

# St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Parish



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)

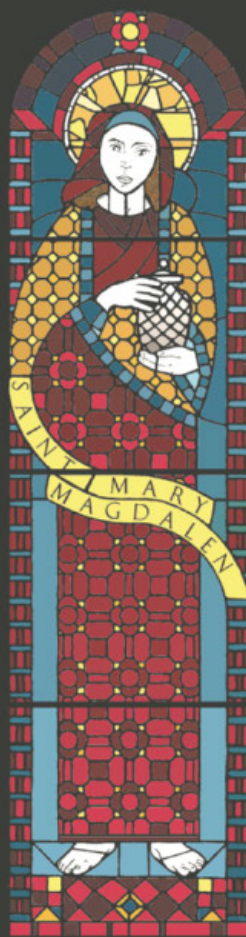
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and we care for others.”*

### 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.



# Our Parish is Celebrating Black Catholic Month!

(See All 12 Posters in the Church and on the Henry Street Fence.)

St. Mary Magdalen Parish Celebrates Black Catholic Month

## Venerable Pierre Toussaint

(1766 - 1853)



Pierre Toussaint was a Haitian American philanthropist who began life enslaved on a plantation, but eventually became a famous hairdresser as well as the founder of Catholic Charities in New York City. Toussaint was trained as a house slave and was educated by the tutors of his French enslavers, the Bérard family. In the 1790s the Bérards took Pierre to France, but the family soon relocated to New York City, where Pierre was soon apprenticed to one of the city's leading hairdressers. He shortly became a highly-successful hairdresser and was permitted to keep his earnings, which enabled him to pay for his sister Rosalie's emancipation. He himself was freed in 1807, thanks to a deathbed promise by Mme Bérard. With his wife Juliette — also a former slave whose freedom he had purchased — Toussaint began a career of charity and care for the poor. The Toussaints sheltered orphans and helped them to get an education and learn a trade. They also assisted Haitian refugees to New York City, organizing a credit bureau and an employment agency for them. Toussaint was also renowned for his selfless help during a cholera epidemic, even crossing barricades in order to nurse quarantined patients. A devout Catholic who attended daily Mass for 66 years, Toussaint is credited with being the father of Catholic Charities in New York. He was instrumental in raising funds for the first Catholic orphanage as well as the city's first school for Black children. In December 1989, Cardinal O'Connor had Toussaint's remains transferred to St. Patrick's Cathedral; he is the only lay person to be buried below the main altar. On December 17, 1997, Saint Pope John Paul II proclaimed Toussaint to be *Venerable*.

*"I have enough for myself, but if I stop work, I have not enough for others."*

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## Venerable Mary Lange

(1789 - 1882)



The Venerable Mary Lange, O.S.P., often called "Mother Lange," was the foundress of the Oblate Sisters of Providence, the first Black Catholic religious order in the United States, which still flourishes today. Elizabeth Clarisse Lange was born in what is now Haiti, and is believed to be the daughter of a Jewish woman, Annette Lange, and an enslaved man of mixed race who worked on her plantation. Her family fled to Cuba during the Haitian revolution, and later the family moved to Baltimore, at the time home to a large French-speaking population of free Blacks. There were no public schools for Black children at the time, and so she opened a school in her home. A French Sulpician priest, James Joubert, was looking for women to open a school for African American girls and start a religious order at the same time. Lange had long felt called to the religious life, but she had been prevented from joining any existing congregation due to rampant anti-Black racism among White American Catholics. Thus the Oblate Sisters of Providence began, with Lange and three other women taking their first vows on July 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1829. The four sisters lived in a rented house with 20 students, and baptized the school the *Saint Frances Academy*, which still exists in Baltimore today. Since Lange's death, the sisters have ministered across the United States and overseas, and continue to educate Black children in churches and schools while spreading the legacy of their founder. In 1991, the Archbishop of Baltimore opened Mother Lange's cause for canonization, and as of 2022, there were chapters of her sainthood guild in sixteen countries around the world. Mary Lange was declared *Venerable* by Pope Francis on June 22<sup>nd</sup> of this year.

*"We do not conceal the difficulty of our situation as persons of color and religious at the same time, and we wish to conciliate these two, so as not to appear arrogant, and not to miss the respect due to the state we have embraced."*

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## Venerable Henriette Delille

(1813 - 1862)



The Venerable Henriette Delille was a free person of color in New Orleans who founded the religious congregation of the Sisters of the Holy Family and served as their first Mother Superior.

As the daughter of a French slave owner, Jean-Baptiste DeLille Sarpy, and a free woman of color, Marie-Josèphe Dias, Delille was born into the class of Creoles, or "free persons of color" — a category unique to Louisiana that derived from the French and Spanish colonial history of the state, whose members formed a third group between Whites and enslaved persons. Delille's mother educated her in literature, music, and dance, and planned for her to enter into concubinage with a rich White man. Delille refused this destiny; from the age of fourteen she dedicated herself to teaching poor Black children.

In 1836, she decided to form a new community of religious sisters, but most of the ruling class, including Church officials, opposed a Black religious association. However, Henriette's efforts were supported by *zèlateurs* — lay men and women donors and associates, both free and enslaved, and she sold all her own worldly goods to found the a religious Order with the mission "to teach catechism to the poor and to prepare them for first Communion." The sisters did not wear an official habit, nor did they make public vows. Nevertheless, their service, mercy, and love was the catalyst for founding of the *Sisters of the Holy Family* congregation, which continues to serve the people of God throughout Louisiana and several U.S. states, as well as areas of Central America and West Africa.

Henriette Delille was declared *Venerable* by Pope Benedict XVI on March 27, 2010.

*"I believe in God. I hope in God. I love. I want to live and die for God."*

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## Servant of God Julia Greeley

(1833/1948 - 1918)



Julia Greeley, O.F.S., was an African-American convert to Catholicism and a philanthropist known for her selfless devotion to the poor. She is being considered for canonization, joining five other African Americans who are also candidates for sainthood.

Greeley was born into slavery in Missouri (the exact date of her birth cannot be ascertained). At the age of five, Greeley suffered an injury to her right eye when a slave master was whipping her mother. She remained disfigured for the rest of her life, becoming known as "one-eyed Julia".

In 1865, after Emancipation, she moved to Denver, where she worked as a cook and nanny. In 1880, she was baptized into the Catholic Church and became devoted to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, the Blessed Virgin Mary, and the Eucharist, receiving Holy Communion daily. Despite suffering from painful arthritis, she undertook to walk the city streets, distributing literature from the Sacred Heart League to Catholics and non-Catholics alike. In 1901, she joined the Secular Franciscan Order and remained an active member for the rest of her life.

After the death of her employers, she began to do labor work for some wealthy white families. Having decided to give all the money she made to the poor, she pulled a red wagon through the streets of Denver to bring food, coal, and clothing to needy families. She made her rounds after dark so as not to embarrass white families ashamed to accept charity from a poor black woman. Because of her dedication to families in poverty, she became known as Denver's "Angel of Charity". At her death it was said:

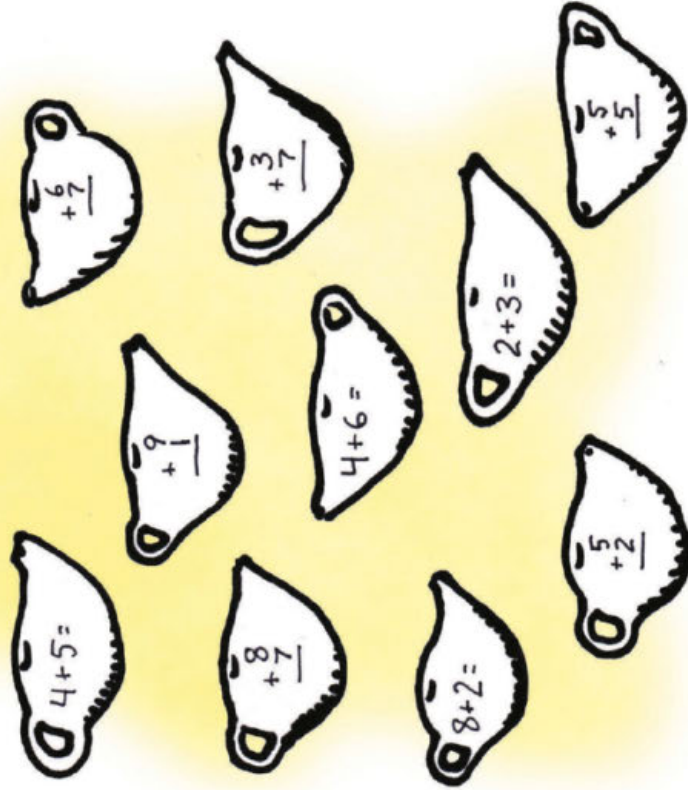
*"Every door in the parish was open to her. Her marvelous piety and her constant charity made her the friend of everyone."*

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# The Kids' Bulletin

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time  
November 12th, 2023

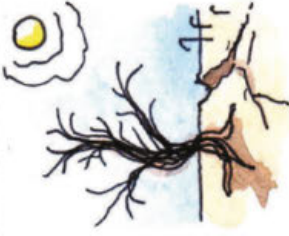


*In today's parable, ten bridesmaids are waiting with their lamps. How many of them brought extra oil? Figure out the problems on each lamp. Colour in the ones that equal 10 to find out the answer!*

[thekidsbulletin.com](http://thekidsbulletin.com)

## Psalm 63 Word-Find

See if you can find all the words in CAPITALS in this part of today's Psalm. The leftover letters will spell out a little prayer to God when you write them in the blanks at the end.



P A R C H E D P O W E R  
M W Y S B A N Q U E T W  
O I T H I R S T O S U L T  
S L I P S T O W A R E S H  
A L T H E I G L O R Y I O  
N A M L N O I R S T W U  
T G A L Z E S E M O U S E R  
U B L I F E S H A N D S E R  
A R I C H E S G O O D R E S S

O GOD, you are my God whom I SEEK;  
for you my FLESH PINES and my soul THIRSTS  
like the EARTH, PARCHED and WITHOUT WATER.

Thus have I GAZED TOWARD you in the SANCTUARY  
to see your POWER and your GLORY,  
for your KINDNESS is a greater GOOD than LIFE;  
my lips shall glorify you.

Thus WILL I BLESS you while I LIVE;  
lifting up my HANDS, I will CALL upon your NAME.  
As with the RICHES of a BANQUET shall my SOUL be  
satisfied,  
and with exultant LIPS my MOUTH shall praise you.

## Notes from Fr. Nick

# St. Elizabeth ~ Married Saints

This Friday we will celebrate the feast day of Saint Elizabeth of Hungary. In her short life, St. Elizabeth was a princess, was widowed, and gave away her possessions, dedicating her life to the poor.

Born in 1207, Elizabeth was married to Ludwig IV of Thuringia at age fourteen. The marriage seems to have been a happy one. About the time of her marriage, Franciscan friars entered the region where she and Ludwig lived. She was impressed with their dedication to the poor and persuaded her husband to care for their needs. Elizabeth began disbursing her personal wealth and helped to build a hospital.

Ludwig died of the plague while en route to the sixth Crusade. Elizabeth's dowry was disputed, and she lost much of her wealth. She became an early member of the Third Order of St. Francis, and took on the vows of poverty, celibacy and obedience. Her life was henceforth totally dedicated to the poor.

Elizabeth died on November 17, 1231 at the age of 24. Soon after her death, miracles were attributed to her and she was canonized in 1235. She is known in Germanic countries as the *Patron of the Poor*, and is honored as the patroness of the Third Order of St. Francis.

St. Elizabeth is one of the few married people who are canonized saints. However, she and her namesake, St. Elizabeth Seton, achieved this stature for their lives after their marriages had ended. Some would point out that the parents of Saint Thérèse of Lisieux, as well as the Venerable Pierre Toussaint (whose placard is currently on our wall and fence in honor of Black Catholic Month) are now being promoted for sainthood.

This still begs the question: "*Why has the Church canonized almost no couples whose sainthood was achieved by exemplary marriages?*" I suspect it is largely because religious communities have more time and interest in promoting their members for sainthood than married people. I also wonder if the Church's squeamishness about the marriage act may also play a role.

To correct this failing, I think the Church should make a strong effort to canonize married couples. Marriage is a sacrament, and thus a primary route to salvation — a principal means of establishing the kingdom of God. Recognizing saintly marriages would provide examples for the majority of people to live out their lives of grace. Married saints' intercessions from heaven also would be a major aid to all who live with challenges of married life.

## WINTER COAT COLLECTION



Do you have a coat to spare? The **Dorothy Day Catholic Worker House** is collecting adult men and women's coats in preparation for the winter weather ahead. They provide coats for Berkeley's Shelters and the **Catholic Worker Night on the Streets** program.

If you have a new or gently used coat or jacket please bring it to Church and put it in the marked box in the vestibule.



The Peace & Justice Committee will be collecting coats for the next three weekends:  
**November 18-19 / November 25-26 / December 2-3.**



# Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A ~ November 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023

| Weekly Collection Report for November 5 <sup>th</sup> , 2023 |              |              |              |
|--|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Sunday   | Actual       | Budget       | Difference   |
| 11/05/2023   | \$9,544.73   | \$8,980.00   | \$564.73     |
| All Saints/Souls   | \$547.00     |              | \$547.00     |
| Year-to-Date   | \$363,182.24 | \$417,120.00 | -\$53,937.76 |
| <i>We exceeded our weekly goal — thank you.</i>              |              |              |              |

| Parish Calendar through November 18 <sup>th</sup> , 2023 |   |
|--|---|
| <b>November 11/12</b>                                    | <b>Preacher at Weekend Masses: Fr. Nick</b><br>Weekend 5:30 pm Saturday; 8:00/9:30/11:30 am Sunday  |
| <b>November 14</b>                                       | <b>Reflection on the Sunday Gospel</b> <i>Zoom link:</i><br>Tuesday 2:00 - 3:00 pm, <a href="https://tinyurl.com/SMM-GospelGroup">tinyurl.com/SMM-GospelGroup</a> |
| <b>November 14</b>                                       | <b>Parish Pastoral Council Monthly Meeting</b><br>Tuesday 7:00 pm, Conference Room & Zoom   |
| <b>November 14</b>                                       | <b>RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation)</b><br>Tuesday 7:00 - 9:00 pm, Parish Hall.  |
| <b>November 15</b>                                       | <b>Meeting of SPRED Catechism</b><br>Wednesday 6:30 - 8:30 pm, Norton Hall  |
| <b>November 15</b>                                       | <b>Bible &amp; Faith Studies: <i>The Prophets</i></b><br>Wednesday 7:00 - 8:30 pm, Parish Hall.   |
| <b>November 16</b>                                       | <b>Funeral for Robert ("Bob") Kelleher</b><br>Thursday 11:00 am, followed by a reception downstairs.  |
| <b>November 17</b>                                       | <b>Reflection on the Sunday Gospel</b><br>Friday 9:15 - 10:15 am, Norton Hall   |
| <b>November 17</b>                                       | <b>Pray the Rosary for Peace in the World</b><br>Friday 3:00 pm, Church   |
| <b>November 17</b>                                       | <b>Benediction, Bourbon &amp; Barbecue</b><br>Friday 5:00 pm, Norton Hall/Church/Rectory  |
| <b>November 18</b>                                       | <b>Lector Workshop &amp; Potluck</b><br>Saturday 10:00 - Noon, Norton Hall  |



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## Scripture Readings for the Week

12<sup>th</sup> THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
Wisdom 6:12-16/1 Thess. 4:13-18/Matthew 25:1-13

13<sup>th</sup> Memorial: *St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, Religious*  
Wisdom 1:1-7 / Luke 17:1-6

14<sup>th</sup> Weekday  
Wisdom 2:23-3:9 / Luke 17:7-10

15<sup>th</sup> Weekday [*St. Albert the Great, Bishop & Doctor*]  
Wisdom 6:1-11 / Luke 17:11-19

16<sup>th</sup> Weekday [*St. Margaret of Scotland; Saint Gertrude*]  
Wisdom 7:22-8:1 / Luke 17:20-25

17<sup>th</sup> Memorial: *St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious*  
Wisdom 13:1-9 / Luke 17:26-37

18<sup>th</sup> Weekday [*Dedication of the Basilicas of Saints Peter and Paul; St. Rose Philippine Duchesne; BVM*]  
Wisdom 18:14-16; 19:6-9 / Luke 18:1-8

### Mass Intentions


|           |       |                                     |
|-----------|-------|-------------------------------------|
| Saturday  | 5:30  | Intentions of Jane Kaer             |
| Sunday    | 8:00  | Intentions of Sr. Marifranca        |
|           | 9:30  | James Arakaki RIP                   |
|           | 11:30 | For the People of the Parish        |
| Monday    | 5:30  | Intentions of Owen W. Fitzgerald    |
| Tuesday   | 8:30  | Intentions of Fr. Michael Dodds, OP |
| Wednesday | 5:30  | Intentions of Fr. Anthony Nwankwo   |
| Thursday  | 8:30  | Intentions of Carolyn Tune          |
| Friday    | 5:30  | Nicholas Espejo RIP & Holy Souls    |
| Saturday  | 8:30  | John Boss RIP & Holy Souls          |

# EXPLORE MASCULINE SPIRITUALITY


JOIN FR. NICK, FR. RIGO, & DEACON JEFF

FOR AN EVENING OF


## Benediction



## Bourbon



and



## Barbecue

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17TH

5:00 – 8:00 PM

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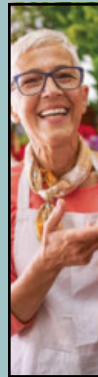


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