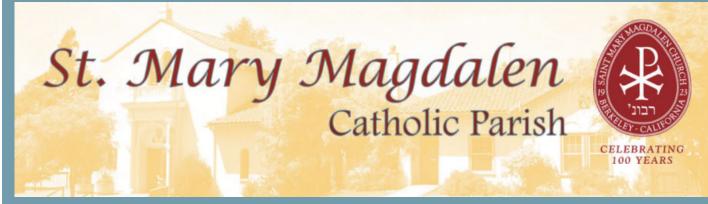
#### August 27th, 2023 | Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A



Rev. Nicholas Glisson, Pastor. The Most Reverend Michael Barber, SJ, Bishop - Diocese of Oakland

#### WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday 5:30 pm 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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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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#### Exposition & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

will take place in the Church after the 5:30 pm Mass (*starting at approximately 6:05 pm*) **THIS FRIDAY**,

#### September 1<sup>st</sup>.

Please join us in this time of sacred prayer and quiet reflection in the presence of our Lord in the Holy Eucharist.

#### Share Your Faith with Adults with Special Needs

We are seeking volunteers to join us in our SPRED (Special Religious Education ministry). Oakland is one of the few dioceses in the U.S.

to offer a program to our friends with developmental disabilities, and St. Mary Magdalen parish has



hosted this special ministry for decades. We meet in the Parish Hall on **Wednesday evenings** from **6:15 pm to 8:15 pm** from October until May, for singing, prayer, sharing and *agape* (snacks!).



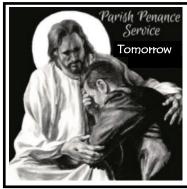
Each year our diocese offers a training session for new SPRED volunteer catechists. The Fall Training will be held from **9:00 am to 4:00 pm** on **Saturday, September 30**<sup>th</sup>.

If you would like to volunteer, or just learn more about us, please contact:

- Vivian Zelaya: <u>zelaya9@gmail.com</u> 510-499-0537
- Marguerite Fa-Kaji: <u>fakaji@gmail.com</u> 510-283-8446.

#### Parish Calendar through September 10th, 2023

August 25 Friday	<b>Pray the Rosary for Peace in Ukraine</b> 3:00 pm, Church
August 26 Saturday	Liturgy Committee Meeting 10:00—Noon, Conference Room & Zoom
<b>Aug. 26/27</b> Weekend	<b>Preacher at All Masses: Fr. Nicholas Glisson</b> 5:30 pm Saturday; 8:00/9:30/11:30 am Sunday
<b>August 29</b> Tuesday	<b>Reflection on the Sunday Gospel</b> <i>Zoom link:</i> 2:00 - 3:00 pm: <u>tinyurl.com/SMM-GospelGroup</u>
September 1 Friday	<b>Reflection on the Sunday Gospel</b> 9:15 am, Norton Hall.
September 1 Friday	<b>First Friday Holy Hour (</b> <i>Eucharistic Adoration</i> <b>)</b> 6:05 pm, Church
September 4	OFFICE CLOSED
Monday	Labor Day Holiday
September 5	<b>Reflection on the Sunday Gospel</b> <i>Zoom link:</i>
Tuesday	2:00 - 3:00 pm: tinyurl.com/SMM-GospelGroup
September 5	<b>Racial Equity Committee Monthly Meeting</b>
Tuesday	7:00 - 8:30 pm, Zoom. Contact Parish for link.
September 6	COME & SEEK-Lay Mission Project
Wednesday	6:30 pm, Parish Hall. See page 5 for details!
September 8	Reflection on the Sunday Gospel
Friday	9:15 am, Norton Hall.
September 10	CONCERT: Music Sources
Sunday	4:00 pm, Church. Baroque; Program TBA.



#### Summer Reconciliation Service

Monday, August 28<sup>th</sup> 7:30 pm

Exchange your heavy load for the lighter burden of Christ!

## Help Out with the Parish Coffee Hour!

Carolyn Tune is recovering from her fracture, but thanks to our wonderful volunteers, our Coffee Hour is still rolling along after the 8:00 a.m. & 9:30 am Masses. We still need a few folks to purchase doughnuts, make



coffee, collect the donations and clean up.

**Can you help out one Sunday a month?** If so, please leave Selvi McKay a message at 510-526-4811.



**21st Sunday in Ordinary Time** August 27th, 2023



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Simon son of Jonah. For flesh and blood have not revealed this to you, but my heavenly Father:

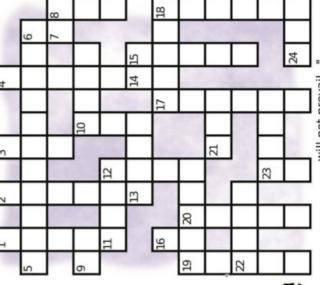
Jesus saying in today's What were Peter and **Gospel reading?** 

Look in the mirror to find out!



## CROSSWORD that I am?" "Who do you say

See how well you today's Gospel happened in know what story!



u bind on earth shall \_\_\_\_\_ bound in Heaven." \_\_\_\_you the keys of the kingdom..." Heaven. will not prevail. and blood have not revealed this to you..." of the Church on earth. asked them, "Who do you say that I am?" Peter in charge of His Church on earth. Jesus made Peter the of the Church Mhatever you loose on earth will be loosed I will build my Church." to Peter. ...the gates of the ... this rock I will build my Church... M 5. "...the gates of the
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not revealed this to you..." of the living God!" people say that the Son of Man is?" 4. "...the gates of the netherworld shall not said, "You are the Christ...' you, Simon... 21. "On this rock I will build my 02. "On this rock I will build my 03. "Blessed you, Simon 23. "Flesh and blood 24. "...You are the Christ, the 6. "Who

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15. When will the gates of the netherworld prevail against the Church?

belong to the Church that Jesus started. 16.

revealed to Simon who Jesus was. 18. "...the keys to the kingdom of 17. The Heavenly

19. "Blessed are you, Simon, son of 20. Peter's name before Jesus changed it.

was the Christ. 23. Jesus ordered the disciples to tell no one that

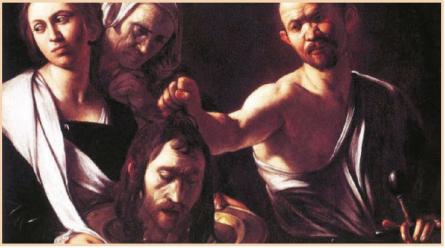
#### Notes from Fr. Nick

## The Martyrdom of Saint John

Tuesday of this week is the feast of the Passion of Saint John the Baptist. His beheading (<u>Mark 6:17-29</u>) is one of the most pointless acts of seditious turpitude in history. A man admired and respected by even his enemies is killed through the will of a jealous woman and the oath of a drunken despot. No wonder it has been the subject of so many operas, paintings, and ballets! It's the stuff of tragedy.

John was the last of the Old Testament prophets. His mission was not to draw attention to himself, but to prepare the way for the Messiah. So selfless was his dedication to God that he eschewed any refinement. When Jesus began his public ministry, John willingly sent his disciples to the Christ. Even in his imprisonment and death, John gave himself over to the will of God.

Herod, entranced by the dancing of his niece, Salome, at his birthday



Salome with the Head of John the Baptist | Michelangelo Merisi da Caravaggio

banquet, promised to give her anything she wanted. After consulting with her mother, Herodias (who despised John), she then declared to Herod: *"I want you to give me at once on a platter the head of John the Baptist."* Concerned about losing face in front of his guests, Herod made good on his promise, sending an executioner to the prison where John was held. Herod claimed he was upholding a principle—standing by his word — even when that principle had been perverted beyond recognition.

Our own stubbornness or shallowness may not cause the dire consequences that Herod's did. Adherence to principles is a virtue, but we must be vigilant to recognize when principles have outlived their usefulness or have been perverted. At best we can look like a fool or, worse, cause others real pain.

An example of holding onto a principle when it serves no purpose might be denying a young person participation in a school program that would do them and their classmates good simply because they had missed the permission slip deadline. If you search your conscience, you can probably come up with other instances. John the Baptist's death is a cautionary tale. We should avoid Herod's stubbornness and learn to recognize when to make a strategic retreat.

Be gracious to us, O Lord, for we are in distress.



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Meet with

Sean Bryan and

Fr. Michael Sweeney, OP

Weekly Collection Report for August 20th, 2023						
Sunday Actual		Budget	Difference			
08/20/2023	\$7,364.25	\$8,980.00	-\$1,615.75			
Year-to-Date	\$279,850.43	\$318,340.00	-\$38,489.57			
Thank you for your stewardship!						

## YOU are called and sent by Our Lord Himself.



# We all have a vocation, given to us by God.

Have you ever felt as if there was more to your Faith than simply going to Mass on Sundays? Good news: there is! As a Lay Catholic, you have a **vital role** in the Church to manifest the presence of Our Lord in the world, especially in the places and circumstances where He is needed most. The Lay Mission Project will engender in you the love, knowledge, and confidence needed to see the world through Our Lord's eyes, and to judge and act with Him.

Come to the Parish Hall on Wednesday, September 6<sup>th</sup>, for a presentation of **Come and Seek** by former priest-in-residence **Fr. Michael Sweeney, OP,** and **Sean Bryan**. 6:30 – 9:00 pm. Dinner is included.

#### The Lay Mission Project: Program of Study

Weekly online presentations by worldrenowned instructors. Suggested readings, Lectio Divina and spiritual practices for applying the lessons.

Yearly in-person retreats and workshops. Optional supplemental formation for specialization in various lay ecclesial ministries. If it sounds like a lot, don't worry. The whole program is designed to fit into the schedule of any busy Catholic. Most weeks only require two hours; every third week you'll also meet with your disciple circle.

## Mass Intentions 👻

Saturday	5:30	Intentions of Lloyd, Mharsie
		and Naiara Paterno
		(in thanksgiving)
Sunday	8:00	Intentions of Kiran Vercellotti
	9:30	For the People of the Parish
	11:30	Intentions of John Stewart
Monday	5:30	Intentions of Carol Swann
Tuesday	8:30	Fr. Conrad Antonsen, OP RIP
Wednesday	5:30	Eunice Jackson RIP
Thursday	8:30	Maria Curtis RIP
Friday	5:30	Czesław ("Chet") Grycz RIP
Saturday	8:30	Rodrigo Garcia RIP

#### **Scripture Readings for the Week**

- 27th Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time Isaiah 22:19-23 / Romans 11:33-36 / Matthew 16:13-20
- 28<sup>th</sup> Memorial: St. Augustine, Bishop & Doctor
  - 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5, 8b-10 / Matthew 23:13-22
- 29<sup>th</sup> Memorial: The Passion of Saint John the Baptist 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8 / Mark 6:17-29
- 30<sup>th</sup> Weekday 1 Thessalonians 2:9-13 / Matthew 23:27-32
- 31<sup>st</sup> Weekday 1 Thessalonians 3:7-13 / Matthew 24:42-51
- 1<sup>st</sup> Weekday 1 Thessalonians 4:1-8 / Matthew 25:1-13
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Weekday [Blessed Virgin Mary]
  - 1 Thessalonians 4:9-11 / Matthew 25:14-30



Come and Seek!

Wednesday, September 6<sup>th</sup> 6:30 - 9:00 pm







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