

March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024 | Fifth 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  
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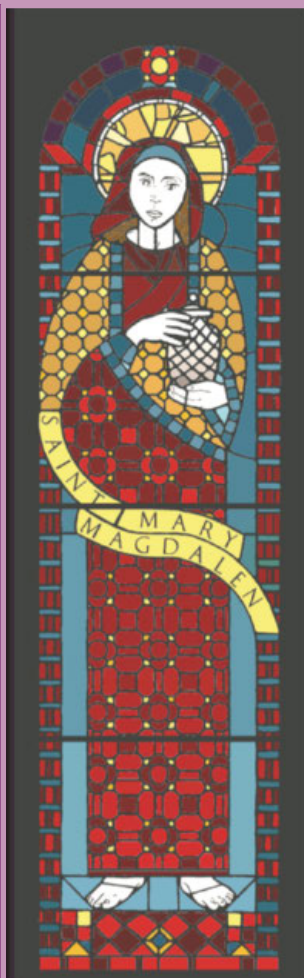
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### BAPTISM:

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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## ANN FITZGERALD FLEMER RIP

On March 1<sup>st</sup>, our parish lost a bright star when Ann Flemer, chair of the Parish Finance Council, entered into Eternal Life far too soon, at age 65.

Ann spent her professional career at the Metropolitan Transportation Commission where, as Deputy Executive Director of Operations and Policy, she was instrumental in implementing the Americans with Disabilities Act to make transit accessible to everyone.



Photo by Theresa Thomas at the 1st Annual Parish Conference in 2018.

As was attested in the eulogy delivered by one of her sisters at her packed funeral here last Friday morning, Ann's talents were not limited to finance. She and her husband, Paul, created a foundation that preserved baseball as a varsity sport at UC Berkeley. And for a fundraiser at our Parish Picnic in 2022, Ann designed and sewed several professional-quality tote bags that she wittily named:

*Madeleine in Paris ~ Mangia Bene! ~ Tea for Two  
Tailgate Picnic ~ Crazy for Chocolate ~ Girl's Home Spa*  
May perpetual light shine upon her.



## GIRL SCOUT COOKIE SALE!

Our parish Girl Scout Troop 32694 — made up mostly of Madeleine 5<sup>th</sup>-graders — will be back selling Girl Scout Cookies through Palm Sunday ... but *only* after the 9:30 am Mass. Please come to the parking lot starting at 10:30 am and pick up your Tagalongs, Samoas, or Do--Si-Dos ! (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](https://tinyurl.com/32694Cookies)



## Fight World Hunger - This Weekend!



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, 1 in 5 children are in danger 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 we make to charitable organizations are a drop in the bucket compared to what our government can do with one single piece of legislation.*

This weekend, March 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>, 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.

This weekend, please 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.

### Prayer for Peace

*God of Peace, we praise you for your steadfast love and faithfulness to us and to all of your creation.*

*We see the brokenness in your world and long for justice and righteousness to bring peace and healing to the land by the power of your Holy Spirit.*

*Strengthen us as we co-labor to protect those who experience hunger and poverty from oppression, and endeavor to promote human flourishing.*

*Bless our hands and our feet and our voices as we follow the path you make for us that leads to peace.*

*Amen.*

To learn more about Bread for the World's Farm Bill Policy Platform, go to [bread.org](https://bread.org).



Last Saturday, parishioner Troy Kaji led a group to the site of Manzanar (Inyo County), where his father was interned during WWII. Eighteen parishioners & school families were among the pilgrims to the Eastern Sierras.

# The Kids' Bulletin

Fifth Sunday of Lent  
March 17th, 2024

# Psalm 51 Word-Find



In today's Gospel reading Jesus says, "Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit."

Can you find your way from this grain of wheat to the new seeds at the top?

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See if you can find the words from today's Psalm that are in CAPITALS in the puzzle!

The leftover letters tell what the author of the Psalm was asking God for!

Have MERCY on me, O GOD,  
in your GOODNESS;  
in the GREATNESS of your COMPASSION  
wipe OUT my OFFENCE.  
THOROUGHLY WASH me from MY GUILT  
and of my SIN CLEANSE me.

A clean HEART CREATE for me, O God,  
and a STEADFAST spirit RENEW within me.  
CAST me not out from your PRESENCE,  
and your Holy Spirit TAKE not from me.

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## Lenten Resolutions

How is Lent going for you this year? We're moving towards the end, and so if you're like me, I suspect your resolve may be flagging a bit. A standard Lenten resolution for me is to lose weight. I know myself well enough to understand that I can't just keep the weight off — I must reserve some time each year to reset the scales (literally) and then not worry about it for a while. Lent seems the perfect opportunity. Some people may object that if I am gaining some practical value from fasting, it should not count spiritually. I disagree.

If it were the case that one should not benefit from their sacrifices, then people in Jesus' time would not have been able to eat the sacrifices they offered in the temple. Part of ancient sacrifice was its ritual consumption after being offered up. This is mirrored in our own sacrifice at Mass. After Jesus' body and blood are offered up on the altar, we then consume the Eucharist in communion.



Certainly there is nobility in receiving nothing in return for our sacrificial efforts, but it's not a requirement. Moreover, if receiving some benefit from our Lenten actions encourages us to engage in them — and maybe sustain them throughout the year — then we are better off on all counts.

If you're having some difficulty fulfilling your Lenten resolutions, remember two things: First, we take on good works, fasting, and prayer in order to prepare ourselves for Easter. We don't perform these acts as ends in themselves; rather, we do so in solidarity with those who will be baptized or received into the Church at the Easter Vigil. Finally, we pray that depriving ourselves of little comforts or making an extra effort during Lent will prepare

ourselves for the coming of the resurrected Christ into our hearts. If our hearts are — physically, as well as spiritually — a little healthier on account of our Lenten efforts, so much the better!



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

### St. Mary Magdalen Parish STATIONS OF THE CROSS



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

# Fifth Sunday of Lent, Year B ~ March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024

## Collection Report for the Week of March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Sunday	Actual	Budget	Difference
03/10/2024	\$7,803.60	\$8,980.00	-\$1,176.40
Year-to-Date	\$78,250.12	\$89,700.00	-\$11,449.88

*Thank you for your donations!*

## Soup Suppers Return to Norton Hall After the Stations of the Cross ~ 6:30 pm on March 15<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> ~



Stations of the Cross — created for the carvings in our church by parishioner Maureen Wesolowski — take place immediately after the 5:30 pm Mass (~ 6:05 to 6:30 pm)

After praying the Stations, go downstairs for a delicious Soup Supper!  
March 15<sup>th</sup>: Roasted Cauliflower Soup (Patty Lipinska & Selvi McKay)



## Scripture Readings for the Week

- 17<sup>th</sup> FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT  
Jeremiah 31:31-34 / Heb. 5:7-9 / John 12:20-33
- 18<sup>th</sup> Lenten Weekday [St. Cyril, Bishop & Doctor]  
Deuteronomy 13:1-9, 15-62 / John 8:1-11
- 19<sup>th</sup> ST. JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY  
2 Samuel 7:4-16 / Romans 4:13-22 / Matthew 1:16-24
- 20<sup>th</sup> Lenten Weekday  
Deuteronomy 3:14-20, 91-95 / John 8:31-42
- 21<sup>st</sup> Lenten Weekday  
Genesis 17:3-9 / John 8:51-59
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Lenten Weekday  
Jeremiah 20:10-13 / John 10:31-42
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Lenten Weekday [St. Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop]  
Ezekiel 37:21-28 / John 11:45-56

## Mass Intentions



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| Saturday  | 5:30  | Intentions of Krysia Grycz & Family                       |
| Sunday    | 8:00  | For the People of the Parish                              |
|           | 9:30  | Nicholas Espejo RIP                                       |
|           | 11:30 | Ed Mazzucchi RIP  |
| Monday    | 5:30  | Ann Flemer RIP  |
| Tuesday   | 8:30  | Elsie Marie Giacomazzi RIP                                |
| Wednesday | 5:30  | Joseph McWalters, Sr. RIP                                 |
| Thursday  | 8:30  | Juanita Nielsen RIP                                       |
| Friday    | 5:30  | Intentions of Oliver Jozef Ovens                          |
| Saturday  | 8:30  | Intentions of Mharsie Paterno and deceased family members |

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

March 15	Peace & Justice Monthly Meeting
Friday	4:00 pm, Norton Hall
March 15	Stations of the Cross + Soup Supper
Friday	6:00 pm, Church; 6:30 pm, Norton Hall
March 16/17	Preacher at Weekend Masses: Dcn. Jeff
Weekend	5:30 pm Saturday; 8:00/9:30/11:30 am Sunday
March 16/17	Bread for the World's Offering of Letters
Weekend	Before & After All Masses; see page 2 for details
March 17	OCDS (Lay Carmelite Monthly Gathering)
Sunday	1:00 pm-5:00 pm; Conference Room & Church
March 18	Eucharistic Adoration (Holy Hour)
Monday	6:00 pm, Church (All the Mondays of Lent.)
March 19	Reflection on the Sunday Gospel Zoom link:
Tuesday	2:00 - 3:00 pm <a href="https://tinyurl.com/SMM-GospelGroup">tinyurl.com/SMM-GospelGroup</a>
March 19	RCIA (Christian Initiation for Adults)
Tuesday	7:00 - 9:00 pm, Norton Hall
March 20	Meeting of SPRED Catechism
Wednesday	6:30 pm, Norton Hall
March 22	Reflection on the Sunday Gospel
Friday	9:15 am, Norton Hall All are welcome!
March 22	Pray the Rosary for Peace in Ukraine & Gaza
Friday	3:00 pm, Church
March 22	Stations of the Cross + Soup Supper
Friday	6:00 pm, Church; 6:30 pm, Norton Hall
March 24	Fourth Sunday Dinner for the Hungry
Sunday	Noon - 4:00 pm, Magdalen (Parish) Hall
March 24	CONCERT: "Take Note"
Sunday	4:00 pm, Church
March 25	Eucharistic Adoration (Holy Hour)
Monday	6:00 pm, Church. Fr. Carl Schlichte, OP

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