

January 29th, 2023 | Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Parish



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Opening Weekend of our Centennial Celebration ~ Receptions after all Masses!

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, 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

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday 4:00 to 5:00 pm
(and by appointment)

OFFICE HOURS

Monday — Friday
9:00 am — Noon
1:00 pm — 5:00 pm
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*"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.

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

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Parish Calendar through February 15, 2023

January 27 Friday	Concert: Barefoot Chamber : Flute-Viol-Theorbo 6:30 pm, Parish Hall. <i>French & German Baroque</i>
January 28/29 Weekend	CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION INAUGURAL MASSES 5:30 pm Saturday; 8:00/9:30/11:30 am Sunday
January 28/29 Weekend	Preacher at all Masses: Fr. Michael Dodds, OP 5:30 pm Saturday; 8:00/9:30/11:30 am Sunday
January 31 Tuesday	Reflection on the Sunday Gospel Zoom link: 2:00 - 3:00 pm: tinyurl.com/SMM-GospelGroup
February 1 Wednesday	SPRED (Special Religious Education) 6:30 - 8:30 pm, Norton Hall
February 1 Wednesday	<i>A Biblical Walk Through the Mass</i> 7:00 - 8:30 pm, Parish Hall
February 3 Friday	<i>First Friday Eucharistic Adoration (Holy Hour)</i> 6:05 pm - 7:00 pm, Church
February 4/5 Weekend	Preacher at all Masses: Ryen Dwyer, SJ 5:30 pm Saturday; 8:00/9:30/11:30 am Sunday
February 7 Tuesday	Reflection on the Sunday Gospel Zoom link: 2:00 - 3:00 pm: tinyurl.com/SMM-GospelGroup
February 7 Tuesday	Racial Equity Committee Meeting 7:00 - 8:30 pm: (Contact parish for Zoom link.)
February 8 Wednesday	SPRED (Special Religious Education) 6:30 - 8:30 pm, Norton Hall
February 8 Wednesday	<i>A Biblical Walk Through the Mass</i> 7:00 - 8:30 pm, Parish Hall
February 10 Friday	Peace & Justice Monthly Meeting 4:00 - 5:00 pm, Norton Hall
February 11 Saturday	CENTENNIAL PARISH CONFERENCE 10:00 am—2:30 pm, Corpus Christi Parish
February 13 Monday	St. Vincent de Paul Conference Meeting 7:00 - 8:30 pm, Norton Hall
February 14 Tuesday	Reflection on the Sunday Gospel Zoom link: 2:00 - 3:00 pm: tinyurl.com/SMM-GospelGroup
February 15 Wednesday	SPRED (Special Religious Education) 6:30 - 8:30 pm, Norton Hall
February 15 Wednesday	<i>A Biblical Walk Through the Mass</i> 7:00 - 8:30 pm, Parish Hall

Sign Up Reminder!

**Annual Parish Conference:
100th Anniversary Celebration**

Keynote Speaker:

Fr. Michael Sweeney, OP

**Saturday, February 11th, 2023
10:00 am - 2:30 pm**

See the flyer on page 5 for details.

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Collection for the Week Ending January 22 nd , 2023			
Sunday	Actual	Budget	Difference
01/22/2023	\$7,648.80	\$8,580.00	-\$931.20
Year-to-Date	\$25,977.63	\$34,320.00	-\$8,342.37
<i>Thank you for your stewardship.</i>			



Help Our Neighbors in Need!

Our parish conference of St. Vincent de Paul asks for your donations **only four times per year** —on months with a **Fifth Sunday**. If you would like to help our neighbors in need, consider clicking on marymagdalen.org/donate and select *St. Vincent de Paul* for a one-time or periodic donation. Or you may mail or **drop off a check** at the parish office or put it in the 'Poor Box' in the back of the church, *or* put it in the **collection plate** this weekend.

Come meet the parishioners who make up our local Conference! Our next meeting will take place at 7:00 pm on **Monday, February 13th** in Norton Hall. **Interested? Email us at svdp@marymagdalen.org or leave a message at 510-526-4811 x 787.**

Left & Below: Conference members Dr. Troy Kaji & Ceara Brencic brought socks collected by Madeleine students and turkeys from funds donated by parishioners to the workers at GG Fields.

Scripture Readings for the Week

- 29th **FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13 / 1 Corinthians 1:26-31 / Matthew 5:1-12
- 30th *Weekday*
Hebrews 11:32-40 / Mark 5:1-20
- 31st *Memorial: St. John Bosco, Priest*
Hebrews 12:1-4 / Mark 5:21-43
- 1st *Weekday*
Hebrews 12:4-7, 11-15 / Mark 6:1-6
- 2nd *FEAST: THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD*
Malachi 3:1-4 / Hebrews 2:14-18 / Luke 2:22-40
- 3rd *Weekday [St. Blaise, Bishop & Martyr; St. Ansgar, Bishop]*
Hebrews 13:1-8 / Mark 6:14-29
- 4th *Weekday [Blessed Virgin Mary]*
Hebrews 13:15-17, 20-21 / Mark 6:30-34



Mass Intentions

Saturday	5:30	Helga Küner RIP
Sunday	8:00	Intentions of Fr. Jordan Bradshaw, OP
	9:30	Intentions of Michael Cassidy
	11:30	For the People of the Parish
Monday	8:30	Intentions of Leonard Guerrero
	5:30	Intentions of Ann Fitzgerald
Tuesday	8:30	Intentions of Maria Curtis
Wednesday	5:30	Intentions of José Guerrero
Thursday	8:30	Br. Thomas Maria Johns
Friday	5:30	Intentions of Tom & Reylene Fleming
Saturday	8:30	Richard Barbaria RIP

Peace & Justice Update

Good News from Casa Francisca Refugee House
Everyone at *Casa Francisca*, a residence in Oakland for asylum seekers and immigrants, sends their gratitude to the parish for the many gift cards they received through our Advent **Holiday Outreach Program**. Those cards make a difference in their lives, and they were very much appreciated.

We are also pleased to share that Ruhalla, one of the *Casa* guests we've supported since he fled Afghanistan as a young teen, graduated from UC Berkeley last month! He finished high school here, completed his Bachelor's degree in computer science, and is now teaching and working in a lab. This is such a wonderful outcome of the support that he and others have received at *Casa Francisca*.

Notes from Fr. Nick

Our Parish Centennial

This weekend begins the celebration of St. Mary Magdalen Church's 100 years of service in North Berkeley. Archbishop Howard Hanna of San Francisco formally established Saint Mary Magdalen Parish on February 1st, 1923 and placed the friars of the Western Dominican Province in charge. On June 26th of that year, the Dominican Provincial assigned Fr. Francis Driscoll, OP, to be our first pastor, and the Dominican priests continued to lead our parish until my arrival on June 30th, 2017. Our church building was dedicated in August 1924. The School of the Madeleine opened in 1937 and continues the excellence established by the six Dominican sisters who originally staffed it. The Madeleine — still an affiliate school of the Dominican Sisters — is now the only Catholic elementary school in Berkeley.

A parish is much more than the building which houses it. With the Eucharist as the centerpiece of all we do, our parish is known for its dedication to social justice and proclamation of the Good News. We have too many programs and ministries to list here, but the Four Pillars of Dominican Spirituality have focused our parish's mission over the years, and still provide a framework for who we are:



*Fr. Francis Pius Driscoll, OP,
our pastor from 1923 to 1926 and 1932.*

- ♦ **Study** — The School of the Madeleine and countless adult education programs have kept our parish abreast of Catholic Christian theology and spirituality since our inception. Recently (although curtailed by Covid-19), our Adult Sunday School provided the basics in religious education and a springboard to lively discussion. Our Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults ([RCIA](#)) program has introduced the faith to numerous new believers. As well, our parish provides field education for students at the Graduate Theological Union and the Jesuit School of Theology of Santa Clara University.
- ♦ **Prayer** — We are a liturgically rich parish that provides diverse liturgies and devotions for the community. Our [9:30 am choirs](#) and our [Scola Magdalena](#) offer superior liturgical music for worship. The Adoration and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament complements our celebration of the Eucharist.
- ♦ **Community** — Worship is lacking without a strong sense of community. In fact, the sacraments cannot take place without a gathered community. Our parish is strongly identified with the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, and this gives us purpose and mission. Our mission is not limited to our church membership. We are deeply imbedded in the Berkeley community and share its commitment to the environment and human betterment. Our Sunday [Meals for the Hungry](#), our [Saint Vincent de Paul Conference](#), and our [Peace & Justice Committee](#) are just a sample of our parish's commitment.
- ♦ **Preaching** — None of our community outreach and social justice would be meaningful unless seen in the context of proclaiming Christ's triumph over sin and death. Sermons and homilies may be the most visible expression of what and how we believe, but it is the living out of our belief that renders it meaningful.

There will be many events over the course of this year wherein we will celebrate our history and present, but we are essentially a forward-looking church. It is my hope that all our members, past and present, near and far, will join with us during this special year. I hope our centennial will inspire us to a strong future, continuing to proclaim the love of God on the streets of Berkeley.

REMINDER: *Sign Up for Our...*
Centennial Parish Conference!



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Saturday, February 11th
10:00 am - 2:30 pm

Gibson Center
Corpus Christi Parish



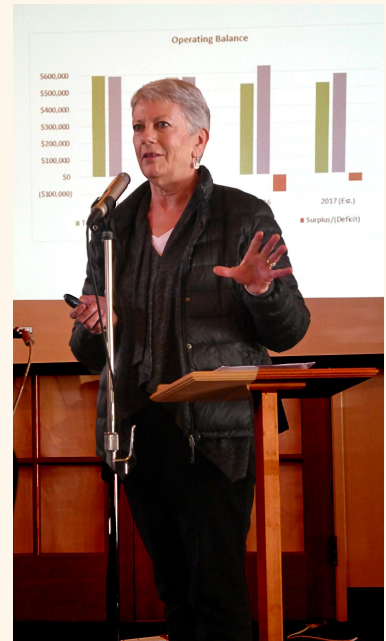
Conference Schedule



Fr. Michael Sweeney, OP, DSPT Past

Opening Prayer: **Ryen Dwyer, SJ**
Keynote Speaker: **Fr. Michael Sweeney, OP**
Questions & Answers Session
Lunch on-site (provided by the parish)
Breakout Groups
Financial Summary: **Ann Flemer**
Closing Prayer/Dismissal: **Fr. Nicholas Glisson**

*Photos of our First Annual Parish Conference
in 2018 by parishioner Theresa Thomas.*

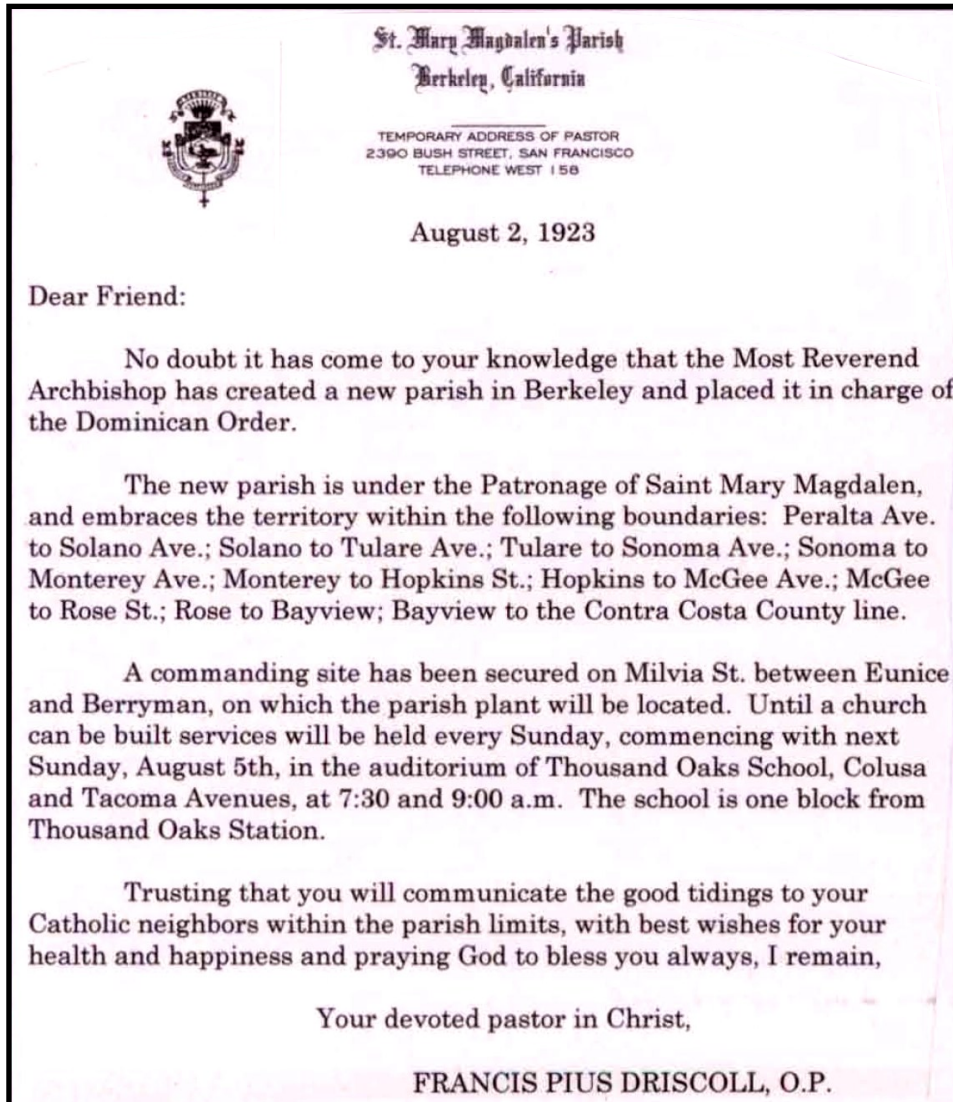


Ann Flemer, Finance Chair

How to sign up?
Call the parish office at 510-526-4811
or email parish@marymagdalen.org

The Story of the Founding of our Parish

In this, our centennial year, we are reprinting parts of our church history, taken from a monumental volume written by former Business Manager, the late Barb Gamba, in her spare time. Barb, who was also the Bulletin Editor, originally published her work in serial form in the Bulletin; the final 83-page volume (plus 36 pages of appendices) appeared in September of 1999. You may download it from the parish website here: tinyurl.com/SMM-History. Below are excerpts from Barb's narrative of the first founding of our parish; they are found on pp. 9-10 of her history.



Fr. Driscoll celebrated the first Mass within the new parish limits on his fifty-second birthday [and the feast day of our patroness], July 22nd, 1923, at the home of **Martin & Olive Gavin**, parishioners who lived at 810 The Alameda. The first Sunday Masses were held in the homes of **Bert and Emma Hopps**, 1231 Bonita Street, and **Raphael and Rose Martinez**, 734 The Alameda. It was clear from the beginning, however, that larger temporary facilities would be necessary to accommodate the 200 or so Catholic families who resided in the Thousand Oaks, Northbrae, and Cragmont districts.

There existed a very symbiotic relationship between the City of Berkeley and its churches in those days, and so we easily secured the use of the auditorium of the new **Thousand Oaks School** for our liturgies. On August 2nd, the same day that President Harding died unexpectedly in San Francisco, a letter was sent

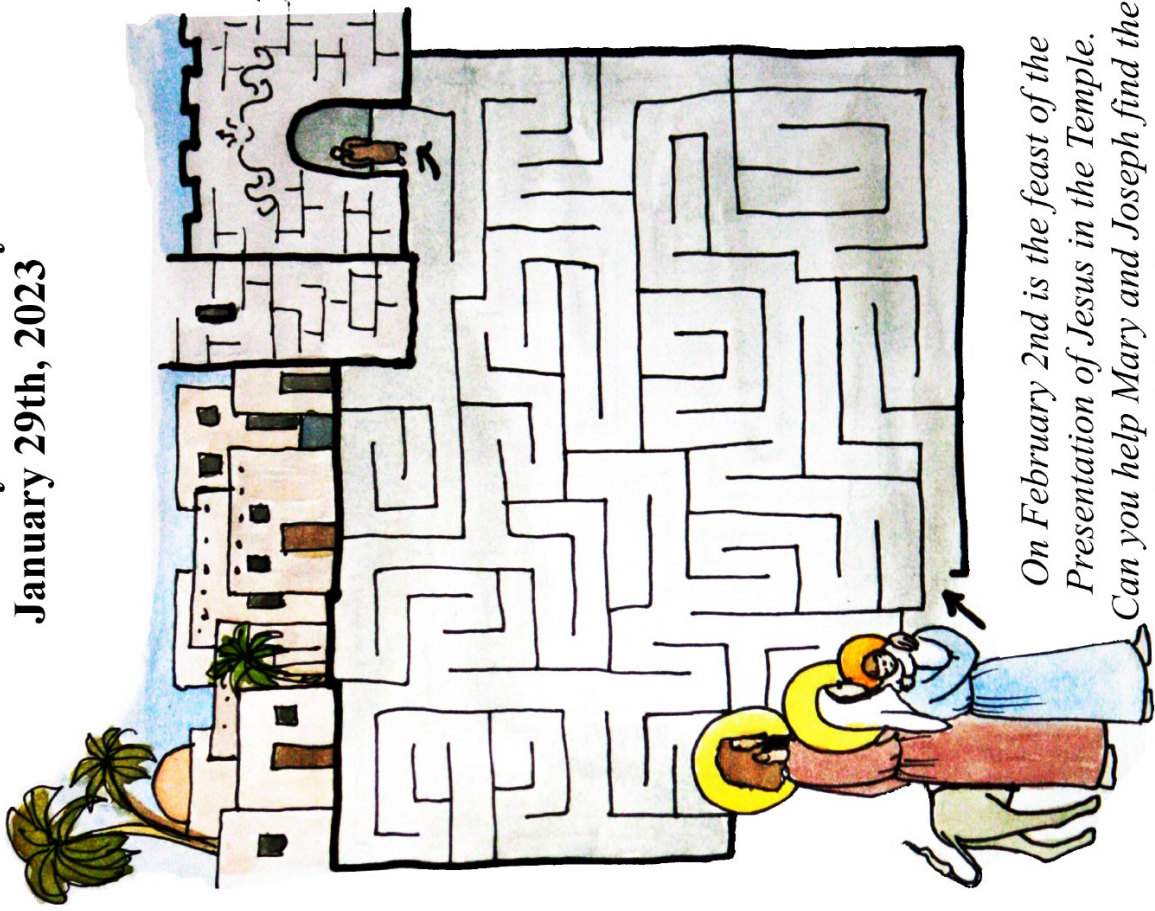
to the Catholics in the parish announcing that the first public Masses would be celebrated at Thousand Oaks School the following Sunday.

Holding services in a school auditorium presented certain logistical problems, but our pioneering parishioners were ready, willing, and able to help. Bert Hopps built a folding altar, and he and his wife kept that as well as all of the other equipment and vestments in their home during the week. Bert and Emma were responsible for transporting all of this to the school on Sunday mornings, helping to arrange the makeshift sanctuary, and dismantling it in time for the Thousand Oaks Baptists, also building a new church, to use the auditorium at 11:00 a.m.

The number of children attending our early services was apparently large enough that, on November 11, 1923, a little blurb in the Berkeley Gazette announced that St. Mary Magdalen would conduct a Sunday School at 8:15 am, between its Masses, at its temporary location in the school. **Nancy Westphal Bonkofsky** and **Eileen Hopps Moran**, who were children when services were held at the school, recalled that chairs were set up in the hallway outside of the auditorium for this purpose. Asked how they remembered Fr. Driscoll, both Nancy and Eileen, without hesitation, replied, "Oh, all the children were afraid of Fr. Driscoll!"

The Kids' Bulletin

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*On February 2nd is the feast of the
Presentation of Jesus in the Temple.
Can you help Mary and Joseph find the
way through Jerusalem to present
Baby Jesus in the Temple?*

thekidsbulletin.com

Beatitudes Word Find

*Find the words in
CAPITALS from today's
Gospel reading in the
puzzle and use the leftover
letters to fill in the blanks.*

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

"Blessed are the POOR in SPIRIT, for theirs is the kingdom of HEAVEN. Blessed are they who MOURN, for they will be COMFORTED. BLESSED are the meek, for they will INHERIT the land. Blessed are THEY WHO hunger and thirst for RIGHTEOUSNESS, for

they will be SATISFIED.

Blessed are the MERCIFUL, for they will be shown MERCY.

Blessed are the CLEAN of HEART, for they will see GOD.

Blessed are the PEACEMAKERS,

for they will be called CHILDREN of God.

Blessed are they who are PERSECUTED for the sake of

righteousness, for theirs is the KINGDOM of heaven.

Blessed are you when they INSULT you and persecute you

and utter every KIND of evil against you FALSELY

BECAUSE of me. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will

be GREAT in heaven."

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