

February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024 | First Sunday in Lent, Year B

# 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)

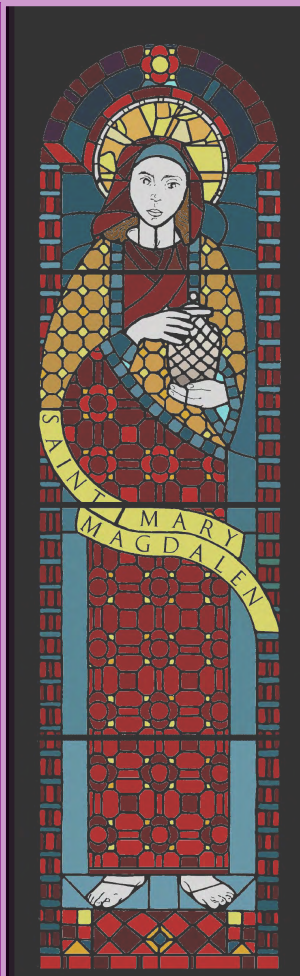
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*We live the Gospel,  
and we care for others."*

### 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.

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# First Sunday of Lent, Year B ~ February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024

## Collection Report for the Week of February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Sunday	Actual	Budget	Difference
02/11/2024	\$10,445.60	\$8,980.00	\$1,465.60
Year-to-Date	\$47,084.90	\$53,780.00	-\$6,695.10

*Congratulations – we achieved our weekly goal!*



*Eucharistic Adoration will take place after the 5:30 pm Mass (~ 6:05 pm) on all the Mondays of Lent.*

## Scripture Readings for the Week

- 18<sup>th</sup> FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT  
Genesis 9:8-15 / 1 Peter 3:18-22 / Mark 1:12-15
- 19<sup>th</sup> Lenten Weekday  
Leviticus 19:1-2, 11-18 / Matthew 25:31-46
- 20<sup>th</sup> Lenten Weekday  
Isaiah 55:10-11 / Matthew 6:7-15
- 21<sup>st</sup> Lenten Weekday [St. Peter Damian, Bishop and Doctor of the Church]  
Jonah 3:1-10 / Luke 11:29-32
- 22<sup>nd</sup> FEAST: CHAIR OF SAINT PETER THE APOSTLE  
1 Peter 5:1-4 / Matthew 16:13-19
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Lenten Weekday [St. Polycarp, Bishop & Martyr]  
Ezekiel 18:21-28 / Matthew 5:20-26
- 24<sup>th</sup> Lenten Weekday  
Deuteronomy 26:16-19 / Matthew 5:43-48

## Mass Intentions

- Saturday 5:30 Caesar M. Roque RIP
- Sunday 8:00 Maria Ramirez RIP
- 9:30 For the People of the Parish
- 11:30 Sally Ann Stevens RIP
- Monday 5:30 Intentions of Jane Kaer
- Tuesday 8:30 Sheila Bea RIP
- Wednesday 5:30 Intentions of José Guerrero
- Thursday 8:30 Thomas Harezlak RIP
- Friday 5:30 Fr. Bill Nadeau RIP
- Saturday 8:30 Intentions of Jane Taylor

## Parish Calendar through February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2024

- February 16** Peace & Justice Monthly Meeting  
Friday 4:00 pm, Norton Hall
- February 16** Stations of the Cross  
Friday 6:05 pm, Church (*All the Fridays of Lent.*)
- February 17/18** Preacher at Weekend Masses: Dcn. Ryen  
Weekend 5:30 pm Saturday; 8:00/9:30/11:30 am Sunday
- February 18** FREE CONCERT: Cantata Collective  
Sunday 5:00 pm, Church (*BWV 95 & BWV 108*)
- February 19** Eucharistic Adoration (Holy Hour)  
Monday 6:05 pm, Church (*All the Mondays of Lent.*)
- February 20** Reflection on the Sunday Gospel Zoom link:  
Tuesday 2:00 - 3:00 pm, [tinyurl.com/SMM-GospelGroup](https://tinyurl.com/SMM-GospelGroup)
- February 20** RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation)  
Tuesday 7:00 - 9:00 pm, Norton Hall.
- February 21** Meeting of SPRED Catechism  
Wednesday 6:30 pm, Norton Hall
- February 23** Reflection on the Sunday Gospel  
Friday 9:15 am, Norton Hall
- February 23** Stations of the Cross  
Friday 6:05 pm, Church (*All the Fridays of Lent.*)
- February 25** Fourth Sunday Dinner for the Hungry  
Sunday Noon – 4:00 pm, Magdalen Hall

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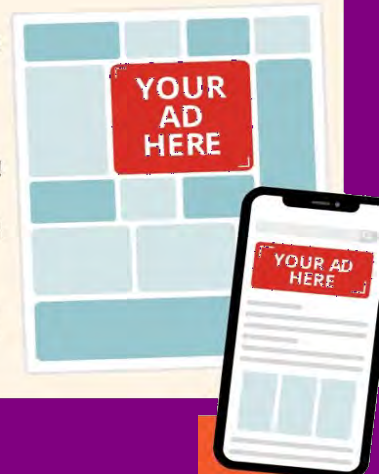
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# 2024 Annual Parish Conference

Keynote Speaker: JST Dean Orobator, SJ

Theme: The Synod on Synodality

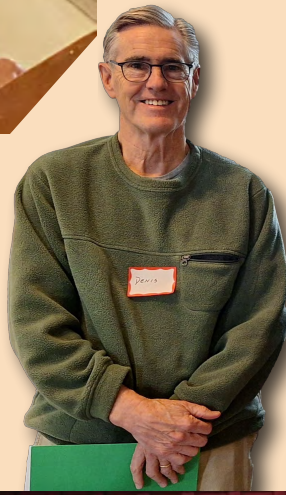
Action: the Parish Hall renamed to Magdalen Hall



Dean Orobator, SJ



Sheila Ring



Denis Ring



Fr. Nicholas Glisson



Peter Hess



Dean Orobator, SJ



Robert Remiker



James Pawlak



Ann Fitzgerald



Sally Smith



Robert Remiker

Lisa Aliferis



Marni Gonzalez, Marguerite & Troy Kaji, Peter & Viviane Hess

More photos (by Fr. Nicholas Glisson, Emily Onglatco, and Laura Morland) available at [tinyurl.com/SMM-7thAPC](https://tinyurl.com/SMM-7thAPC).

# THE CATHOLIC CATECHISM

When *The Catechism of the Catholic Church* was published in 1994, I initially had some problems with it. I was not happy that no attempt was made to avoid sexist language, language largely absent in the Latin edition. It seemed to me like an attempt by the *Congregation of the Doctrine of the Faith*, then headed by Cardinal Ratzinger (later Pope Benedict XVI) to impede implementation of the Second Vatican Council. I agreed with the many theologians who felt that the catechism would distill our highly nuanced faith into a series of transactions, due to its question-and-answer style.

Thirty years later, I can report to you with confidence that I was wrong! While I would still like more inclusive language, I have come to rely on the *Catechism* as the authoritative voice on what the Church believes and teaches. Notice that I didn't say, "*the last word.*" The final say on any Church doctrine is found in the documents behind the *Catechism*; specifically, the documents of Vatican II, Canon Law and liturgical instructions within the sacramental books (e.g., *The Roman Missal*). These documents offer a broader context.

The purpose of the *Catechism* is to provide one place for authoritative teaching. Rather than searching through numerous volumes about a particular topic, the *Catechism* cites the teaching and gives its source.

A little like using an encyclopedia, it should be the first place you look rather than the last. If more depth is required, you can look up the sources as well as commentaries on the subject.

Another value of the *Catechism* is that it's hard to argue with the official source. When someone disagrees with me (or the Church), I call on the *Catechism*. More than once someone has quoted a medieval source or some cable commentator, and I've responded with what the *Catechism* actually says. It clarifies things quickly.

The question-and-answer style of the *Catechism* anticipates our inquiry in a way that avoids having to read through a lot of verbiage extraneous to the information needed. It also forms Church teachings in a way that speaks to our needs. If you've ever had to go through a long phone menu only to find that none of the categories answers your needs, you can appreciate that Catholic doctrine is set up this way.

Maybe the biggest barrier to laypeople using the *Catechism* is its massive scope. It starts with the most fundamental questions about our faith, and then breaks them down into ever more specific subjects. To overcome this issue, a number of abridged editions exist, such as the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' *Compendium: Catechism of the Catholic Church* and the *United States Catholic Catechism for Adults*. Another useful and enjoyable way to digest the *Catechism* is "*Catechism In A Year!*" which delivers two items from the *Compendium* to your email daily. You can sign up (it's free) at [flocknote.com/catechism](http://flocknote.com/catechism).

## CATECHISM IN A YEAR

### 57. If God is omnipotent and provident, why then does evil exist?

To this question, as painful and mysterious as it is, only the *whole* of Christian faith can constitute a response. God is not in any way - directly or indirectly - the cause of evil. He illuminates the mystery of evil in his Son Jesus Christ who died and rose in order to vanquish that great moral evil, human sin, which is at the root of all other evils.

*Further reading:* CCC 309-310, 324, 400

### 58. Why does God permit evil?

Faith gives us the certainty that God would not permit evil if he did not cause a good to come from that very evil. This was realized in a wondrous way by God in the death and resurrection of Christ. In fact, from the greatest of all moral evils (the murder of his Son) he has brought forth the greatest of all good (the glorification of Christ and our redemption).

*Further reading:* CCC 311-314, 324



cantata collective



Cantata Collective invites you to our next installment of FREE Bach Cantatas this Sunday at 5:00 pm in the Church. We welcome back some local favorites: soprano Tonia D'Amelio and tenor David Kurtenbach Rivera. Joining the ensemble in their Cantata Collective debuts are alto Sylvia Leith and baritone Edmund Milly. They will perform *Christus, der ist mein Leben*, BWV 95, and *Es ist euch gut, daß ich hingehe*, BWV 108.



# The Kids' Bulletin

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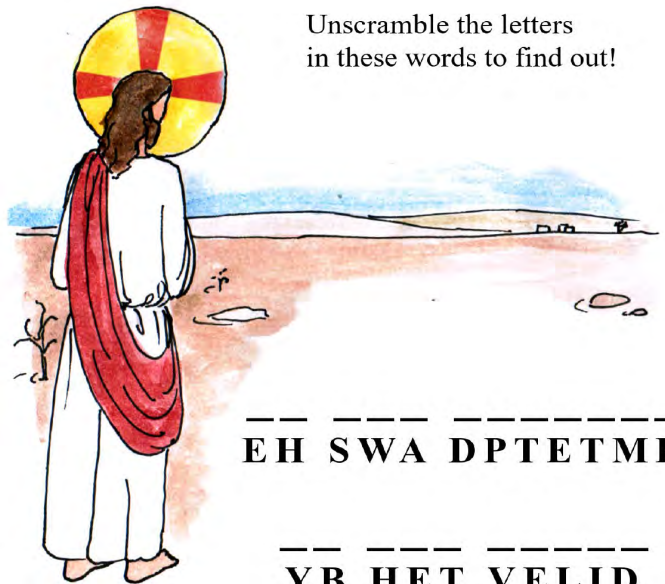
## JESUS IN THE DESERT

Today's Gospel reading tells us that Jesus was fasting in the desert for forty days. He was preparing Himself for His special work.

We know that Jesus was a real person. He was like us except that He never sinned. There was something that happened when He was in the desert that shows us that He had to decide between right and wrong just like we do. What was it?



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Unscramble the letters  
in these words to find out!

EH SWA DPTETME

YB HET VELID

*What was the story mentioned in today's first reading that talks about God washing away the sins of the world and making a covenant with His people?*

*Connect the dots to find out what the story was about!*

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WHEN IT'S TIME TO  
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