

March 23rd, 2025 | Third Sunday of 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)

OFFICE HOURS

Monday — Friday

9:00 am — Noon

1:00 pm — 5:00 pm

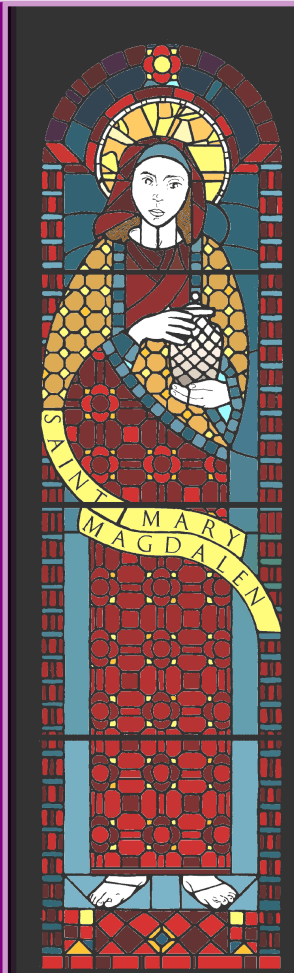
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*We live the Gospel,
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BAPTISM:

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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Collections for the Week of March 16th, 2025

Sunday	Actual	Budget	Difference
03/16/2025	\$6,173.00	\$10,000.00	-\$3,827.00
Year-to-Date	\$88,734.60	\$110,000.00	-\$21,265.40
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Scripture Readings for the Week

23rd THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Exodus 3:1-8, 13-15/1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12 / Luke 13:1-9

24th Lenten Weekday

2 Kings 5:1-15 / Luke 4:24-30

25th SOLEMNITY: THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD

Isaiah 7:10-14; 8:10 / Hebrews 10:4-10 / Luke 1:26-38

26th Lenten Weekday

Deuteronomy 4:1, 5-9 / Matthew 5:17-19

27th Lenten Weekday

Jeremiah 7:23-28 / Luke 11:14-23

28th Lenten Weekday

Hosea 14:2-10 / Mark 12:28-34

29th Lenten Weekday

Hosea 6:1-6 / Luke 18:9-14

Mass Intentions



Saturday	5:30	Joseph McWalters, Sr. RIP
Sunday	8:00	For the People of the Parish
	9:30	Fr. Francis Lynch RIP
	11:30	Barbara Joan Ruggiero RIP
Monday	5:30	Eric Poche RIP and Intentions of Denise Poche
Wednesday	5:30	William ("Bill") Rauch RIP and Intentions of Sandra Rauch
Thursday	8:30	Intentions of Paul Sporer
Friday	5:30	Intentions of Velma and Hugh Richmond

Parish Calendar through March 30th, 2025

March 21 Friday	Pray the Rosary for Peace in Ukraine & Gaza 3:00 pm, Church
March 21 Friday	STATIONS OF THE CROSS + SOUP SUPPER 6:00 pm, Church; 6:30 pm, Norton Hall
March 22 Saturday	Funeral for Betsy Harvey 10:30 am, Church, followed by a Reception
March 22/23 Weekend	Preacher at Weekend Masses: Fr. Titus 5:30 pm Saturday; 8:00/9:30/11:30 am Sunday
March 23 Sunday	Fourth Sunday Dinner for the Hungry Noon - 4:00 pm, Parish (Magdalen) Hall
March 23 Sunday	CONCERT: Music Sources 5:00 pm, Church. (Beethoven, Mozart + more)
March 24 Monday	EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION—HOLY HOUR 6:00 pm, Church. On all the Mondays of Lent.
March 25 Tuesday	Reflection on the Sunday Gospel Zoom link: 2:00 - 3:00 pm, tinyurl.com / SMM-GospelGroup
March 26 Wednesday	Meeting of JustFaith Small Group 10:30 am, Conference Room All are welcome!
March 26 Wednesday	Meeting of SPRED Catechism 6:30 pm, Norton Hall
March 28 Friday	Reflection on the Sunday Gospel 9:15 am, Norton Hall. (All are welcome to join!)
March 28 Friday	STATIONS OF THE CROSS + SOUP SUPPER 6:00 pm, Church; 6:30 pm, Norton Hall
March 28 Sunday	CONCERT: Barefoot Chamber Ensemble 6:30 pm, Magdalen Hall. Paris in the early 1700s
March 29/30 Weekend	Preacher at Weekend Masses: Deacon Jeff 5:30 pm Saturday; 8:00/9:30/11:30 am Sunday
March 30 Sunday	CONCERT: Junior Bach Honors Concert 3:00 pm, Church.

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

Events of Last Weekend: St. Patrick's Day & "A Living Directory"



Our annual St. Patrick's Day party dates back to the 1940s. Starting in 1981, Mary Bucher organized it for fourteen years, and Joan Bell continues to helm this festive parish tradition.



Photos: Fr. Nicholas Glisson

Sylvia On, Florence Wahl, Fr. Titus, and Elizabeth Jacob were among the many who feasted on corned beef and roasted peppers.



During "A Living Directory" We Shared our Experiences of Identity



"Table Reporters" (left to right): Denis Ring, Sheila Ring, Brian King, Fr. Nick, Kate King, Martha Gravois

Notes from Fr. Nick

Our Lady, Undoer of Knots

Pope Francis' favorite appellation for the Blessed Mother is "Our Lady, Undoer of Knots." This rather strange and little-known title may resonate with all of us, given the state of our world in 2025.

The idea of *Undoer of Knots* goes back to the second century. Saint Irenaeus of Lyon (122-200), one of the earliest saints to show a devotion to Mary, believed that Eve, by her disobedience, created a "knot" in human beings' relationship with God, until Mary, by her obedience, undid that knot.

Mary's title as *Undoer of Knots* faded into obscurity until the 18th century, when a German couple on the verge of divorce prayed a novena that Mary might undo the knots in their marriage. After their reconciliation, the couple commissioned the artist Johann Schmidtnr to paint Mary untying knots. This painted image has sustained Mary's title of Undoer of Knots ever since.

Oddly, this image of Mary recently came to me in a dream. I saw Mary standing at a huge loom, removing knots from fabric. The result was a massive lessening of tension.

Devotion to Mary as the undoer of knots is timely. Our society is at war with itself. Everywhere we look people are at loggerheads. Nobody is willing to admit the other side may have some valid points, and unless we buy another's entire agenda, they won't accept our support on individual items. Our culture is truly knotted up.

Mary Undoer of Knots is the same woman who quietly corrected her son when he slipped away from her and Joseph and stayed in the temple. Later, at Mary's request, Jesus changed water into wine in Cana to avoid their hosts' embarrassment. Maybe Mary, Undoer of Knots, can intercede for us: on the micro level when there are tensions in our families, and on the macro level for the tensions in our country and world. This strange and powerful image may help us see beyond our differences.



Maria Untier of Knots, c. 1700.

*Johann Georg Melchior Schmidtnr
St. Peter am Perlach, Augsburg, Bavaria*



*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)**

What's Next in Your Life?

A Spiritual Guide to Retirement and Purposeful Aging
A Retreat Day for our Senior Lay Friends

Date: March 29, 2025
Time: 9:30 am-4 pm
Where: Dominican Center
Cost: \$60
includes box lunch

RSVP by March 26

Register:

tinyurl.com/CES-Retirement

Jim Briggs, Administrator (Ret.)
Santa Clara University



REFUGEE FOSTER CARE INFORMATION SESSION

Refugee Foster Care supports unaccompanied refugee minors fleeing persecution and violence. We are seeking nurturing families to welcome a refugee youth into their home. Join us virtually to learn more!



March 27, 2025
6:30 PM

tinyurl.com/CCSCC-Refugees



408-325-5107
ccollins@ccscc.org

RSVP HERE



SCAN ME



Soup Suppers after the Stations of the Cross ~ 6:30 pm on all Fridays of Lent ~ We need a cook's helper on April 4th or 11th!



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 pm to ~ 6:35 pm)

After praying the Stations, go downstairs for a delicious Soup Supper!
On upcoming menus: Vegetarian Chili & Roasted Cauliflower Soup



The Kids' Bulletin

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March 23rd, 2025



Luke 13:1-9

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What's wrong with this fig tree?
See what the two men want to do with it by
reading what they say in a mirror.

The Burning Bush Word-Find

See if you can find
all the words
in CAPITALS
in this story.



The left over letters
tell what the
Israelites in Egypt
wanted:

A _ _ _ _ _
_ _ _ _ _

A F R A I D O F F R E E
B D E L I V E R O M F S
R G O D J E T H R O R U
A L O R D E A O W S E F
H A V E F S K L A E J F
A N I L I H E Y R S A E
M D S G R O U N D A C R
F L A M E E G Y P T O I
A O A B U S H O R E B N
C O C N D B L A Z I N G
E K M I S E R A B L E S

MOSES was looking after the sheep of his father-in-law, JETHRO, on Mount HOREB. Suddenly he noticed a BUSH that was BLAZING like FIRE, but it wasn't burning up! He came FORWARD to look closer, but GOD spoke from the FLAME, saying "Come no nearer. TAKE your SHOES OFF, for this is HOLY GROUND. I am the God of your fathers-of ABRAHAM, ISAAC and JACOB." Moses was AFRAID to LOOK at God, and covered his FACE. The LORD said, "I HAVE seen the MISERABLE state of my people in EGYPT and heard their cry to be FREE. I will DELIVER them from their SUFFERING and bring them to a new LAND."

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WHEN IT'S TIME TO
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