

March 10th, 2024 | Fourth Sunday in Lent, Year B

St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Parish



Our Lenten Reconciliation Service is TOMORROW at 7:30 pm.

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)

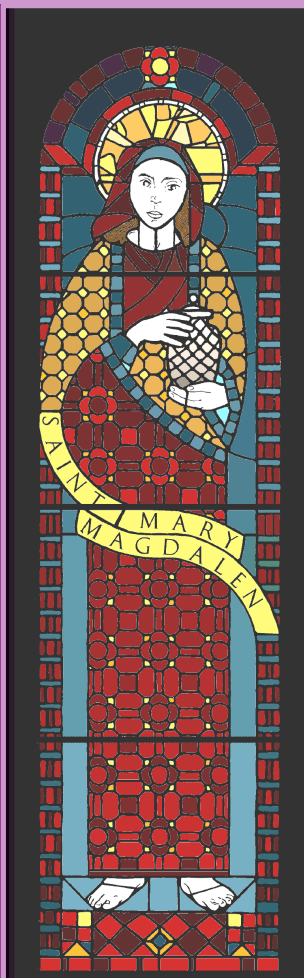
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BAPTISM:

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.

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Collection Report for the Week of March 3 rd , 2024			
Sunday	Actual	Budget	Difference
03/03/2024	\$8,081.40	\$8,980.00	-\$898.60
Year-to-Date	\$70,446.52	\$80,720.00	-\$10,723.48

We are coming closer to achieving our weekly goal!



Eucharistic Adoration takes place after the 5:30 pm Mass (~ 6:00 pm) on all the Mondays of Lent.

Scripture Readings for the Week

- 10th FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT
2 Chronicles 36:14-23 / Ephesians 2:4-10 / John 3:14-21
- 11th Lenten Weekday
Isaiah 65:17-21 / John 4:43-54
- 12th Lenten Weekday
Ezekiel 47:1-9, 12 / John 5:1-16
- 13th Lenten Weekday
Isaiah 49:8-15 / John 5:17-30
- 14th Lenten Weekday
Exodus 32:7-14 / John 5:31-47
- 15th Lenten Weekday
Wisdom 2:1, 12-22 / John 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
- 16th Lenten Weekday
Jeremiah 11:18-20 / John 7:40-53

Mass Intentions



- Saturday 5:30 For the People of the Parish
- Sunday 8:00 Sammy Plesencia RIP
- 9:30 Maurice McElligott RIP
- 11:30 Peace & Justice in Palestine
- Monday 5:30 Intentions of Conor Fitzgerald
- Tuesday 8:30 Catherine Andres RIP
- Wednesday 5:30 Intentions of Jessica Ochoa
- Thursday 8:30 Florentina Uy Onglatco RIP
- Friday 5:30 Intentions of Xiomara
- Saturday 8:30 Intentions of Hani T. Mahoney

Parish Calendar through March 15th, 2024

- March 8** Stations of the Cross
Friday 6:00 pm, Church (*Led by Peace & Justice*)
- March 8 & 15** Parish Lenten Soup Suppers
Weekend 6:30 pm, Norton Hall. *Free to everyone!*
- March 11** Eucharistic Adoration (Holy Hour)
Monday 6:05 pm, Church (*All the Mondays of Lent.*)
- March 11** Lenten Reconciliation Service
Monday 7:30 pm, Church
- March 12** Reflection on the Sunday Gospel Zoom link:
Tuesday 2:00 - 3:00 pm tinyurl.com/SMM-GospelGroup
- March 12** Parish Pastoral Council Monthly Meeting
Tuesday 7:00 - 8:30 pm, Conference Room.
- March 12** RCIA
Tuesday 7:00 - 9:00 pm, Norton Hall
- March 13** Meeting of SPRED Catechism
Wednesday 6:30 pm, Norton Hall
- March 15** Reflection on the Sunday Gospel
Friday 9:15 am, Norton Hall *All are welcome!*
- March 15** Stations of the Cross + Soup Supper
Friday 6:00 pm, Church; 6:30 pm, Norton Hall

STATIONS OF THE CROSS



Every Friday in Lent, immediately after the 5:30 pm Mass (~ 6:05 pm)

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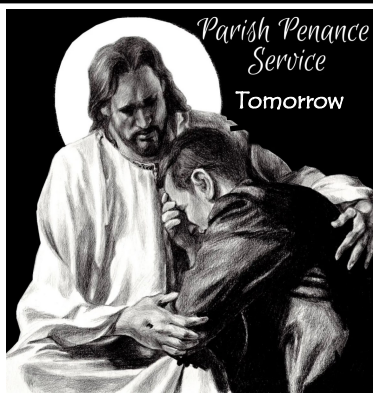


THURSDAY, MARCH 14TH

6:00 – 8:00 PM

MAGDALEN HALL & RECTORY

RSVP TO PARISH@MARYMAGDALEN.ORG



Lenten Reconciliation Service

Monday, March 11th
7:30 pm

Exchange your heavy load for the lighter burden of Christ!

GIRL SCOUT COOKIE SALE!

Our parish Girl Scout Troop 32694 — made up mostly of Madeleine 5th-graders — will be back selling Girl Scout Cookies again this weekend... but *only* after the 9:30 am Mass. Please come to the parking lot starting at 10:30 am and pick up your Do-Si-Dos, Samoas, or Tagalongs! (Just to name a few.) If you can't make it, you may buy your cookies online and still support our troop! Go to: tinyurl.com/32694Cookies



Your Signature Can Help to Alleviate Hunger Around the Globe

Hunger is on the rise worldwide, exacerbated by the pandemic, climate change, and regional conflicts. Are you aware that *malnutrition contributes to nearly half of all preventable deaths among children under the age of five*, and that even in the United States, one in five children are at risk of going to bed hungry?

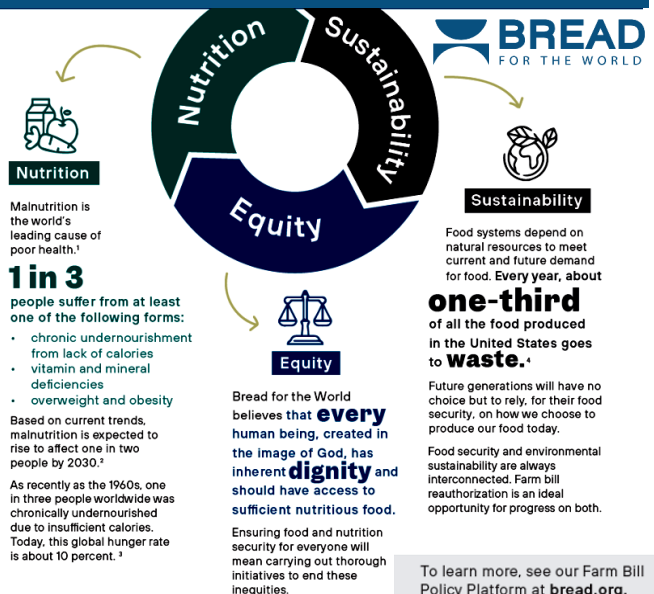
We **can** do something about this ongoing crisis. How? By adding *advocacy* to the three Lenten mandates (*praying, fasting, and giving alms*). *Bread for the World* reminds us that *all the donations you make to charitable organizations are a drop in the bucket compared to what our government can do with one single piece of legislation.*

Next weekend, March 16th & 17th, we are asking that you add your name to the effort to end hunger by *signing a letter to our representatives in Washington, D.C.*, urging them to pass the *2024 Farm Bill*, a bill that will provide funding for an array of critically important programs, funds and initiatives to alleviate hunger in our country and across the globe.

Letters from concerned constituents can make a tremendous impact on pending legislation. You can help enable millions of people to move out of poverty through the small act of signing your name.

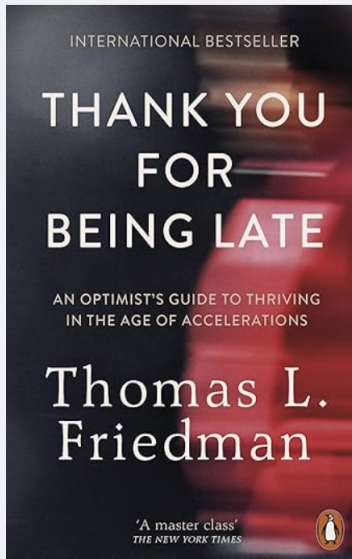
Please come next weekend prepared to take part in our parish's annual Offering of Letters by adding your signature to letters to our Senators & Congressional representatives in support of the 2024 Farm Bill.

Building a Healthy, Equitable, and Sustainable Food System via the Farm Bill



Information Flow

A few years back, I read the book *Thank You for Being Late* by Thomas Friedman. It is one of the denser books I've read recently, but it's also one of the most important. Basically, Friedman is an optimist, but the picture he paints of our world is rather scary.



Friedman sees three factors combining to make our world accelerate at a pace unknown in human history: *computer development*, *global markets*, and *climate change*. He believes these areas are changing so rapidly that we are unable to adapt, and this is causing people the world over to feel dislocated (and in many cases, have literally become dislocated). The repercussions include everything from the election of Donald Trump, to the refugee crisis, to Islamic jihad.

According to Friedman's book, we can no longer rely on a high-school education or even a college degree to see us through an entire career. Beginning now, we must be nimble and continue our education throughout our lives in order to maintain an acceptable standard of living. Fortunately, computers, social media, and changing attitudes on the part of employers will make this adaptation easier.

Few jobs today cannot be outsourced to workers who live in emerging economies around the world, and so workers are no longer only competing locally. Moreover, ease of mobility enables low-pay, low-skilled workers to move wherever they are needed, which causes competition even for those jobs that are un-exportable (e.g., in sanitation). This trend can be counterbalanced, however, by the internet, by enabling people who have less than a college degree to market their skills more widely.

Perhaps the biggest challenge is climate change. We assume that most of the refugees flooding into Europe are escaping Islamic fundamentalism, but in fact two-thirds of them are fleeing record-setting droughts in Africa and the Middle East. Once again, technology may be key in resolving this desperation, but it will also take a change in attitude by local, national, and world leaders to address the crisis.

Friedman believes that we have the tools to tackle the challenges of the new millennium, but it will require agile, creative leadership. This is where I'm less optimistic. As a species, we seem to get serious about a crisis only when it is already overwhelming us. We're better at muddling through than meeting challenges head-on. Our initial response to the Covid pandemic is a good example of that kind of response.

As well, this brave new world seems to be designed only for clever, quick, and aggressive personalities. Those kind of people probably make up less than half the working force. Will the rest of us live at the behest of the arrogant? This is where the Roman Catholic Church comes in. Since the days of Jesus himself, we have been looking out for the less fortunate. In the Middle Ages, the Church was a major counterweight to the feudal system. During the Industrial Revolution, Pope Leo XIII spoke out for the masses against the Robber Barons. Our new prayers for social justice should include ways of caring for all those who are being displaced by technology, a globalized economy and climate change.



One way to help care for those suffering from these ills: *Bread for the World*, the Christian Social Justice lobby, will begin its annual letter-writing campaign to Congress next week.

By signing letters destined to your Senators and Representative, you can enable our Congress to be *agile*, to encourage them to respond to the needs of the displaced by voting for the 2024 Farm Bill, which not only affects our nation's farmers, but provides nutrition and related assistance worldwide.

Letters will be available at both entrances to the church before and after every Mass next weekend. You can learn more about Bread for the World's campaign in the column on page 3. Thank you for your participation.

Soup Suppers Return to Norton Hall After the Stations of the Cross ~ 6:30 pm on March 8th & 15th ~

By popular demand, the parish will be offering two Soup Suppers during Lent! Many thanks to the parishioners who spontaneously volunteered to bring this tradition back to our parish.

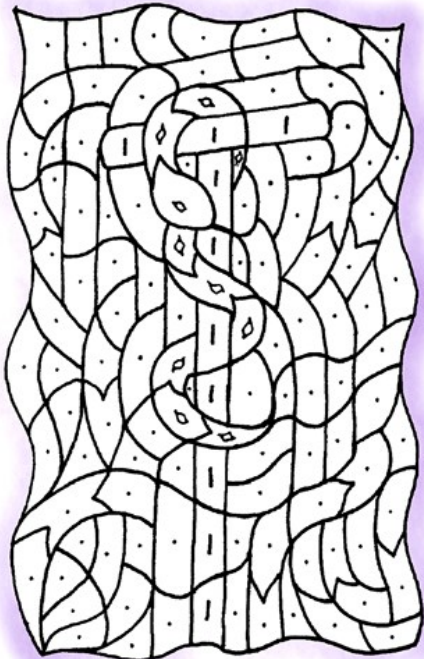


Stations of the Cross take place in the Church immediately after the 5:30 pm Mass (~ 6:00 pm)

After praying the Stations, come down to Norton Hall for a delicious Soup Supper!
 ♦ March 8th: *Soupe au Pistou* by Mary Blyskal & Catie Cariaga Nakamura
 ♦ March 15th: Cauliflower Soup by Patty Lipinska & Selvi Royan McKay

The Kids' Bulletin

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Jesus died on the cross so that our sins could be forgiven and we could go to Heaven. When God's people in the desert were bitten by snakes, Moses held up something he made from bronze that the people could look at and live. What was it? Use the colour code to find out!

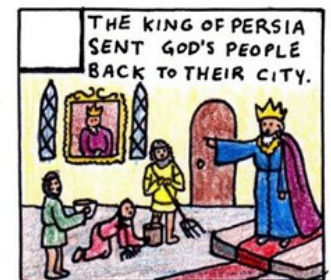
• blue | brown ◊ green

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The Deportation to Babylon

Do you know what happened to the people of Jerusalem when they sinned against God?

These pictures are in the wrong order. Put the numbers from 1 to 6 in the boxes to sort them out!



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