

# St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Parish



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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  
Mon./Wed./Friday 5:10 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 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Mass, and by appointment.

## Parish Calendar through October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023

<b>September 15 PEACE &amp; JUSTICE MEETING</b>
Friday 4:00 pm, Norton Hall
<b>Sept. 16 &amp; 17 Preacher at All Masses: TBA</b>
Weekend 5:30 pm Saturday; 8:00/9:30/11:30 am Sunday
<b>September 17 Open Studio: Iconography</b>
Sunday 3:00 pm—6:00 pm, Norton Hall.
<b>September 17 CONCERT: Cantata Collective</b>
Sunday 4:00 pm, Church. <a href="http://cantatacollective.org">cantatacollective.org</a>
<b>September 19 Reflection on the Sunday Gospel</b> Zoom link:
Tuesday 2:00 - 3:00 pm: <a href="https://tinyurl.com/SMM-GospelGroup">tinyurl.com/SMM-GospelGroup</a>
<b>September 19 RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults)</b>
Tuesday 7:00 - 9:00 pm, Parish Hall.
<b>September 20 Parish Pastoral Council Monthly Meeting</b>
Wednesday 7:00 - 8:30 pm, Conference Room.
<b>September 20 Centennial Committee Meeting</b>
Wednesday 7:00 - 8:30 pm, Conference Room.
<b>September 22 Reflection on the Sunday Gospel</b>
Friday 9:15 am, Norton Hall.
<b>September 22 Pray the Rosary for Peace in Ukraine</b>
Friday 3:00 pm, Church.
<b>September 23 St. Vincent de Paul Regional Meeting</b>
Saturday 10:00 am - Noon, Norton Hall. <i>Email <a href="mailto:svdp@marymagdalen.org">svdp@marymagdalen.org</a> for information.</i>
<b>Sept. 23 &amp; 24 Preacher at All Masses: Deacon Jeff Burns</b>
Weekend 5:30 pm Saturday; 8:00/9:30/11:30 am Sunday
<b>September 26 Reflection on the Sunday Gospel</b> Zoom link:
Tuesday 2:00 - 3:00 pm: <a href="https://tinyurl.com/SMM-GospelGroup">tinyurl.com/SMM-GospelGroup</a>
<b>September 26 RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults)</b>
Tuesday 7:00 - 9:00 pm, Parish Hall. <i>See p. 4 for details.</i>
<b>September 29 Reflection on the Sunday Gospel</b>
Friday 9:15 am, Norton Hall.
<b>September 30 INTERNATIONAL DINNER EVENT</b>
Saturday 7:00 - 9:30 pm, Parish Hall. <i>See page 5 for details.</i> (Vigil Mass attendees may enter at 6:00 pm.)
<b>Sept. 30/Oct. 1 Blessing of the Animals after All Masses!</b>
Weekend 5:30 pm Saturday; 8:00/9:30/11:30 am Sunday

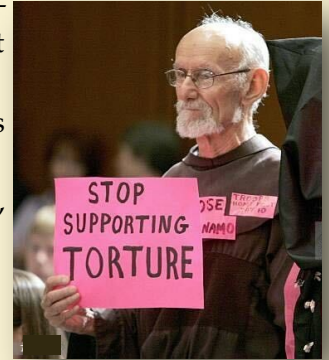
### TEEN CONFIRMATION FOR SOPHOMORES...

... and older highschoolers will be held this year at **St. Ambrose Parish!** The team there have an engaging program with plenty of teen participants. The registration will be at St. Ambrose (in-person only) on Wednesdays **September 20<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>** from **6:30 pm to 7:30 pm**. Bring your Baptism and First Communion certificates with you. (You may call our parish office for help, if necessary.) Fee: \$100.00.

Questions? Text 510-432-3829 or email [stambrose.faithformation@outlook.com](mailto:stambrose.faithformation@outlook.com)  
**1145 Gilman Steet, Berkeley, CA 94706**

## Fr. Louis Vitale, OFM 1932-2023

We are saddened to learn that Fr. Louis Vitale, OFM, died on September 6<sup>th</sup> at the age of 91. A Franciscan friar and sociologist, he was an ardent activist for peace who was convinced that Jesus calls us, his followers, to reject all forms of violence, including war and any preparations for war. Inspired by St. Francis of Assisi, Mahatma Gandhi and Martin Luther King, Jr., he participated in non-violent civil disobedience on numerous occasions, for which he was arrested more than 400 times.



Fr. Vitale was particularly outspoken in his condemnation of WHINSEC (formerly called the *School of the Americas*), where the Latin American military receives training in “counterinsurgency”, but which has been accused of promoting the use of torture. As did Berkeley priest Fr. Bill O’Donnell earlier, he served six months in Federal prison for his “third act of conscience” against the military school. In 2004, he spoke eloquently about the scandal of Abu Ghraib, stating: “as a nation, we have crossed a line we had pledged we would never cross” (a reference to the U.S. having signed the 1975 U.N. declaration against the use of torture).

Fr. Vitale was a co-founder of *Pace e Bene Non-violence Service*, which fosters a more peaceful and just world through nonviolence education, community building and action, as well as the *Nevada Desert Experience*, which organizes public witnesses against nuclear testing.

In other ways, too, “Father Louie,” as he was affectionately called, was a faithful disciple of Jesus. As pastor of St. Boniface in San Francisco’s Tenderloin for 12 years, he allowed homeless men to sleep in the church pews without fear of harassment. In 2016 he published his memoir, *Love is What Matters: Writings on Peace and Nonviolence*.

**All those who knew him will miss his unfailing optimism and sense of humor. May Father Louie enjoy his well-earned rest!**

# The Kids' Bulletin

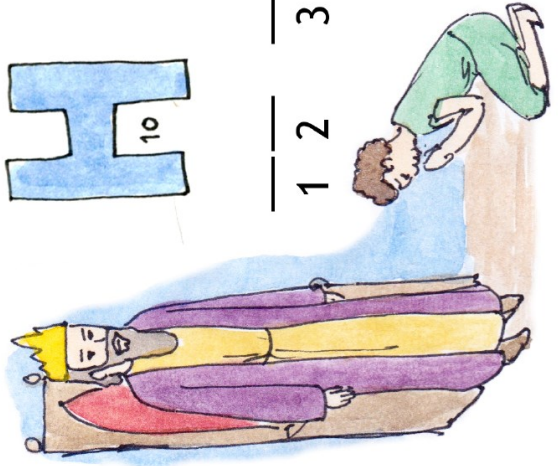
24th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
September 17th, 2023

What did the king in today's parable do to the servant who owed him much but asked for forgiveness?

Use the numbers to sort the letters and find out!

E<sup>9</sup> O<sup>4</sup> H<sup>1</sup> M<sup>12</sup>  
V<sup>8</sup> E<sup>2</sup> A<sup>7</sup> I<sup>11</sup> R<sup>5</sup>  
H<sup>10</sup> F<sup>3</sup> G<sup>6</sup>

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9  
10 11 12



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# The Unforgiving Servant sort-out-the-pictures

What happened in today's parable?  
Figure out the order of the story  
and put the numbers from 1 to 6 in the boxes.



## Notes from Fr. Nick

# Catechetical Sunday

At the 9:30 am Mass this Sunday, I will lead a blessing for all teachers and students. Catechetical Sunday honors dedicated teachers and all the students who learn from them. We use the term “catechist” when we talk about our teachers in a religious context. Catechists are far more committed than an instructor would be; catechists practice what they preach.

The faculty at our school, the volunteers in our religious education programs, and the many fine teachers and professors who work in other institutions are truly dedicated people. Teachers give far more than time in the classroom. They spend days creating lesson plans, engaging the visual arts, and researching the internet. They worked years to obtain their degrees and continue to spend many hours maintaining their credentials.

There is another dimension to being a catechist and teacher that requires a different kind of investment. The dimension that separates them from mere instructors is that catechists spend a great deal of their time deeply involved in their students’ lives. When teachers give their personal selves, sharing their faith with each student, their impact is of a different order of magnitude from just communicating knowledge: they thereby become the sacramental presence of Christ.



The RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults)



**RCIA**  
*A Journey In Faith*

process began **last Tuesday**, but you can still join! RCIA classes meet weekly and are for adults inquiring about the Catholic Faith; those interested in becoming Catholic; or people who have been baptized Catholic but who have yet to

celebrate the Sacraments of Initiation, including Baptized Christians who desire to be received into the Catholic faith, Baptized Catholics who desire to receive the sacraments of Eucharist and/or Confirmation.

If interested, contact Cat Nielsen, phone (510) 526-4811 ext. 113, or by email to [smm-rcia@marymagdalen.org](mailto:smm-rcia@marymagdalen.org).

## Walk for the Poor — September 23<sup>rd</sup>

Supporters of the St. Vincent de Paul Conferences will lace up their walking shoes the **next Saturday** in September for the *Friends of the Poor Walk*, which will start at 9:00 am at the Fernandez Park Baseball Field, located at 595 Tennent Avenue in Pinole.

### Support Our Local Walker!

Longtime parishioner **Monique Duax** is our parish representative to the Walk for the Poor. You may leave cash or a check for Monique at the Parish Office. Please make your check payable to **St. Vincent de Paul** (and be sure to write “Walk for the Poor” on the Memo Line.)

The suggested donation amount is \$45.00, but our St. Vincent de Paul Conference will gratefully accept any amount you are able to give.



# Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A ~ September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Weekly Collection Report for September 10 <sup>th</sup> , 2023			
Sunday	Actual	Budget	Difference
09/10/2023	\$10,723.64	\$8,980.00	\$1,743.64
Year-to-Date	\$305,091.35	\$345,280.00	-\$40,188.65
<i>We made our goal this week! Keep it up!</i>			



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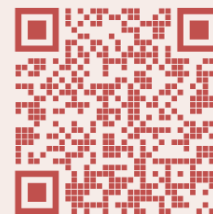
# International Dinner



Join us at **7:00 pm** on **Saturday, September 30<sup>th</sup>** for an unforgettable International Dinner Event in the **Parish Hall**. Indulge in a diverse selection of delicious global dishes lovingly prepared by the talented members of our parish. Immerse yourself in a vibrant atmosphere filled with cultural connections and engaging conversations. Enjoy a live performance showcasing the artistic talents within our community.

Limited seating is available, so **RSVP soon** to secure your place at this enchanting celebration. *Don't miss out!*

Tickets: [bit.ly/smmIntlDinner](http://bit.ly/smmIntlDinner) As this is a fundraiser, please note rates: \$50 per Adult, \$30 per Student. Children under the age of two are free.



*Parishioners leaving the 5:30 Mass may enter at 6:30 pm and enjoy some nibbles until the dinner begins!*



## Mass Intentions

Saturday	5:30	Intentions of Val Gerard Fan
Sunday	8:00	Nicholas Espejo RIP
	9:30	Ben & Marjorie Mathias RIP
	11:30	For the People of the Parish
Monday	5:30	Intentions of Kathy Burk
Tuesday	8:30	Intentions of Mary Ann Onglatco
Wednesday	5:30	Intentions of Angela Hansen
Thursday	8:30	Intentions of Angela Hansen
Friday	5:30	Wilfredo Santiago RIP
Saturday	8:30	Intentions of Jon York

## Scripture Readings for the Week

17 <sup>th</sup>	TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Sirach 27:30-28:7/Romans 14:7-9/Matthew 18:21-35
18 <sup>th</sup>	Weekday 1 Timothy 2:1-8/Luke 7:1-10
19 <sup>th</sup>	Weekday [St. Januarius, Bishop & Martyr] 1 Timothy 3:1-13/Luke 7:11-17
20 <sup>th</sup>	Memorial: St. Andrew Kim Tae-gön & others, Martyrs 1 Timothy 3:14-16/Luke 7:31-35
21 <sup>st</sup>	FEAST: ST. MATTHEW, APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Matthew 9:9-13
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Weekday 1 Timothy 6:2-12/Luke 8:1-3
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Memorial: St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest 1 Timothy 6:13-16/Luke 8:4-15

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