affected much more than just Christianity’s understanding of heaven. Another example is the attitude of many moral theologians towards the theater: well into the 20<sup>th</sup>

Century, the theater was considered suspect by proper churchgoing people. The tortured argument went like this: if our world is only an imperfect representation of reality, then theater — which is a representation of our world — is even further removed from reality. Therefore, watching a play risked polluting the viewer’s mind and placing him or her in danger of sin.

Platonism and the Christian reworking of it, Neoplatonism, is insidious throughout our religion. While it has had positive effects — Gothic architecture was an attempt to create heaven on earth — it dilutes our understanding that God created us in love and we are basically good. Moral theology constantly struggles on account of this. Some theologians saw virginity (or at least celibacy) as superior to the married state. St. Thomas Aquinas tried to correct this by promoting Aristotle’s more naturalistic view of creation, but he never quite abandoned the Platonic view.

Next Saturday, February 26<sup>th</sup>, our parish is sponsoring a symposium on Plato and Aristotle and how they affect our faith. East Bay native Phillbert Cheng, a doctoral student at the GTU, will discuss Plato, and longtime parishioner Dr. Peter Hess will discuss Aristotle. Parishioners Sharon Ceasar and Catie Cariaga Nakamura will provide responses. It will be an enlightening gathering — I hope you’ll attend!



**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*. Peter has taught in seven institutions, including the GTU and the University of San Francisco, and served as International Director for the Center for Theology and the Natural Sciences in Berkeley. Peter and his wife, Viviane, have been parishioners at St. Mary Magdalen for several decades; their two sons, Michael and Robert, are graduates of the School of the Madeleine.





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