

July 16th, 2023 | Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Parish



CELEBRATING
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 MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday/Thursday/Saturday 8:30 am
Monday/Wednesday/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
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 through July 23rd, 2023

July 14 Friday	Peace & Justice Monthly Meeting 4:00 pm, Norton Hall.
July 15/16 Weekend	Preacher at All Masses: Joan Bell 5:30 pm Saturday; 8:00/9:30/11:30 am Sunday
July 16 Sunday	Monthly Meeting of Lay Carmelites (OCDS) 12:00-4:00 pm, Conf. Room; 4:15 pm, Church
July 17 Monday	St. Vincent de Paul Conference Meeting 7:00 pm, Norton Hall & Zoom. <i>All are welcome!</i>
July 18 Tuesday	Reflection on the Sunday Gospel <i>Zoom link:</i> 2:00 - 3:00 pm: tinyurl.com/SMM-GospelGroup
July 18 Tuesday	Vigil for Maria Antonia Gallo Curtis 6:00 pm, Church
July 19 Wednesday	Funeral for Maria Antonia Gallo Curtis 10:00 am; reception following in the Parish Hall
July 21 Friday	Reflection on the Sunday Gospel 9:15 am, Norton Hall.
July 21 Friday	Pray the Rosary for Peace in Ukraine 3:00 pm, Church
July 22 Saturday	Mary Magdalen Festival: Lecture 10:00-11:30 am, Church
July 23 Sunday	Mary Magdalen Festival: Centennial Mass Noon, Church: Bishop Barber, Celebrant
July 23 Sunday	Mary Magdalen Festival: Centennial Luncheon 1:00-2:30 pm, Parish Hall. (\$10 donation requested.)

Fr. Albert Paretsky, OP, Priest-in-Residence at St. Mary Magdalen from 2008 to 2012, requested that the following remembrance be published in our Parish Bulletin:



Wallis & Maria Curtis, 1970s

"A dancer is the best person to teach you how to walk." So Maria Curtis said to me, when I was undergoing physical therapy after having had both knees replaced. She was a dancer who knew how to move gracefully indoors and out, on a staircase or level ground, through the world, and through life.

She had a dancer's air of balance and self-possession as she bridged two cultures, commanded multiple languages, married, raised a family, and taught others how to move, how to use the body expressively. I can imagine and can hope that even now she is expressing before God the words of the psalmist: *"You have kept my feet from stumbling, and so I walk before the Lord in the land of the living."*

Maria Antonia Gallo Curtis, a pillar of our parish since 1960, entered eternal life on the morning of July 4th, in the presence of her two sons, Claude and Paul.

Vigil: Thursday, July 18th at 6:00 pm.

Funeral: July 19th at 10:00 am.

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Weekly Collection Report for July 9 th , 2023			
Sunday	Actual	Budget	Difference
07/09/2023	\$8,479.50	\$8,980.00	-\$500.50
Year-to-Date	\$234,230.10	\$264,460.00	-\$30,229.90

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Scripture Readings for the Week

- 16th **FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
Isaiah 55:10-11/Romans 8:18-23/Matthew 13:1-23
- 17th *Weekday*
Exodus 1:8-14, 22 / Matthew 10:34-11:1
- 18th *Weekday [St. Camillus de Lellis, Priest]*
Exodus 2:1-15 / Matthew 11:20-24
- 19th *Weekday*
Exodus 3:1-6, 9-12 / Matthew 11:25-27
- 20th *Weekday [St. Apollinaris, Bishop and Martyr]*
Exodus 3:13-20 / Matthew 11:28-30
- 21st *Weekday [St. Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest & Doctor]*
Exodus 11:10—12:14 / Matthew 12:1-8
- 22nd **FEAST: ST. MARY MAGDALEN, OUR PATRON SAINT**
Song of Songs 3:1-4 / John 20:1-2, 11-18

Mass Intentions

- Saturday 5:30 Intentions of Sarah Jones
- Sunday 8:00 Sr. Carmel Marie, OP, RIP
9:30 Kenneth R. Cocke, RIP
11:30 For the People of the Parish
- Monday 5:30 Nicholas Espejo, RIP
- Tuesday 8:30 Intentions of Walter Gyr
- Wednesday 5:30 Intentions of Madeleine Mahoney
- Thursday 8:30 Maria Antonia Curtis RIP
- Friday 5:30 Intentions of Fr. Laurent Okitakatshi

Funeral in our Sister Parish

Doña Maria Teresa Bastides was a key lay member of our sister parish of Santa María de Guadalupe who helped us, along with Father Miguel Rolland, OP, to establish our sister parish relationship. Doña Maria Teresa also visited our parish here twice; she was an official Respondent to Velma Richmond's keynote speech at the Second Annual Mary Magdalen Festival. On Sunday, June 25th, she entered Eternal Life, and will be sorely missed. Parishioners Sharon and Alex Henthorn-Iwane shared the photos they took at her Funeral Mass last Saturday, July 8th, at Santa María de Guadalupe in Mexicali.



Fr. Miguel Rolland, OP, celebrated the Funeral Mass.



Citlali & Laura; our parish supports their education.



Fr. Miguel with the Riveras, who will visit us soon!

Notes from Fr. Nick

Sacred vs. Secular

The terms “sacred” and “secular” are bandied about regularly as if they are opposed to one another, but the origins of these terms suggest they are complementary. Generally, the category of “sacred” is understood to include spiritual things and the purview of religion, while “secular” refers to everything else.

Throughout the Middle Ages—when the Church dominated all aspects of life—the concepts of *sacred* and *secular* were understood in terms of Neo-Platonic philosophy. *Sacred* was the realm of Heaven and thus superior to the material, or *profane* world. The terms *secular* and *profane* were often understood as synonymous.

The trouble with that concept is: God made the material world. He chose it as the arena in which we work out our relationship with Him. To look on the material, secular world as inferior (or even evil) is to imply that God has played a nasty trick on us, or that He is not perfect. The secular world is messy, evolving, and fraught with peril, but it is God’s creation, and He created it out of love for us. While we can reject God’s love for us and make this world a difficult place, that fault is ours (the human race’s), not God’s.

In the 19th and 20th centuries, the accepted point of view was turned upside down, and many philosophers promoted the secular world as superior to the sacred. They believed, like Karl Marx, that religion was just a fantasy that would eventually be replaced by science and critical thinking. Their prophecies were clearly wrong. For good and ill, religion is as strong as ever. Perhaps scientists should realize that *human beings are “hardwired” for religion*, and accept the religious impulse as they do other human traits.

The Second Vatican Council recognized the secular world’s primary place alongside the spiritual world. Its “Constitution on the Church in the Modern World,” *Gaudium et Spes*, was the only document produced by the Council that was not planned before the Council started. Moved by the Spirit, Church leaders saw the critical need for dialogue between the spiritual and material worlds.

While we aspire to a life with God, it is His will that we grow in His image in this secular, material world. Not even Heaven — as envisioned in the New Testament — will ultimately be a place strictly of the spirit. The Kingdom of God is imagined to be a transformed material world, in which it and the spiritual realms are reconciled.

What does this realization mean for us? Mostly, it means that we cannot wish away the secular world in which we exist. God has chosen to meet us here, among the challenges, joys, sorrows, and achievements we experience in this world here and now. Who are we to critique God’s choice?

**JOIN US AS WE
CELEBRATE TOGETHER
OUR 100 YEARS AS A PARISH**

SATURDAY, JULY 22 AT 10:00 AM

FESTIVAL LECTURE GIVEN
BY OUR OWN HEATHER SKINNER,
LONG TIME TEACHER AND RELIGIOUS EDUCATOR
HERE AT OUR SCHOOL AND PARISH



OUR PATRON, ST MARY MAGDALEN,
A BEACON OF THE PAST,
PRESENT, AND FUTURE OF OUR PARISH

SUNDAY, JULY 23 AT NOON

HOMECOMING CENTENNIAL MASS
CELEBRATED BY BISHOP MICHAEL BARBER, SJ
FOLLOWED BY A MEXICAN FIESTA LUNCHEON
IN THE PARISH HALL
DONATION OF \$10 RECOMMENDED






IN THE PEACE OF CHRIST,
FATHER NICK AND STAFF

The Kids' Bulletin

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 16th, 2023




*Here is the parable Our Lord told in today's
Gospel reading, with pictures!*

A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed,

some of the  fell on the , and
came and ate it up. Some fell on rocky 

ground, where it had little soil.

It sprang up at once because the soil was
not deep, and when the  rose it was
scorched, and it withered for lack of .

Some  fell among , and the thorns
grew up and choked it. But some  fell on
rich soil and produced fruit, a hundred or
sixty, or thirty-fold.

Isaiah 55 Unscramble

Unscramble the words to finish today's first reading!

Thus says the _____: [DRLO]

Just as from the heavens

the _____ [NIRA] and _____ [OWNS]

come down

and do not return there

till they have watered the _____, [HRATE]

making it fertile and fruitful,

giving _____ [EDSE] to the one who sows

and _____ [EBDRA] to the one who eats,

so shall my word be

that goes forth from my _____; [TOUMH]

my _____ [DOWR] shall not return to me void,

but shall do my will,

achieving the end for which I _____ [NTSE] it.

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