

February 12th, 2023 | Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A



St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Parish



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100 YEARS

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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*“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.

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

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Parish Calendar through February 26, 2023

February 10	Peace & Justice Monthly Meeting Friday 4:00 - 5:00 pm, Norton Hall
February 11	CENTENNIAL PARISH CONFERENCE Saturday 10:00 am—2:30 pm, Corpus Christi Parish
February 11/12	Preacher at all Masses: Fr. Nicholas Glisson Weekend 5:30 pm Saturday; 8:00/9:30/11:30 am Sunday
February 13	St. Vincent de Paul Conference Meeting Monday 7:00 - 8:30 pm, Norton Hall
February 14	Reflection on the Sunday Gospel <i>Zoom link:</i> Tuesday 2:00 - 3:00 pm: tinyurl.com/SMM-GospelGroup
February 14	Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Tuesday 7:00 - 8:30 pm. (Contact parish for Zoom link.)
February 15	SPRED (Special Religious Education) Wednesday 6:30 - 8:30 pm, Norton Hall
February 15	A Biblical Walk Through the Mass Wednesday 7:00 - 8:30 pm, Parish Hall
February 18	Funeral for Jean Feurst (Mary Ernst's mother) Saturday 1:30 pm, Church; Reception in Norton Hall
February 18/19	Preacher at all Masses: Fr. Hilary Martin, OP Weekend 5:30 pm Saturday; 8:00/9:30/11:30 am Sunday
February 18/19	Information / Sign-Up for the Alaska Cruise Weekend Vestibule or Norton Hall after all Masses *
February 19	Meeting of Lay Carmelites (OCDS) Sunday Noon—5:00 pm. Norton Hall; Church
February 21	Reflection on the Sunday Gospel <i>Zoom link:</i> Tuesday 2:00 - 3:00 pm: tinyurl.com/SMM-GospelGroup
February 22	ASH WEDNESDAY Wednesday Masses: 8:30 am, 10:30 am, 5:30 pm & 7:30 pm
February 24	Stations of the Cross (on every Friday in Lent) Friday 6:05 pm; Church
February 26	Meeting of Lay Carmelites (OCDS) Sunday Noon—5:00 pm. Norton Hall; Church
February 27	Eucharistic Adoration (on every Monday in Lent) Monday 6:05 pm; Church

* Sign-Ups for the **Alaska Cruise** will take place in the **Vestibule** after the 5:30 pm and 11:30 am Masses, and in **Norton Hall** after the 8:00 am and 9:30 am Masses.

New Book Corner in Norton Hall

The Parish office bookshelves are overflowing, so it is a good time to extend the library and have a book corner in Norton Hall. We now have a bookshelf in the left corner by the couches to house many interesting books. The mini-library has a wide variety of books in the areas of *spiritual growth, grief support, social justice, racial equity, caring for the environment*, and even *some books for the children* to look at during coffee hour after Mass. All books can be taken home and returned when it is convenient.



Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A ~ February 12th, 2023

Collection for the Week Ending February 5 th , 2023			
Sunday	Actual	Budget	Difference
02/05/2023	\$10,953.60	\$8,980.00	+\$1,973.60
Year-to-Date	\$43,696.95	\$53,880.00	-\$10,183.05
Our new budget was approved by the Finance Council. Our weekly goal is now \$8,980.00 per week.			



Please join us for
COFFEE HOUR
in Norton Hall
following the
8:00 & 9:30 am
Masses.

Scripture Readings for the Week

- 12th **SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
Sirach 15:15-20 / 1 Corinth. 2:6-10 / Matthew 5:17-37
- 13th *Weekday*
Genesis 4:1-15, 25 / Mark 8:11-13
- 14th *Memorial: Sts. Cyril, Monk; and Methodius, Bishop*
Genesis 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10 / Mark 8:14-21
- 15th *Weekday*
Genesis 8:6-13, 20-22 / Mark 8:22-26
- 16th *Weekday*
Genesis 9:1-13 / Mark 8:27-33
- 17th *Weekday [The 7 Holy Founders of the Servite Order]*
Genesis 11:1-9 / Mark 8:34-9:1
- 18th *Weekday [Blessed Virgin Mary]*
Hebrews 11:1-7 / Mark 9:2-13

Mass Intentions



Saturday	5:30	Intentions of Mary Lou Onglatco
Sunday	8:00	For the People of the Parish
	9:30	Intentions of Jeremiah & Regina Loverich & Family
	11:30	Stephen Gaustad RIP
Monday	8:30	Intentions of Moncell Smith
Tuesday	8:30	Intentions of the Hailozian Family
	5:30	Intentions of José & Lee Guerrero
Wednesday	5:30	Ruby Kwai Ben RIP
Thursday	8:30	Hazel Hippolyte RIP
	5:30	Intentions of Jane Dennis
Friday	8:30	Nicholas Espejo RIP
	5:30	Intentions of John Ernst



The Parents Association of the School of the Madeleine will be holding its **Annual Crab Feed and Auction** on **Saturday, February 25th, from 6:00 to 10:00 pm** in the Parish Hall. The menu will feature fresh cooked Dungeness crab, pasta, green salad, bread, beer & wine, and dessert with coffee.

Dancing and live music by *Matt Berkeley & Friends* will begin around 8:00 pm.

Parishioners are invited to attend! Tickets (\$80 each) to this adult-only event must be purchased in advance. Kindly use the link tinyurl.com/MADCrabFeed.

The Auction will be held online from February 20th to 25th at tinyurl.com/MADAuction.

Money raised by the auction provides funding for several student enrichment programs, including *CYO athletics, band, and field trips*; appreciation events as well as *gifts* for our dedicated educators; and community events, including the *Parish-School Picnic*. Parishioners are encouraged to donate and participate.

Please email madauction@themadeleine.com with any questions you may have.

Notes from Fr. Nick

Stephen Hawking's Atheism

The famous physicist Stephen Hawking stated that he was an atheist. As a scientist who studied the cosmos, he made the case that our planet is insignificant in the context of the whole universe. It is, therefore, incomprehensible to believe that we have access to a being that constructed everything. He had a point. Scientific discipline rightfully calls into question the sloppy thinking that results from not checking facts.

Hawking, like almost all scientists, argued from the observable data. The trouble with his argument is that (as scientists often do) he makes a leap from not commenting on things that cannot be quantified (observed and measured) to asserting that unquantifiable things do not exist. We are always on firmer ground when we stick to the data. The trouble comes when we try to quantify



something like love. We've all experienced love, but it's outside the scientific realm.

I think that Stephen Hawking's problem was he could not imagine a large enough God, a God so big that He not only attends to the Big Bang and subatomic particles, but can also be personally involved with beings as apparently insignificant as us humans. Yet the fact that a God, in orders of magnitude beyond the scope of the material universe, *can* be imagined gives credence to its existence! St. Augustine explained that we have no concept of God's limitless nature, and that thought gives me solace when scientific arguments to the contrary tug at the edges of my faith.

Shortly before his death, Hawking seemed to agree with Augustine in contemplating the possibility of a God beyond the limits of human calculation. While he didn't specify an anthropomorphic image of God such as we believe in (Jesus Christ), he did recognize that the Creator can be beyond the limits of scientific understanding.



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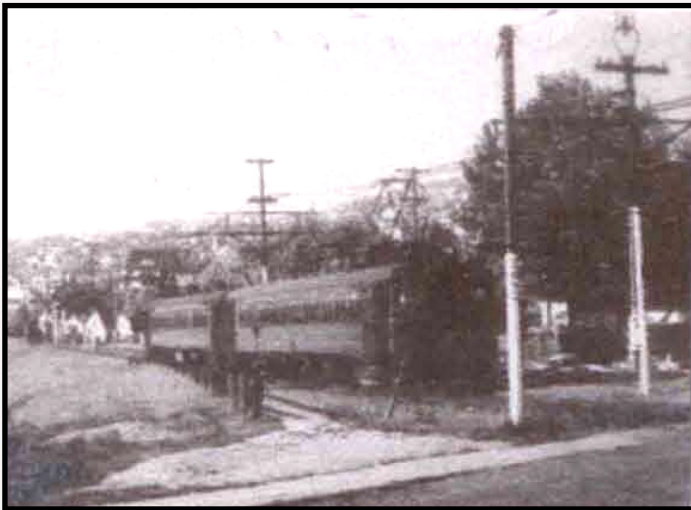
In this, our centennial year, we are reprinting parts of our church history, taken from a monumental volume written by former Business Manager, the late Barb Gamba, in her spare time. Barb, who was also the Bulletin Editor, originally published her work in serial form in the Bulletin; the final 83-page 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. 7 & 8 of her history.

Choosing a Location for our Church Property

(continued from the Bulletin of January 29th)

Fr. Driscoll [our first pastor] and his parishioner/consultants quickly selected a site for our new parish and rectory — one square block between Berryman & Eunice and Milvia & Henry Streets — owned at the time by the Southern Pacific Railway Company. Though not centrally located within the parish boundaries, the property was in a choice location, **situated between the Southern Pacific tracks running along its eastern boundary and a streetcar line two blocks to the west**, on Grove Street [now Martin Luther King, Jr. Way]. The property was large enough to accommodate a future school and convent, Southern Pacific was willing to sell, and the price was right.



The southeast corner of our property (the northwest corner of Henry & Berryman, looking north) in 1923 and in 1999.

However, before the land could be purchased, a major obstacle had to be overcome: the property had to be rezoned.

In 1916, in response to steady population increases, the City of Berkeley had established a Planning Commission — the second of its kind in California — to protect the quiet of the homes of Berkeley's citizenry from the encroachment of factories and businesses. The Commission spent months laying out eight classes of zones, and their work was ratified by the passage of a comprehensive zoning ordinance in 1920. The property desired for St. Mary Magdalen Parish was zoned for single-family residences.

The rezoning of any area in a city, for whatever purpose, always evokes opposition. **Some residents of the area, in particular a number along the opposite side of Berryman Street, and a few Catholics among them, protested vigorously.** They were afraid that the erection of a church and school would depreciate the value of their property.

As a result of the hard work of Fr. Driscoll, parishioners, and three non-parishioners in particular — former Mayor of Berkeley Charles Heywood, former Councilman Edward Harms, and real estate agent Roy Long — the objections were overruled. The Planning Commission made a favorable recommendation, and the City Council rezoned the property for church purposes.

Shortly thereafter, **on November 27, 1923, Southern Pacific deeded the land to the Archdiocese of San Francisco for the sum of \$23,653** for the property, plus an additional \$1,653 for street improvements.

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DR. MICHAEL GALVAN has led St. Joseph's Bible Study Group for the last 22 years. He has extensive background in directing retreats, days of recollection, and scripture study. He received his Ph.D. from the

Graduate Theological Union (Berkeley) in Christian Spirituality. Currently, Dr. Galvan is the Program Director for Community Resources for Independence, a peer-based disability resource organization that advocates and provides resources for people with disabilities.



JOIN US ONLINE!

On March 8 and 15, 2023,
Wednesdays from 7:00 p.m to
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SCAN ME

The Kids' Bulletin

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 12th, 2023



Some people in Jesus' time thought that He was going to get rid of the old law. What does He have to say about the commandments in today's Gospel reading?

Look at this picture in the mirror to find out!

Psalm 119 Word-Find



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

See if you can find all the words in CAPITALS. Use the leftover letters to fill in the blanks at the end.

Blessed are they who FOLLOW the law of the LORD.
Blessed are they whose way is BLAMELESS, who WALK in the LAW of the Lord.
BLESSED are they who OBSERVE his DECREES, who SEEK him with all their heart.

You have COMMANDED that your PRECEPTS be DILIGENTLY KEPT.
Oh, that I MIGHT be FIRM in the ways of keeping your STATUTES!

Be GOOD to your SERVANT, that I MAY LIVE and keep your WORDS.
OPEN my EYES, that I may CONSIDER THE wonders of your law.

If you obey God's law, _____

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