

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
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1:00 pm – 5:00 pm
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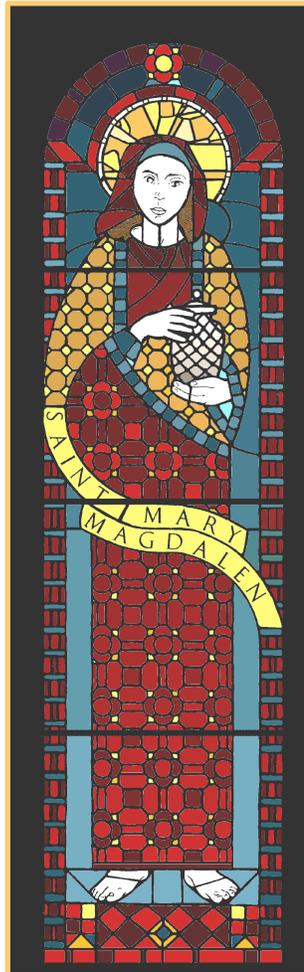
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Faith in Jesus Christ.*

*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.

Saints Peter & Paul, Apostles, Year C ~ June 22nd, 2025

Weekly Collections through June 22, 2025

Sunday	Actual	Budget	Difference
06/22/2025	\$10,041.85	\$10,000.00	-\$41.85
Year-to-Date	\$225,458.00	\$262,000.00	-\$36,452.00
<i>You did it!</i>			



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Scripture Readings for the Week

- 29th **SOLEMNITY: SAINTS PETER & PAUL, APOSTLES**
Acts 12:1-11 / 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18 /
Matthew 16:13-19
- 30th *Weekday [First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church]*
Genesis 18:16-33 / Matthew 8:18-22
- 1st *Weekday [St. Junípero Serra, Priest]*
Genesis 19:15-29 / Matthew 8:23-27
- 2nd *Weekday*
Genesis 21:5, 8-20 / Matthew 8:28-34
- 3rd **FEAST: ST. THOMAS, APOSTLE**
Ephesians 2:19-22 / John 20:24-29
- 4th *Weekday [Independence Day]*
Genesis 23:1-4, 19; 24:1-8, 62-67 / Matthew 9:9-13
- 5th *Weekday [Sts. Anthony Zaccaria & Elizabeth of Portugal]*
Genesis 27:1-5, 15-29 / Matthew 9:14-17

Mass Intentions

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| Saturday | 5:30 | For the People of the Parish |
| Sunday | 8:00 | Intentions of Sarah Whitecotton |
| | 9:30 | Intentions of Carla Basom |
| | 11:30 | Intentions of Velma Richmond |
| Monday | 5:30 | Claire McWalters RIP |
| Tuesday | 8:30 | Intentions of Cat Nielsen |
| Wednesday | 5:30 | Intentions of Elizabeth Jacob |
| Thursday | 8:30 | Intentions of Carla Basom |
| Friday | 5:30 | Elmer & Juanita Nielsen RIP |

Parish Calendar through July 7th, 2025

- June 28** Saturday **Funeral: Phillip Jacobs** (brother of Earl Jacobs) 11:00 am, Church, followed by a Reception.
- June 28/29** Weekend **Preacher at Weekend Masses: Fr. Wilson** 5:30 pm Saturday; 8:00/9:30/11:30 am Sunday
- June 28/29** Weekend **Sacrament of the Sick at all Masses** 5:30 pm Saturday; 8:00/9:30/11:30 am Sunday
- June 28/29** Weekend **Bake Sale for St. Vincent de Paul** (See below.) 6:30 pm Saturday; 9:00/10:30/12:30 pm Sunday
- July 1** Tuesday **Reflection on the Sunday Gospel Zoom link:** 2:00-3:00 pm, tinyurl.com/SMM-GospelGroup
- July 3** Thursday **LiturgY Committee Monthly Meeting** 5:00 pm, Live + Virtual. *Interested? Contact Norah.*
- July 4** Friday **Reflection on the Sunday Gospel** 9:15 - 10:15 am, Norton Hall
- July 4** Friday **Parish Office is Closed and HOLY HOUR IS POSTPONED UNTIL FRIDAY, JULY 11.**
- July 5/6** Weekend **Preacher at Weekend Masses: Fr. Nick** 5:30 pm Saturday; 8:00/9:30/11:30 am Sunday
- July 6** Sunday **First Sunday Dinner for the Hungry** Noon-4:00 pm, Magdalen Hall. *Volunteers needed!*
- July 7** Monday **St. Vincent de Paul Conference Meeting** 7:00 pm, Norton Hall *All are welcome!*

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL **BAKE SALE** ★ THIS WEEKEND ONLY! ★

JUNE 28TH & 29TH

**FUNDRAISER FOR
OUR NEIGHBORS
IN NEED
AFTER ALL MASSES**



Latino Enrollment Seminar at Notre Dame University



As Fr. Nick explained in last week's Pastor's Notes, he spent this past week at his alma mater, Notre Dame University in South Bend, Indiana, in order to participate in LEI, the Latino Enrollment Institute — a program to help Catholic educators who are seeking ways to reach out to potential students of Latino backgrounds in their communities.

"In response to national data suggesting that Latinos are both the fastest-growing segment of the Catholic Church and the most underserved by Catholic schools, the University of Notre Dame founded the LEI to assist Catholic schools with substantial unmet capacity, favorable demographic potential, and motivated principals by offering a framework to transform schools in order to attract and serve Latino families."

Fr. Nick accompanied three members of the School of the Madeleine: Principal, **Joseph Nagel**; Outreach, Enrollment and Service Learning Chair, **Rowena Tarantino**; and Vice-Principal **Paula Rice**.



WORDFEST

ST. MARY MAGDALEN FESTIVAL 2025

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS: JULY 4TH

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 works that uplift, inspire, challenge, or reflect the values of faith, hope, and community.** **Submission Categories:**

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

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

Independence Day?

How do we remain faithful to our country when it seems we are on such a dangerous path? Regardless of one's political affiliation, many of the ideals the United States has long held sacrosanct are now being questioned or challenged. Policy changes seem capricious. The rule of law no longer appears to hold sway. Brothers and sisters are pitted against one another. Do we remain "one nation, under God, with liberty and justice for all"?

In my almost seventy-three years, I have never seen a darker time for our country. I had believed that good would triumph in the long run; now I am not so sure. Human progress does not always advance steadily. As an example, Russia put up with autocratic rule by the tsars for 600 years. When the people revolted, other despots replaced the tsars: among them, Lenin, Stalin and now Putin. If history is any guide, we may be in for a long period of tyranny.

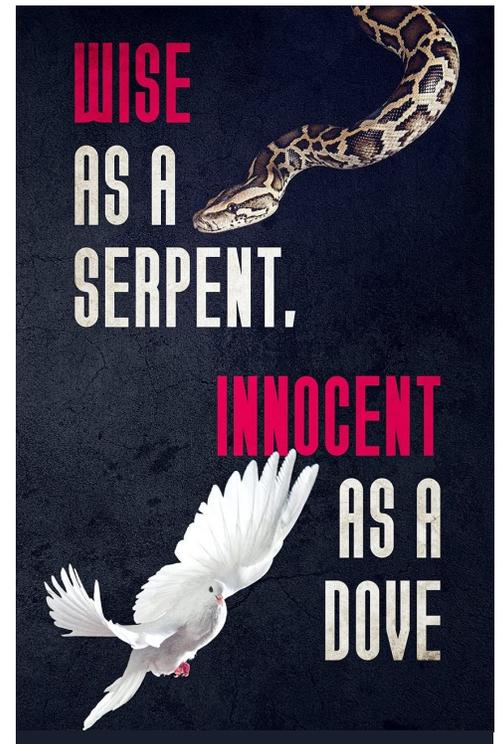
How do good Christians live under such conditions? The Gospel offers guidelines, but it's also a cautionary tale. Jesus tells his disciples, "**I am sending you out as sheep among wolves; be wise as a serpent and gentle as a dove.**" (Matthew 10:16) Note that Jesus does not call his disciples lions among gazelles—as sheep, we are the prey. He is saying that we must be willing to risk ourselves for the sake of the Gospel. Jesus is not talking about the Hebrew nation in this passage, but the kingdom of God. Only insofar as our country promotes the kingdom of God is it worth fighting for.

This is the only passage in the New Testament where the serpent is seen positively. What can we learn from the serpent, our enemy? Stealth and cunning are the first things that come to my mind. Shouting down an opponent won't win an argument; it only silences our opponent. Most of the time we don't make headway by just rebutting their claims. Approaching the issue from an angle they aren't expecting may offer a new context and win them over. Making it clear you care for their humanity may soften their hearts. This is the cunning approach.

Cunning also means waiting for the right opportunity and seizing it. This saves energy and increases impact. The Iron Curtain collapsed in 1989 because the right people recognized the moment and acted. These same leaders (Lech Walesa, Margaret Thatcher, Ronald Reagan, Pope John Paul II, and others) could not have pulled it off five years earlier. Note also what an odd alliance of people this was. Many of them would have not agreed with each other on any other subject. We need to put aside our political and cultural stances when the moment calls for it.

Jesus also says that we must be gentle as doves. I misquoted this as "lambs" in an earlier column, and there is a vital difference. Lambs symbolize innocence, but are largely defenseless. Doves, on the other hand, are innocent and vulnerable, but also symbolize the wisdom of the Holy Spirit. St. Paul states, "When I am weak, then I am strong (II Corinthians 12:10). He relies on the strength of God's grace when he feels weak or vulnerable. This passage also inspired the nonviolent protest espoused by Gandhi and Martin Luther King. Any use of violence—regrettably, even in self-defense—only encourages bullies and advances their agenda.

Alarmingly, Jesus' example is, also a cautionary tale. It was only through his passion and death that he rose triumphant. Are we willing to sacrifice ourselves? Can we hold on to the cause knowing that generations yet unborn will restore the ideals of our faith and country? The authoritarians may flame out and matters resolve in fairly short order, but I wouldn't count on it. Do we have the fortitude to hold onto these ideals? The journey may take longer than we would like.





Sacred Icon Workshop

Making the Invisible Visible



Sharon Henthorn-Iwane
Iconographer, Spiritual Director

Produce your own icon during two weekends in Norton Hall this August!



Parishioner and iconographer Sharon Henthorn-Iwane understands iconography as a sacred art that "makes the invisible visible." Through this intensive workshop, Sharon will guide you through the traditional process of painting an icon of your own in egg tempera with genuine gold gilding on a gessoed panel. No experience necessary. Register by August 1st at tinyurl.com/SHI-Icons.

Participants will gather over two weekends in Norton Hall to learn and create in a calm, communal setting. **Saturday, August 9 from 9am to 4pm** (with lunch break); **Sunday, August 10 from 1-4pm**; **Saturday, August 16, 2025 from 9am to 4pm** (with lunch break); **Sunday, August 17, from 1-4pm**.

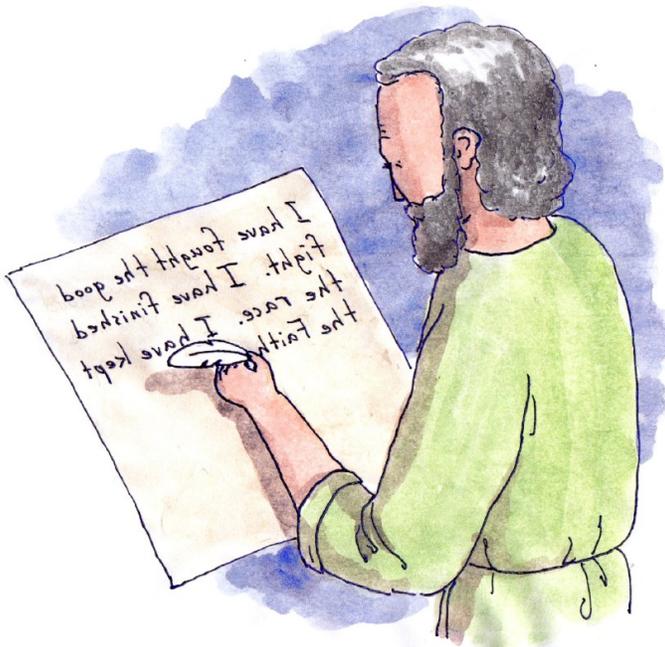
Lunch will be provided on the Saturdays.

All necessary art supplies will be provided for your use during the workshop.

(Sample image of the Holy Face is shown above left.)

The Kids' Bulletin

Saints Peter and Paul
June 29th, 2025



thekidsbulletin.com

True or False:

Who Knows Who Jesus Is?

Jesus asked His disciples "Who do men say that the Son of man is?" See if you know how they responded.

1. The apostles said, "Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." True or False?
2. The apostles said, "Some say Methuselah, others say Barnabas, and still others say Solomon." True or False?
3. Then Jesus asked the disciples Who THEY thought He was. True or False?
4. Peter said, "You are John the Baptist resurrected from the dead!" True or False?
5. Peter said, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." True or False?
6. Jesus told Peter that the Father in Heaven had told him Who He was. True or False?
7. Jesus said to Peter, "...you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my Church, and the gates of Hell will not prevail against it." True or False?



Today is the feast day of Saints Peter and Paul.
Today's second reading is part of a letter
Saint Paul wrote shortly before he was martyred.
What did he say?
Look at the picture in the mirror to find out!

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