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## Blessing of the Animals after all the Masses this Weekend!

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

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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.

#### ANointing OF THE SICK:

The Sacrament is offered at every 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Mass, and by appointment.

## Parish Calendar through October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023

**Sept. 30/Oct. 1 Preacher at All Masses: L. Ryen Dwyer, SJ**  
Weekend 5:30 pm Saturday; 8:00/9:30/11:30 am Sunday

**Sept. 30/Oct. 1 Blessing of the Animals after All Masses!**  
Weekend 5:30 pm Saturday; 8:00/9:30/11:30 am Sunday

**September 30 INTERNATIONAL DINNER EVENT**  
Saturday 7:00 - 9:30 pm, Parish Hall.

**October 3 Reflection on the Sunday Gospel** *Zoom link:*  
Tuesday 2:00 - 3:00 pm, [tinyurl.com/SMM-GospelGroup](https://tinyurl.com/SMM-GospelGroup)

**October 3 RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults)**  
Tuesday 7:00 - 9:00 pm, Parish Hall.

**October 3 Racial Equity Committee Monthly Meeting**  
Tuesday 7:00 - 8:30 pm, Zoom. (*Contact parish for link.*)

**October 4 Bible & Faith Studies: *The Prophets***  
Wednesday 7:00 - 8:30 pm, Parish Hall.

**October 6 Reflection on the Sunday Gospel**  
Friday 9:15 am, Norton Hall.

**October 6 Adoration & Benediction (Holy Hour)**  
Friday 6:05 pm, Church.

**October 7 Liturgy Committee Monthly Meeting**  
Saturday 10:00-Noon, Conference Room & Zoom

**October 7/8 Preacher at All Masses: Deacon Jeff Burns**  
Weekend 5:30 pm Saturday; 8:00/9:30/11:30 am Sunday

**October 10 Reflection on the Sunday Gospel** *Zoom link:*  
Tuesday 2:00 - 3:00 pm, [tinyurl.com/SMM-GospelGroup](https://tinyurl.com/SMM-GospelGroup)

**October 10 Parish Pastoral Council Meeting**  
Tuesday 7:00 pm, Conference Room & Zoom

**October 10 RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults)**  
Tuesday 7:00 - 9:00 pm, Parish Hall.

## Fatima, Lourdes and Shrines of Spain Tour February 4 — February 15, 2024

Starting from picturesque Lisbon, visit some of the world's most treasured Marian shrines, pilgrimage sites, and spiritual places of Portugal, Spain, and France. Hear about the apparition of the Blessed Virgin to the shepherd children in **Fátima**, learn about the journey taken by pilgrims from all over the world into **Santiago de Compostela** and visit **Loyola** and **Manresa** to get inspired by St. Ignacio's Jesuit mission. In **Braga**, walk the monumental steps of the Sanctuary of Bom Jesus do Monte and in **Burgos**, marvel at the majestic Cathedral. Join the nightly Rosary and candlelight procession in **Lourdes**. Spend one night by the inspiring **Montserrat** Sanctuary, where you will also attend Mass. End in **Barcelona** with time to celebrate life, reflect, and rejoice. This 12-day group tour includes hotels, guides, historians, land transportation, 11 breakfasts and 7 dinners. **Call Catholic Cruises and Tours at 860-399-1785 for more information or to make a reservation.** Prices start at \$2299 per person based on double occupancy. An \$850 per person deposit is required to hold your space.



## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR MEALS FOR THE HUNGRY MINISTRY

This Ministry has served dinners in the Parish Hall every 1<sup>st</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday dating back to the late 1980s. Since the pandemic, this program has handed out to-go lunches from the priests' garage. As always, we count on and appreciate your continued generous financial and volunteer support.

The number of guests we serve has slowly declined. In an effort to reach more people, we are investigating handing out to-go lunches starting in early 2024 at a location closer to where hungry people are: this could be downtown Berkeley or working with an organization in West Berkeley. However, to do this we need your help. We need people to assist the cook, assemble to-go lunch bags, drive them to the hand-out location, distribute them to our guests, or clean up the kitchen. We especially require lead volunteers, such as cooks and supervisors, which involve a longer time commitment. Without more lead volunteers, this ministry cannot serve more hungry people.

Over the years, our volunteers have found this ministry to be fulfilling and a great way to meet fellow parishioners. We know the thought of any possible change with this beloved ministry will be difficult. Though the distribution location may change, the cooking, assembling, etc. will remain at the parish. Even more important, the mission of this Ministry will stay true to its original intent – feeding the hungry.

If you are interested or have questions, please contact George Baranowski and Mary Jo Senica at [georgebaran@att.net](mailto:georgebaran@att.net).

## Seeking New Parish Council Members!

The Parish Pastoral Council serves as the eyes and ears of the parish to the pastor, and provides valuable insights to Fr. Nick about initiatives and programs. Would you or someone you know like to engage in this important mission? Pick up a nomination form as you enter the church and drop it in the collection basket, or send an email to [parish@marymagdalen.org](mailto:parish@marymagdalen.org). Thank you for your time and prayers for the future of our Parish.

# Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A ~ October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023

## Weekly Collection Report for September 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Sunday	Actual	Budget	Difference
09/24/2023	\$6,996.29	\$8,980.00	-\$1,983.71
Year-to-Date	\$318,885.44	\$363,240.00	-\$44,354.56

Thank you for your donations!



**HOLY HOUR**  
**Will Take Place at**  
**6:05 pm this FRIDAY,**  
**October 6<sup>th</sup>,**  
**in the church.**



## St. Mary Magdalen Parish Honors Hispanic Heritage Month!

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**Sylvia Mendez**  
 (1936 - present)



Sylvia Mendez is an American civil rights activist and retired nurse. At age eight, she was the plaintiff in the case of *Mendez v. Westminster*, which paved the way for desegregation throughout the United States. Sylvia Mendez was born in Santa Ana, California, in 1936, to a father from Mexico and a mother from Puerto Rico. In 1944, her parents moved to Westminster, where they leased an asparagus farm from the Munemitsu family, Japanese-Americans who had been sent to an internment camp. When they tried to enroll Sylvia in public school there, they were informed that she must attend school in a two-room shack, known as the "Mexican school." Her father fought back (including against the local Mexican American community, which gave him little support), eventually hiring a civil rights lawyer who filed a lawsuit in federal court against four Orange County school districts. The case was won on appeal, and then-governor Earl Warren mandated the desegregation of all public schools and public spaces throughout California, which thereby became the first state in the U.S. to end school segregation. The case continued to influence the courts, and by the time the landmark *Brown v. Board of Education* case came to the Supreme Court in 1954, Earl Warren had become its Chief Justice, and ruled in its favor. As an adult, Mendez has continued to spread the legacy of her role in desegregating schools. She travels and gives lectures to educate others on the historic contributions made by her parents and others. In 2018, the Berkeley Unified School District voted unanimously to rename Le Conte Elementary School as **Sylvia Mendez Elementary School**. The school is a first Spanish-English two-way immersion school in the city.

"It's about everybody coming together. If you start fighting for justice, then all ethnicities will become involved."

St. Mary Magdalen is honoring the different communities of our parish in 2023.

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**Roberto Clemente**  
 (1934 - 1972)



Roberto Clemente was a Puerto Rican professional baseball player who was known as "The Great One" for his combination of hitting and fielding prowess and for his charitable contributions off the field. A two-time World Series champion, he was the first player from the Caribbean or Latin America to win a World Series as a starting position player (1960), and the first to receive a World Series MVP award (1971). Roberto Enrique Clemente was born in Carolina, Puerto Rico, and worked in sugar cane fields alongside his brothers. In high school he excelled in track & field and was an Olympic hopeful in the javelin throw. He eventually focused on baseball, where his combined statistics have never been equalled: during his 18 seasons for the Pittsburgh Pirates (his sole Major League team), mostly as a right fielder, he was a Gold Glove Award winner for a dozen consecutive years (1961 to 1972), and was selected for fifteen All Star games. He was the National League MVP in 1966, and the NL batting leader in 1961, 1964, 1965, and 1967. His batting average was over .300 for 13 seasons and he had 3,000 hits during his major league career. When he was not playing baseball, Clemente was deeply involved with charitable work and humanitarian aid for people in Latin American and Caribbean countries. He died, sadly, at age 38, in a tragic plane crash in the waters off his native Puerto Rico while delivering aid to victims of the 1972 Nicaragua earthquake. His sudden death shocked the baseball world, and the following season the Pittsburgh Pirates retired his uniform number, 21, and the MLB renamed its annual Commissioner's Award the Roberto Clemente Award. He was inducted (posthumously) into the Baseball Hall of Fame in 1973, becoming the first Caribbean or Latin American player to be so honored.

"I want to be remembered as a ballplayer who gave all he had to give."

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**Armando Rendón**  
 (1939 - present)



Armando B. Rendón is a Chicano novelist, publisher, and professor who lives in Albany and is a member of our parish. Señor Rendón grew up in the Westside barrio of San Antonio, Texas, but has lived most of his life in the San Francisco Bay Area, with a sojourn in Washington, D.C., for twenty years. Señor Rendón is a graduate of St. Mary's College Class of '61, where he later taught for a couple of decades. As a reporter for the *Catholic Herald* in Sacramento, he met and befriended César Chávez and became an advocate for the farm worker movement. As a press officer for the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, he traveled widely, and came to realize that a movement—as yet barely documented—was taking place among Mexican Americans. And so in 1971, he published *Chicano Manifesto*, the first book about Chicanos written by a Chicano. That same year, Rendón was named as an advisor of the Children's Television Workshop. Gracias, Señor Rendón, for inspiring and influencing the writers and producers of *Sesame Street!* Three years later, he ran for, and won, a seat on the Democratic Central Committee of D.C., making him the first Chicano to win a party election in the District of Columbia. He earned his Juris Doctor at the American University School of Law in 1983, and his legal work focused on advocating for the rights of Indigenous Peoples, including Chicanos. More recently, Rendón has published a book of poetry and an award-winning series of Young Adult books set in San Antonio featuring a young hero named Noides. He is the founder and editor-in-chief of *Somos or escríbe*, an online Chicano literary magazine, now in its 14<sup>th</sup> year, and of *Somos en escrito Press*. Over the decades, Señor Rendón and his late wife, Helen, have been very supportive of the Madeline community. "I see the Chicano as the prototype of the citizen of the American half-century from now." St. Mary Magdalen is honoring the different communities of our parish in 2023.

Again this year, the parish Racial Equity Committee has selected a dozen remarkable individuals who made a significant impact on our country and our culture. See the posters on the walls of our church and on the Henry Street fence! The biographies were researched and composed by committee members and students at the School of the Madeleine. Each week, a few of the posters in the Bulletin (clickable on the internet) will be published here. All are available on our website at [marymagdalen.org/hhm](http://marymagdalen.org/hhm). In addition to those shown above, you'll find Octaviano Larrazola, Jovita Idár, Ruben Salazar, Joan Baez, Judy Baca, Antonio Villaraigosa, Sonia Sotomayor, Adriana Briscoe, and Lin-Manuel Miranda.

## Mass Intentions



## Scripture Readings for the Week

Saturday	5:30	Intentions of Manouchehr Astanboos
Sunday	8:00	For the People of the Parish
	9:30	Earl Jacobs RIP
	11:30	Patti Wilson RIP
Monday	5:30	Intentions of Sean Ross
Tuesday	8:30	Camille Howard RIP
Wednesday	5:30	Intentions of Fr. Laurent Okitakatshi
Thursday	8:30	Kay Richardson RIP
Friday	5:30	Intentions of Fr. Joseph Sergott, OP
Saturday	8:30	Intentions of Paul Sporer

1 <sup>st</sup>	TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
	Ezekiel 18:25-28 / Philip. 2:1-11 / Matthew 21:28-32
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Memorial: <i>The Holy Guardian Angels</i>
	Zechariah 8:1-8 / Matthew 18:1-5, 10
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Weekday
	Zechariah 8:20-23 / Luke 9:51-56
4 <sup>th</sup>	Memorial: <i>St. Francis of Assisi</i>
	Nehemiah 2:1-8 / Luke 9:57-62
5 <sup>th</sup>	Weekday [St. Faustina Kowalska; Bl. Francis X. Seelos]
	Nehemiah 8:1-12 / Luke 10:1-12
6 <sup>th</sup>	Weekday [St. Bruno, Priest; Bl. Marie Rose Durocher]
	Baruch 1:15-22 / Luke 10:13-16
7 <sup>th</sup>	Memorial: <i>Our Lady of the Rosary</i>
	Baruch 4:5-12, 27-29 / Luke 10:17-24

Notes from Fr. Nick

## *Saint Therese & Saint Francis*

While it can be argued Saint Therese of Lisieux and Saint Francis of Assisi lived hundreds of years apart and had little in common, they shared one special trait: they both desired simplicity in life. Their examples remind us that the vicissitudes of daily life can cloud our vision of what is essential.

Therese had a conversion experience on Christmas Eve, 1886. She was a sensitive, sickly child, but after the Midnight Mass and hearing some discouraging words from her father, she pulled herself together and began to focus outside herself rather than on her personal problems. With that conviction, her faith matured. She went on to become a Carmelite nun, and realized that one did not need to do heroic acts to be saintly. She referred to this as her “*little way*” and this method eventually earned her the title of “Doctor of the Church.” Even though she was deeply depressed during the tuberculosis that killed her at age 24, she resolutely bore up, seeing her sufferings as the parallel to Christ’s.

Several centuries earlier, Saint Francis also understood the need for simplicity. Son of a wealthy merchant, he eschewed riches in order to concentrate on God’s presence in all of creation. His single-mindedness attracted others to the charism of his life and, thus, the Franciscan Order was founded. Francis’ love of animals was rooted in his conviction that God is present in every living being.

As I look at my cats or the fish in my aquarium, I am reminded they care not about the time of day or place in which they live. The fish care only about being fed, and while the cats are interested in “kitty dinnertime,” their main focus is on the warmth of my lap and the affection I show them — which they duly return.

When we obsess about the state of our world or the balance in our checking accounts, Saint Therese and Saint Francis remind us to focus on God’s pervading, luminous presence. Other things may matter very much to us, but they are not essential. Being preoccupied by the evils in war, climate change, poverty and deceitfulness can lead us to cynicism and despair. Our pets, incapable of worrying about these things, remind us of what is really important.

As our pets are blessed after Mass today, may the Spirits of Saints Therese and Saint Francis infuse us with the peace of knowing that ultimately all things, including our lives, are in God’s hands.

## *Blessing of the Animals - This Weekend!*



The Feast of St. Francis is the one day per year when we can bring our *entire family* to church — including our pets! So bring along your animal companions to Mass this weekend. We’ll have treats and water on hand (and a mop and bucket in case of an accident). After every Mass, Fr. Nick will bless all our pets on Berryman Plaza.

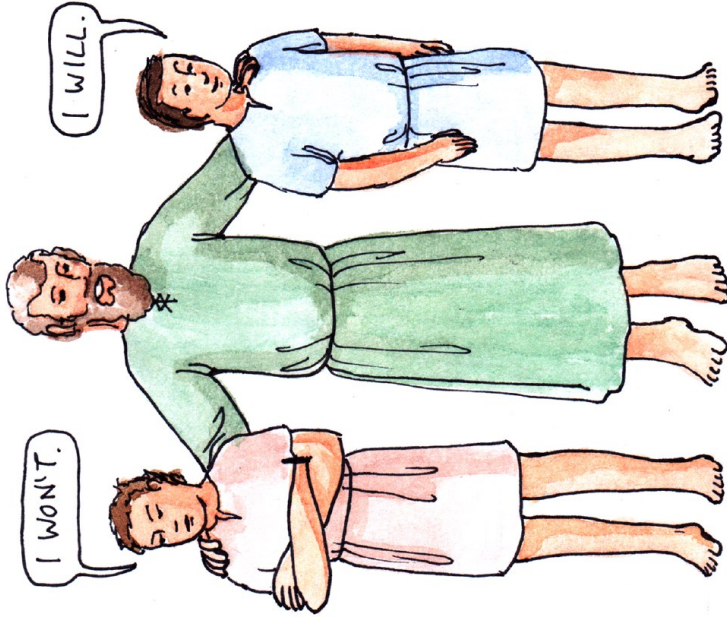
# The Kids' Bulletin

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
October 1st, 2023

*In today's Gospel parable, a father asked his two sons to work in the vineyard.*

*Which one did what his father asked?*

Use every second letter to fill in the blanks and find out the answer!



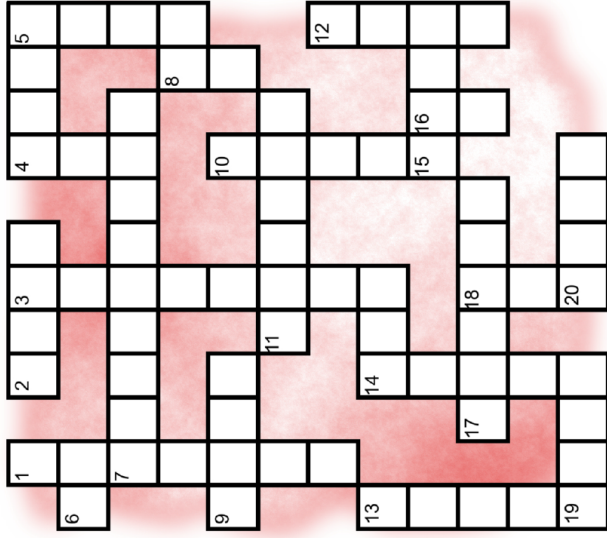
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# Ezekiel 18 Cross-Word

Use the words from the list to fill in the blanks in the reading and the puzzle.  
a=across & d=down.



- COMMITTED
- INIQUITY
- BECAUSE
- UNFAIR
- VIRTUE
- IS
- IF
- HE
- SINCE
- DIE
- MUST
- LORD
- SAYS
- FAIR
- JUST
- DOES
- LIVE

Thus (5d) the \_\_\_\_ : (20a) You \_\_\_\_, (14a) "The Lord's way is not \_\_\_\_!" (2a) Hear now, house of Israel: \_\_\_\_ (8a) it my way that is unfair, or rather, are not your ways \_\_\_\_? (17a) When someone virtuous \_\_\_\_ (10d) away from \_\_\_\_ (11a) to commit \_\_\_\_, (3d) and dies, \_\_\_\_ (8d) is \_\_\_\_ (1d) of the iniquity he committed that \_\_\_\_ (6a) \_\_\_\_ (12d) die. But \_\_\_\_ (16d) he turns from the wickedness he has \_\_\_\_, (7a) and \_\_\_\_ (4a) what is right and \_\_\_\_, (9a) he shall preserve his life; \_\_\_\_ (14d) he has turned away from \_\_\_\_ (18d) the \_\_\_\_ (15a) that he committed, he \_\_\_\_ (13d) surely \_\_\_\_, (19a) he shall not \_\_\_\_ (4d).

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WHEN IT'S TIME TO  
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