

March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025 | First Sunday in Lent, Year C



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)

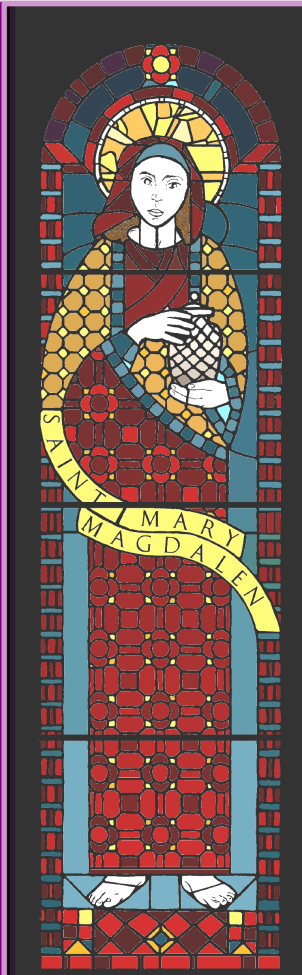
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**BAPTISM:** Preparation classes take place on the first Monday of the month. Please call the parish office for more information.

**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 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Mass, and by appointment.

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# First Sunday of Lent, Year C ~ March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025

Collections for the Week of March 2 <sup>th</sup> , 2025			
Sunday	Actual	Budget	Difference
03/02/2025	\$7,934.22	\$10,000.00	-\$2,065.78
Year-to-Date	\$71,483.27	\$90,000.00	-\$18,516.73
<i>We value your donations.</i>			

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## Scripture Readings for the Week

9<sup>th</sup> **FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**

Deuteronomy 26:4-10/ Romans 10:8-13/  
Luke 4:1-13

10<sup>th</sup> *Lenten Weekday*

Leviticus 19:1-2, 11-18/ Matthew 25:31-46

11<sup>th</sup> *Lenten Weekday*

Isaiah 55:10-11/ Matthew 6:7-15

12<sup>th</sup> *Lenten Weekday*

John 3:1-10/ Luke 11:29-32

13<sup>th</sup> *Lenten Weekday*

Esther C:12, 14-16, 23-25/ Matthew 7:7-12

14<sup>th</sup> *Lenten Weekday*

Ezekiel 18:21-28/ Matthew 5:20-26

15<sup>th</sup> *Lenten Weekday*

Deuteronomy 26:16-19/ Matthew 5:43-48

## Parish Calendar through March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2025

March 7 Friday	<b>STATIONS OF THE CROSS + SOUP SUPPER</b> 6:00 pm, Church; 6:30 pm, Norton Hall.
March 8 Saturday	<b>Funeral Reception for Elise Lusk</b> 2:30 pm - 4:30 pm, Magdalen & Norton Halls
March 8/9 Weekend	<b>Preacher at Weekend Masses: Deacon Jim</b> 5:30 pm Saturday; 8:00/9:30/11:30 am Sunday
March 9 Sunday	<b>Girl Scout Cookie Sales—Troop 32694</b> 10:30 am, parking lot. <i>(Final chance to purchase!)</i>
March 10 Monday	<b>EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION—HOLY HOUR</b> 6:00 pm, Church. <i>On all the Mondays of Lent.</i>
March 11 Tuesday	<b>Reflection on the Sunday Gospel</b> <i>Zoom link:</i> 2:00 - 3:00 pm, <a href="https://tinyurl.com/SMM-GospelGroup">tinyurl.com / SMM-GospelGroup</a>
March 12 Wednesday	<b>2nd Meeting of JustFaith Small Group</b> 10:30 am, Conference Room <i>All are welcome!</i>
March 12 Wednesday	<b>Meeting of SPRED Catechism</b> 6:30 pm, Norton Hall
March 14 Friday	<b>Reflection on the Sunday Gospel</b> 9:15 am, Norton Hall. <i>(All are welcome to join!)</i>
March 14 Friday	<b>Peace &amp; Justice Committee Meeting</b> 4:00 pm, Norton Hall. <i>All are welcome!</i>
March 14 Friday	<b>STATIONS OF THE CROSS + SOUP SUPPER</b> 6:00 pm, Church; 6:30 pm, Norton Hall
March 15 Saturday	<b>ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARTY! (Potluck)</b> 6:30 pm, Parish Hall. See: <a href="https://tinyurl.com/SMM-StP">tinyurl.com/SMM-StP</a>
March 15/16 Weekend	<b>Preacher at Weekend Masses: Fr. Nick</b> 5:30 pm Saturday; 8:00/9:30/11:30 am Sunday
March 17 Monday	<b>EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION—HOLY HOUR</b> 6:00 pm, Church. <i>On all the Mondays of Lent.</i>

## Mass Intentions



Saturday	5:30	For the People of the Parish
Sunday	8:00	Dioivanni Waters RIP
	9:30	Fr. Michael Morris, OP RIP
	11:30	Intentions of James Ovens Family
Monday	5:30	Intentions of Velma and Hugh Richmond
Tuesday	8:30	Intentions of Conor Fitzgerald
Wednesday	5:30	Intentions of Tom Fleming
Thursday	8:30	Intentions of Paul Sporer
Friday	5:30	Florentina Uy Onglatco RIP
Saturday	8:30	Intentions of Xiomara

## Special Lenten Activities

- ◆ Every Monday of Lent: Mass at 5:30 pm, followed by **Eucharistic Adoration**
- ◆ Every Wednesday of Lent: **JustFaith Group** from 10:30 am to 11:30 am in the Conference Room. *(All are welcome to join.)*
- ◆ Every Friday of Lent: Mass at 5:30 pm, followed by **Stations of the Cross**
- ◆ Every Friday of Lent: **Soup Supper** in Norton Hall, following the Stations of the Cross

# MOVIE NIGHT: CONCLAVE Screened to a Full House in Norton Hall



Emily Onglatco (at right, with Mary Hurd) constructed our Photobooth and provided the *zucchetti* props.



## Notes from Fr. Nick

# Funerals

In my first week as pastor in Williston, Florida, a family who were not regular churchgoers asked me to perform a funeral at the mortuary for a friend, who had been a groom in the racehorse industry. The family did not know his religion, and they were concerned that a Catholic liturgy might “offend” their Protestant colleagues. Unsure of how things were done in my new parish, I consented. The service as they planned it was long and maudlin. After it ended, I tactfully explained that the Catholic liturgy would have served everyone better. Rather than taking offence, they became pillars of my parish. I still exchange Christmas cards with them more than thirty years later.

For some reason, many Catholics are a little embarrassed about our funeral liturgies. I suppose they are afraid our worship will confirm the “hocus-pocus” prejudice of some people from outside our faith. I have found the contrary. I take time to briefly explain the rituals as we go along, and make sure non-Catholics feel welcomed and part of the celebration. Sprinkling the casket with holy water, placing the pall, incense, and other rites “open up” with a few words of explanation. More often than not, guests tell me afterwards they were grateful for being included.

The above notwithstanding, even Catholics appreciate a review of our funeral rituals occasionally. Catholic funerals are composed of three parts: the Vigil, the Funeral Mass and the Burial.

### **Vigil:**

The funeral vigil (or wake) can take place at any of three locations: the deceased’s family’s home, at the mortuary, or in the church. It consists of a short Liturgy of the Word, prayers for the deceased, and remarks by family and friends. This is the most appropriate time for people to give testimonials and eulogies. A rosary or a decade of the rosary may be prayed before or after, usually led by a member of the family. I’m surprised that, more than fifty years after the rituals were revised following Vatican II, many people still assume the rosary is the main part of the vigil. While praying the rosary is a fine tradition and appropriate at the wake, it is optional. Perhaps the nature of the vigil needs to be emphasized to mortuaries, so they will stop referring to the wake as “the rosary.”

### **Mass of Christian Burial:**

The opening rites parallel those of baptism, and take place near the font. The casket represents the baptismal font; sprinkling the casket with water represents the deceased’s baptism and the white pall placed over the casket symbolizes the baptismal garment. Other symbols of Christian life may be placed on the casket like a crucifix.

All then process into the church, where Mass takes place as usual. Recently, many parishes (including ours) now place the eulogy before the opening prayer. For many reasons this works better than at the end. At Communion I encourage non-Catholics to join us by coming forward for a blessing.

The Mass is concluded by the Final Commendation and Farewell. Incense symbolizes our prayer and the deceased rising to God. The beautiful hymn “*In Paradisum*” is sung. Normally no blessing occurs at the end of the Mass, as the final blessing will take place at the burial.

### **Burial:**

The liturgy concludes with the burial. As with the Vigil, the rite is rather brief. There is a short Liturgy of the Word. The ground is blessed (if it hasn’t been already) and the casket is lowered into the grave or placed in the crypt. The priest or deacon performs the Final Blessing. Because cemeteries are usually located at a distance from the church, the burial often takes place at a later time, punctuated by a reception at the church.

Funerals have flexible timing. Bishop Cummins’ funeral took place weeks after his death to accommodate people’s schedules. Sadly, the Vigil is being abandoned, largely because of the extra cost charged by many mortuaries.

One area where the Church is still insistent is in the placement of remains. Catholics are required to be buried or placed in a crypt. I think this is appropriate. First, the dead deserve a place where people can go to remember them. Simply scattering ashes doesn’t provide appropriate closure. Second, too often our loved ones remain on the mantle or in a closet, because people are squeamish about finally laying them to rest. The disposition of remains needs to be settled during funeral planning and the sooner it takes place after the funeral, the better. The longer people wait to dispose of them, the harder it becomes.

If you have any questions about funerals, please ask me or the other priests, or Deacon Jeff or Norah.

**Happy St. Patrick's Day!!!**



## **Family Potluck**

Saturday, March 15<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 pm

Norton Hall & Magdalen Hall

**Live Celtic Music**

**Children's Activities & Movie**

*Fun for the whole family!*

We will provide the Corned Beef, Drinks & Dessert

Please bring a dish for 4-6 people to share:

Last Name A-J : **Appetizers or Salad**

Last Name K-Z : **Side Dish**

RSVP to Parish Office by March 13<sup>th</sup> (510) 526-4811

*Please leave a message with your name and  
number of people attending.*

**Adults \$20 & Children FREE!!**



# Our Three Scout Troops Honored on Scout Sunday



Last month, the boys of Scout Troop 24, the girls of Scouts BSA Troop 42, and the Cadettes of Girl Scout Troop 32694 gathered at the 9:30 am Mass, where they read the Liturgy of the Word and assisted in other parts of the liturgy. They are pictured above receiving priestly blessings from our newest priest-in-residence, Fr. Titus.

Afterwards, three of the Cadettes (plus one little brother) sold Girl Scout Cookies to happy parishioners. **This Sunday is your final chance to purchase cookies!**

Photos: Troop 32694 Leader Gina Ramos Campbell



## The Kids' Bulletin

First Sunday of Lent  
March 9th, 2025



Luke 4:1-13

Jesus spent 40 days in the desert preparing for His work. During Lent we spend 40 days getting ready to celebrate Jesus' death and resurrection.

*Can you find your way into the desert to be with Jesus?*

## Jesus Was Tempted by the Devil: True or False?

How well do you know the story from today's Gospel reading?

1. Jesus went to the desert and didn't eat anything for 40 days. True or False?
2. Jesus was never tempted by the devil. True or False?
3. Jesus wasn't hungry, even after 40 days with no food. True or False?
4. The devil said that all the kingdoms of the world belonged to him. True or False?
5. Jesus said that He would only worship the devil if he gave Him all the power first. True or False?
6. Jesus wouldn't throw Himself off the Temple because He said it was "putting God to the test." True or False?
7. The devil kept bothering Jesus, even when he ran out of things to tempt him about. True or False?

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