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 (Vigil Mass) 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)

OFFICE HOURS

Monday—Friday 9:00 am—Noon 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm

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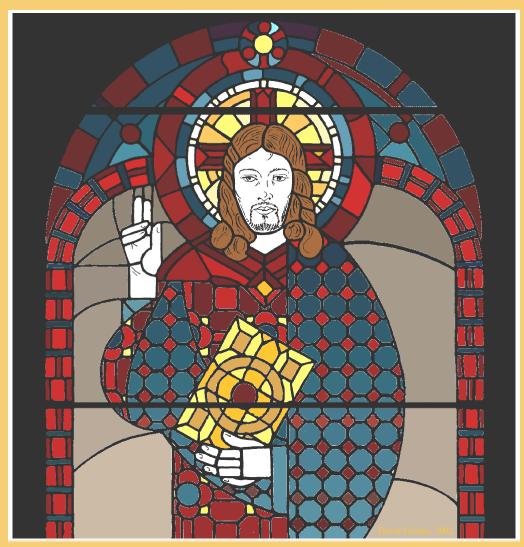




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STAFF CONTACTS FOR PARISH & SCHOOL: marymagdalen.org/staff

Preparation classes take place on the first Monday of the month. BAPTISM:

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.

Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord, Year C ~ April 20th, 2025



Due to our Bulletin Publisher's early publication deadlines, the collection report for Palm Sunday will be published next week.

However, you can still make your special Easter Donation to the parish: click on either link below.

This QR code leads to the Parish Donation page — use it to initiate a one-time payment or increase the amount you give to your parish every month.



tinyurl.com/SMM-Donations

Scripture Readings for the Week

20th Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord Acts 10:34, 37-43 / Colossians 3:1-4 / John 20:1-9

21st Easter Monday

Acts 2:14, 22-33 / Mt 28:8-15

22nd Easter Tuesday

Acts 2:36-41 / Jn 20:11-18

23rd Easter Wednesday

Acts 3:1-10 / Lk 24:13-35

24th Easter Thursday

Acts 3:11-26 / Lk 24:35-48

25th Easter Friday

Acts 4:1-12 / Jn 21:1-14

26th Easter Saturday

Acts 4:13-21 / Mk 16:9-15

Mass Intentions



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Saturday	7:30	Intentions of the Recipients of
		the Sacrament of Confirmation
Sunday	8:00	Meriel Burhans RIP
	9:30	For the People of the Parish
	11:30	Intentions of Alex Ovens
Monday	5:30	Madeline Mancini RIP
Tuesday	8:30	Intentions of Aggie Finnegan

Parish Calendar through April 25th, 2025			
April 18 Friday	THE PASSION OF THE LORD (Good Friday) 1:30 pm, Church (with veneration of the Cross)		
April 18 Friday	Stations of the Cross 7:30 pm, Church		
April 19 Saturday	TENEBRAE 9:00 am, Church		
April 19 Saturday	Holy Saturday — Easter Vigil 7:30 pm, Church		
April 20 Sunday	Easter Sunday of the Resurrection 8:00/9:30/11:30 am Sunday		
April 22 Tuesday	Reflection on the Sunday Gospel Zoom link: 2:00 - 3:00 pm, tinyurl.com / SMM-GospelGroup		
April 23 Wednesday	Meeting of SPRED Catechism 6:30 pm, Norton Hall		
April 25 Friday	Reflection on the Sunday Gospel 9:15 am, Norton Hall		
April 25 Friday	Concert: Barefoot Chamber Ensemble 6:30 pm, Magdalen Hall		



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Holy Week Schedule

Tenebrae Service: 9:00 am: April 17th, 18th, & 19th

Holy Thursday: 7:30 pm April 17th, followed by Adoration in Magdalen 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: 7:30 pm Saturday, April 19th

Easter Sunday: Masses at 8:00/9:30/11:30 am [The 9:30 am Mass will *not* use incense.]



Annual Offering of Letters — Before & After Every Mass NEXT WEEKEND



tinyurl.com/BREAD-Act

One in ten people around the world go to bed hungry each night.

One in four children under five are severely malnourished. But it doesn't have to be that way.

Every voice matters. With your help, we can reach the people with the power and resources to make hunger a problem of the past.



Look for the *Bread for the World* tables before and after every Mass NEXT WEEKEND. We'll have letters for your U.S. congressperson and both California Senators for you to sign.

As people of faith, we are called to give of our time, talent, and treasure for a greater purpose. Bread for the World invites you to use your voice to help end hunger.

Every year, BFW organizes people of faith from across the country to write letters and emails to their members of Congress who have the power to impact the policies and programs that can end hunger. By signing 2 or 3 of the Bread for the World's 2025 Letters to you representatives, you will help support domestic and international nutrition programs that offer a hand up to families and a brighter future for children.

Your letter matters. Combined with other letters of advocates across the country, your letter or email is an expression of faith and hope, urging U.S. decisionmakers to pursue a world without hunger.

God uses these letters to change hearts and minds, and again and again, Bread for the World wins help and opportunity for our neighbors who face hunger.

Please Donate or Join Us in the Annual CROP Hunger Walk

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**, serving breakfast daily for 34 years:
 - DDH now serves lunch to roughly 250 persons/day
 - They have added innovative shelters for the unhoused (four 24-hour shelters and two 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

Easter

My favorite flower is the iris. They grow wild in the swamps near my childhood home in Florida. The bulbs of the domestic variety are usually potted, without the messiness of their wild cousins. While the houseplants come in a wide variety of colors and have bigger blooms, it is wild ones that I like most.

Collecting wild iris involves wading in muddy water. The swamp is infested with mosquitos and deerflies, not to mention snakes and alligators. Picking iris is an adventure; one has to get wet and dirty. While I have been known to purchase an iris at a florist or flower stand, collecting them from a swamp generates an experience that makes the wild variety more valuable to me.

The story of the iris' germination loosely parallels Jesus Christ's passion and resurrection. The iris' beginning is in the muck and ooze of the swamp. A bulb develops off the mother plant's roots in the underwater sediment. During the winter, the waters recede and the muck dries out, but the bulb, unseen, continues to grow. Later, after the rains have refilled the swamp, the iris plant sends shoots up through the dark into the surface and sunlight. Gradually a flower develops and blooms in a glorious display that attracts insects, who pollinate it. The plant dies back and fertilizes the muck, so the cycle can begin again.



The Dixie Iris is a blue and purple wildflower native to Florida. The Gainesville Sun

Jesus' journey to the Resurrection began in the waters of his mother's womb. He went forth to preach the Good News unseen but by a relative few. But it is only in his destruction on the cross and falling into the figurative waters of the tomb that he could rise up - bloom - into the new life of his Father's kingdom. Like the iris,Christ blooms forth out of the waters of death. Maybe this is part of why the baptismal font, rather than a cave or tomb, is the focus of our Easter liturgies.

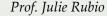
If we're honest, I think most of us would like the Resurrection without the cross or tomb. We'd prefer not to get our feet wet in the muck and ooze of life's metaphorical swamps. Yet it's only by dredging around in the muck—facing our sinful selves—that we can appreciate God's love for us and ultimately our resurrection. The most joyful part of Easter is that Christ's passion, death and resurrection is the pattern for our own salvation. He takes our muck, our pettiness, foibles, sinfulness and brokenness, and enables us to bloom like the iris. There are no hothouse plants in heaven, only those who have risen out of our swamp into the light of God's love.

Happy Easter!

It is possible to be a Catholic and a Feminist? Join us at the Jesuit School of Theology at 7:00 pm on Tuesday, May 6th, for a discussion of a new book by JST professor Julie Rubio, Can You Be a Catholic and a Feminist? in

> which she attempts to reconcile the tensions between Catholics and feminists and also to illuminate possibilities of authentic belonging for a new generation.

> Panelists include Fr. Xavier Lavagetto, OP, Pastor of Newman Hall-Holy Spirit Parish, and St. Mary Magdalen parishioner & School of the Madeleine librarian, Sheila Ring. The event is co-sponsored by St. Mary Magdalen Parish and Newman Hall-Holy Spirit Parish. 1735 Le Roy Avenue, Berkeley 94709



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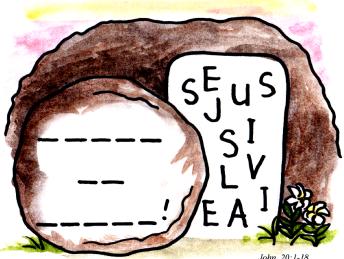


The Kids' Bulletin



Easter Sunday April 20th, 2025





John 20:1-18

What are we celebrating on Easter? Unscramble the letters to fill in the blanks!



Easter Word-Find

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See if you can find all the words in CAPITALS. Use the leftover letters to fill in the blanks at the end.



EARLY in the MORNING, while it was still DARK, Mary MAGDALENE had gone to see JESUS' TOMB. But when she got there she found it EMPTY! She ran and got SIMON PETER and the other DISCIPLE to show them. The STONE had been rolled back. The two men went in and saw that the BODY was gone, and only the BURIAL CLOTHS were sitting there. They BELIEVED although they didn't yet understand what the SCRIPTURE said about the RESURRECTION of Jesus. Mary stayed WEEPING outside, but when as she stood LOOKING in, she saw two ANGELS. Then she saw a man in the GARDEN. She thought He was the gardener until He said, "MARY!" Then she knew who it was:



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