

June 8th, 2025 | PENTECOST, Year C

St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Parish



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100 YEARS

Rev. Nicholas Glisson, Pastor. The Most Reverend Michael Barber, SJ, Bishop — Diocese of Oakland

SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday 5:30 pm (Livestreamed)
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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*“Together we share our
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*“We live the Gospel,
and we care for others.”*

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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Parish Collections through June 1, 2025

Sunday	Actual	Budget	Difference
06/01/2025	\$6,483.20	\$10,000.00	-\$3,516.80
Year-to-Date	\$197,977.35	\$232,000.00	-\$34,022.65

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Scripture Readings for the Week

8th **PENTECOST**

Acts 2:1-11 / Romans 8:8-17 / John 20:19-23

9th *Memorial: Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church*
Acts 1:12-14 / John 19:25-34

10th *Weekday*

2 Corinthians 1:18-22 / Matthew 5:13-16

11th *Memorial: St. Barnabas, Apostle*

Acts 11:21-26; 13:1-3 / Matthew 5:17-19

12th *Weekday*

2 Corinthians 3:15-4:1, 3-6 / Matthew 5:20-26

13th *Memorial: St. Anthony of Padua, Priest & Doctor*

2 Corinthians 4:7-15 / Matthew 5:27-32

14th *Weekday [Blessed Virgin Mary]*

2 Corinthians 5:14-21 / Matthew 5:33-37

Mass Intentions



Saturday	5:30	Intentions of the School of the Madeleine Class of 1975
Sunday	8:00	For the People of the Parish
	9:30	Stephen Avalos RIP
	11:30	Fr. Conrad Antonsen, OP RIP
Friday	5:30	Alex Vick RIP
Saturday	8:30	Intentions of Jon-Paul Hippolyte

Parish Calendar through June 18th, 2025

June 6 Friday	Eucharistic Adoration (Holy Hour) 6:00 pm, Church (after the 5:30 pm Daily Mass)
June 7 Saturday	Liturgy Committee Meeting. Anyone may join. 10:00 am, Conference Room & Zoom
June 7/8 Weekend	Preacher at Weekend Masses: Fr. Titus 5:30 pm Saturday; 8:00/9:30/11:30 am Sunday
June 10 Tuesday	Reflection on the Sunday Gospel Zoom link: 2:00-3:00 pm, tinyurl.com/SMM-GospelGroup
June 10 Tuesday	Parish Pastoral Council. Anyone may join. 7:00 pm, Conference Room & Zoom
June 13 Friday	Reflection on the Sunday Gospel 9:15 - 10:15 am, Norton Hall
June 13 Friday	ROSARY VIGIL: Mary Gerrity Bucher 7:00 pm, Church. tinyurl.com/SMM-Bucher
June 14 Saturday	FUNERAL: Mary Gerrity Bucher 10:30 am, Church, followed by a Reception.
June 14/15 Weekend	Preacher at Weekend Masses: Fr. Nick 5:30 pm Saturday; 8:00/9:30/11:30 am Sunday
June 17 Tuesday	Reflection on the Sunday Gospel Zoom link: 2:00-3:00 pm, tinyurl.com/SMM-GospelGroup
June 18 Wednesday	Peace & Justice Monthly Meeting 4:00-5:00 pm, Norton Hall (Note exceptional date.)

CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS

WORDFEST

ST. MARY MAGDALEN FESTIVAL 2025

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

Presentation: WORDFEST – Friday, July 18, 2025.

Readings should not exceed seven minutes in length.

Deadline for Submissions: Friday, July 4, 2025.

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

For more information: tinyurl.com/SMM-WordFest

Filipino-American Growth and Integration (1970s-Present)

The 1970s and 1980s marked a period of rapid growth for the Filipino-American community in the United States. Immigration reforms such as the 1965 Immigration and Nationality Act had a significant impact, allowing Filipino professionals, especially those in healthcare, technology, and education, to migrate to the U.S. in greater numbers. Filipinos became a major force in industries such as healthcare, education, engineering, and law, contributing to the American economy and especially the healthcare system in crucial ways.

The Filipino-American population continued to expand, and by the 1990s, Filipino-Americans had become one of the largest Asian-American groups in the country, rising to prominence in political, business, and cultural spheres. Notable figures—such as activist **Larry Itliong**, California Attorney General **Rob Bonta**, cartoonist **Lynda Barry**, singer **Bruno Mars**, pitching star **Tim Lincecum**, philanthropists **Loida Lewis** and **Dionosio Banatao**, actor **Lou Diamond Phillips**, playwright **Jessica Hagedorn**, fashion designer **Josie Natori**, and boxing champion **Manny Pacquiao**—helped elevate Filipino-American visibility and influence in American society.

However, challenges persisted. Filipino-Americans continued to face issues of underrepresentation, particularly in political office and leadership positions. The community also wrestled with questions of cultural identity, as younger generations of Filipino-Americans navigated the balance between their Filipino heritage and American upbringing. Despite these challenges, Filipino-Americans remain a resilient and influential community, with strong ties to their cultural traditions, especially in the areas of family, food, and religion.

In recent years, the Filipino-American community has been increasingly vocal about its concerns, with activists advocating for issues such as immigrants' rights and equity in education and access to healthcare. The Filipino-American population has become a vital part of the broader American experience, contributing to the vibrancy and diversity of American society. *(Dr. Marni Gonzalez is a member of the parish Racial Equity Committee.)*

Come Sing American Spirituals in Celebration of the U.N. World Day of Refugees 2025

American Spirituals are the source of American values of
Liberty, Equality, Freedom and Opportunity for all
*Interreligious Prayers, Reflections, American Spirituals,
Hindu-Buddhist-Sufi Chants and Hymns*



*St. Joseph (Naik) Vaz, 17th-century Indian/Sri Lankan Saint & Catholic Refugee
Protected by the Buddhist King of Kandy, aided by the Muslim physician of the King,
Canonized by Pope Francis, who lovingly welcomed all*

**Saturday June 21, 2025
6:45 pm to 8:30 pm in the Church
Reception to follow in Norton Hall**

Text us at 510-325-1803 for the short list of American Spirituals.

Notes from Fr. Nick

Pentecost

When I was an eight-year-old Altar Server, after assisting the priest at Benediction, we recited the Divine Praises. I was okay with them until we got to the one about the Holy Spirit: “Blessed be the Holy Spirit, the Paraclete.” I knew that at the Lord’s Baptism and following the Resurrection at Pentecost, the Holy Spirit was represented by a dove. But in this prayer he was being called a Paraclete. Wasn’t that like my grandmother’s pet budgie? That little bird seemed a rather impertinent symbol for the third person in the Blessed Trinity! Parakeet and Paraclete sounded the same to my eight-year-old brain, but as I grew older, I learned that the Greek word *Paraclete* means *One Who Assists*—an advocate, counselor, helper.

We tend to depersonalize the Holy Spirit. While the essence of God the Father may be completely beyond our understanding, Jesus makes the nature of God very clear: He calls him *Abba* (“Daddy”), revealing him to be the crux of goodness; a kind father who loves, provides and protects us. We should also have clarity about God the Son. Christ entered human history, took on our nature and bridged the gap between our creaturely sinfulness and divine calling when he died for us on the Cross. God the Son has a personality eminently relatable to human beings.

But what about this Holy Spirit? He is not talked about in human terms in the way the other two persons in the Trinity are—and he is represented by a bird. Given this nebulous description, it’s easy to conceptualize the Holy Spirit more as a force than a person. Theologians talk about the spirit in terms of the divine spark of love that exists between the Father and the Son, a love that overflows into the created world, sustaining it in existence.

This divine superabundance of love enables human beings to act as God’s stewards, cultivating the universe’s goodness and ministering grace to its people. While helpful, this understanding of the Spirit is not that different from “the Force” in *Star Wars*.

However, although more mysterious than the other persons in the Trinity, the Holy Spirit is as much a person as are the Father and Son. This is where the title “Paraclete” is helpful. Being an advocate, helper, or counselor are human qualities we can relate to. The Paraclete “has our back,” quietly standing behind us, encouraging us, clarifying our minds and consoling us when things go wrong. It may be difficult to put a face on this person, but we are aware of his presence. The grace of the Holy Spirit gives us love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.

Maybe we should playfully and creatively consider the personhood of the Holy Spirit. While we are exhorted to see the Holy Spirit as a person, the symbols and theological explanations used by the Church tend to come up a little short. Perhaps that lack reflects the Holy Spirit’s dynamic nature. Definitions and logical descriptions can only go so far. Defining the Holy Spirit is like being in love. Explaining the sensation is an approximation. To know what it means to be in love, you must plunge in, to experience the presence of the beloved.

Blessing of the Confessional

At the conclusion of last Sunday’s 9:30 am Mass, some of the congregation remained to participate in the ceremony to bless our new Confessional. After a brief Liturgy of the Word, Fr. Nick delivered a short homily, and then he and Deacon Jeff Burns processed to the new Confessional. The choir (*see below*) and others were able to watch via video.

It was made by parishioners Robert Remiker (architect) and Brian King (construction), with help from Juan Carlos Soto and Richard Silva (dry wall finishing and plastering). Vladimir and Edith Bazjanac contributed to its funding.



UPDATE ON ... the Church World Service Annual CROP Hunger Walk

On the heels of Bread for the World's successful Offering of Letters, the parish Peace & Justice Committee, together with the School of the Madeleine, participated in a fundraiser for the CROP Hunger Walk. Spearheaded by Vice-Principal Paula Rice, MAD 7th graders worked tirelessly—creating posters, writing articles, making announcements at morning prayer, and researching the local agencies that will receive our donations. Together we raised \$2,205!



Ready to Walk: Rita Kovas, Mary Hurd, Maria Martinez, Holly Boss, Madge Tsang, and Maureen Wesolowski



The Kids' Bulletin

Pentecost Sunday
June 8th, 2025



Acts 2.1-11

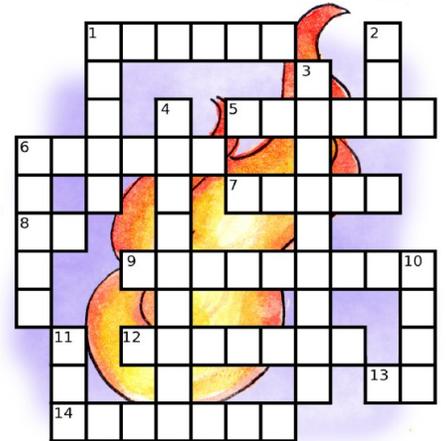
Today is the feast of Pentecost, when the Holy Spirit came to Mary and the Apostles in the form of wind and tongues of fire.
Can you find your way through this maze and use the letters in your path to fill in the blanks?

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Pentecost Cross-Word

Use the words from the list to fill in the blanks in today's first reading, and then write them where they belong in the puzzle.

- DOES
- AMAZED
- AS
- SEPARATED
- ONE
- BEGAN
- TONGUES
- LANGUAGES
- SPIRIT
- SITTING
- HEAVEN
- SPEAK
- HIS
- HOUSE
- US
- PENTECOST



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When _____ (4D) day came round, they had all met in _____ (2D) room, when suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from _____, (6A) the noise of which filled the entire _____ (6D) in which they were _____; (14A) and something appeared to them that seemed like _____ (12A) of fire; these _____ (9A) and came to rest on the head of each of them. They were all filled with the Holy _____, (1A) and _____ (7A) to _____ (1D) foreign _____ (3D) _____ (13A) the Spirit gave them the gift of speech.

Now there were devout men living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, and at this sound they all assembled, each one bewildered to hear these men speaking his own language. They were _____ (5A) and astonished. "Surely," they said, "all these men speaking are Galileans? How _____ (10D) it happen that each of _____ (8A) hears them in _____ (11D) own native language?" (A=Across D=Down)

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