

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)

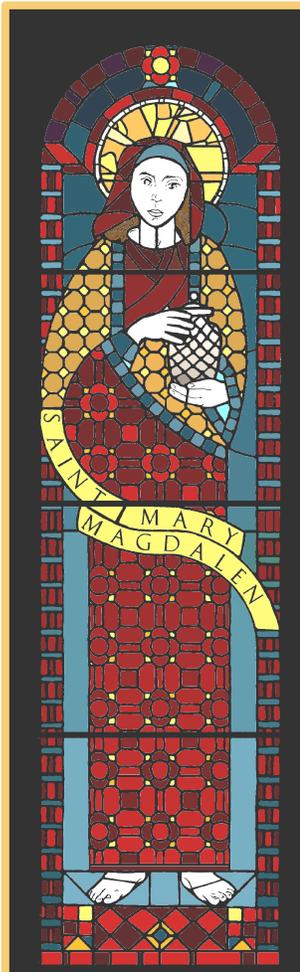
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BAPTISM: Preparation classes take place on the first Monday of the month. Please call the parish office for more information.

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.

"Together we share our Faith in Jesus Christ."

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

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C ~ July 6th, 2025

Weekly Collections through June 29, 2025

Sunday	Actual	Budget	Difference
06/29/2025	\$16,742.55	\$10,000.00	\$6,742.55
Year-to-Date	\$242,200.55	\$272,000.00	-\$29,799.45

Many thanks to a very generous donor!



Due to the Independence Day holiday, our monthly Eucharistic Adoration will take place at ~6:00 pm on Friday, July 11th.

Scripture Readings for the Week

- 6th **FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
Isaiah 66:10-14 / Galatians 6:14-18 /
Luke 10:1-12, 17-20
- 7th *Weekday*
Genesis 28:10-22 / Matthew 9:18-26
- 8th *Weekday*
Genesis 32:23-33 / Matthew 9:32-38
- 9th *Weekday [St. Augustine Zhao Rong, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs]*
Genesis 41:55-57; 42:5-7, 17-24 / Matthew 10:1-7
- 10th *Weekday*
Genesis 44:18-21, 23-29; 45:1-5 / Matthew 10:7-15
- 11th *Memorial: St. Benedict, Abbot*
Genesis 46:1-7, 28-30 / Matthew 10:16-23
- 12th *Weekday [Blessed Virgin Mary]*
Genesis 49:29-32; 50:15-26a / Matthew 10:24-33

Mass Intentions

- Saturday 5:30 Intentions of Anita S. Grossman
- Sunday 8:00 For the People of the Parish
- 9:30 Intentions of Catie Cariaga Nakamura
- 11:30 Frank E. Mayo RIP
- Monday 5:30 Intentions of Sharon Ceasar
- Wednesday 5:30 Intentions of Tom & Reyline Fleming
- Thursday 8:30 Holy Souls
- Saturday 8:30 Fidel Figala RIP

Parish Calendar through July 20th, 2025

- July 4** Friday **Parish Office is Closed and Holy Hour is Postponed until next Friday, July 11th.**
- 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!*
- July 8** Tuesday **Reflection on the Sunday Gospel Zoom link:**
2:00-3:00 pm, tinyurl.com/SMM-GospelGroup
- July 11** Friday **Reflection on the Sunday Gospel**
9:15 - 10:15 am, Norton Hall
- July 11** Friday **Eucharistic Adoration (Holy Hour)**
6:00 pm, Church (after the 5:30 pm Daily Mass)
- July 12/13** Weekend **Preacher at Weekend Masses: Fr. Nick**
5:30 pm Saturday; 8:00/9:30/11:30 am Sunday
- July 18** Friday **WordFest: Mary Magdalen Festival**
6:00 pm, Blackfrairs Gallery, DSPT
- July 19** Saturday **Mary Magdalen Conference: Nicene Creed**
10:00 am Saturday, Church; reception follows
- July 19/20** Weekend **Preacher at Weekend Masses: Deacon Jeff**
5:30 pm Saturday; 8:00/9:30/11:30 am Sunday
- July 20** Saturday **Mary Magdalen Festival Potluck**
12:30 pm, Parish Rectory



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2025 BISHOP'S MINISTRIES APPEAL

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To donate, leave a check in the collection basket, or go to tinyurl.com/BishopAppeal.

EIGHTH ANNUAL MARY MAGDALEN FESTIVAL

6:00 PM FRIDAY, JULY 18:

Wordfest at DSPT's
Blackfriars Gallery

- ~ Readings by Parishioners
- ~ Music by Andy Canepa
- ~ Food by Agrodolce



Kay Richards recited her poem at last year's Mary Magdalen Festival.

10:00 AM SATURDAY, JULY 19 (CHURCH)

1700TH ANNIVERSARY LECTURE: THE NICENE CREED, PART I

12:30 PM SUNDAY, JULY 20 (PARISH RECTORY)

POTLUCK CELEBRATION OF OUR PATRON SAINT!

Senate Res. 224 - A resolution calling for the urgent delivery of humanitarian aid to Gaza

California Senator Alex Padilla is co-sponsoring **Senate Res. 224**, a resolution *calling for the urgent delivery of humanitarian aid for the civilians in Gaza*. It calls on the White House, the Department of State, and other relevant United States government agencies to urgently use all available diplomatic tools to bring about the release of the hostages, an immediate cessation of the blockade on food and humanitarian aid for Palestinian civilians, and a durable end to the conflict in Gaza.

Please show your support for the bill by calling or emailing your Senators. To call and leave a voice message:

- ◆ Senator Alex Padilla: 202-224-3553
- ◆ Senator Adam Schiff: 202-224 3841

The identical resolution has also been sent to Congress with the number **H. 473**, so you can also support that resolution by calling or emailing your Congressman:

- ◆ Representative Lateefa Simon: (202) 225-2661
- ◆ Representative Eric Swalwell (202) 225-5065
- ◆ Representative Mark DeSaulnier: (202) 225-2095

Our First Sunday Dinner for the Hungry will take place this afternoon. **Do you have time to come to Magdalen Hall for an hour between 2:15 pm to 4:15 pm?** Your presence could be very helpful this summer!

You are very welcome to come help set up (**11:30 am**), or serve our guests (**2:15 pm**), or clean up the kitchen or Magdalen Hall. We start cleaning up the kitchen at **2:30 pm**, and putting away tables and chairs in the Hall at **3:40 pm**.



To learn more, see tinyurl.com/SMMDinners, or email sundaydiners@marymagdalen.org ... or simply show up today, or on July 27th, or August 3rd or 24th, etc....

Many thanks to Madeleine graduate Katelyn and Iwona (above) for their delicious contributions! If you also like to bake, you may drop off your treats downstairs between 8:00 am and 1:00 pm.

Bottom-Up Theology

Many of you know that my father was a private pilot. When he wasn't actually flying his airplane, we spent many Saturdays at the airport maintaining and improving it. The company that repaired and provided hanger space at our local airport had a particularly romantic name: *Castles-in-the-Air*. This name conjured for me images of the majestic cumulus and nimbus clouds that always dot the Florida horizon.

If you fly often, you are aware that clouds appear insubstantial; nothing more than water droplets you can fly right through. But you also know that clouds can obscure danger. While they look like harmless puffs, clouds can harbor damaging hail, lethal lightning, and rain dense enough to stall an engine, as well as deadly sheer winds. Clouds—castles-in-the-air—are analogous to the dangers that lurk in theology when it is not grounded. Ungrounded theology may appear harmless, but it contains unexpected dangers.

Theology, spirituality, or Church teaching that starts with "The revealed word of God," or "The Bible says" runs the danger of being a *Castle-in-the-Air*. This is often called "Top Down" theology for the direction the message flows. If the writers have done their homework and grounded their argument in the human condition, they are on very solid ground. But too often writers don't question how we received God's message. It sounds like heresy to some, but ***all theology must begin with anthropology***. Moreover, the object of theology is the human person—not God. (God is the *subject* of theology.) All theology originates within the context of the person or people communicating it. All theology ultimately begins with—and has its object in—human beings. Otherwise, why bother with it?

The *Book of Revelation* is a case in point. Known as the "happy hunting ground for heretics," some people with no understanding of its origin, purpose, or context read it as a prediction of the future. While the author intended it just so, he was writing for a particular church in the early second century. The Scripture scholar Raymond Brown has theorized that the community was deeply divided at that time, and beginning to flag as they waited for the Second Coming. Noting its very specific audience, the popular scholar Camille Paglia, has suggested that the New Testament would have been better off without it! Understanding this context, and reading it as a paean to the struggles of a congregation in the early Church, changes its tone completely.

Why does this distinction matter? Theology that is not grounded in the human condition often imposes unrealistic expectations on people. Eating meat on Friday (and by extension Holy Saturday) is a good example. By the time I studied the Baltimore Catechism, the reason given for abstaining from meat was that our Lord was crucified in the flesh and therefore it was a sacrilege to consume it on the day of His Passion. The rule became so strict that the time of the Easter Vigil was moved to the morning of Holy Saturday (destroying the whole notion of vigil) so that the fast would not be broken. When the Second Vatican Council was discussing the relaxation of this rule, one Cardinal objected, "What about all those people who went to hell because they broke the fast?" The historical context of abstaining from meat in solidarity with those about to be baptized (or to help out Italian fishermen) had been lost. Instead, an inhumane but minor rule came to dominate core theological beliefs.

The best way to tell if a theological point or Church teaching is grounded in the human person is: *How well does it honor those who are expected to live it?* For example: although it's still on the books that not attending Sunday Mass is a grave sin, many Church documents assume that not everybody is able to do so. These more recent teachings make allowances for emergencies, serious inconvenience (traveling long distances), and other circumstances. The Church recognizes that regular participation with the community in the Eucharist is a core responsibility, but it does not hold people accountable for something they cannot help.

In almost all cases, the Church is very reasonable with the discharge of its teachings. It also reads Scripture within the context of the people who wrote it and the literary form in which it was written. Generally, if there is not something deeply practical at the foundation of any revelation, or in Church teaching, it merits a closer examination. Is this someone's interpretation of God's word? And how does it apply to our specific time and place? Beware of Castles-in-the-Air!



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.

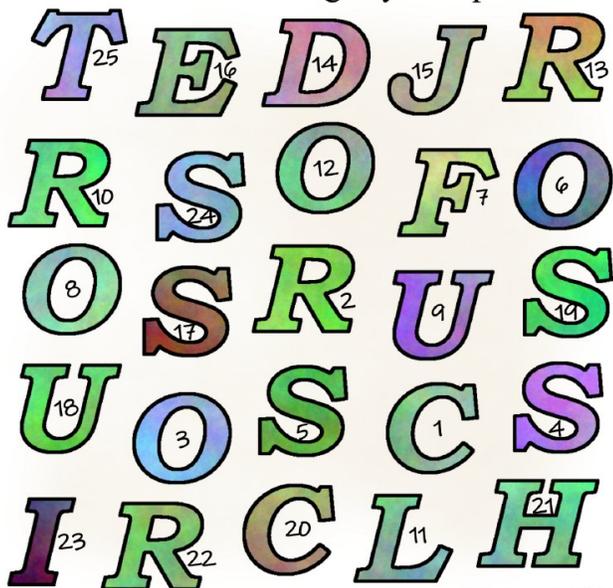
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The Kids' Bulletin

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 6th, 2025

What did Saint Paul say in today's second reading?
Sort out the letters by number to find out!

Far be it from me to glory except in the



Galatians 6.14-18

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25

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Match-Up Puzzle: Jesus Sends out the 72 Disciples

Jesus gave the seventy-two disciples some instructions as He sent them out to the towns.

Can you find the right words to finish the phrases?

- Go your way; behold, I send you out as • road
- in the midst of • wolves
- Carry no purse, no bag, no • sandals
- and salute no one on the • you
- Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace be to this • wages
- And if a son of peace is there, your peace shall rest upon him; but if not, it shall return to • lambs
- And remain in the same house, eating and drinking what they provide, for the laborer deserves his • house



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