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)

OFFICE HOURS

Monday – Friday 9:00 am – Noon 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm

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We live the Gospel, and we care for others."



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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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David Lance Goines, 2002

Feast of the Ascension of the Lord, Year C ~ June 1st, 2025

Parish Collections through May 25, 2025				
Sunday	Actual	Budget	Difference	
05/25/2025	\$11,864.60	\$10,000.00	\$1,864.60	
Year-to-Date	\$191,494.15	\$222,000.00	-\$30,505.85	
Great week!				



Scripture Readings for the Week

1st Feast of the Ascension of the Lord

Acts 1:1-11 / Ephesians 1:17-23 /

Luke 24:46-53

2nd Easter Weekday [Sts. Marcellinus & Peter, Martyrs] Acts 19:1-8 / John 16:29-33

3rd Memorial: St. Charles Lwanga & Companions, Martyrs Acts 20:17-27 / John 17:1-11

4th Easter Weekday

Acts 20:28-38 / John 17:11-19

5th *Memorial: St. Boniface, Bishop and Martyr* Acts 22:30; 23:6-11 / John 17:20-26

6th Easter Weekday [St. Norbert, Bishop] Acts 25:13-21 / John 21:15-19

7th Easter Weekday

Acts 28:16-20, 30-31 / John 21:20-25

Mass Intentions



Saturday	5:30	For the People of the Parish	
Sunday	8:00	Intentions of Rosa and Giuseppi	
		D'Alo	
	9:30	Intentions of George and Mary Jo	
		Baranowski	
	11:30	Intentions of Velma & Hugh	
		Richmond	
Wednesday	5:30	Philip E. Doran RIP	
Friday	5:30	Intentions of the Graduates of the	
		School of the Madeleine	
Saturday	8:30	Ana Ruiz RIP	

Parish Calendar through June 8th, 2025

May 31 Cub Scout Car Wash!
Saturday 8:00 am - 1:00 pm, Church Parking Lot

May 31 FREE CONCERT: Vox Alta: Down a Garden Path Saturday 2:00 pm, Church. Donations for "Growing Leaders"

Saturday 2:00 pm, Church. *Donations for "Growing Leaders"*May 31/June 1 Preacher at Weekend Masses: Fr. Wilson

Weekend 5:30 pm Saturday; 8:00/9:30/11:30 am Sunday

June 1 Blessing of our New Confessional! 10:30 am, Church. See details below.

June 1 First Sunday Dinner for the Hungry
Sunday Noon - 4:00 pm, Magdalen Hall.

June 2 St. Vincent de Paul Conference Meeting
Monday 7:00 pm, Norton Hall All are welcome!

June 3 Reflection on the Sunday Gospel Zoom link:

Tuesday 2:00-3:00 pm, tinyurl.com/SMM-GospelGroup

June 4 Meeting of SPRED Catechism Wednesday 6:30 pm, Norton Hall

June 6 Reflection on the Sunday Gospel

Friday 9:15 - 10:15 am, Norton Hall

June 6 First Friday Eucharistic Adoration
Friday 6:00 pm, Church. (See notice above left.)
June 6 PARISH MEN'S GROUP GATHERING

Friday 6:00 pm, Dominican Garden. BBQ & Conviviality

June 7/8 Preacher at Weekend Masses: TBA

Weekend 5:30 pm Saturday; 8:00/9:30/11:30 am Sunday

TODAY: BLESSING OF THE CONFESSIONAL

Since his arrival in our parish in 2017, Fr. Nick has dreamt of creating an appropriate space for hearing confessions. Before his arrival, confessions were heard in the Confer-

ence Room, next to the motion-activated photocopier! (Our original confessionals were transformed into bathrooms during the 1999 remodel.)

At last, thanks to the talents of parishioners Robert Remiker (architect) and Brian King (construction, with help from Juan Carlos Soto), we are now graced with a beautiful and lovingly-wrought space for "getting right with God."



Eighth Annual Parish Conference: Economics & Pilgrimages











On Saturday, May 17, over 40 parishioners gathered for to hear a delightful morning talk on religion and the economy by Dr. Joseph Lough, followed by lunch and talks by parishioners Laura Morland, Margaret Bielak, Jennifer Sanchez, Denis Ring, and Sharon Ceasar about their experiences on pilgrimages, retreats, missions, and life as a member of a lay order. Interested in taking a pilgrimage? Let Fr. Nick know! pastor@marymagdalen.org. See also: tinyurl.com/OAK-Pilgrimages.

Filipino-American History, Part 3 of 4

Dr. Marni Gonzalez

World War II and Post-War Filipino Migration (1940s-1960s)

World War II played a pivotal role in shaping the Filipino-American experience in the United States. During the Japanese occupation of the Philippines (1941-45), thousands of Filipinos served alongside American forces during the war, and many fought in critical battles against Japanese forces. After the war, the prior restrictions (to 100 emigres per year) were circumvented, as Filipino veterans and their families migrated to the U.S. in significant numbers. The post-war period also saw an influx of Filipina women who married American soldiers.

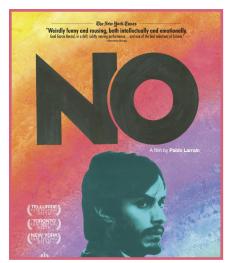
In the years following World War II, Filipino-American communities grew in urban areas such as Los Angeles, San Francisco, and New York. Many Filipinos worked in healthcare, particularly as nurses, a profession that continued to see a high demand in the U.S. during the mid-20th century. Filipino-American nurses, many of whom came to the U.S. under programs to fill gaps in the healthcare system, became an integral part of the U.S. medical workforce. The 1965 Immigration and Nationality Act also helped increase Filipino migration by abolishing previous racial quotas, allowing more Filipinos to enter the country based on family reunification and professional qualifications.

The post-war era saw greater social and political integration for Filipino-Americans, with the growth of Filipino organizations such as the Filipino American National Historical Society and advocacy groups focusing on civil rights issues. These organizations began to push for greater recognition and rights for Filipino-Americans, especially in the areas of labor and social justice.

(to be completed next week)

Notes from Fr. Nick

Abundance, a review



The 2012 film *No* directed by Pablo Larraín (from a play by Antonio Skármeta) is a fascinating study in political marketing. In 1988, international pressure forced Chilean dictator Augusto Pinochet to call a plebiscite on his rule. All odds were that he would receive a solid approval by the electorate. He had stabilized the economy, quashed dissent, and brought order to the streets. Never mind that it was at the expense of personal liberty, and that many of his opponents had been executed. Moreover, the opposition was allowed only 15 minutes on late-night television to state their case.

Opposition leaders hired an advertising executive, René Saavedra, to handle their campaign. At their first meeting, leaders of the "No" movement outlined all the atrocities Pinochet had committed, his inept management and corruption. Saavedra told them they could not win by enumerating all the dictator's faults. They responded, "We know we can't win, but we have to fill those 15

minutes on television to show there is, in fact, an opposition." Saavedra countered, "I believe you can win if you concentrate on how much better Chile will be if democracy is restored." Saavedra mounted a brilliant campaign and the dictator, defeated, went into exile.

I strongly recommend watching the film *No*. This true story plays like a thriller. Saavedra endures threats on his life and the safety of his family. Gradually, his positive campaign gathers momentum, accompanied by the infectious jingle, "Chile, la alegria ya viene" ("Chile, happiness is coming") and democracy is victorious.

The title of this essay indicates a book review, so why have I spent half a page describing a foreign film? Chile's successful campaign to restore democracy is a one of the case studies in Ezra Klein and Derek Thompson's critique of the resounding defeat of progressive politics in our own recent elections. Their bestseller, *Abundance*, outlines how the progressive end of the spectrum does not inspire our electorate.

Klein and Thompson contend that innovation has always been the means to resolve our country's social issues. The industrial inventions of the 19th century and breakthroughs in medicine and communications raised peoples' standard of living in the 20th. They gave rise to the civil rights movement, better health, and public safety.

Often these advances came at the expense of individual freedom. Liberals sought to counter abuses through regulation and an atmosphere of "political correctness." For decades this worked pretty well, but by the end of the 20th century, regulatory burdens and a fixation on consensus overwhelmed progress. They use California Highspeed Rail as an example: in the quarter century since it was first proposed, not

Abundance

Ezra Klein
Derek Thompson

a single wheel has yet turned. In the same time period, China has built a 23,000-mile highspeed network.

The authors believe that progressives must project a more compelling vision of the future. Liberal politicians must set priorities, allow some worthy ideas to take a backseat, and relax the stranglehold of regulations if they are to win over the electorate again. Klein's and Thompson's argumentation allowed me to see, for the first time since the election, why so many people I love and respect voted the way they did.

Why is this important to us as a Church? I'm not advocating one political philosophy over another, but I am appalled at our government's recent abuse of human rights, usurpation of due process and reneging on critical treaties with other nations. These fundamental moral issues are well within the Church's sphere of authority, and we must be ready to defend those oppressed. Klein's and Thompson's critique offers clear-eyed political self-examination that may help our country out of its current morass.

CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS



St. Mary Magdalen Parish

is thrilled to announce WordFest – a celebration of the written and spoken word that will be the highlight of this year's Mary Magdalen Festival. 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

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

Presentation: WordFest -- Friday, July 18, 2025.

Readings should not exceed seven minutes in length.

Deadline: Friday, July 4, 2025.

How to Submit: Please email your submission(s) in Word or PDF to **parish@marymagdalen.org.** Include a brief bio in the body of the email.

For more information: tinyurl.com/SMM-WordFest

The Kids' Bulletin

Feast of the Ascension May 29th or June 1st, 2025



Jesus disappeared into a cloud forty days after He rose from the dead. Where did He go?

Colour in the spaces with crosses (+) to find out!

UPDATE ON ...

... Bread for the World Offering of Letters

The Peace & Justice Committee would like to thank all the parishioners who took the time to participate in last month's letter-writing campaign organized by the Christian lobbying organization, *Bread for the World*.

The point of the letters was to urge our elected representatives to save and restore lifegiving nutritional programs. Funding has been abruptly discontinued to USAID, Catholic Relief Services & Catholic Charities; other effective, successful nutritional programs for struggling Americans are being dismantled as well.

The letters were hand-delivered as follows to:

- ♦ Senator Schiff 123
- ♦ Senator Padilla 122
- Reps Simon, Garamendi, and DeSaulnier: 121 (total)



The Ascension: True or False?



- 1. Jesus kept appearing to His disciples for forty days after Easter. True or False?
- 2. Jesus did not send the Holy Spirit to the disciples until after He went up into Heaven. True or False?
- 3. Jesus had taught the Apostles everything they needed to know before He died, so He didn't have to teach them anything after the Resurrection. True or False?
- 4. Some of the disciples asked Jesus if He was going to start a new kingdom in this world. True or False?
- 5. Jesus and the apostles were all gathered in one room when Jesus disappeared and went into Heaven. True or False?
- 6. Jesus was with a big crowd of His friends on a hill when He went up, body and soul, into Heaven. True or False?
- 7. When Jesus comes back, He will return in the same sort of way as how He left. True or False?



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