

February 26th, 2023 | First Sunday of Lent, Year A

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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
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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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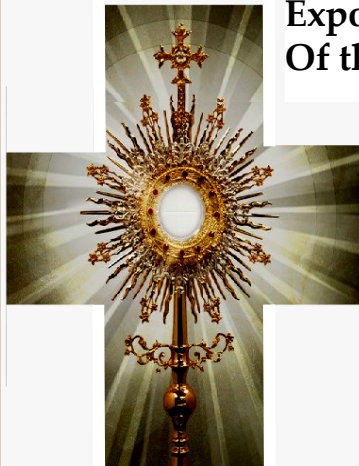
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Parish Calendar through March 10, 2023

February 24 Friday	Stations of the Cross (on every Friday in Lent) 6:05 pm; Church [<i>Confirmandi</i>]
February 25/26 Weekend	Preacher at Three Masses: Fr. Nick Glisson 5:30 pm Saturday; 8:00 & 11:30 am Sunday
February 25 Saturday	Crab Feed & Silent Auction 6:30 – 10:00 pm, Parish Hall.
February 26 Sunday	Fr. Augustine Joseph Kuzhikkannamthadathil 9:30 am Guest Preacher
February 26 Sunday	Fr. Augustine Joseph Kuzhikkannamthadathil 10:30 am Book Signing in Norton Hall
February 26 Sunday	Meeting of Lay Carmelites (OCDS) Noon—5:00 pm. Norton Hall; Church
February 27 Monday	Eucharistic Adoration (on every Monday in Lent) 6:05 pm; Church
February 28 Tuesday	Reflection on the Sunday Gospel <i>Zoom link:</i> 2:00 - 3:00 pm: tinyurl.com/SMM-GospelGroup
March 1 Wednesday	SPRED (Special Religious Education) 6:30 - 8:30 pm, Norton Hall
March 3 Friday	Stations of the Cross (on every Friday in Lent) 6:05 pm; Church [<i>Lectors</i>]
March 4/5 Weekend	Preacher at All Masses: Fr. Dana Michaels 5:30 pm Saturday; 8:00/9:30/11:30 am Sunday
March 6 Monday	Eucharistic Adoration (on every Monday in Lent) 6:05 pm; Church
March 6 Monday	St. Vincent de Paul Monthly Meeting 7:00 - 8:30 pm in Norton Hall (<i>Potluck Dinner!</i>)
March 7 Tuesday	Racial Equity Committee Monthly Meeting 7:00 - 8:30 pm (<i>Contact parish for Zoom link.</i>)
March 8 Wednesday	SPRED (Special Religious Education) 6:30 - 8:30 pm, Parish Hall
March 8 Wednesday	Centennial Committee Meeting 7:00 - 8:30 pm, Norton Hall
March 10 Friday	Peace & Justice Monthly Meeting 4:00 pm, Parish Hall. (<i>Note temporary location!</i>)
March 10 Friday	Stations of the Cross (on every Friday in Lent) 6:05 pm; Church [<i>Young Adults of SMM</i>]



Exposition & Benediction Of the Blessed Sacrament

will take place in the Church after the 5:30 pm Mass (approx. 6:05 pm) **on ALL THE MONDAYS OF LENT, STARTING FEB. 27TH.**

Please join us in this time of sacred prayer and quiet reflection in the presence of our Lord, led by priest-in-residence, Fr. Ioane Ono.

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Collection for the Week Ending February 19 th , 2023			
Sunday	Actual	Budget	Difference
02/19/2023	\$7,074.40	\$8,980.00	-\$1,905.60
Year-to-Date	\$58,569.05	\$71,840.00	-\$13,270.95
<i>Thank you for your stewardship.</i>			

Rice Bowls Are Available in the Church



Join our faith community — and nearly 13,000 Catholic communities across the United States — in a transformative Lenten journey with CRS Rice Bowl. Pick up your family's

CRS Rice Bowl at either entrance to the church. During the 40 days of Lent, we will reflect on the impact of global hunger and climate change on vulnerable communities around the world, and we will pray, fast and give alms to help our sisters and brothers in need. Visit crsricebowl.org to learn more.

Scripture Readings for the Week

26th FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7 / Romans 5:12-19 /
Matthew 4:1-11

27th *Lenten Weekday [St. Gregory of Narek, Abbot & Doctor]*
Leviticus 19:1-2, 11-18 / Matthew 25:31-46

28th *Lenten Weekday*
Isaiah 55:10-11 / Matthew 6:7-15

1st *Lenten Weekday*
Jonah 3:1-10 / Luke 11:29-32

2nd *Lenten Weekday*
Esther C:12, 14-16, 23-25 / Matthew 7:7-12

3rd *Lenten Weekday [St. Katharine Drexel, Religious]*
Ezekiel 18:21-28 / Matthew 5:20-26

4th *Lenten Weekday [St. Casimir]*
Deuteronomy 26:16-19 / Matthew 5:43-48

Mass Intentions



Saturday	5:30	Intentions of Mary Ernst & Family
Sunday	8:00	Intentions of William Silloway
	9:30	Dan MacWilliams RIP
	11:30	For the People of the Parish
Tuesday	5:30	Intentions of Fr. Anthony Nwankwo
Wednesday	5:30	Pat Haukom Sontag RIP
Friday	8:30	Ed Mazzucchi RIP
Saturday	8:30	Holy Souls

Peace & Justice Announcement

Sock Drive for Farmworkers

NEXT WEEKEND!



As Lent begins, in addition to the Rice Bowl Collection, the Peace and Justice committee is organizing a sock drive. This year's winter storms and flooding were devastating for farmworkers. One small central valley farming town, **Planada**, had to evacuate its entire population of over 4000. Mostly low-income farmworkers, these families saw their homes, schools, and businesses flooded when a levee broke, sending water from the Planada Canal into their town. [The local St. Vincent de Paul has reached out and asked for help with a sock drive.](#) We welcome new socks for adults and children to be dropped off when you come to the **Vigil Mass on Saturday, March 4th or to one of the morning Masses on Sunday, March 5th.**



We will have well-marked boxes in the vestibule of the church and in Norton Hall. Thank you.

A SEASON FOR SLOWING DOWN

During this sacred season of Lent, we will intentionally slow down so that we can pay closer attention to our relationship with God, our neighbors and our planet. Reflect on how the pillars of prayer, fasting and almsgiving can guide your journey for a more enriching Lenten experience.



Lotiang, recipient of a CRS well in Kenya, with the youngest of his five children. We'll read his story during the Fourth Week of Lent.

How can practicing these pillars help you to live in solidarity with our sisters and brothers around the world? Visit crsricebowl.org to learn more.

Notes from Fr. Nick

The Internet: Bigger than Television!

How often have you considered just how important the internet is? Recently, a radio commentator polled experts about which invention was bigger: television or the internet. The respondents universally replied: *"The Internet"*. No doubt television has had profound effects on how we interact as a society, but it is, fundamentally, the culmination of a process that began with town criers, and progressed through newspapers, the telegraph and radio.

We use the internet in a fundamentally different way than we did earlier media. If we are curious about almost anything, all we have to do is use a search engine like Google to look it up instantly. Need to find an old friend, get a recipe, research a character in the French Revolution, or go on a nostalgia trip through the 1950s? Just google it. When I was writing my doctoral dissertation, only a couple of decades ago, I spent countless hours researching at libraries in Berkeley, London and elsewhere. Now much of this research could be accomplished from my office desk. The internet has revolutionized how we find information.



Clearly, there are dangers lurking on the internet. We've all heard about predators who lure children and others into inappropriate behavior. Maybe we've had our personal information compromised.



Beyond the apparent perils lurks a subtler problem. It is easy to use the internet as a substitute for genuine human interaction. It is often observed that many young people live inside their electronic devices, rather than using them as tools.

The information I needed to write my dissertation just was not available at the time, but if it had been, and I had not made the trips to actually meet with the authorities on my

subject, I wouldn't have seen the context of my work. More importantly, I wouldn't have made contact with many people whom I still regard as friends and colleagues.

Here at our parish, we can circulate information in minutes via the internet that might have taken days or weeks to disseminate in the past. Our website introduces our community to dozens of people before they ever set foot on our property, and email blasts inform all of us about policies and events. The internet often instantly provides texts to documents from our diocese and Rome. Coping with the pandemic would have been even more devastating, had it not been for livestreaming and video conferencing.

How do you use the internet? While you may choose to give up web surfing for Lent, I think the internet has become far too important to give up altogether. Maybe it would be good to reflect on how this is yet another way God reveals Himself to us in the twenty-first century.

Activities for Lent



Eucharistic Adoration (Holy Hour) will take place on all the Mondays of Lent, starting at 6:05 pm.

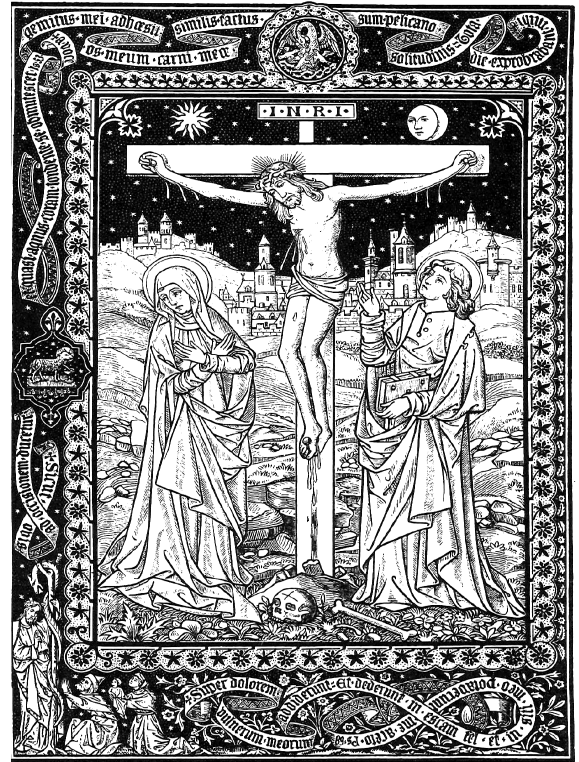
“The Blessed Sacrament is the ‘Living Heart’ of each of our churches and it is our very sweet duty to honor and adore the Blessed Host, which our eyes see, the Incarnate Word, whom they cannot see.”

(Pope Paul VI, *Credo of the People of God*)

“Jesus waits for us in this sacrament of love.”

(Pope John Paul II, *Dominicae Canae*)

STATIONS OF THE CROSS



Every Friday in Lent, immediately after the 5:30 pm Mass (~ 6:05 pm)



All Are Welcome!

Schedule:

Weekend of March 18th & 19th

Fr. Jude will preach at all Masses

Monday, March 20th

9:00 am & 7:30 pm

Tuesday, March 21st

9:00 am & 7:30 pm (Reconciliation Service)

Wednesday, March 22nd

9:00 am & 7:30 pm

Parish Lenten Mission

Preached by

Fr. Jude Eli, OP

March 18 - 22, 2023

Saint Mary Magdalen Parish is thrilled to welcome back Fr. Jude Eli, OP, who was a priest-in-residence with us from 1979-1983, and has since become nationally acclaimed for his preaching. The theme for his talks will be: **“The Accusations Against Jesus: the Passion Narratives”**. Fr. Jude’s perspective will be to explain the motivation and disposition of **Caiaphas, Pilate, Judas** and **Peter**.

Each talk will be unique (no repetitions) — try to attend as many as you can!

Book Signing Today!

Father Augustine Joseph Kuzhikkannamthadathil, Pastor of St. Augustine's, will be present after the 9:30 am Mass on February 26th in Norton Hall to sign his new book, *Mission Stories*. This book is a living testament to the transformative power of the Christian faith. It shows how peoples and cultures have found a way out of the blind alley of cultural quagmire, superstitions, fears, and moral paralysis through their faith in Jesus Christ.

The Word of God saved the Greco-Roman world from gods, emperor worship, idols... a process that continues today. Some pundits speak of a post-Christian world, which is a gross misrepresentation of truth. On the contrary, our world needs a "re-christening."

It is Fr. Augustine's hope and prayer that all those who read the book will be missionaries and messengers of the Word of God in their own surroundings.

See Bishop Barber's column in the *Catholic Voice*:

tinyurl.com/Barber-Missionaries.

FROM THE BISHOP

Book by missionary in our midst makes a lasting impression



After Nov. 20, Father Augustine Joseph's book is expected to be available at St. Augustine Church, 400 Alcatraz Ave., Oakland, Cal. 510.653.8631 to inquire about the book.



BY BISHOP MICHAEL C. BARBER, SJ
Bishop Michael C. Barber, SJ has been bishop of the Diocese of Oakland since May 2013.

Recently celebrated World Mission Sunday and heard homilies from visiting missionaries. Sometimes these missionaries are in our midst. Father Augustine Joseph, pastor of St. Augustine Church in Oakland, is one such apostle. He recently wrote "Mission Stories," a book on his "previous life" as a missionary in rural India, which I read, in one sitting, with fascination. It left a lasting impression on me.

When I was a boy attending a Catholic elementary school, we always looked forward to the annual visit of the missionary priest—who would try and recruit us to join his Order by regaling us with stories of overseas adventure. These men were the Davy Crockett and Daniel Boone of the Catholic priesthood. One minute they were paddling down the Amazon in a white canoe trying not to get bitten by deadly piranha fish. The next minute they were being considered as potential dinner entrees by a tribe of cannibals. They mastered exotic languages and learned to eat "anything that moved"—all with the purpose of fulfilling the Lord's Great Commission to "Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit."

For a minute we all wanted to sign up. Father Augustine Joseph did sign up. And reading his accounts of missionary life in rural India brought me right back to my

eighth-grade classroom. Told with verve and unabashed honesty, Father Augustine emphasizes more the kind, devout and friendly people he encountered than his own sacrifices and trials.

Yet struggle he did, but for a very good purpose. To bring the Catholic faith to those who were struggling to find a true and merciful God. Reading this book you'll hear about leeches, how much blood they suck, and how to get them off you. You will know how to season a dinner of rice and dog meat. You'll learn how to answer when a potential convert asks Father, "I have three wives and I want to be baptized." You will see the exceptional generosity of people who share the best of what they have with the priest, because he represents Christ. And also their palpable poverty: When 500 devout rural villagers attended an outdoor Mass, and a collection was taken, it yielded less than \$1.00.

Father Augustine has a way of writing that is straightforward and



puts you right in the place. I felt hungry and sweaty just reading about his long and strenuous hikes through the mountains. I felt embarrassed when he describes trying to take a bath and there is absolutely no privacy. I felt his fear as Father Augustine looked at 200 human skulls on display as he spoke with a hosting chief. I recalled at the small when he was led to a disused church that had been used as a pigpen.

You will also experience the gratitude and love these Indian Christian souls feel for Christ and their priest when he went to such lengths to reach their village and celebrate the sacraments for them. After reading this book, I not only admired Father Augustine, but I felt so proud to be a member of a Church that has such loyal parishioners—and such dedicated priests.

Father Augustine has a knack of mixing quotes from Scripture and the Latin classics to illustrate his stories. May I propose, one he missed that might describe the whole book, and Father's missionary life: *Forsan et haec olim meminisse juvabit*. A joy it will be one day, perhaps, to remember even this. (Virgil, *Aeneid* 1.205) ♣

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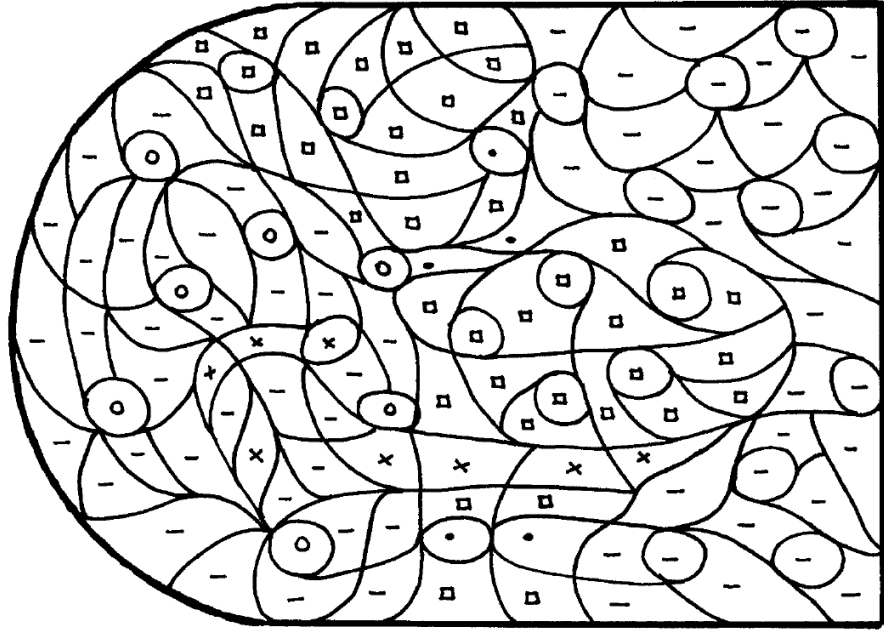
MINISTRY

Banner by parishioner Mary Ernst

The Kids' Bulletin

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and find out what the story was.*

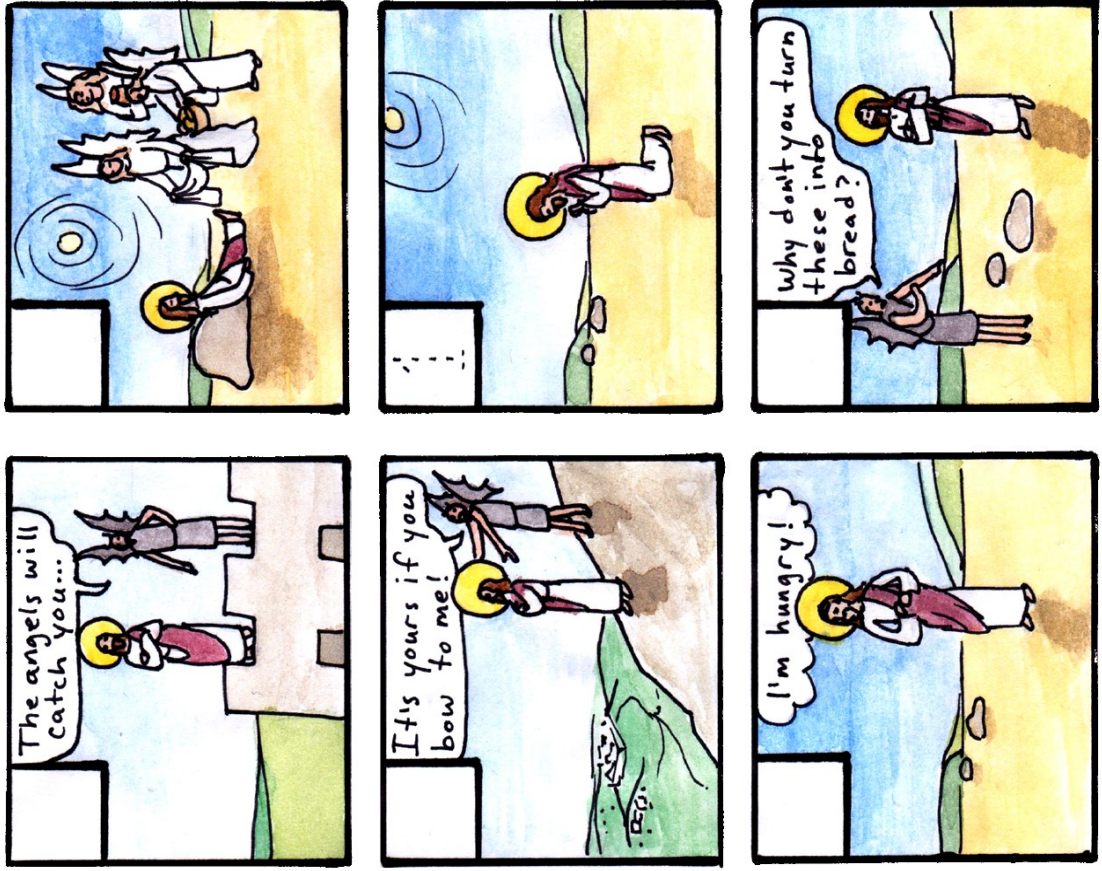


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Sort the Story!

What happened when Jesus had prayed and fasted for forty days in the desert? See if you can sort out the order of these pictures. Write 1 on the first, 2 on the second, and so on.

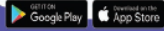


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