

February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2022 | 8<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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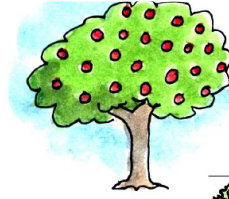
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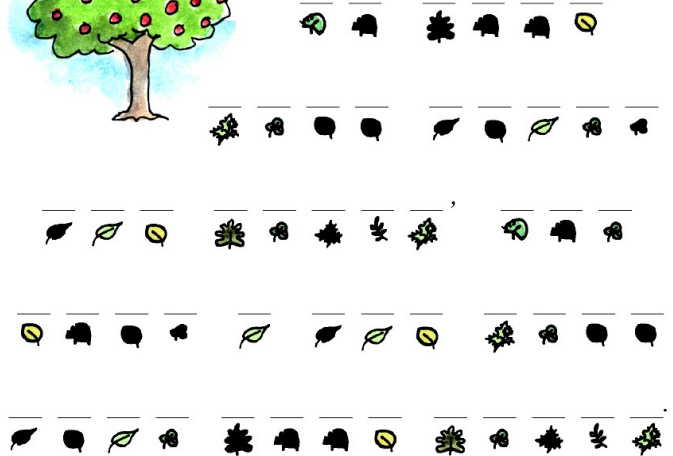
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# The Kids' Bulletin



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*In today's Gospel reading Jesus told a parable about trees. What did He say? Use the code to find out!*



A B D E F G I N O R S T U

## Psalm 92 Unscramble

*Unscramble the missing words to complete today's Psalm!*

It is good to give \_\_\_\_\_ (KNSHTA)  
 to the Lord,  
 to sing praises to thy \_\_\_\_\_ (MNAE),  
 O Most High;  
 to declare thy steadfast \_\_\_\_\_ (OVLE)  
 in the morning,  
 and thy faithfulness  
 by \_\_\_\_\_. (HGNTI)  
 The righteous flourish  
 like the \_\_\_\_\_ (LMAP) tree,  
 and \_\_\_\_\_ (ORGW)  
 like a cedar in Lebanon.  
 They are planted  
 in the \_\_\_\_\_ (UOESH) of the Lord,  
 they flourish in the courts  
 of our \_\_\_\_\_ (DGO).  
 They still bring forth \_\_\_\_\_ (UFIRT)  
 in old age,  
 they are ever full of sap  
 and \_\_\_\_\_, (ERGNE)  
 to show that the Lord is upright,  
 he is my \_\_\_\_\_, (KCRO)  
 and there is no  
 unrighteousness in him.





# 8<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C ~ February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2022

Collection for the Week Ending February 20 <sup>th</sup> , 2022			
Sunday	Actual	Budget	Difference
02/20/2022	\$7,355.33	\$8,580.00	-\$1,224.67
Year-to-Date	\$62,645.12	\$68,640.00	-\$5,994.88
<i>Thank you for your stewardship.</i>			

## Donate Diapers to Families in Need



Today (February 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.

The diaper drive supports the work of **Hively**, a non-profit providing social services to children and families in Alameda County. These families particularly need **toddler-sized diapers**, and **wipes** as well. Thank for your generosity!



## Readings for the Week

- 27<sup>th</sup> *EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME*  
Sirach 27:4-7 / 1 Corinthians 15:54-58 / Luke 6:39-45
- 28<sup>th</sup> *Weekday*  
1 Peter 1:3-9 / Mark 10:17-27
- 1<sup>st</sup> *Weekday*  
1 Peter 1:10-16 / Mark 10:28-31
- 2<sup>nd</sup> **ASH WEDNESDAY**  
Joel 2:12-18 / 2 Cor 5:20-6:2 / Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18
- 3<sup>rd</sup> *Thursday after Ash Wednesday [St. Katharine Drexel]*  
Deuteronomy 30:15-20 / Luke 9:22-25
- 4<sup>th</sup> *Friday after Ash Wednesday*  
Isaiah 58:1-9 / Matthew 9:14-15
- 5<sup>th</sup> *Saturday after Ash Wednesday*  
Isaiah 58:9-14 / Luke 5:27-32

## Mass Intentions

Saturday	5:30	Gretchen Nicholson RIP
Sunday	8:00	For the People of the Parish
	9:30	Maureen Therese McGrotty, RSHM RIP
	11:30	Intentions of Carman Riddell Libman
Monday	8:30	Christopher Stoll RIP
	5:30	Intentions of Fr. Anthony Nwankwo
Tuesday	8:30	Pat Haukom Sontag RIP
	5:30	Intentions of Dede LeDoux Meyer
Wednesday	5:30	Intentions of Michael Wahl
Friday	5:30	Intentions of Takashi Wakamatsu
Saturday	8:30	Intentions of the Donor

## Peace & Justice Notes

**Bread for the World Initiative and the Global Malnutrition Prevention Act of 2021.** If this bill becomes law, it would authorize the *US Agency for International Development* to coordinate their efforts with leaders of various agencies to alleviate and treat global malnutrition. Phone your legislators now and ask them to support the Global Malnutrition Act of 2021 (HR4693). 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.

**California Immigration Facts** (Source: *American Immigration Council*, 2/21/2022): Learn more about our state: **More than 25% of California residents are immigrants, while 25% of the rest are native-born U.S. citizens with at least one immigrant parent.**

- ◆ In 2018, 27% (10.6 million) of the State's population were immigrants. Top countries of origin were Mexico, the Philippines, China, India and Vietnam.
- ◆ More than half of all immigrants in California are naturalized U.S. citizens.
- ◆ Over 2 million U.S. citizens in California live with at least one family member who is undocumented.
- ◆ California is home to over 183,000 Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) recipients.
- ◆ One in three workers in California is an immigrant. Immigrant workers are most numerous in manufacturing; health care and social assistance; retail, accommodation and food services; and professional, scientific and technical services. 882,000 health care workers are immigrants.
- ◆ Immigrants in California have contributed tens of billions of dollars in taxes. In 2018, immigrant-led households paid \$80.8 billion in federal taxes and \$38.9 billion in state and local taxes, while undocumented immigrants paid an estimated \$4.5 billion in federal and \$2.5 billion in state and local taxes.
- ◆ As consumers, immigrants add hundreds of billions of dollars to California's economy. In 2018, California residents in immigrant-led households had \$290.9 billion spending power.
- ◆ Immigrant entrepreneurs in California have generated tens of billions of dollars in business revenue annually.
- ◆ In 2018, 936,795 immigrant business owners accounted for 38 percent of all self-employed California residents and generated \$24.5 billion in business income.

## Notes from Fr. Nick

# Ash Wednesday

The gospel reading for Ash Wednesday (Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18) stresses that we should keep our fasting and prayer private, yet many of us will begin this coming Wednesday by attending Mass and wearing a public mark on our foreheads for the rest of the day. What gives?

I see two ways of looking at this apparent contradiction: In Jesus' time and in Medieval Christian Europe, everybody had to follow religious teachings. They were not just pious practice, but required by law. Fasting and sackcloth were so common that it easily became public spectacle. Outdoing one's neighbor with apparent piety could be just as superfluous as owning the biggest SUV or wearing the coolest clothes are today. There would be no spiritual merit in it.

Today, publicly signifying one's religious beliefs publicly goes against the prevailing consumer culture. That little mark on your forehead might be an appropriate reminder to others that there are more important things in life than what one drives or wears. Almost every year, somebody stops me to ask about the smudge. When I explain, they either respond, "Oh my gosh, I forgot, I'll have to get to Mass after work today." or "Thanks for telling me about it. We all need to sacrifice more for others." In both cases, the ashes call people to a deeper faith.

Certainly, we can find examples where people go overboard with religious devotion, and the gospel for Ash Wednesday reminds us not to be excessive. However, appropriately sharing and explaining our religious practice may help others find their way to a deeper faith.

### Ash Wednesday Services at St. Mary Magdalen

#### Mass & Distribution of Ashes

##### In the Church -

- 8:30 am
- 5:30 pm (with musicians)
- 7:30 pm

##### In the Dominican Garden

- 10:30 am

*If you are unable to attend Mass, stop by the parish office during the day to receive ashes.  
(9:30 am – 5:00 pm, excluding lunch)*

## 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***

These stimulating talks will explain how our Catholic theology has been deeply influenced over the centuries by the ideas of Plato and Aristotle. Parishioners **Sharon Ceasar** and **Catie Cariaga Nakamura** will respond to each talk in turn, followed by a Question & Answer period.

**Admission is free - invite your friends!**

**Please RSVP for the lunch: call the office at 510-526-4811 or email [parish@marymagdalen.org](mailto:parish@marymagdalen.org).**



**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 and the University of San Francisco, also serving 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.





# Girl Scout Cookies for Sale This 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 11:30 am Masses from February 27<sup>th</sup> through March 27<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for supporting Troop 32694! Order online! [tinyurl.com/32694Cookies](http://tinyurl.com/32694Cookies)



# Can You Help to Lead Tenebrae?

One of the features of our life as a Dominican parish was the observance of Tenebrae, the beautiful and solemn service that takes place on the mornings of Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday. Since we have become a diocesan parish, Fr. Nick has been very happy for us to continue the practice. However, the parishioners who have been producing it are not available to lead us this year.

In order for this sacred service to continue, we need people to plan, organize, rehearse, and perform this event. **If you would like to be part of the team to lead Tenebrae this year, please contact the parish office.** No prior experience is necessary: Paul Sporer, a cantor and our liturgical authority, will provide advice and guidance to the new leaders.

You can learn more about Tenebrae in this Wikipedia article: [en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tenebrae](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tenebrae).



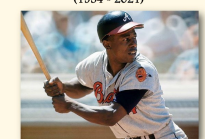


# St. Mary Magdalen Celebrates Black History Month

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!

If you're reading online, click on any image below, and you'll instantly land on the actual poster.



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<p><b>St. Mary Magdalen Parish Celebrates Black History Month.</b></p> <p><b>Maya Angelou</b> (1928 - 2014)</p>  <p>In the words of President Barack Obama, "Maya Angelou was many things—an author, poet, civil rights activist, playwright, actress, director, composer, singer and dancer. But above all, she was a storyteller." She published 16 books, 10 of them bestsellers, and was the first woman to be presented with the Presidential Medal of Freedom. She was also the first African American woman to be named a Pulitzer Prize laureate. She was the first African American woman to be named a Pulitzer Prize laureate. She was the first African American woman to be named a Pulitzer Prize laureate.</p>	<p><b>St. Mary Magdalen Parish Celebrates Black History Month.</b></p> <p><b>Martin Luther King, Jr.</b> (1929 - 1968)</p>  <p>Dr. King was the most prominent African American leader of the 20th century. He was a Baptist minister and a powerful orator. He led the American Civil Rights Movement and was instrumental in ending segregation in the United States. He was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1964. He was assassinated in Memphis, Tennessee, on April 4, 1968.</p>	<p><b>St. Mary Magdalen Parish Celebrates Black History Month.</b></p> <p><b>Henry ("Hank") Aaron</b> (1914 - 2021)</p>  <p>Henry ("Hank") Aaron was the most accomplished baseball player of the 20th century. He was a right-handed batter and a right-handed pitcher. He played for the Milwaukee Braves and the Atlanta Braves. He was inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame in 1982. He was the first African American to be elected to the Baseball Hall of Fame.</p>	<p><b>St. Mary Magdalen Parish Celebrates Black History Month.</b></p> <p><b>Rep. John Lewis</b> (1940 - 2020)</p>  <p>John Lewis was a U.S. Congressman and civil rights activist. He was one of the "Big Six" who planned the March on Washington and signed the Civil Rights Act of 1964. He was a member of the U.S. House of Representatives for 33 years. He was the first African American to be elected to the U.S. House of Representatives from the South. He was the first African American to be elected to the U.S. House of Representatives from the South.</p>	<p><b>St. Mary Magdalen Parish Celebrates Black History Month.</b></p> <p><b>Vice President Kamala Harris</b> (1964 - present)</p>  <p>Kamala Harris is the current Vice President of the United States. She is the first African American woman to hold the office. She was born in Oakland, California. She was the first African American woman to hold the office of Vice President of the United States. She was the first African American woman to hold the office of Vice President of the United States.</p>
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