

May 15th, 2022 | 5th Sunday of Easter, Year C

St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Parish



We're Celebrating Asian-American & Pacific Islander Month!

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
Phone: 510-526-4811

WEBSITE



marymagdalen.org



*"Together we share our
Faith in Jesus Christ.*

*We live the Gospel,
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 May 2022

May 1-31 Entire month	Asian-American & Pacific Islander Month Various celebrations! <i>See page 6 for details.</i>
May 13 Friday	Peace & Justice Meeting 4:00 - 5:15 pm, Norton Hall. <i>All are Welcome!</i>
May 14 Saturday	Parish Movie Night: <i>Valor with Honor.</i> 6:30 - 8:30 pm, Parish Hall. <i>See details below.</i>
May 15 Sunday	Confirmations at the Dominican Garden Mass 9:30 am, in the presence of Fr. Larry D'Anjou.
May 15 Sunday	Liturgy Committee Meeting 1:00 - 3:30 pm, Rectory.
May 16-24	Fr. Nick will be away on vacation.
May 17 Tuesday	Sunday Gospel Reflection Group 2:00 - 3:00 pm, Zoom. <i>(Contact the parish for link.)</i>
May 20 Friday	Sunday Gospel Reflection Group 9:15 - 10:15 am, Norton Hall.
May 21 Saturday	Live Performance: <i>Tolton: from Slave to Priest</i> 7:00 - 9:00 pm, Parish Hall. <i>See details on page 5.</i>
May 22 Sunday	Concert: <i>Music Sources: Jonathan Rhodes Lee</i> 5:00 pm, Church. Handel's music for harpsichord.
May 24 Tuesday	Sunday Gospel Reflection Group 2:00 - 3:00 pm, Zoom. <i>(Contact the parish for link.)</i>
May 25 Wednesday	FUNERAL OF LOUISE ("LOLLY") KELLEHER 10:00 am, followed by a Reception.
May 25 Wednesday	Centennial Committee Meeting 7:00 - 8:30 pm, Conference Room.
May 27 Friday	Sunday Gospel Reflection Group 9:15 - 10:15 am, Norton Hall.
May 28 Saturday	Taizé Service 3:00 pm, Church.



The Special Religious Education Department, or SPRED, reaches out to individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities, throughout the Diocese of Oakland. SPRED catechists find that faith-sharing with people who have special needs can be a most fulfilling and rewarding ministry. The SPRED center here at St. Mary Magdalen Parish serves adults with developmental disabilities in this area, and we need volunteer catechists!

For more information about St. Mary Magdalen's SPRED group **contact, Vivian Zelaya at 510-499-0547.** A SPRED Helper Catechist's Training will take place on June 25th. If you would like to volunteer to be a SPRED Catechist for the 2022-2023 year, please contact Vivian.

Fifth Sunday of Easter, Year C ~ May 15th, 2022

Collection for the Week Ending May 8 th , 2022			
Sunday	Actual	Budget	Difference
05/08/2022	\$11,431.50	\$8,580.00	\$2,851.50
Year-to-Date	\$176,053.31	\$179,440.00	-\$3,386.69
We are reducing our deficit. Congratulations!			



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Scripture Readings for the Week

- 15th FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
Acts 14:21-27 / Revelations 21:1-5 /
John 13:31-35
- 16th Easter Weekday
Acts 14:5-18 / John 14:21-26
- 17th Easter Weekday
Acts 14:19-28 / John 14:27-31
- 18th Easter Weekday [St. John I, Pope and Martyr]
Acts 15:1-6 / John 15:1-8
- 19th Easter Weekday
Acts 15:7-21 / John 15:9-11
- 20th Easter Weekday [St. Bernardine of Siena, Priest]
Acts 15:22-31 / John 15:12-17
- 21st Easter Weekday [St. Christopher Magallanes, Priest,
and Companions, Martyrs]
Acts 16:1-10 / John 15:18-21

Mass Intentions

Saturday	5:30	For the People of the Parish
Sunday	8:00	Intentions of the Kelleher Family
	9:30	Isabel Vergara Veru RIP
	11:30	Maria Chininin Chuquihuanga RIP
Monday	8:30	Louise ("Lolly") Kelleher RIP
	5:30	Intentions of Julian Assange
Tuesday	8:30	Nicholas Espejo RIP
	5:30	Ardis Scollin RIP
Wednesday	8:30	Intentions of Doug Allaire
	5:30	Jeanne Taylor RIP
Thursday	8:30	Intentions of Jim Fife
	5:30	Clare Backway RIP
Friday	8:30	Intentions of Julian Assange
	5:30	Eunice Jackson RIP
Saturday	8:30	Intentions of Bob Kaer

Offering of Letters This Weekend!

In conjunction with *Bread for the World*, our Peace & Justice Committee is organizing a letter campaign to help end world hunger. Our *Offering of Letters* will join those of many parishes nationwide, and all postcards and letters will be hand-delivered to our representatives; no mailing required.

We've made it easy! Just pick up the pre-addressed postcards in the vestibule this weekend. Postcards can be left in the vestibule or in the parish office.

Alternatively, as in the past, you can sign pre-printed letters. These will be available at tables after Mass **this weekend, at both entrances to the church, as well as the Garden entrance after the 9:30 am Mass**. However, personal letters are more effective than 'pro-forma' letters, so we encourage you to write in your own words.

Performed Live by
Jim Coleman

Tolton

From Slave to Priest

St. Mary Magdalen Parish Hall
7:00 - 9:00 pm
Saturday, May 21st
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or call the office at 510-526-4811.

Gnosis

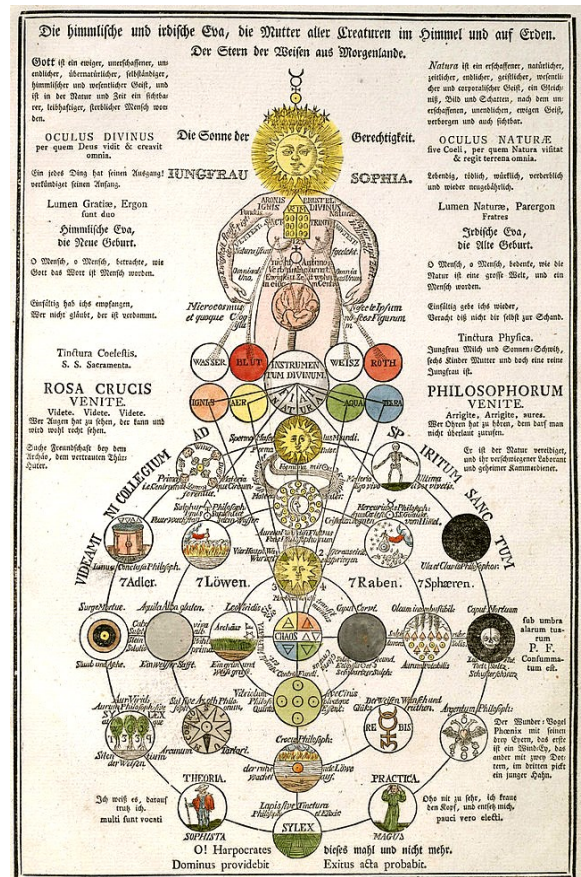
Picking up after Mother's Day with our survey of Greek words from the Bible or the ancient Church, this week we'll explore the word *gnosis*. In the ancient world *gnosis* simply meant "knowledge." However, it connoted *personal knowledge*, distinct from *eidien* or *intellectual knowledge*. For ancient writers, both within and outside Christianity, *gnosis* might best be described as "awareness" or "revelation." To the patristic authors, *gnosis* was *spiritual knowledge*, or *knowledge of the heart*. Some early Catholic authors pointed out that only God has true *gnosis*, because only he can plumb the depths of his relationship with us.

Unfortunately, the word *gnosis* does not always have positive connotations. During the formative centuries of our faith, Christianity existed alongside numerous other cults and religions that competed for adherents, and *Gnosticism* was among the "mystery religions" that appealed to Jews and Greeks alike. Basically, Gnostics believed that they would be received into heaven if they possessed secret knowledge that would unlock its gates — sort of like a password on a computer! Through secret training, the adherents would learn this knowledge, so that upon their deaths, they could pass safely into a blissful afterlife.

There are traces of this type of thinking even in some early Christian rites. As I mentioned when discussing *Mystagogia* a couple of weeks ago, in the early centuries of Christianity, the rites of initiation were kept secret from those to be baptized until they experienced them; only later would the rites be explained to them. Thus, understanding the power of one's baptism is similar to gnostic teaching.

The major distinction between Christian thinking and Gnosticism is that Christians are required to live out their faith in this world by avoiding sin and engaging in virtue, while Gnostics saw no such need — the secret knowledge alone was enough to bring salvation. Gnostics thus divorced religion from morality.

Without passing judgement on current-day adherents of Gnosticism, traces of Gnosticism can be found in diverse elements of our own culture. For example, both Rosicrucians and Scientologists believe that possessing secret knowledge is enough to achieve enlightenment. Fortune telling and horoscopes — if taken seriously — are also a form of Gnosticism, and are prohibited by Church teaching.



A page of Rosicrucian Theosophy.



Taizé Service on Saturday, May 28th

The next Taizé service will take place from 3:00 to 4:00 pm on Saturday, May 28th in the church. Come, join us in song, prayer, and adoration of the Cross!

What is Taizé?

Read: tinyurl.com/what-is-taize

Fr. Laurent Okitakatshi Received his Ph.D. at the GTU !



All photos on first two rows: Arlene Makita-Acuña



Photo: Cat Nielsen



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May is Asian-American & Pacific Islander Month

This year, St. Mary Magdalen Parish is honoring our many parishioners of Asian or Pacific Island descent with four events in May and June:

1/ As was done for **Black History Month** in February, the **Racial Equity Committee** — this time in concert with students from the **School of the Madeleine!** — has composed **short biographies of 12 notable Americans of Asian or Pacific Islander descent.** The posters are now displayed inside the church, on the Henry Street fence, and [on our website.](#) Half the posters are reproduced below; [the others were published last week.](#) (If you're reading the electronic version of the Bulletin, click on each poster to enlarge!)

An **Asian-American Historical Timeline** is posted on the back wall of the church, and [on our website.](#)

2/ Parish Movie Night presents a [documentary](#) about the highly decorated Nisei 442nd Regiment. (See p. 2.)

3/ A trip to the **Bancroft Library** took place to visit the [exhibit of artifacts](#) honoring the 80th anniversary of the internment of all Japanese-Americans living on the West Coast. (The exhibit will run through the end of June.)

A manual for a **self-guided pilgrimage** of Asian-American historical sites in Berkeley and the inner Bay Area is available in the church, in the parish office, and [on our website.](#)

4/ Conference at 10:30 am on Saturday, June 25th: talks by 2 parishioners, children of Japanese-American internees.

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Kao Kalia Yang (1980 - present)



Kao Kalia Yang is a Hmong-American writer, author of the *The Latecomer: A Hmong Family Memoir*, the first memoir written by a Hmong-American to be published with national distribution. Her most recent nonfiction is *When the Last One Leaves: A Collective Refugee Memoir*.

Kao was born in 1980 in the Ban Vinai Refugee Camp in Thailand. When she was six years old, she and her family emigrated to St. Paul, Minnesota. Yang has stated that, while her older sister, Dawh, quickly mastered the English language, she struggled with it. Nevertheless, her struggles led her to realize that her gift lay in the written word. Her sister and her 9th-grade English teacher, Mrs. Gallatin, were her special inspirations to become a writer.

Yang graduated from Carleton College in 2003 with a B.A. in American Studies, Women's and Gender Studies, and Cross-Cultural Studies, and later earned a Master's Degree in creative nonfiction from the Columbia University MFA Writing Program in New York City. Recently, Yang was the Benedict Distinguished Visiting Faculty in American Studies and English at Carleton College. Throughout her school years, Yang gave back to her community by teaching English to adult refugees, and she privately tutored younger students as well. These early experiences led to her later career as a teacher and mentor.

Yang is a contributing writer to *On Being's Public Theology Reimagined* blog, and has also written many beautiful children's books, including *The Most Beautiful Thing*, *The Shalut Room*, *Yang Warriors* and *A Map into the World*, which received the Charlotte Zolotor Award for outstanding writing in a picture book. The quotation below, from her memoir, *The Latecomer*, expresses Yang's love for her family and her pride in the heritage of the stateless Hmong people:

"We will not become the birds or the bees. We will become Hmong, and we will build a strong home that we will never leave and can always return to. We will not be lost and locking our whole lives through."

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Loida Nicolas Lewis (1928 - present)



Loida Nicolas Lewis is an American lawyer, businesswoman, and philanthropist. She grew up in Sorsogon, Philippines, where her father wanted her to run for political office, and even built a cinema named *Loida*, in the hopes that she would one day become mayor of her hometown. Instead, after completing law school in the Philippines, she traveled to New York, where she soon became the first Filipina woman to pass the New York bar without having attended law school in the United States.

Having won a discrimination case against the US Immigration and Naturalization Service in 1987, Loida Lewis joined the agency, now called Citizenship & Immigration Service. She coauthored the book, *How to Get a Green Card*, now in its 12th edition and a bestseller in its genre. After the death of her husband, Reginald Lewis, Ms. Lewis served for sixteen years as Chair and CEO of TLC Beatrice International, a \$2 billion multinational food company with operations across the U.S. and Europe.

Loida Lewis is currently Chair and CEO of TLC Beatrice, LLC, a family investment firm. She is also Chair of the Reginald F. Lewis Foundation, a benefactor (among many other institutions) of Harvard Law School and the Lewis College in Sorsogon, which she founded. Her foundation is also a major donor to the National Museum of African American History and Culture in Washington, D.C.


She is co-founder of several advocacy organizations: Asian American Legal Defense & Education Fund, National Federation of Filipino-American Associations, US Pinoy for Good Governance and Global Filipino Diaspora Council.

"You do things not to inspire, but because they have to be done. However, hopefully some women faced with a challenge will see what I have done, and they will be inspired, and they will succeed."

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Sanjay Gupta (1969 - present)



Sanjay Gupta is an Indian-American neurosurgeon, medical reporter, and writer. He was born in Novi, Michigan, to Subhash and Danyanti Gupta, engineers who emigrated to work for Ford Motor Company.

From the time he was a young boy, Gupta knew that he wanted to become a doctor. At age 18, he entered Interlex, an accelerated medical education program that accepted students right from high school. He earned his Bachelor's degree in Science from the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor, and his M.D. degree from the University of Michigan's Medical School.

Dr. Gupta practices medicine in Atlanta, Georgia, where he lives with his wife, attorney Rebecca Olson, and their three daughters. He is on the neurosurgery staff at Grady Memorial Hospital, and is also an associate professor of neurosurgery at the Emory University School of Medicine. He has become famous as the chief medical correspondent for CNN News. In 2003, he embedded with the U.S. Navy's "Devil Dogs" medical unit, reporting from Iraq and Kuwait, and in 2010, he reported on the devastating earthquake in Haiti and unprecedented flooding in Pakistan. The following year, he reported on the effects of the Great Tohoku earthquake and tsunami in Japan. On two different occasions, while working as a roving reporter, Dr. Gupta was called from the field to join surgical teams to perform lifesaving surgeries.

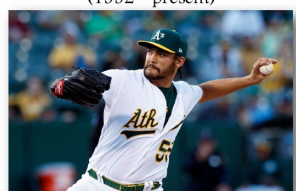
Outside his medical accomplishments, Dr. Gupta took accordion lessons for 10 years, and plays very well. He sang in his college glee club, and just last year was a guest host on the game show, *Jopardy!* Sanjay Gupta is a devout follower of the Hindu faith, which has provided him with a sense of balance and hope in his life. This positive outlook is expressed in his statement:

"Your brain can be continuously and consistently exercised through your life, no matter your age or access to resources."

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Sean Anthony Manaea (1992 - present)



Sean Manaea is a beloved pitcher in Major League Baseball. His father, Faaloloi Manaea, moved from American Samoa to Hawaii, and served in the Vietnam War, during which he was stationed in Indiana, the state where he eventually settled with his family. Sean was born in Valparaiso, Indiana, on February 1, 1992, the youngest of three brothers. Proud of his heritage, he has a full "seven tattoos" made up of traditional Samoan symbols that he acquired during his memorable first visit to Samoa in 2014.

Sean pursued his baseball goals throughout his high school years, and following his senior year chose to play for Indiana State University. In 2013, Sean was added to the National Pitcher of the Year Watch List. By the end of his collegiate career, his fastball was clocked at 97 miles per hour. Sean was the 34th pick in the 2013 MLB draft, going to the Kansas City Royals.

Injuries limited and challenged Sean in his early MLB days with the Royals, and so in the summer of 2015, he was traded to the Oakland Athletics. Over the years, the southpaw pitcher became a no-secret weapon against rival teams and a fan favorite. On June 5, 2017, he completed his 10th consecutive outing in which he allowed no more than five hits, the longest such streak by an American League pitcher since 1913. Four years ago, on April 21st, 2018, Sean celebrated a no-hitter against the rival Boston Red Sox. At the time, the Red Sox had the best record of any team to be no-hit in baseball history.

To the dismay of many loyal A's fans, in March of 2022 Sean was traded to the San Diego Padres. The A's former "skipper," Bob Melvin, also went to the Padres, making it a double loss for local fans. When announcing his trade, the organization thanked Sean for his service, citing his memorable quote:

"Giving the boys a chance to win is the ultimate goal for me as a pitcher. Just to be able to do my job like that is huge."

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Tammy Duckworth (1968-present)



Ladda Tammy Duckworth is a retired United States Army National Guard lieutenant colonel who currently serves as the junior senator from the state of Illinois. Prior to her service in the Senate, she directed Illinois' Department of Veterans Affairs and represented Illinois' 8th district in the U.S. Congress.

Tammy was born in Bangkok, Thailand, to Franklin Duckworth, a U.S. Marine, and Lamai Sompongpaib, a Chinese Thai. As a girl, Tammy traveled extensively with her family, attending a series of international schools. She graduated from college at the University of Hawaii at Manoa, earning her B.A. in political science. In 1990, while attending graduate school at George Washington University, she joined the Army Reserve Officers' Training Corps. She decided to train as a helicopter pilot, since that was one of the few combat jobs open to women at the time.

Tammy was deployed to Iraq in 2004. That same year, the Black Hawk helicopter she was co-piloting was hit by a rocket-propelled grenade fired by Iraqi insurgents. Her injuries were extensive, and she was awarded a Purple Heart, completing the remaining time of her service in a wheelchair. She has since become a strong advocate for the rights of not only veterans, but all citizens with disabilities.

In 2016, Tammy succeeded in unseating the incumbent Illinois Senator Mark Kirk, winning 55% of the vote to his 40%. She is the first Thai American woman elected to Congress, the first person born in Thailand elected to Congress, the first woman with a disability elected to Congress, the first female double amputee in the Senate, the first senator to give birth while in office, and her younger daughter became the first baby ever allowed on the Senate floor. She is the second Asian-American woman elected to the Senate, after Mazie Hirono (and before Kamala Harris). Beyond these accomplishments, she is mother to Abigail and Malie, the two daughters she shares with her husband, Bryan Rowlesby.

"The contributions of African Americans, Native Americans, and immigrants throughout our nation's history are undeniable, but the tendency to overlook their gallant efforts is pervasive and persistent."

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Yoshiko Uchida (1921 - 1992)



Yoshiko Uchida was an educator and author of acclaimed children's books that deal with the Japanese-American experience and are noted for their elaborate plots and fleshed-out characters. A native of Berkeley, she was the first major writer to compose for a Japanese-American juvenile audience.

Uchida was born in Alameda in 1921, but her family soon moved to an area of Berkeley that had been previously restricted to whites. She and her older sister, Keiko, took piano lessons and the family went to concerts and museums, frequently travelling throughout the U.S. and Japan. She graduated from University High School in Oakland and was admitted to UC Berkeley at the age of 16. However, Executive Order 9066 forced her and her family to be interned at Topaz, Utah, where she and Keiko worked as teachers. Eventually she received her Berkeley college diploma in the mail, and in 1943, she was allowed to leave the camp in order to attend graduate school at Smith College in Massachusetts.

Yoshiko Uchida continued to teach after graduate school, but finding she had no time to write, she moved to New York City to work as a secretary, writing at night. Her first literary success came in 1949: *The Dancing Kettle and Other Japanese Folk Tales*, and she soon gained success as a children's book author. Although in the beginning of her career she avoided exploring the harsh reality of her own childhood, in 1971, she finally published *Journey to Topaz: A Story of the Japanese-American Evacuation*. Its sequel, *Journey Home*, appeared in 1978. Her autobiography was often rejected before being published in 1982. Uchida's writings never conveyed any bitterness or hostility. Her Christian faith was fundamental to her writing, which always accentuated the best of human capabilities, highlighting the strength and quiet dignity during imprisonment years and during the challenges that came when the lives of Japanese-Americans had to be rebuilt after returning home amidst a climate of continuing prejudice and distrust.

"I want to write stories about human beings, not the stereotyped Asian."

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The Kids' Bulletin

Fifth Sunday of Easter
May 15th, 2022

This is how all will know that
you are my disciples:

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in today's Gospel reading?
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John 13:31-35

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Then I, JOHN, saw a new HEAVEN and a new EARTH. The former heaven and the former earth HAD passed away, and the sea was no MORE. I also saw the holy city, a new JERUSALEM, coming DOWN out of heaven from God, PREPARED as a BRIDE ADORNED for her HUSBAND. I heard a LOUD VOICE from the throne SAYING "BEHOLD, God's DWELLING is with the HUMAN RACE. He will dwell with THEM and they will be his PEOPLE and GOD HIMSELF will ALWAYS be with them as THEIR God. He will WIPE EVERY TEAR from their EYES, and there SHALL be no more DEATH or MOURNING, WAILING or pain, for the old ORDER has passed away."

The One who sat on the THRONE said, "Behold, I MAKE all things new."

Rev.21:1-5

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