

April 28th, 2024 | Fifth Sunday of Easter, Year B

St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Parish



Rev. Nicholas Glisson, Pastor. The Most Reverend Michael Barber, SJ, Bishop – Diocese of Oakland

SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday 5:30 pm (Livestreamed)
Sunday 8:00, 9:30, 11:30 am

DAILY MASSES

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)

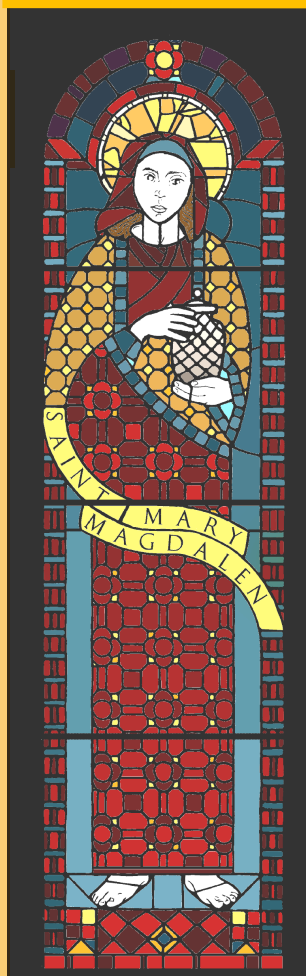
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*"Together we share our
Faith in Jesus Christ.*

*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 5th Sunday Mass, and by appointment.

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Fifth Sunday of Easter, Year B ~ April 28th, 2024

Parish Collections through April 21st, 2024

Sunday	Actual	Budget	Difference
04/21/2024	\$8,565.63	\$8,980.00	-\$414.37
Year-to-Date	\$139,245.19	\$156,600.00	-\$17,354.81

We almost made our weekly goal — thank you!

Bread for the World, at whose urging our parish held an "offering of letters" to Congress last month, continues all year long to be vigilant about world hunger. Legislators pay attention to what is important to their constituents.



Let's keep up the pressure on them! Become a member of **Bread for the World**, and receive their quarterly newsletter so as to be informed about proposed legislation. Their website: bread.org/act.

Scripture Readings for the Week

- 28th FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
Acts 9:26-31 / 1 John 3:18-24 / John 15:1-8
- 29th Memorial: St. Catherine of Siena, Doctor of the Church
Acts 14:5-18 / John 14:21-26
- 30th Easter Weekday [St. Pius V, Pope]
Acts 14:19-28 / John 14:27-31
- 1st Easter Weekday [St. Joseph the Worker]
Acts 15:1-6 / John 15:1-8
- 2nd Memorial: St. Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor
Acts 15:7-21 / John 15:9-11
- 3rd FEAST: SAINTS PHILIP AND JAMES, APOSTLES
1 Corinthians 15:1-8 / John 14:6-14
- 4th Easter Weekday
Acts 16:1-10 / John 15:18-21

Mass Intentions

- Saturday 5:30 Wesley H. Clark RIP
- Sunday 8:00 Veronica Ramirez RIP
9:30 For the People of the Parish
11:30 Gaspar Magisa RIP
- Monday 5:30 Intentions of Vivian Zelaya
- Tuesday 8:30 Richard Goncalves RIP
- Wednesday 8:30 Intentions of Walter Betschart
5:30 Holy Souls in Purgatory
- Thursday 8:30 Intentions of Sharon Ceasar
- Friday 5:30 Sally Stevens RIP
- Saturday 8:30 Intentions of the Spiegel Family

Parish Calendar through May 5th, 2024

- April 26** Friday Pray the Rosary for Peace in Ukraine & Gaza 3:00 pm, Church
- April 27/28** Weekend Preacher at Weekend Masses: Deacon Jeff 5:30 pm Saturday; 8:00/9:30/11:30 am Sunday
- April 28** Sunday 4th Sunday Dinner for the Hungry 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm — All volunteers welcome!
- April 28** Sunday Fr. Nick returns from his trip to Japan. (Serving as ship's chaplain on the *Westerdam*.)
- April 30** Tuesday Reflection on the Sunday Gospel Zoom link: 2:00 - 3:00 pm, tinyurl.com/SMM-GospelGroup
- April 30** Tuesday RCIA: Christian Initiation for Adults 7:00 pm, Norton Hall
- May 1** Wednesday Meeting of SPRED Catechism 6:30 pm, Norton Hall
- May 1** Wednesday Liturgy Committee Meeting & Potluck 6:00 pm, Rectory
- May 3** Friday Reflection on the Sunday Gospel 9:15—10:15 am, Norton Hall
- May 3** Friday Eucharistic Adoration (Holy Hour) 6:00 pm, Church
- May 5** Sunday 1st Sunday Dinner for the Hungry 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm SundayDimmes@marymagdalen.org



**MANY MINISTRIES
ONE CHURCH**

BISHOP'S MINISTRIES APPEAL 2024
oakdiocese.org/bishops-ministries-appeal

Fr. Nick's photos from his Cruise around Japan (+ Korea)



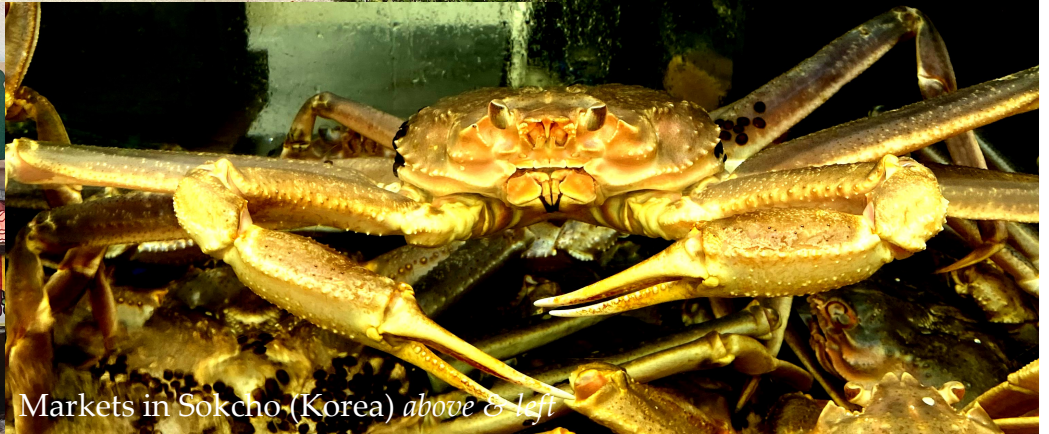
Kenroku-en Garden, Kanazawa



*Shōfuku-ji Temple
(1195), Fukuoka*



Leaving Yokohama on the Westerdam



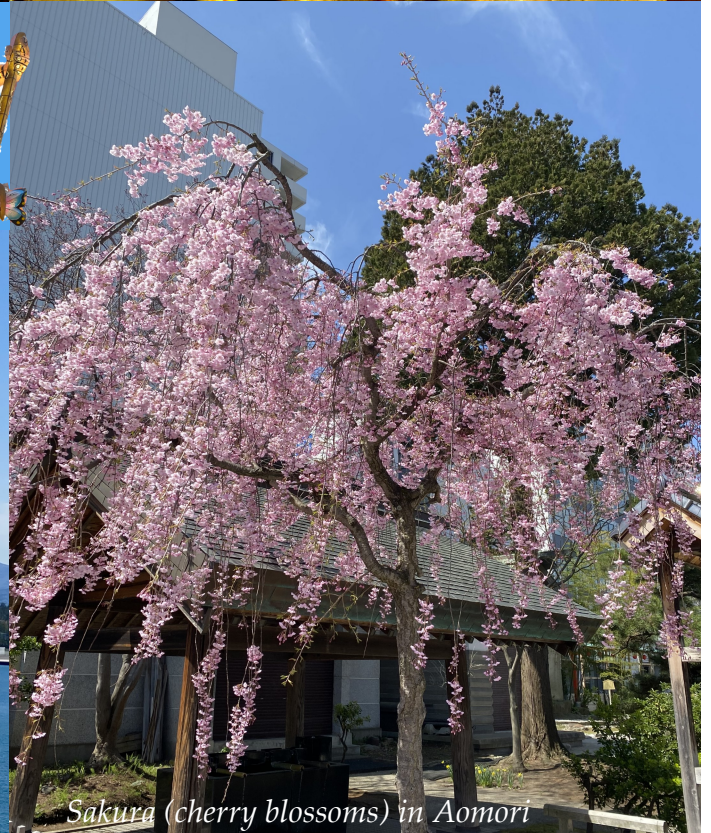
Markets in Sokcho (Korea) above & left



Aomori Nebuta Festival figurines



Mount Chōkai from Sakata



Sakura (cherry blossoms) in Aomori

St. Athanasius

During his lifetime, St. Athanasius of Alexandria, had the unfortunate sobriquet of *Athanasius Contra Mundum*, "*Athanasius Against the World*." Sometimes standing up for one's beliefs does not go well at all! During its first four centuries the Church had to sort out what it believed. The Church's understanding of Jesus' life, death and resurrection provided the foundation, but its implications had to be worked in councils, synods, and, occasionally, in riots in the streets.



The case of Bishop Arius was a particularly messy example of how the Church came to terms with what it believed. Arius taught that Jesus was adopted into the Godhead because of his heroic sacrifice of his life for humankind. The Catholic understanding was that Jesus had always been God, but was uniquely of two substances—human and divine. This is known as the *hypostatic union*. The Creed of Athanasius states:

He is God from the essence of the Father, begotten before time; and he is human from the essence of his mother, born in time; completely God, completely human flesh; equal to the Father as regards divinity, less than the Father as regards humanity. Although he is God and human, yet Christ is not two but one...

Sound familiar? It has come down to us as the *Nicene Creed* that we recite most Sundays. It is the meaning of the word "*consubstantial*."

While this argument may turn on a technicality, it has broad implications for us. If, as Arius claimed, Jesus had become the Son of God through his heroic efforts, it would be incumbent on *us* to achieve our salvation—something beyond our power. Faith alone saves us; anything else is a bar too high for us to surmount.

Although Athanasius' teaching finally won the day, he spent his whole life getting there. As in our own time, politics played a role in the adoption of the Hypostatic Union as our creed. As Bishop of Alexandria (Egypt), Athanasius was exiled from his own see five times, and died thinking the Arians had won. Nevertheless, within a few years of his death, he was beatified, and St. Gregory of Nazianzus called him a Pillar of the Church. His feast day is this Thursday, May 2nd, the date of his death in 373.

Athanasius is considered one of the four great Eastern Doctors of the Church. Some scholars have made the case that, in his Easter letter of 367, Athanasius was the first person to list the 27 books of the New Testament canon that are in use today. He is venerated as a saint in the Eastern Orthodox Church, the Roman Catholic Church, and the Coptic Orthodox Church, as well as in the Church of England and the Lutheran Church.

St. Athanasius is an example for those of us who might waver in our belief. His position was well thought out and had the backing of a council. He stuck to it even when it made him unpopular and forced him to flee his post. I suspect Athanasius may not have had the most ingratiating personality, but his writings ultimately formed the basis for a central tenet of our belief—that salvation is God's free gift, not something we have to work to earn. Our work is in grateful thanksgiving for something we cannot achieve on our own.

MARY MAGDALEN Festival Tea

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\$50 per person

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tinyurl.com/SMM-2024Tea

You may also purchase tickets in the parish office.

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1 - 3 PM

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WOMEN AND SYNODALITY

WHERE CAN WE GO FROM HERE?

ABOUT

"Women and Synodality: Where Can We Go from Here?" is a gathering that makes space for imagining the role of women in the future of the global Church. With keynotes and interactive break-out sessions, the event provides an opportunity for listening, dialogue, and building synodal bridges.

7-9pm, Thursday, May 2, 2024 and 9am-8pm, Friday, May 3, 2024 at the Jesuit School of Theology campus in Berkeley, CA.

Cynthia Bailey Manns

Voting Member of the 2023 Synod, Director of Adult Faith Formation, St. Joan of Arc Catholic Community, Minneapolis

Julia Oseka

Student, Voting Member of the 2023 Synod, St. Joseph University, Philadelphia

And Many Other Speakers

For more information and to register please visit:
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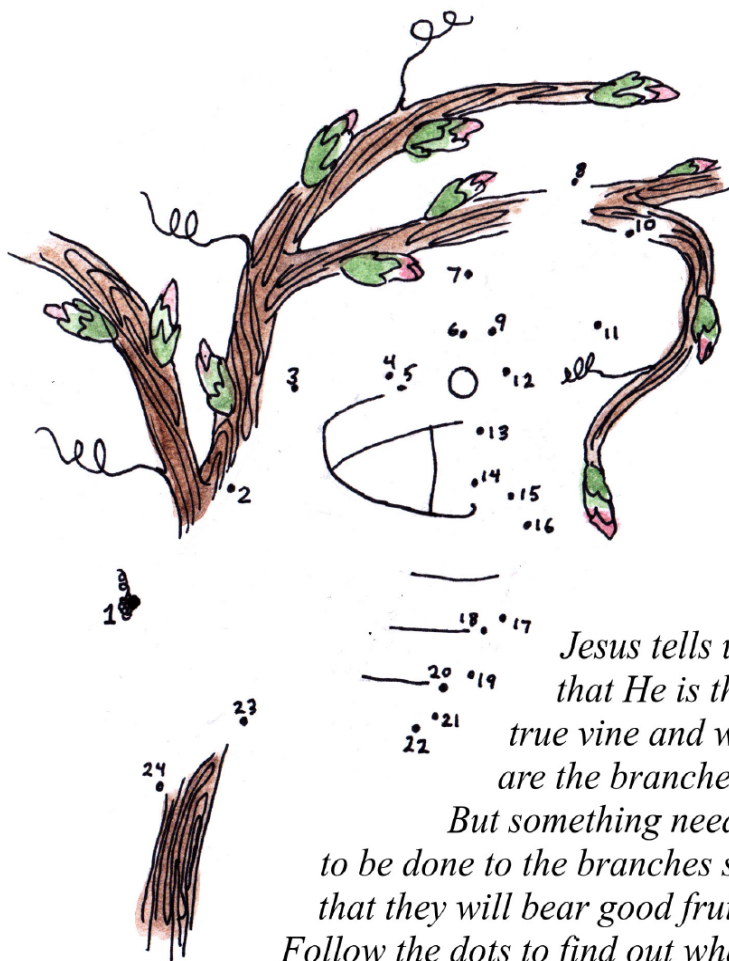
COST

Free for SCU students, staff, and faculty. \$10 for members of the public. The event is generously funded by a grant from the Jesuit Conference of Canada and the United States



The Kids' Bulletin

Fifth Sunday of Easter
April 28th, 2024



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Jesus tells us that He is the true vine and we are the branches.

But something needs to be done to the branches so that they will bear good fruit. Follow the dots to find out what it is. (Start at the little grapes!)

SAINT PAUL: TRUE OR FALSE

How much do you know about Saint Paul when he first became a Christian?

1. Saint Paul's name used to be Saul. True or false?
2. Before his conversion, Saint Paul hated the Christians. True or false?
3. The disciples in Jerusalem were afraid of Paul when he first came. True or false?
4. Barnabas told the other Christians that Saint Paul had seen our Lord on the way to Damascus. True or false?
5. It took a long time before Saint Paul began to speak about Jesus in public. True or false?
6. When Saint Paul told some people about Jesus, they tried to kill him. True or false?
7. The other disciples would not let Saint Paul travel around to preach about Jesus. True or false?

Remember that you can check your answers for this (or any puzzle) at Sparky's website:
[tinyurl.com/TheKidsBulletin!](https://tinyurl.com/TheKidsBulletin)



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