

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

Tues./Weds./Thurs./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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Monday – Friday
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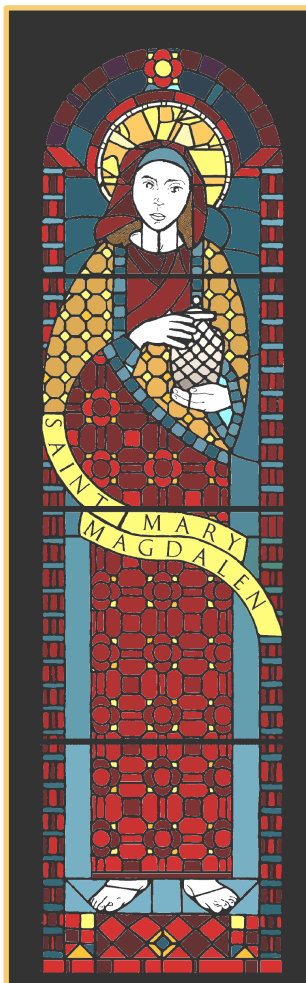
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BAPTISM: Preparation classes take place on the first Monday of the month.
Please call the parish office for more information.

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.

Sixth Sunday of Easter, Year C ~ May 25th, 2025

Parish Collections through May 18, 2025			
Sunday	Actual	Budget	Difference
05/18/2025	\$6,135.00	\$10,000.00	-\$3,865.00
Year-to-Date	\$179,629.55	\$212,000.00	-\$32,445.45
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Scripture Readings for the Week

25th SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts 15:1-2, 22-29 / Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23 /
John 14:23-29

26th Memorial: St. Philip Neri, Priest

Acts 16:11-15 / John 15:26—16:4

27th Easter Weekday [St. Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop]

Acts 16:22-34 / John 16:5-11

28th Easter Weekday

Acts 17:15, 22-18:1 / John 16:12-15

29th Easter Weekday [Saint Paul VI, Pope]

Acts 18:1-8 / John 16:16-20

30th Easter Weekday

Acts 18:9-18 / John 16:20-23

31st FEAST: THE VISITATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Zephania 3:14-18 / Luke 1:39-56

Mass Intentions



Saturday	5:30	Stefan Hemmerick RIP
Sunday	8:00	Intentions of Lawrence Gray and Family
	9:30	Intentions of Roberto Hernan Cartagena
	11:30	For the People of the Parish
Monday	5:30	Stefan Hemmerick RIP
Tuesday	8:30	Joanne Kelly RIP
Wednesday	5:30	Intentions of Jolanda Sullivan
Thursday	8:30	Dan Flahaven RIP
Friday	5:30	Intentions of M. Emily Onglatco
Saturday	8:30	Ana Ruiz RIP

Parish Calendar through June 3rd, 2025

May 23 Friday	CONCERT: Barefoot Chamber Ensemble 6:30 pm, Magdalen Hall
May 24/25 Weekend	Preacher at Weekend Masses: Fr. Nick 5:30 pm Saturday; 8:00/9:30/11:30 am Sunday
May 25 Sunday	Fourth Sunday Dinner for the Hungry Noon - 4:00 pm, Magdalen Hall. <i>Details below.</i>
May 25 Friday	FREE CONCERT: Cantata Collective 5:00 pm, Church. BWV 109 & BWV 188
May 27 Tuesday	Reflection on the Sunday Gospel Zoom link: 2:00-3:00 pm, tinyurl.com/SMM-GospelGroup
May 28 Wednesday	Meeting of SPRED Catechism 6:30 pm, Norton Hall
May 30 Friday	Reflection on the Sunday Gospel 9:15 - 10:15 am, Norton Hall
May 31 Saturday	Cub Scout Car Wash! 8:00 am - 1:00 pm, Church Parking Lot. 
May 31/June 1 Weekend	Preacher at Weekend Masses: Fr. Wilson 5:30 pm Saturday; 8:00/9:30/11:30 am Sunday
June 1 Sunday	First Sunday Dinner for the Hungry Noon - 4:00 pm, Magdalen Hall. <i>Details below.</i>
June 2 Monday	St. Vincent de Paul Conference Meeting 7:00 pm, Norton Hall <i>All are welcome!</i>
June 3 Tuesday	Racial Equity Committee Meeting 7:00 pm, Zoom. <i>Contact office for Zoom link.</i>

Our Fourth Sunday Dinner for the Hungry takes place today. Do you have time to come to Magdalen Hall for an hour between from 2:15 to 4:15 pm?

Or do you have a teenager with a "volunteer hours" requirement? Even half an hour could be very helpful!

You are very welcome to come help set up (11:30 am) or serve our guests (2:15 pm), or to clean up the kitchen or Magdalen Hall. We start cleaning up the kitchen at 2:30 pm, and putting away tables in the Hall at 3:40 pm. To learn more, see [tinyurl.com / SMMDinners](https://tinyurl.com/SMMDinners), or drop an email to sundaydinners@marymagdalen.org, or simply show up today or on June 1st or 22nd, etc....

Many thanks to our parish bakers for their delicious contributions (two are high-schoolers!). We can always use more desserts—drop them off from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm.



Last Sunday: Third Celebration of Filipino American Culture!

After the talk by Prof. James Zarsadiaz on May 3rd, and the screening of the film *Searching for Kapwa* on May 10th, we were treated to *kulintang* musicians playing traditional gongs from the Southern Philippines. Organized by parishioner Catie Cariaga Nakamura (below left), the performance was supplemented by delicious Filipino food—as well as by the coffee & doughnuts that are expected by 9:30 am Mass-goers! All events were sponsored by our parish Racial Equity Committee, plus contributions from individual parishioners. See Marni Gonzalez' history series below and in previous & future Bulletins.



Filipino-American History, Part 2 of 4

Dr. Marni Gonzalez

The Early 20th Century – The First Wave of Filipino Immigration (1900s-1930s)

The first significant wave of Filipino migration to the United States occurred after the U.S. took control of the Philippines. After the Spanish American War of 1898, the Philippine-American War, which began in 1899 and ended in 1902, resulted in a victory for the United States, leading to the establishment of American occupation and the dissolution of the First Philippine Republic.

Under American colonial rule, many Filipinos began to migrate to the U.S., initially for work opportunities. The early 1900s saw Filipinos arriving in Hawaii to work on sugar plantations, a key part of the U.S. economy at the time. These workers, many of whom were men, arrived as part of a labor migration program.

Filipino workers were also recruited in large numbers to California, where they worked in agricultural fields, particularly in the Central Valley. By the 1920s, the number of Filipinos in California had grown significantly, with Filipino laborers often living in crowded conditions, facing discrimination from both local communities and employers. Anti-Asian sentiments became widespread, and Filipinos faced racism and exclusion from mainstream society.

In 1934, the [Tydings-McDuffie Act](#) curtailed Filipino immigration, classifying Filipinos as “aliens” and imposing quotas on their numbers. Despite these challenges, the Filipino-American population continued to grow, particularly in California and Hawaii.

The early 20th century also saw the formation of Filipino organizations aimed at advocating for better working conditions and social rights. The Filipino community in the U.S. began to develop a sense of unity, driven by shared experiences of migration, discrimination, and the desire to preserve Filipino culture and traditions.

(to be continued next week)

Pilgrims of Hope



The late Pope Francis designated this jubilee year as the **Year of Pilgrims of Hope**. He succinctly defined Christian hope as *“Waiting for something that has already been given to us: salvation in God’s eternal and infinite love.”* Christians can plan on God’s guidance and support until at last we are with him in heaven. Hope gives our lives direction — we need not live so tentatively.

Pope Francis described a very specific kind of hope, which helps define a virtue that is rather difficult to articulate. Until I considered Pope Francis’ approach, I tended to think of hope as a vague feeling of optimism even in the face of evidence to the contrary. For Francis, *“[h]ope is ... a duty that Christians must cultivate and put to good use for the sake of all their brothers and sisters.”* He quotes the Venerable Madeleine Delbr  l, a missionary dedicated to re-Christianizing mid-20th-century Paris: *“The place that Christian hope assigns us is that narrow ridge, that borderline at which our vocation requires we choose, every day and every hour to be faithful to God’s faithfulness to us.”* By practicing hope, we are propelled on our mission and we give example to those who are wearied by the secular world.

Pope Francis’ exhortation prompted me to redefine hope for myself in positive terms. Here are some random thoughts intended to spur your own imagination about the virtue of hope.

- ◆ Hope is an act of the will; it is not some passive feeling that “everything will work out for the best” or “it’s God’s will” or some “silver lining” or consolation prize when misfortune comes. Hope is not cynical; it does not sulk or pout (at least not for very long). Hope stands opposed to victimhood. Hope is dynamic, and its nature may change and develop along with the circumstances.
- ◆ The virtue of hope is the opposite of anxiety. It is the relaxation of fear. As fear declines, hope fills the future, with the expectation of opportunity outweighing any imagined dangers. Hope enables initiative in the face of risk. Hope is born in crisis; there would be no need for hope if we did not find ourselves at impasses. Hope implements a path to the future. It is the endorphin rush you feel when a choice is well made.
- ◆ Psychologically, hope is a gestalt. It comes as a bolt out of the blue. Hope is rarely a conclusion of a logical process. Instead, hope is creative, artistic, metamorphic. Hope has a sense of humor. Hope places humanity at its center and never ramrods solutions that see human beings as superfluous.

Tackling a positive definition of hope is a slippery task. Maybe you can have some fun with it around the dinner table or at a party when the conversation lags. Perhaps meditating on the virtue of hope will make this Jubilee Year meaningful and give you a deeper insight into the legacy of Pope Francis’ pontificate.

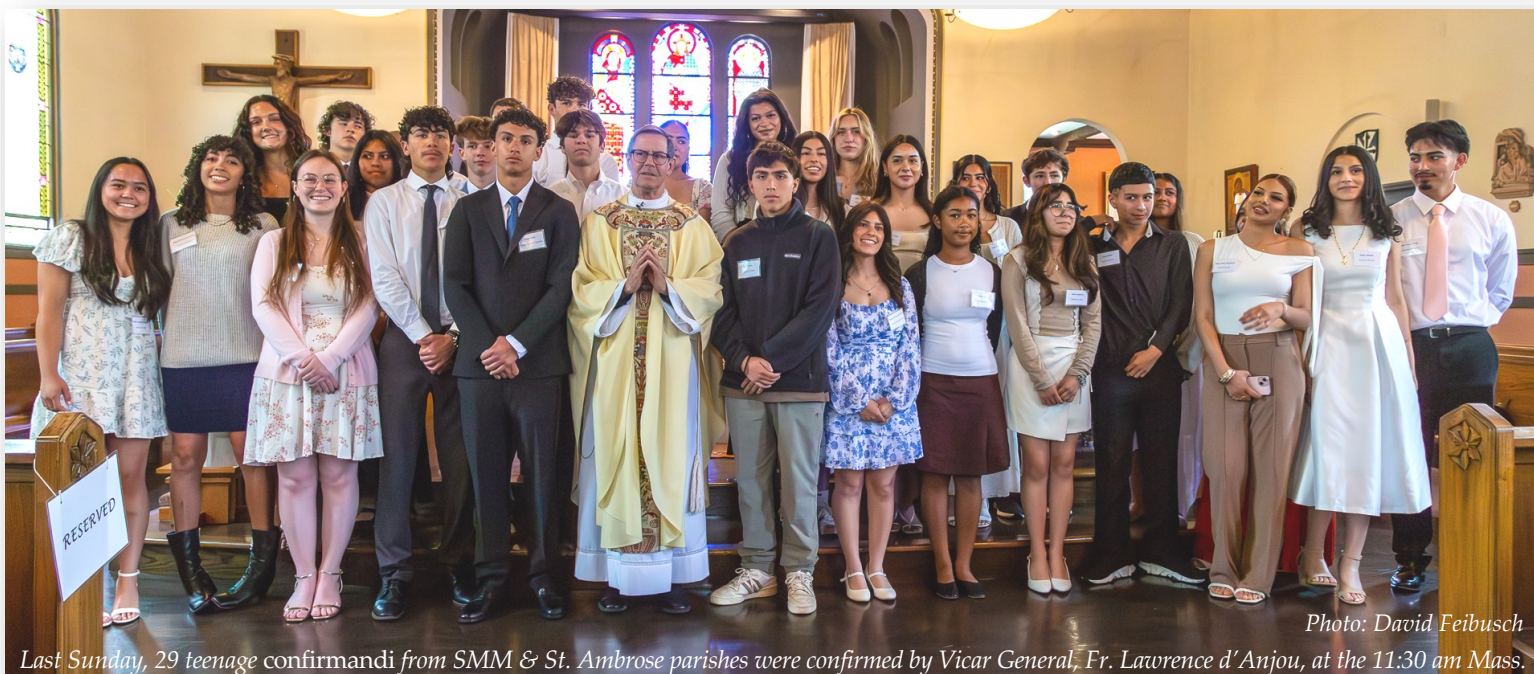


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Last Sunday, 29 teenage confirmandi from SMM & St. Ambrose parishes were confirmed by Vicar General, Fr. Lawrence d’Anjou, at the 11:30 am Mass.

WORDFEST

ST. MARY MAGDALEN FESTIVAL 2025

CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS

St. Mary Magdalen Parish is thrilled to announce WordFest – a celebration of the written and spoken word within our faith and local community. The program will be the highlight of this year's

Mary Magdalen Festival, to be held during the weekend of July 18-20, 2025.

We invite writers of all ages and experience levels to share their creative works that uplift, inspire, challenge, or reflect the values of faith, hope, and community.

Submission Categories:

- Poetry
- Short Fiction
- Personal Essays
- Character Sketches
- Children's Stories
- Dramatic Monologues or Short Plays
- Spiritual Reflections or Devotionals

Presentation: Selected works will be presented by the authors (or a designated reader) during WordFest on **Friday, July 18, 2025**. Readings should not exceed seven minutes in length. Excerpts from longer pieces are acceptable.

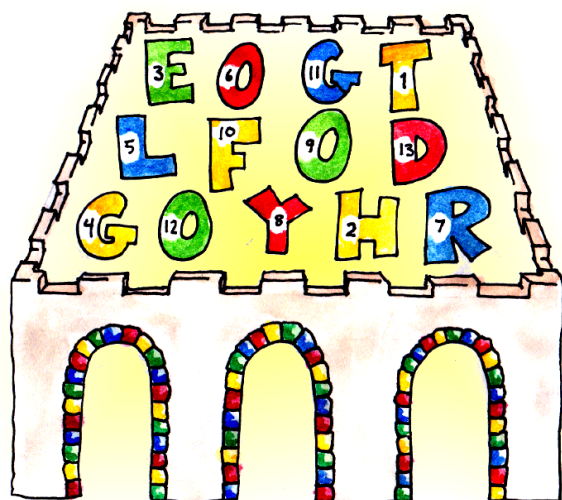
Eligibility: Open to all members of the parish and the wider community. Submissions from youth (Grades 5 through 8) are especially welcome.

Deadline: All submissions must be received by **Friday, July 4, 2025**.

How to Submit: Please email your submission(s) in Word or PDF to parish@marymagdalen.org with the subject line: **WordFest Submission – [Your Name]**. Include a brief bio (max 100 words) in the body of the email. *Let your words be a light—submit your work and be part of this joyful tradition of creativity & community.*

The Kids' Bulletin

Sixth Sunday of Easter
May 25th, 2025



Today's second reading tells about the new Jerusalem, the heavenly city. Sort out the letters by their numbers to fill in the blanks...

The city has no need of sun or moon because

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13

will be its light.

Rev.21:22-23

Gospel Match-up

How well do you know today's Gospel?
See if you can match up the parts of the sentences.

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| 1. If a man loves me, he | • | • A. make our home with him. |
| 2. My Father | • | • B. is my gift to you. |
| 3. We will come to him and | • | • C. will not keep my words. |
| 4. He who does not love me | • | • D. will keep my word. |
| 5. These things I | • | • E. have spoken to you, while I am still with you. |
| 6. The Holy Spirit | • | • F. will love him... |
| 7. A peace that the world cannot give, this | • | • G. will teach you all things. |

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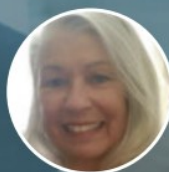
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