

April 6th, 2025 | Fifth 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)

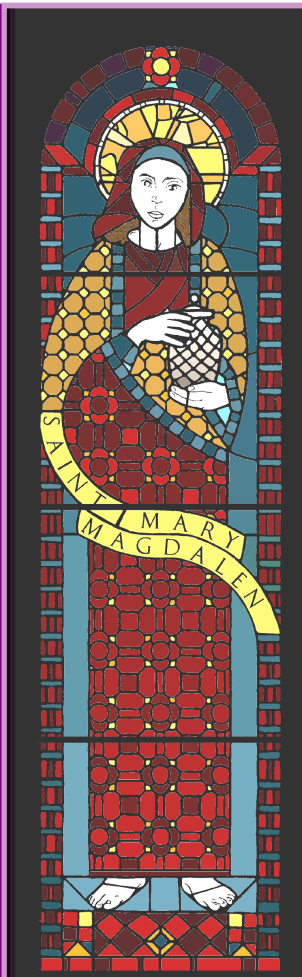
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Death of Former Pastor, Fr. David Farrugia, OP



The Vigil for Fr. David Farrugia, OP will be held on **Tuesday, April 8, at 7:30 p.m. at St. Dominic Church, Benicia**. The Funeral Mass will be celebrated on **Wednesday, April 9 at 10:30 a.m. at St. Dominic Church**, immediately followed by internment at St. Dominic’s Cemetery in Benicia. A reception at the church will follow the burial.

We are organizing carpools to Benicia: please contact bulletin@marymagdalen.org to request or offer a ride.

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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 30th, 2025

Sunday	Actual	Budget	Difference
03/30/2025	\$6,759.29	\$10,000.00	-\$3,240.71
Year-to-Date	\$104,175.19	\$130,000.00	-\$25,824.81
<i>Fifth Sundays are tough.</i>			



Eucharistic Adoration will continue at ~6:00 pm on Monday April 7th and April 14th. Come join us for this meditative experience.

Scripture Readings for the Week

- 6th **FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT**
Isaiah 43:16-21 / Philippians 3:8-14 / John 8:1-11
- 7th *Lenten Weekday [St. John Baptist de la Salle, Priest]*
Daniel 13:1-9, 15-30, 33-62 / John 8:12-20
- 8th *Lenten Weekday*
Numbers 21:4-9 / John 8:21-30
- 9th *Lenten Weekday*
Daniel 3:14-20, 91-95 / John 8:31-42
- 10th *Lenten Weekday*
Genesis 17:3-9 / John 8:51-59
- 11th *Lenten Weekday [St. Stanislaus, Bishop & Martyr]*
Jeremiah 20:10-13 / John 10:31-42
- 12th *Lenten Weekday*
Ezekiel 37:21-28 / John 11:45-56

Mass Intentions



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| Saturday | 5:30 | For the People of the Parish |
| Sunday | 8:00 | Intentions of John Gray |
| | 9:30 | Intentions of Amanda Montez and Family |
| | 11:30 | Intentions of James Pawlak and Family |
| Monday | 5:30 | Aniela Rabinska RIP |
| Tuesday | 8:30 | Intentions of Antoinette Betschart |
| Wednesday | 8:30 | Terese Julie Irving RIP |
| | 5:30 | Phillip Terry RIP |
| Thursday | 8:30 | Intentions of Cerna Caro |
| Saturday | 8:30 | Intentions of Antoinette Betschart |

Parish Calendar through April 14th, 2025

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| April 4
Friday | STATIONS OF THE CROSS + SOUP SUPPER
6:00 pm, Church; 6:30 pm, Norton Hall |
| April 5
Saturday | MEMORIAL SERVICE: DANIELLE TERRY
11:30 am, Church, followed by a Reception. |
| April 5/6
Weekend | Preacher at Weekend Masses: Deacon Jim
5:30 pm Saturday; 8:00/9:30/11:30 am Sunday |
| April 6
Sunday | First Sunday Dinner for the Hungry
Noon - 4:00 pm, Magdalen (Parish) Hall |
| April 7
Monday | EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION—HOLY HOUR
6:00 pm, Church. <i>On all the Mondays of Lent.</i> |
| April 7
Monday | St. Vincent de Paul Conference Meeting
7:00 pm, Norton Hall <i>All are welcome!</i> |
| April 8
Tuesday | Reflection on the Sunday Gospel <i>Zoom link:</i>
2:00 - 3:00 pm, tinyurl.com / SMM-GospelGroup |
| April 9
Wednesday | Funeral for Former Pastor, Fr. David Farrugia
10:30 am, St. Dominic Church, Benicia |
| April 9
Wednesday | Meeting of SPRED Catechism
6:30 pm, Norton Hall |
| April 9
Wednesday | Parish Pastoral Council Monthly Meeting
7:00 pm, Conference Room. <i>Anyone may attend.</i> |
| April 11
Friday | Peace & Justice Committee Meeting
4:00 pm, Norton Hall. <i>All are welcome!</i> |
| April 11
Friday | STATIONS OF THE CROSS + SOUP SUPPER
6:00 pm, Church; 6:30 pm, Norton Hall |
| April 12/13
Weekend | PASSION (PALM) SUNDAY MASSES
5:30 pm Saturday; 8:00/9:30/11:30 am Sunday |
| April 14
Monday | FINAL EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION OF LENT
6:00 pm, Church. <i>(1st Friday Holy Hour: 5/2)</i> |

Holy Week Schedule

- Palm Sunday Masses:** April 12th - 5:30 pm Vigil
April 13th - 8:00/9:30/11:30 am
- Tenebrae Service:** 9:00 am: April 17th, 18th, & 19th
- Holy Thursday:** 7:30 pm April 17th, followed by
Adoration in the Parish Hall until Midnight
- Passion of the Lord, with Veneration of the Cross:**
1:30 pm on Friday, April 18th
- Stations of the Cross:** 7:30 pm Friday, April 18th
- Easter Vigil:** 8:00 pm Saturday, April 19th
- Easter Sunday:** Masses at 8:00/9:30/11:30 am
[The 9:30 am Mass will *not* use incense.]

Scout Troops 24 & 42 Completed their Annual Service Project!



On March 15th, about 20 members of two of our parish **Scout Troops—24 & 42**—performed their annual service project, working on trail restoration with the park rangers at Lake Berryessa. It's their way of thanking the park service for letting them use the site for their annual Camporee gathering in April. Boys interested in joining Troop 24 can contact the troop through their website — troop24berkeley.org. Girls (ages 11-17) interested in joining Troop 42 can email Sarah Schroeder: Troop42SMSarah@gmail.com.

The Annual **Berkeley CROP Walk** will take place on **Sunday, May 18th** and will leave from our parking lot at **1:45 pm**. There are long route and short route options, and ice cream will be served to walkers upon our return to the Parish!

Where will your local donations go?

(1) **Dorothy Day House**, which has served breakfast every day for 34 years:

- DDH has recently expanded their program to serve lunch, serving roughly 250 meals/day
- They have added innovative shelters for the unhoused (4 24-hour shelters and 2 winter shelters)
- Daytime Drop-In for showers and grooming
- Recently added Dorothy's Closet — guests may shop for clothing and supplies

(2) **Berkeley Food Pantry**, which provides food for an average of 160 client families each day:

- They now provide pet food, diapers, and baby food
- Pre-pandemic, the BFP served an average of 40 people/day, 100 at the holidays. Food insecurity continues to grow in our area--now never fewer than 100 people/day, even in inclement weather.
- Staff furloughs and cuts in federal assistance programs are affecting food distribution to the larger food banks, along with cuts to farmers; USDA surplus food programs. The BFP is relying heavily on donations to provide enough food, and a healthy variety.



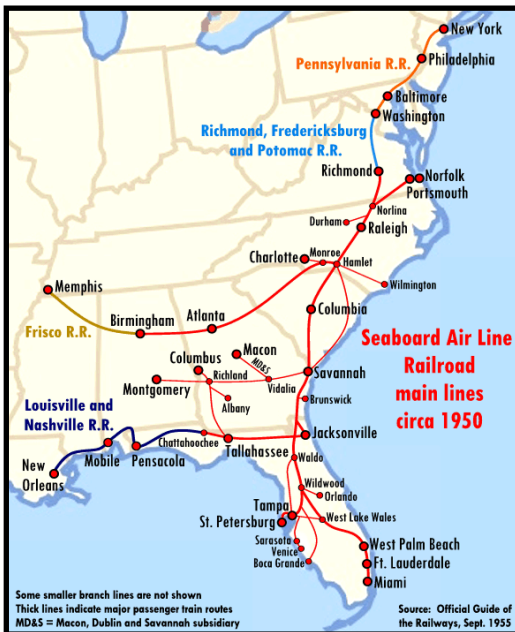
The CROP Hunger Walk is a nationwide movement sponsored by Church World Service to raise funds to end hunger and poverty in the U.S. and around the world and choose their own location and experience.

You may drop off your check in the collection plate, or at the Parish Office — be sure to note “CROP WALK” in the Memo Line. Or, you may donate online at tinyurl.com/SOM-SMM-CropWalk

Notes from Fr. Nick

Railroad & Model Trains

Many of you are aware of my aquarium hobby and that I paint, but did you know I am a railroad and model train enthusiast? Trains have been a passion since I was an infant. The big colorful streamliners of my childhood and the amazing way trains move people and goods had me hooked.



My grandmother lived about 200 miles from our home in Sarasota, Florida. Getting there required three distinct trains, but we never had to leave our seats. A little two-car local picked us up in Sarasota; at Tampa, fifty miles north, our coach was switched into another, larger train; then again at Wildwood, one hundred miles further on, we were switched into a full-fledged streamliner. We got off at Ocala, but that train, the *Silver Meteor*, went on to New York. There was always lunch in the dining car, which meant walking through the Pullman cars with their tiny rooms for overnight passengers. Everything about trains fascinated me.

Later, I was introduced to model railroading by my father. My interest in model trains affected me more profoundly than almost anything in my childhood. I had severe learning difficulties that prevented me from being able to read proficiently. I wanted to know all about railroads and, dyslexia or not, I was motivated to learn to read. By the time I was twelve I was able to read at grade

level. Eventually I developed a love for reading, and it got me through three post-graduate degrees.

Model trains require a wide array of skills; there is algebra and geometry needed to plan reliable track, wiring and electronics so the trains can run, carpentry to build benchwork and artistic skills to make scenery. The hobby also requires patience. I can create a painting in a week, but my trains are a lifetime work.

Trains have even informed my understanding of theology and liturgy. An example is Union Pacific's steam locomotive program. The railroad maintains a fleet of steamers which they use for promotions and to train employees. Watching locomotives 844 or 4014 (the "*Big Boys*") thunder past is a thrilling experience. I also appreciate any company that takes its heritage seriously.



Here comes the liturgy part: I would never insist that Union Pacific go back to using steam locomotives on their freight trains. While amazing to watch, these locomotives are inefficient, require major maintenance, and contribute to air pollution.

This is similar to my feelings about the Latin Mass. Gregorian chant is sublime, the Latin language provides a link with our past, and using it for official documents enhances clarity in Church teaching. However, it is a barrier to the "*full, conscious and active participation*" (SC 14) that the Church envisions for the faithful at Mass.

Like steam locomotives, we should keep Latin alive in the liturgy — as we do at our 11:30 am Mass — but insisting that it be the only language to convey our faith is anachronistic.

LETTER OF THE HOLY FATHER FRANCIS TO THE BISHOPS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Pope Francis has sent a detailed letter to the Bishops of the United States regarding US immigration policy. In it he reminds not only the Bishops, but all the Christian faithful, we must value the dignity of every human being without exception. We are “called upon to consider the legitimacy of norms and public policies in the light of human dignity and fundamental rights.” Below is a synopsis of the Pope’s message. We invite you to read the full version which includes the theology and biblical references that inspired the Holy Father’s very moving call to faith and universal love.

“I have followed closely the major crisis that is taking place in the United States with the initiation of a program of mass deportations. The rightly formed conscience cannot fail to make a critical judgement and express its disagreement with any measure that tacitly or explicitly identifies the illegal status of some migrants with criminality. At the same time, one must recognize the right of a nation to defend itself and keep communities safe from those who have committed violent or serious crimes while in the country or prior to arrival. That said, the act of deporting people who in many cases have left their own land for reasons of extreme poverty, insecurity, exploitation, persecution, or serious deterioration of the environment damages the dignity of many men and women and of entire families and places them in a state of particular vulnerability and defenselessness.”

“This is not a minor issue: an authentic rule of law is verified precisely in the dignified treatment that all people deserve, especially the poorest and most marginalized. The true common good is promoted when society and government, with creativity and strict respect for the rights of all — as I have affirmed on numerous occasions — welcomes, protects, promotes and integrates the most fragile, unprotected and vulnerable. This does not impede the development of a policy that regulates orderly and legal migration. However, this development cannot come about through the privilege of some and the sacrifice of others. What is built on the basis of force, and not on the truth about the equal dignity of every human being, begins badly and will end badly.”

“Christians know very well that it is only by affirming the infinite dignity of all that our own identity as persons and as communities reaches its maturity. Christian love is not a concentric expansion of interests that little by little extend to other persons and groups. In other words: the human person is not a mere individual, relatively expansive, with some philanthropic feelings! The human person is a subject with dignity who, through the constitutive relationship with all, especially with the poorest, can gradually mature in his identity and vocation. The true “ordo amoris” that must be promoted is that which we discover by meditating constantly on the parable of the “Good Samaritan” (cf. Lk 10:25-37), that is, by meditating on the love that builds a fraternity open to all, without exception.”

“I exhort all the faithful of the Catholic Church and all the men and women of goodwill not to give into narratives that discriminate against and cause unnecessary suffering to our migrant refugee brothers and sisters.... We are called upon to live in solidarity and fraternity, to build bridges that bring us ever closer together.”

Fraternally,

Francis +

tinyurl.com/Francis-USBishops

Good Friday Interfaith Witness at the Livermore Labs

It will be a hybrid event this year, held both on site at Livermore Nuclear Weapons Lab in Livermore, and also over Zoom. The theme is:

Where do we go from here: Complacency or Action?

Good Friday 2025 ~ April 18th, 2025 at 7:45am

An Interfaith Service of Worship and Witness at Livermore Nuclear Weapons Laboratory

- ◆ *In person:* Southwest Gate, East Avenue at S. Vasco Road
- ◆ *On Zoom:* tinyurl.com/Livermore2025



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St. Mary Magdalen Parish STATIONS OF THE CROSS



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

Soup Suppers after the Stations of the Cross ~ 6:30 pm on the remaining Fridays of Lent

We still need helpers for April 11th!



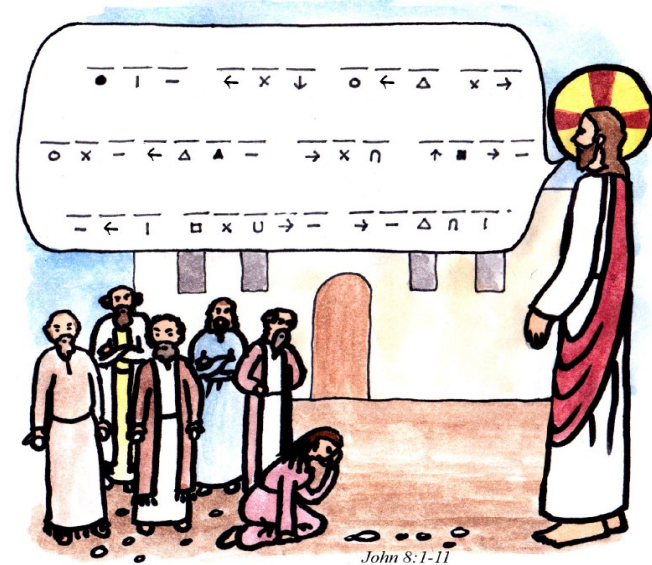
Stations of the Cross — created for the carvings in our church by parishioner Maureen Wesolowski — take place immediately after the 5:30 pm Mass (~ 6:05 pm to ~ 6:35 pm)

After praying the Stations, go downstairs for a delicious Soup Supper!
 On upcoming menus:
 Southwest French Soup with Pistou



The Kids' Bulletin

Fifth Sunday of Lent
 April 6th, 2025



John 8:1-11

In today's Gospel, the Pharisees ask Jesus whether they should obey their law and stone a woman who was a sinner. What did Jesus say to them? Use the code to find out!

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True or False?

In today's Gospel reading the scribes and Pharisees brought a sinful woman in front of Jesus. Do you know the rest of the story? See if you know which of these statements are true and which are false:

1. The law said that a sinful woman like this one should be killed. True or False?
2. The men were going to stone the woman anyway- they didn't care what Jesus thought. True or False?
3. Jesus didn't say anything right away; He just started writing on the ground with His finger. True or False?
4. Jesus said that whichever of the men had never sinned should be the first to throw a stone at the woman. True or False?
5. One of the men threw a stone at her. True or False?
6. All of the men walked away without throwing a stone. True or False?
7. Jesus forgave the woman and told her not to sin anymore. True or False?

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