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Saturday 5:30 pm  
Sunday 8:00, 9:30, 11:30 am

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Tuesday/Thursday/Saturday 8:30 am  
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Monday – Saturday 8:00 am  
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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 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Mass, and by appointment.

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## Parish Calendar through October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2023

October 13 Friday	Peace & Justice Meeting <i>(All are welcome!)</i> 4:00 pm, Norton Hall.
October 14/15 Weekend	Preacher at All Masses: Fr. Dana Michaels 5:30 pm Saturday; 8:00/9:30/11:30 am Sunday
October 15 Sunday	OCDS (Lay Carmelite Monthly Gathering) 1:00 pm-5:15 pm; Conference Room & Church
October 17 Tuesday	Reflection on the Sunday Gospel Zoom link: 2:00 - 3:00 pm, <a href="https://tinyurl.com/SMM-GospelGroup">tinyurl.com/SMM-GospelGroup</a>
October 17 Tuesday	RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation) 7:00 - 9:00 pm, Parish Hall.
October 18 Wednesday	Second Meeting of SPRED Catechism 6:00 pm, Norton Hall
October 18 Wednesday	Bible & Faith Studies: <i>The Prophets</i> 7:00 - 8:30 pm, Parish Hall.
October 20 Friday	Reflection on the Sunday Gospel 9:15 am, Norton Hall. <i>(All are welcome!)</i>
October 20 Friday	Pray the Rosary for Peace in the World 3:00 pm, Church.
October 22 Sunday	Monthly Family Liturgy 9:30 am Mass w/ Children's Liturgy of the Word

### Parish Symposium on the Big Bang

Mark your calendars for our Symposium on Saturday, November 4<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am in the church.

Parishioner Peter Hess, Ph.D., will discuss:

*"The Big Bang, the Genome, and the Communion of Saints: What is the Christian Hope?"*

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR MEALS FOR THE HUNGRY MINISTRY

CAN YOU HELP US FEED THE HUNGRY?

You may or may not be aware of our 1<sup>st</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday Meals for the Hungry Ministry that have been supported over the years by the church and school. We currently serve to-go meals from the priests' garage. However, the number of our guests has dropped slowly, to the point where we are considering moving the meal distribution closer to where hungry people are in early 2024, in either downtown or west Berkeley.

Any expansion of our service requires more hands — specifically, cooks, supervisors, and drivers, plus bag assemblers and clean-up crew. We can't do this without more people, and we invite you to join our family of volunteers. This is an opportunity to perform a good deed while meeting fellow parishioners.

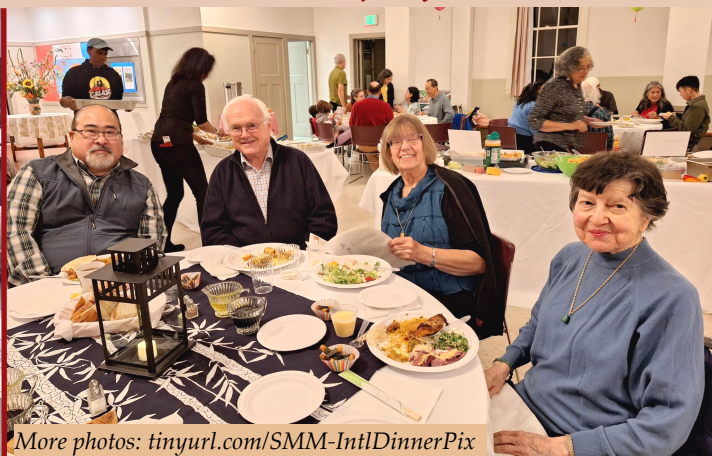
If you are interested or have questions, please contact George Baranowski and Mary Jo Senica at [georgebaran@att.net](mailto:georgebaran@att.net).

NOTE: Please don't show up at the priests' garage on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays the rest of this year. We have enough volunteers for this limited program.

## More Photos of our International Dinner & Blessing of the Animals



Photos: [tinyurl.com/SMM-BlessingAnimals](https://tinyurl.com/SMM-BlessingAnimals)



More photos: [tinyurl.com/SMM-IntlDinnerPix](https://tinyurl.com/SMM-IntlDinnerPix)

### 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? Members meet monthly, and do special projects of their choice. 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 gift of time for the future of our Parish!

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Weekly Collection Report for October 8 <sup>th</sup> , 2023			
Sunday	Actual	Budget	Difference
10/8/2023	\$9,186.20	\$8,980.00	\$206.20
All Souls	\$170.00		
Year-to-Date	\$335,284.33	\$381,200.00	-\$45,915.67

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

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### Justice Sonia Sotomayor

(1954 - present)



Justice Sonia Sotomayor is a Puerto Rican American lawyer and jurist who currently serves as an associate justice of the Supreme Court of the United States. Nominated by President Barack Obama in 2009, she is the third woman, the first woman of color, and the first Hispanic to serve on the Supreme Court.

Sonia Maria Sotomayor was born in the Bronx in 1954, to parents from Puerto Rico. Her father had only a 3<sup>rd</sup>-grade education and never learned to speak English. Her mother, Colina Báez, was a nurse who placed great value on education, purchasing the entire *Encyclopaedia Britannica* for her children. At the age of ten, inspired by the Perry Mason television series, Sonia decided she would become an attorney. Despite her family's poverty, she was able to attend Catholic schools; she was the valedictorian of her 8<sup>th</sup>-grade class at Blessed Sacrament School and graduated from the prestigious Cardinal Spellman High School.

As an undergraduate at Princeton, Sotomayor persuaded the president to hire their first Hispanic professor and to offer courses in Latin American studies. At law school, she became an editor of the *Yale Law Journal*; she pressed for inclusion of Hispanic faculty at Yale as well. Upon graduation she became an assistant district attorney of New York City, where she was respected as a tough prosecutor. Later, as a judge of the Southern District of New York, she became known as "the judge who saved baseball" from a major strike. In 1997, she was appointed to the U.S. Court of Appeals, where she served until becoming a Supreme Court Justice. Although Justice Sotomayor now spends much of her time in Washington D.C., having grown up in the shadow of Yankee Stadium, she remains an avid fan of the New York Yankees baseball team.


*"Experience has taught me that you cannot value dreams according to the odds of their coming true. Their real value is in stirring within us the will to aspire."*

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### Adriana Briscoe

(1970 - present)



Adriana Briscoe is an award-winning Mexican-American evolutionary biologist who has created scholarships and lobbied for support of science education for high school and college students of color.

Adriana Danielle Mejía Briscoe was born in Hawaii, but was raised in Colton, California, the same city where her maternal grandmother was the only Spanish-surnamed graduate from Colton High School in 1937. Adriana herself graduated from Colton High in 1988, and went on to Stanford, where she earned a B.S. in philosophy and biological sciences, and then Harvard University, where she was awarded a Ph.D. specializing in evolutionary biology. Her research focuses on the evolution of vision in butterflies.

Briscoe is now Professor of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology at the University of California, Irvine. She is an elected fellow of the both the American Association for the Advancement of Science and the Royal Entomological Society, and has been recognized as a Distinguished Scientist by the group SACNAS (the Society for the Advancement of Chicanos/Hispanics and Native Americans in Science). Professor Briscoe also works to support STEM training for Black, Latino and Indigenous people of color. With the help of a graduate student, she developed a study whose results showed that while 21% of California teachers are Hispanic, only 3% of STEM teachers are. (The statistics at the university level are similar.) With the help of family and friends, Briscoe created a scholarship fund at her alma mater, Colton High School, that has already awarded 26 STEM scholarships to low-income and minority students since 2011. As was stated at her SACNAS award ceremony in 2018, Professor Briscoe "continues to be a voice in favor of underrepresented minorities, speaking out about the importance of diversity and inclusion in hiring practices."

*"In the right place, under the right conditions, you can finally stretch out into what you're supposed to be."*

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### Lin-Manuel Miranda

(1980 - present)



Lin-Manuel Miranda is a Puerto Rican and Mexican American songwriter, actor, filmmaker and playwright who has won three Tony Awards, three Emmy Awards, five Grammy Awards, two Laurence Olivier Awards, an Annie Award, a MacArthur Fellowship Award, a Kennedy Center Honor, and a Pulitzer Prize.

Miranda was born in New York City. His mother is a clinical psychologist and his father is a political strategist and philanthropist. He grew up in Manhattan, and started composing musicals as a high schooler, and while a sophomore at Wesleyan began writing what would become his first Broadway play, *In the Heights*, set in the Dominican neighborhood of upper Manhattan. It opened on Broadway in 2008, and was nominated for 13 Tony awards, winning four, and also won a Grammy award for Best Musical Theater Album.

In the early 2000s, Miranda worked as an English teacher at his former high school, wrote a column for and was the restaurant critic of the *Minuteman Times*, and composed music for commercials. He translated the lyrics of Stephen Sondheim's *West Side Story* into Spanish, and co-founded *Freestyle Love Supreme*, a hip hop improv group that toured festivals around the world from Edinburgh to Australia.

In 2015, he premiered (off-Broadway) his masterpiece thus far: *Hamilton: An American Musical*, that tells the story of founding father Alexander Hamilton, the first Secretary of the Treasury, in hip hop rhyme. Tickets to its Broadway run became the most coveted in over a decade, selling out months in advance, and necessitating a lottery for the few remaining tickets sold each day. It received a record-breaking 16 nominations and won 11 Tony awards, including Best Musical, and also received the Pulitzer Prize for Drama.

Miranda is now working with Disney; he composed the songs for *Moana*, *Encanto*, and *The Little Mermaid*.

*"I grew up in an immigrant neighborhood. We knew the rule was you're going to have to work twice as hard."*

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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, Roberto Clemente, Sylvia Mendez, Joan Baez, Judy Baca, Antonio Villaraigosa, and "our own" Armando Rendón. *Note: At the 9:30 am Mass TODAY, October 15<sup>th</sup>, the St. Ambrose Spanish Choir will lead us in song!*

## Mass Intentions

## Scripture Readings for the Week

- Saturday 5:30 Reynaldo Cortez RIP
- Sunday 8:00 For the People of the Parish
- 9:30 Augusta & Saturnino Cariaga
- 11:30 Rudin Johnson RIP
- Monday 5:30 Ed & Alice Mazzucchi RIP
- Tuesday 8:30 Nicholas Espejo RIP
- Wednesday 5:30 Intentions of Ana Guillen
- Thursday 8:30 Intentions of John Herman
- Friday 5:30 Intentions of Anna Johnson
- Saturday 8:30 Jerry Thomas RIP

- 15<sup>th</sup> TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
Isaiah 25:6-10 / Phil. 4:12-14, 19-20 / Matthew 22:1-14
- 16<sup>th</sup> Weekday [St. Hedwig; St. Margaret Mary Alacoque]  
Romans 1:1-7 / Luke 11:29-32
- 17<sup>th</sup> Memorial: Saint Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop and Martyr  
Romans 1:16-25 / Luke 11:37-41
- 18<sup>th</sup> FEAST: ST. LUKE, EVANGELIST  
2 Timothy 4:10-17 / Luke 10:1-9
- 19<sup>th</sup> Weekday [Sts. John de Brébeuf & Isaac Jogues, Martyrs]  
Romans 3:21-30 / Luke 11:47-54
- 20<sup>th</sup> Weekday [St. Paul of the Cross, Priest]  
Romans 4:1-8 / Luke 12:1-7
- 21<sup>st</sup> Weekday [Blessed Virgin Mary]  
Romans 4:13, 16-18 / Luke 12:8-12

## Notes from Fr. Nick

# The Messianic Banquet

In the Gospel story this weekend, a king plans a grand wedding feast for his son, and is dismayed when his friends and honored acquaintances beg off, claiming they have other obligations. The king finally orders his servants to invite people on street corners and back alleys so that he can fill his banquet hall. Jesus uses this wedding banquet story as a symbol of the Final Judgment.

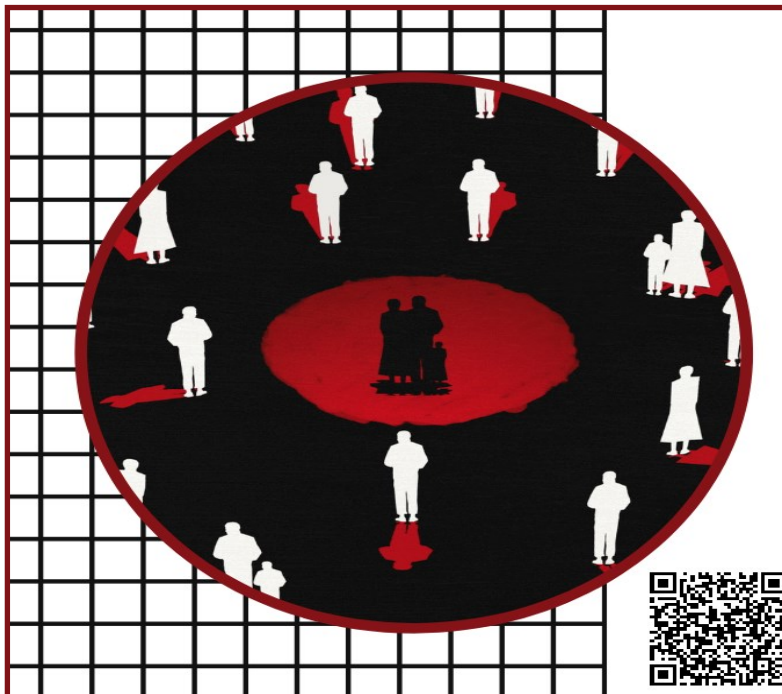


Jesus illustrates in this story how good people can become so set in their routines that they can miss positive life-changing events. They become so focused on the tasks, comforts, and biases surrounding them that they have no energy or inclination to change course when something wonderful comes along. Sometimes it is those who are desperate — or at least more supple in their habits of life — who can seize unexpected and wonderful opportunities.

This Gospel has an ominous tone. Jesus is warning the Jewish people — and by extension, Christians — that if we are too focused on immediate responsibilities and do not look at the larger picture, we can lose contact with the essence of His message. We then run the risk of perverting the Gospel to our own ends, and may come up wanting when we are judged before God.

There is also a subtext here: unless we take the time to celebrate, we will lose contact with the meaning of our mission.

As the Church year draws to a close and the paschal cycle begins again in Advent, this Gospel calls us to take stake of what is around us, to enjoy the opportunities for grace and to be ready to make changes when we need to. When our time comes to stand before God in judgment, these qualities will serve us better than keeping our nose too close to the grindstone.



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## Racial Wealth Gap Learning Simulation

From *JustAction* — sponsored by *JustFaith* groups from our and other local parishes.

Sunday, October 15<sup>th</sup>  
1:00 - 3:00 pm

Epworth United Methodist Church  
1953 Hopkins Street

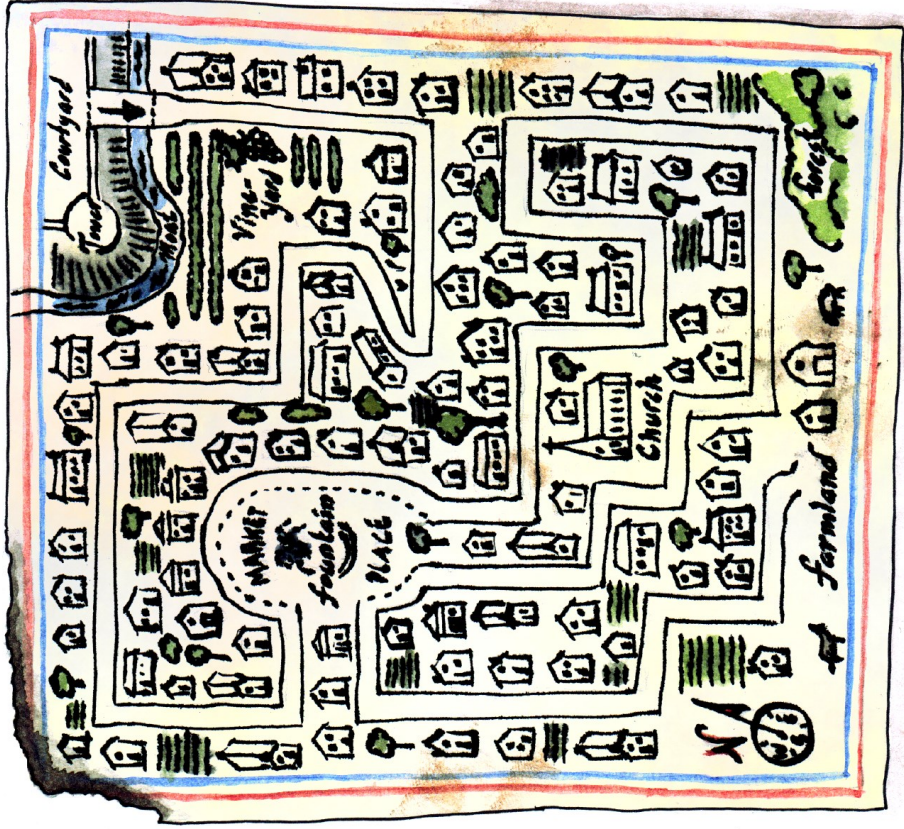
Registration: [tinyurl.com/Epworth-RacialGap](https://tinyurl.com/Epworth-RacialGap)



# The Kids' Bulletin

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 15th, 2023



The king sent his servants to call all the people in the street to his son's wedding. Follow the road on the map from the castle's courtyard all the way to the farmland. The people in the houses next to the road you pass are invited to the wedding.

You can colour in the houses if you like.

Who was invited to the feast?

## True or False: Who is Invited to the Wedding?

In today's Gospel reading, Jesus compares the kingdom of Heaven to a king giving a wedding feast for his son. What happened in the story? See if you know which of these are true statements and which are false:

1. The first time the servants went out to call those who were invited, all the guests came. True or false?
2. When the king sent out the second group of servants, some people didn't come, but went off to their farms and businesses. True or false?
3. Some people mistreated and even killed the servants. True or false?
4. The king decided that nobody else was worthy to come to his son's wedding. True or false?
5. The king decided to send his servants out into the streets to call everyone to come to the wedding. True or false?
6. When the servants called the people in the streets, they all came and filled the banquet hall. True or false?
7. When the king came in to look at his guests and found one that wasn't dressed for the wedding, he had him thrown out of the place. True or false?



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