

April 24th, 2022 | 2nd Sunday of the Octave of Easter, 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

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
Phone: 510-526-4811

WEBSITE



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*“Together we share our
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and we care for others.”*

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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Parish Calendar for April 22– May 13, 2022

April 22 Friday	Peace & Justice Meeting 4:00 - 5:30 pm, Norton Hall. <i>(All are welcome!)</i>
April 22 Friday	Barefoot Chamber Concert <i>(Tickets \$20 at door.)</i> 6:30 pm, Parish Hall. <i>Proof of vaccination required.</i>
April 26 Tuesday	Sunday Gospel Reflection Group 2:00 - 3:00 pm, Zoom. <i>(Contact the parish for link.)</i>
April 29 Friday	Sunday Gospel Reflection Group 9:15 - 10:15 am, Norton Hall.
May 1 Sunday	CROP Hunger Walk (tinyurl.com/MADCropWalk) 1:00 pm, Church Parking Lot.
May 2 Monday	St. Vincent de Paul Conference <i>(All are Welcome!)</i> 7:00 pm, Contact bulletin@marymagdalen.org for location.
May 3 Tuesday	Racial Equity Committee Meeting 7:00 - 8:30 pm, Zoom. <i>(Contact the parish for link.)</i>
May 6 Friday	Eucharistic Adoration (Holy Hour) 6:00 - 7:00 pm, Church.
May 7 Saturday	Parish Spring Tea Party! <i>(Register at link below.)</i> 1:00 - 3:30 pm, Church. tinyurl.com/SMM-TeaParty
May 8 Sunday	Fr. Laurent Okitakatshi Ph.D. Graduation Party! 4:00 - 6:00 pm, Norton Hall.
May 10 Tuesday	Sunday Gospel Reflection Group 2:00 - 3:00 pm, Zoom. <i>(Contact the parish for link.)</i>
May 10 Tuesday	Parish Pastoral Council Meeting 7:00 - 8:30 pm, Zoom. <i>(Contact the parish for link.)</i>
May 13 Friday	Sunday Gospel Reflection Group 9:15 - 10:15 am, Norton Hall.
May 13 Friday	Peace & Justice Meeting 4:00 - 5:15 pm, Norton Hall. <i>All are Welcome!</i>

Parish Movie Night



The next Parish Movie Night will start at **6:30 pm** (film at 7:00) on **Saturday, May 14th**. In conjunction with our parish celebration of **Asian American/Pacific Islander Heritage Month**, we'll be screening the World War II documentary, ***Valor with Honor***, with a *personal appearance* by the Director & Editor, **Burt Takeuchi**.

This film tells the story of the 442nd Infantry Regiment, which was composed almost entirely of Japanese-American men who had been incarcerated in the internment camps before being admitted to the Army. Their motto was *Go for Broke*, and the 442nd became the most decorated unit in U.S. military history, serving in Italy, Germany and France.

Admission is Free!

Divine Mercy Sunday, Year C ~ April 24th, 2022

Collection for the Week Ending April 10 th , 2022			
Sunday	Actual	Budget	Difference
04/10/2022	\$10,737.04	\$8,580.00	\$2,157.04
Year-to-Date	\$121,088.11	\$128,700.00	-\$7,611.89
<i>Thank you for your stewardship.</i>			

Collection for the Week Ending April 17 th , 2022			
Sunday	Actual	Budget	Difference
04/17/2022	\$5,471.40	\$8,580.00	-\$3,108.60
Year-to-Date	\$126,559.51	\$137,280.00	-\$10,720.49
<i>We will report the Easter totals next week.</i>			

To submit an article to this Bulletin, please email Laura at bulletin@marymagdalen.org.
Deadline: Friday, 10 days before publication.

Scripture Readings for the Week

- 24th *SECOND SUNDAY IN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER*
Acts 5:12-16 / Revelation 1:9-11-13, 17-19 /
John 20:19-31
- 25th *Feast: St. Mark, Evangelist*
1 Peter 5:5-14 / Mark 16:15-20
- 26th *Easter Weekday*
Acts 4:32-37 / John 3:7-15
- 27th *Easter Weekday*
Acts 5:17-26 / John 3:16-21
- 28th *Easter Weekday [St. Peter Chanel, Priest & Martyr;
St. Louis Grignon de Montfort, Priest]*
Acts 5:27-33 / John 3:31-36
- 29th *Memorial: St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin & Doctor*
Acts 5:34-42 / John 6:1-15
- 30th *Easter Weekday [St. Pius V, Pope]*
Acts 6:1-7 / John 6:16-21

Mass Intentions



- Saturday 5:30 Richard Vohs RIP
- Sunday 8:00 Intentions of Rose Mello & Family
9:30 Intentions of Heather Skinner
11:30 For the People of the Parish
- Monday 5:30 Betty Lowe RIP
- Wednesday 5:30 William Matthew Malone RIP
- Thursday 8:30 Pauline Fassler RIP
- Friday 8:30 Saturnino & Augusta Cariaga RIP
5:30 Juliana Wong RIP
- Saturday 8:30 Richard Goncalves RIP

Peace & Justice Notes

Immigration Update: Thirteen states, including California, have joined the *Office of New Americans Network* to welcome and include new immigrants and refugees. Participating states recognize and value the contributions of immigrants in our communities and our economies, in stark contrast to states (such as Florida) that are pursuing restrictive immigration policies at the state level. Priorities and actions vary across the 13 participating states, but they aim to maximize the potential of immigrants to the benefit of all. For more information, visit newamericaneconomy.org. The state efforts reflect the pressing need for just and comprehensive immigration reform, something Congress has failed to do for decades.

Biden v. Texas: The U.S. Supreme Court will hear arguments on April 26, 2022, in this case by the government against the Trump-era asylum policy requiring immigrants to be returned to Mexico during their immigration proceedings. At issue is whether current law requires the Department of Homeland Security to continue implementing this policy, known as *Migrant Protection Protocols (MPP)*, and whether a U.S. Court of Appeals Court erred by concluding that the secretary of homeland security's new decision terminating *MPP* had no legal effect. The **U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops** has filed an *amicus brief* in support of the Biden Administration's efforts to eliminate this "remain in Mexico" policy. In their filing, the Bishops called *MPP* both "immoral and unlawful." To follow the Court proceedings, go to scotusblog.com

Temporary Protected Status: On Good Friday, the Biden administration granted *Temporary Protected Status (TPS)* for immigrants from Cameroon. The designation will provide much-needed protection to thousands of Cameroonian nationals in the U.S. who faced the possibility of deportation into armed conflict. *TPS* is a temporary immigration status provided to nationals of certain countries experiencing an ongoing armed conflict, environmental disaster, or extraordinary and temporary conditions.

Notes from Fr. Nick

Mystagogia

During the next four weeks, our Adult Sunday School will discuss four Greek words we often hear in Catholic teaching but may be unfamiliar to us. We often gloss over a word and assume from context what it means. Most of the time this method works well, but occasionally we misunderstand the context itself because we don't recognize the word!

This week we will discuss *Mystagogia*. This term is particularly pertinent during this season, because our Neophyte, Kasey Flemer, entered this stage after being received into the Church during the Easter Vigil.

Mystagogia is the fourth stage in the *Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults*. When an adult considers becoming a member of the Catholic Church, he or she begins with a period called *Inquiry*, which is just what it sounds like. In our parish, the period of Inquiry generally lasts from September through the beginning of Advent. No expectations are put on Inquirers to continue the process. They learn about salvation through Jesus Christ, and how it is expressed in the Catholic Church.

If the Inquirers' interest in the Church continues, Inquirers are accepted into the Catechumenate with the *Rite of Welcoming*, wherein they become *Catechumens*. Catechumens are officially members of our parish, and if they should die before being baptized, they would be buried as members of the Church. In most churches, Catechumens are dismissed with their catechists after the homily to study the Scriptures. Near the beginning of Lent, there is the *Rite of Election*, where Catechumens may officially declare to their bishop their desire to be baptized a Christian. During the period of Lent (called Purification, or Enlightenment), the Catechumens, now called "the Elect," undergo the *Scrutinies*, a short series of examinations. The process culminates in their Baptism at the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday night.

Kasey was a baptized Christian when she joined us, and had already passed through these stages. However, since the process can be such a powerful experience for a new Catholic, we usually ask them to participate in the process to renew their baptismal commitment. Thus Kasey—and those baptized through the RCIA elsewhere—are now *Neophytes*, having entered *Mystagogia* after the Easter Vigil. During *Mystagogia*, Neophytes learn about the Catholic Church, as distinct from that of Christians in general. Catholic practice is explained to them, and they are introduced to the various prayer communities and social groups that make up our parish.

The most distinctive part of *Mystagogia* is the manner in which it is taught. Ideally, rather than preparing people for an experience, then giving it to them, *Mystagogia* delivers the experience first and then helps the Neophytes to "unpack" how they perceived it.

In the ancient Church, those to be baptized had no idea in advance what the rituals were like. The Church kept the rituals secret from those outside. Therefore, when the symbols of initiation were used and the rituals performed, the intent was to "shock" the candidate and, thus, impress on them the gravity of what they were undertaking. They were stripped of their clothing, plunged under cold water, but then brought out, dried, and given new white garments to wear. They were anointed with fragrant chrism, and given milk and honey to eat. In the weeks following, Church leaders would interview them about their experience and explain the meaning of the symbols.

Today, the rituals of initiation are well known in advance, and thus robbed of some of their impact. Yet reflecting on the impact of baptism and being received into the Church are a means of driving home the importance of Christian rituals, as well as welcoming Neophytes further into their new community.

Please share with Kasey's mystagogical process. Be sure to welcome her as a member of our parish and, perhaps, help her to reflect on the happy commitment she has made.

St. Mary Magdalen Spring Tea

**Saturday, May 7th
1:00 - 3:00 pm, Parish Hall**

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Prepare for the Berkeley CROP Hunger Walk!



The parish and the school have formed a team to walk for hunger. Come and join us as we walk to raise awareness of hunger and food insecurity both locally and globally. You can register and/or donate online at tinyurl.com/MADCropWalk.

Not able to walk with us next Sunday? Consider making a donation to the team or to an individual parish/school walker. (Details at the link above.)

**Sunday, May 1st at 1:00 pm
St. Mary Magdalen Parking Lot**

Spiritual Direction

Is Now Available to Parishioners!

Spiritual Direction has been defined as “help given by one believer to another that enables the latter to pay attention to God’s personal communication to him or her, to respond to this personally-communicating God, to grow in intimacy with God and to live the consequences of the relationship.” In a nutshell, a spiritual director helps a person pray – in and out of formal times of prayer.

Who is a candidate for spiritual direction?

Anyone who desires to grow in their relationship with God would do well in spiritual direction. For instance, a person may need God’s aid in discerning a problem or making an important decision. Or a person may be having difficulty generally in praying and connecting with God, or may be in a particularly challenging life circumstance and want to see where God is in it. The common thread is that a person who seeks spiritual direction is experiencing a desire to engage more with God, whether that is around a particular purpose or not, and whether prayer is consoling, a struggle, or even painful.

Contact the parish office for more information.

Easter Vigil & Sunday Garden Mass Celebrations



All photos above & below left: Clif Taylor



Photo: Gary Van Kuiken

Kasey was welcomed into the Church.

Approximately 300 congregants celebrated Easter Sunday in the Garden!

The Kids' Bulletin

Second Sunday of Easter
 Divine Mercy Sunday
 April 24th, 2022

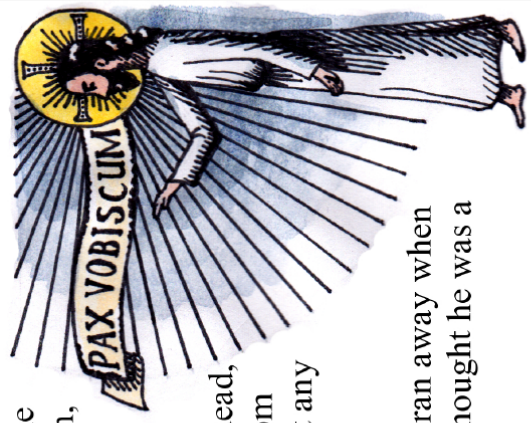


John 20:19-31

*What did Jesus and Thomas say to each other?
 Look in the mirror to find out!*

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True or False: When Jesus Came to the Apostles



1. When Jesus first came to the Apostles after His resurrection, He said "Peace be with you" twice. True or False?
2. When Jesus rose from the dead, you couldn't see the marks from the nails in His hands and feet any more. True or False?
3. The Apostles panicked and ran away when they saw Jesus because they thought he was a ghost. True or False?
4. Jesus breathed on the Apostles and told them that they now had the power to forgive people's sins. True or False?
5. The Apostle Thomas was not with the others when Jesus first came to them after He rose from the dead. True or False?
6. Thomas believed that they had seen Jesus, so he wasn't surprised when Jesus came again a week later. True or False?
7. Jesus told Thomas to put his fingers in the nail-holes in His hands and put his hand in Jesus' side where the spear had gone in. True or False?



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