

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)

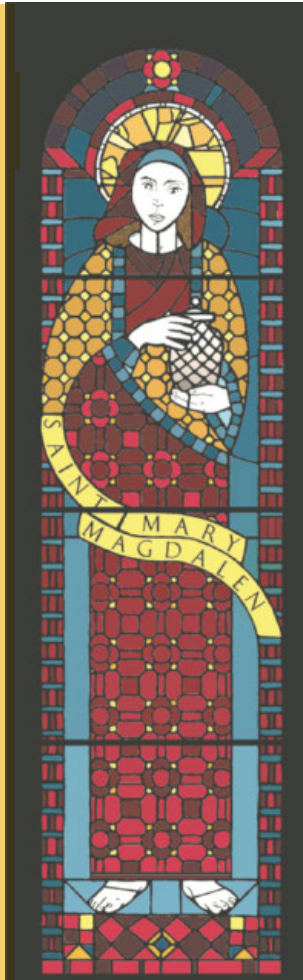
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BAPTISM:

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.

Our Parish is Celebrating Black Catholic Month!


See All 12 Posters in the Church, on the Fence, or at marymagdalen.org/bcm

Or... click on the images in the electronic version of this Bulletin to read their biographies.

St. Mary Magdalen Parish Celebrates Black Catholic Month

Norman Francis

(1931 - present)



Norman Christopher Francis was the first Black law student at Loyola University in New Orleans and later become president of Xavier University, our nation's only historically Black and Catholic university. Francis was born on March 30, 1931, in Lafayette, Louisiana, and moved to New Orleans in 1948. Francis and his siblings attended Catholic schools and Mass every Sunday. He credits his parents — neither of whom finished high school — for teaching him “how to live, to respect people, how to make a living and to always remember who you are.” At age 18, he entered Xavier University of Louisiana (XULA) on a work scholarship. He was elected President of his class for all four years, earning his B.S. in 1952, after which he became the first African American to enter Loyola University. He received his law degree in 1955. He quickly renounced the practice of law when he realized that *“the future belongs to those who are educated.”* In 1957, Francis was appointed Dean of Men at XULA, and it was in this role that he boldly welcomed the Freedom Riders on their stop in New Orleans after segregationists had just bombed their bus in Alabama. He recalled his conversation at the time with Xavier’s then-president, telling Sister Kenney, *“No room at the inn? We’re a Catholic school. We’ve got to open the dorm.” And we did.* He became XULA’s president himself in 1968, just after Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.’s assassination. During his 47-year tenure as president, Francis guided Xavier’s growth both in size and dimension. Throughout his presidency, the University more than doubled its enrollment, broadened its curriculum, expanded its campus, strengthened its financial base, and enhanced its tradition of academic excellence. During these decades he also worked as a civil rights lawyer, focusing on getting young Black men and women out of jail. *“People haven’t really dealt yet with racism. In the sense that each would respect the other, we’re not there yet.”*

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Maud Green

(1935 - 2021)




Maud Pearson Green was an educator, mentor, and philanthropist. A biochemist by training, she retired as the acting principal of Lowell High School in San Francisco. She also founded several scholarship funds for needy students and mentored many of the youth of her parish, St. Columba of Oakland. Green was the youngest of 13 children born to Peter and Elizabeth Pearson in Norfolk, Virginia. She moved to the Bay Area to study biochemistry, and upon graduation she became a lab technician at Children’s Hospital. It was there that she realized that her true calling was to be a teacher, and so she returned to U.C. Berkeley for a master’s degree in education. She became a beloved science teacher at McAteer High School, and later on the Vice Principal, and finally, acting Principal of Lowell High School. She met her husband, Bill Green, when they were both teachers in San Francisco. Both converts to the Catholic faith, they lived in El Cerrito and eventually became members of St. Columba, where she soon became a pillar of the parish, volunteering in the Health Cabinet and in women’s groups. She was also a Eucharistic Minister and Lector at Mass. At her death, the church established a scholarship in her name. Green was a member of many organizations, including the local chapter of the AKA sorority, Alpha Nu Omega. She was also a master gardener; her dear friend Bea Morgan recalled that all she needed to do was to show her a leaf from a feeble plant, and *“Maud would be able to look at the leaf and tell you what you need to buy. The next thing I knew, she would be at my house with the right product.”* Two of her former students, Stacey Horton and Debra Blanchard, memorialized Green with these words: *“While the lemon picking, mint snipping, succulent and vegetable harvesting in her earthly garden may end, her prized crop of students that blossomed into family will perennially bear fruit enriched by her soil.”*

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Servant of God Thea Bowman

(1937-1990)




Sister Thea Bowman, FSPA, was a religious sister, college professor, liturgist, and nationally-renowned public speaker who challenged the Catholic Church to welcome the beauty and necessity of Black culture across the United States and Africa, using her glorious singing voice to engage her audiences. Thea Bowman grew up in a prosperous family in Canton, Mississippi, the only child of a medical doctor and a teacher. When she was small, four Franciscan Sisters opened a school there; they so impressed her that at age nine, she converted to Catholicism, and at fifteen she left to join their order in La Crosse, Wisconsin, where she was the only Black Sister. Her charismatic nature overcame the prejudice of some of the Sisters, and her order eventually sent her to American University in Washington to earn a Ph.D. in English literature. Throughout the 1960s, Sister Thea was a popular English professor at Viterbo College, but was eventually sent home to Canton to care for her aging parents, at which point the Bishop of Jackson, Mississippi, commissioned her to create and lead a new Office of Intercultural Ministry. In this role, Sister Thea traveled all over the U.S., giving presentations that combined singing, gospel preaching, prayer, and storytelling, which she continued long after being diagnosed with cancer in 1984. She taught that Black Catholic worship was every bit as valid and Catholic as white-centered worship. She published *Lead Me, Guide Me*, the first specifically Black Catholic hymnal. Shortly before she died, she was the keynote speaker at the U.S. Conference of Bishops, where she had all the bishops hold hands and sing *“We Shall Overcome.”* They endorsed her cause for sainthood on November 14, 2018. *“I’m content to do my little bit. Sometimes people think they have to do big things in order to make change. But if each person would light a candle, we’d have a tremendous light.”*

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Rev. Fr. Jay Matthews

(1948 - 2019)

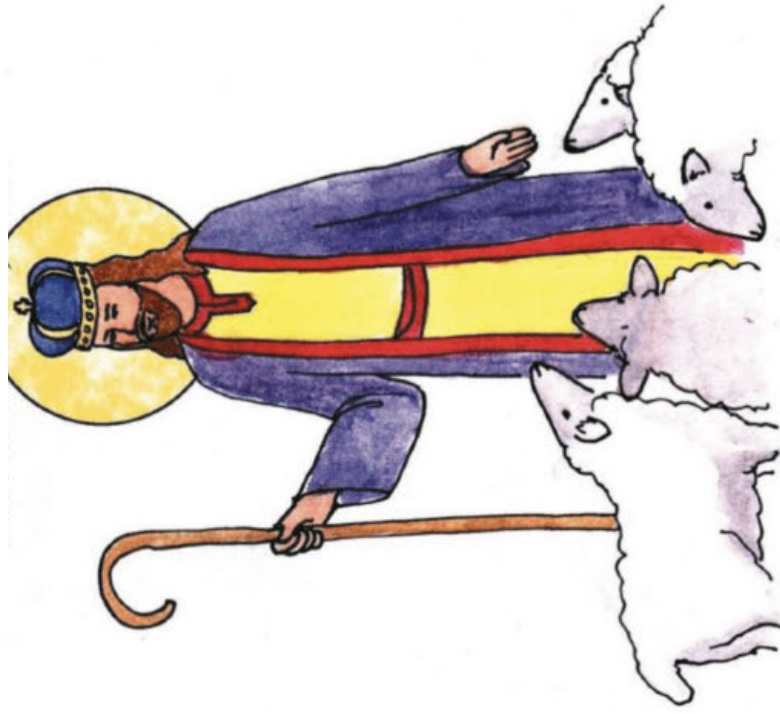


The Very Reverend Jay Matthews was the first Black priest to be ordained in Northern California, and was serving as Rector of Cathedral of Christ the Light at the time of his death. Father James Vernon Matthews, Jr., affectionately known as *“Father Jay,”* was born in Berkeley and raised in East Oakland in the same parish that he would later lead for more than 25 years, St. Benedict. After graduating from Skyline High School, he entered the seminary in Menlo Park, where he earned his B.A. and M.A.; he later studied at GTU in Berkeley and at the Gregorian University in Rome. In 1974, he became the first African American to be ordained to the priesthood in Northern California. Father Jay became a nationally known figure in the Black Catholic community and a bright light in the Diocese of Oakland, where he served for decades, also as the Parochial Administrator of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish and finally as Rector of our Cathedral. He also proudly served as the chaplain to the Oakland police and fire departments and as vicar and spiritual director of Black Catholics. In 2014, the Oakland City Council designated May 6th as *“Father Jay Matthews Day.”* His sudden death of a heart attack in March 2019 was mourned by people all over the state of California and across the United States. On the occasion of Father Jay’s passing, our Bishop wrote that *“Father Matthews’ infectious love for his faith, his parishioners and his community was a source of joy and inspiration”* for him. In the words of Matthews’ dear friend, Fr. Jayson Landeza, who succeeded him as pastor of St. Benedict parish, as well as chaplain for the Oakland police and fire departments: *“To give generously, lovingly and unconditionally, and to do that with a sense of service — that was Jay.”*

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The Kids' Bulletin

Feast of Christ the King



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What does God say about His people in the first reading?
 Use the code to find out some of what He said.

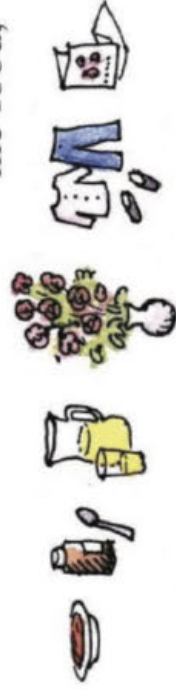
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Gospel Match-Up

In today's Gospel reading, Our Lord tells the people how they will be judged. What did the righteous people do when they found people in need?

See if you can match up the needs on the left with the help on the right!

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| 1. I was hungry and • | • you welcomed me, |
| 2. I was thirsty and • | • you clothed me, |
| 3. a stranger and • | • you gave me drink, |
| 4. naked and • | • you cared for me, |
| 5. ill and • | • you visited me. |
| 6. in prison and • | • you gave me food, |



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Recent Reads

Here are a couple of books I've read recently that I recommend: Robert Rubin's *The Yellow Pad* and Ann Patchett's *Tom Lake*. One is non-fiction while the other is an excellent novel.

Robert Rubin was Secretary of the Treasury under President Clinton in the 1990's. While there is nothing groundbreaking here, Rubin's advice to write out positive and negative aspects of a decision is a helpful reminder. Much of the book reminisces about choices he and the rest of Clinton's cabinet had to make. He points out how, that after methodical examination, some decisions are no-brainers, while others are high risk with little chance of a positive outcome. Near the end of the book, Rubin notes

Among the essential promises America stands for is that together we can make better decisions when confronting the greatest social, economic, and national security challenges of our time. The United States has often fallen far short of delivering on that promise. But I believe it's done a better job than any great power in world history.... Furthermore, I think that while it would be irrational to be overly confident about the future of our country, society or planet, it would also be irrational to despair. "We're doomed!" is, among other things, an overconfident view.

This is an eminently readable book. I don't agree with all Rubin's politics, but he has a lot to say about calm, rational, decision making in difficult times.

Ann Patchett is always a fluid writer. While *Tom Lake* is a fairly predictable coming-of-age story, Patchett's telling of it is creative. Tom Lake, by the way, isn't a person but a fictitious lake where a theatre festival was held.

The protagonist, Lara, and her family own a cherry orchard in northern Michigan. The pandemic is raging, and they are unable to assemble a field crew to pick their crop. To keep her daughters occupied while they engage in the monotonous and strenuous task of cherry-picking, Lara recounts her brush with movie stardom, dating a famous actor and her eventual marriage to their father who directed the two in summer stock.

Patchett's character development is always spot-on. In addition, she adds enough plot details to enable me to envision her settings without getting in the way of the story. This is the third novel I've read by Ann Patchett, and I look forward to her next offering.

Film, Food, and Discussion: The Japanese-American Experience, Part II



Join parishioners **Troy Kaji, MD,** and **Arlene Makita-Acuña,** who will discuss their experiences growing up as the children of

WWII internees in the context of the 40-minute, award-winning documentary, *And Then They Came for Us*.

Delicious Japanese food will be served before the screening. **This is a free event: bring your friends!**

6:30 to 8:30 pm - Saturday, December 9th - Parish Hall

Holiday Outreach Giving Tree



As Advent approaches, we're again collecting donations for *St. Mary's Center, Mercy Center Brown Bag Program for Seniors, Elizabeth House, Catholic Charities, the Women's Daytime Drop-In Center, and St. Vincent de Paul.* A **Giving Tree** with ornaments for Target gift certificates (best purchased online or in the store) and monetary requests is now in the church. **Your generous monetary donations are very welcome!** **All donations can be dropped off at the Parish rectory or in the collection basket up to Sunday, December 10th.** On that morning (12/10), we'll be in Norton Hall from **9:00 to 11:00 am.** *Thank you!*

Christ, the King of the Universe, Year A ~ November 26th, 2023



Exposition & Benediction

of the Blessed Sacrament

will take place in the Church after the 5:30 pm Mass (starting shortly after 6:05 pm) on

All the Fridays of Advent!

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

Due to the early holiday publication deadline, the parish collection for November 19th will be reported next week.

Scripture Readings for the Week

26th OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE
Ezekiel 34:11-17 / 1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28 /
Matthew 25:31-46

27th Weekday
Deuteronomy 1:1-6, 8-20 / Luke 21:1-4

28th Weekday
Deuteronomy 2:31-45 / Luke 21:5-11

29th Weekday
Deuteronomy 5:1-6, 13-17, 23-28 / Luke 21:12-19

30th FEAST: ST. ANDREW, APOSTLE
Rom 10:9-18 / Matthew 4:18-22

1st Weekday
Deuteronomy 7:2-14 / Luke 21:29-33

2nd Weekday [Blessed Virgin Mary]
Deuteronomy 7:15-27 / Luke 21:34-36

Mass Intentions



Saturday	5:30	Florintina Uy Onglatco RIP
Sunday	8:00	For the People of the Parish
	9:30	Robert Kelleher RIP
	11:30	Holy Souls
Monday	5:30	Susan Linda Galleymore RIP & Holy Souls
Tuesday	8:30	Owen Basil Fitzgerald RIP
Wednesday	5:30	Pete Hurd RIP & Holy Souls
Thursday	8:30	John Betschart RIP
Friday	5:30	Intentions of Virginia Jimenez
Saturday	8:30	Jewel DeBellis RIP

Parish Calendar through December 3rd, 2023

November 24	Friday	Reflection on the Sunday Gospel	9:15 - 10:15 am, Norton Hall
November 25	Saturday	Funeral for John Boss	11:00 am, followed by a reception downstairs.
November 25/26	Weekend	Preacher at Weekend Masses: Dn. Dwyer SJ	5:30 pm Saturday; 8:00/9:30/11:30 am Sunday
November 26	Sunday	OCDS (Lay Carmelite Monthly Gathering)	Noon-5:15 pm; Conference Room
November 26	Sunday	CONCERT: Cantata Collective	4:00 pm, Church
November 28	Tuesday	Reflection on the Sunday Gospel	Zoom link: tinyurl.com/SMM-GospelGroup
November 28	Tuesday	RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation)	7:00 - 9:00 pm, Parish Hall.
November 29	Wednesday	Meeting of SPRED Catechism	6:30 pm, Norton Hall
November 29	Wednesday	Bible & Faith Studies: The Prophets	7:00 - 8:30 pm, Parish Hall.
December 1	Friday	Reflection on the Sunday Gospel	9:15 am, Norton Hall
December 1	Friday	Adoration & Benediction (Holy Hour)	6:05 pm, Church
December 2/3	Weekend	Preacher at Weekend Masses: Dn. Burns	5:30 pm Saturday; 8:00/9:30/11:30 am Sunday
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December 9	Saturday	FILM: The Japanese-American Experience	6:30 pm, Parish Hall (Light dinner to be served)
December 10	Sunday	CHRISTMAS CONCERT & TREE LIGHTING!	3:00 pm, Parish Hall

Second Weekend of the WINTER COAT COLLECTION



Do you have a coat to spare? **Dorothy Day Catholic Worker House** is collecting adult men and women's coats in preparation for the winter weather ahead. They provide coats for the 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 collect coats this weekend through December 3rd.

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