

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)

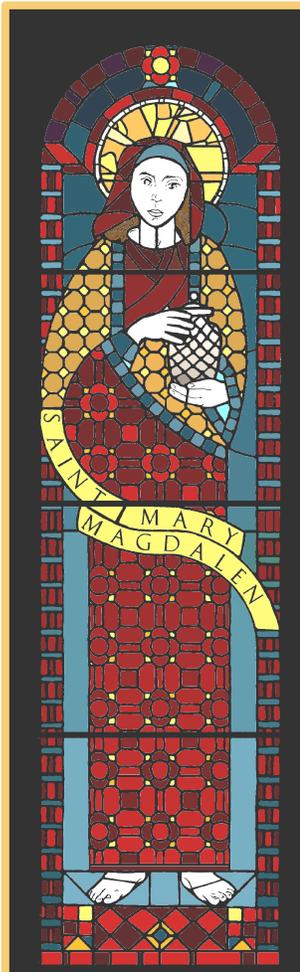
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BAPTISM: Preparation classes take place on the first Monday of the month. Please call the parish office for more information.

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."*

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C ~ July 13th, 2025

Weekly Collections through July 6, 2025			
Sunday	Actual	Budget	Difference
07/06/2025	\$8,204.99	\$10,000.00	-\$1,795.01
Year-to-Date	\$250,405.54	\$282,000.00	-\$31,594.46
<i>Your donations keep the doors open.</i>			

Quarterly Report for Ministry Donations	
Total Collected – April/May/June	\$16,627.38
Food for the Poor (Sunday Dinners)	\$3,925.13
Mexicali Mission (Sister Parish)	\$2,095.00
Scholarship Fund (Sister Parish)	\$150.00
Refugee Aid / Social Justice	\$550.00
Racial Equity Committee / AAPI	\$1,115.00
St. Vincent de Paul Conference	\$2,850.59
School of the Madeleine	\$2,725.97
Mary Magdalen Music Ministry	\$2,280.69
Capital Repair & Improvement	\$935.00

Scripture Readings for the Week

- 13th **FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
Deuteronomy 30:10-14 / Colossians 1:15-20 /
Luke 10:25-37
- 14th *Memorial: St. Kateri Tekakwitha*
Exodus 1:8-14, 22 / Matthew 10:34-11:1
- 15th *Memorial: St. Bonaventure, Bishop & Doctor*
Exodus 2:1-15 / Matthew 11:20-24
- 16th *Weekday [Our Lady of Mount Carmel]*
Exodus 3:1-6, 9-12 / Matthew 11:25-27
- 17th *Weekday*
Exodus 3:13-20 / Matthew 11:28-30
- 18th *Weekday [St. Camillus de Lellis, Priest]*
Exodus 11:10 – 12:14 / Matthew 12:1-8
- 19th *Weekday [Blessed Virgin Mary]*
Exodus 12:37-42 / Matthew 12:14-21

Mass Intentions

Saturday	5:30	Louis & Beatrice Hippolyte RIP
Sunday	8:00	Intentions of Kathleen Foley
	9:30	For the People of the Parish
	11:30	Omar Fortich RIP
Monday	5:30	Maria Antonia Curtis RIP
Tuesday	8:30	Holy Souls
Wednesday	5:30	Intentions of Marcela Lao
Thursday	8:30	Nicholas Espejo RIP
Friday	5:30	Intentions of Michael Wahl
Saturday	8:30	Intentions of Madeleine Mahoney

Parish Calendar through July 27th, 2025

- July 11** Eucharistic Adoration (Holy Hour)
Friday 6:00 pm, Church (after the 5:30 pm Daily Mass)
- July 12/13** Preacher at Weekend Masses: Fr. Nick
Weekend 5:30 pm Saturday; 8:00/9:30/11:30 am Sunday
- July 15** Discussion of the Sunday Gospel Zoom link:
Tuesday 2:00-3:00 pm, tinyurl.com/SMM-GospelGroup
- July 18** Discussion of the Sunday Gospel
Friday 9:15 - 10:15 am, Norton Hall
- July 18** *WordFest: MARY MAGDALEN FESTIVAL*
Friday 6:00 pm, Blackfriars Gallery, DSPT (2301 Vine St.)
- July 19** MARY MAGDALEN CONFERENCE: Nicene Creed
Saturday 10:00 am Saturday, Church; refreshments on lawn
- July 19/20** Preacher at Weekend Masses: Deacon Jeff
Weekend 5:30 pm Saturday; 8:00/9:30/11:30 am Sunday
- July 20** MARY MAGDALEN FESTIVAL POTLUCK
Sunday 12:30 - 2:30 pm, Parish Rectory
- July 22** Discussion of the Sunday Gospel Zoom link:
Tuesday 2:00-3:00 pm, tinyurl.com/SMM-GospelGroup
- July 25** Discussion of the Sunday Gospel
Friday 9:15 - 10:15 am, Norton Hall
- July 26/27** Preacher at Weekend Masses: TBA
Weekend 5:30 pm Saturday; 8:00/9:30/11:30 am Sunday
- July 27** Fourth Sunday Dinner for the Hungry
Sunday Noon-4:00 pm, Magdalen Hall. *Volunteers needed!*

Summer Movie Nights at Holy Spirit / Newman Hall

Mondays @ 7:00 pm
2700 Dwight Way

- July 14th- The Gods Must Be Crazy
July 21st- A Man For All Seasons
July 28th -Saving Grace
Aug 4th -The Most Reluctant Convert
Aug 11th- Moonstruck
Aug 18th- Babette's Feast

Eighth Annual
Mary Magdalen Festival
July 18-20, 2025

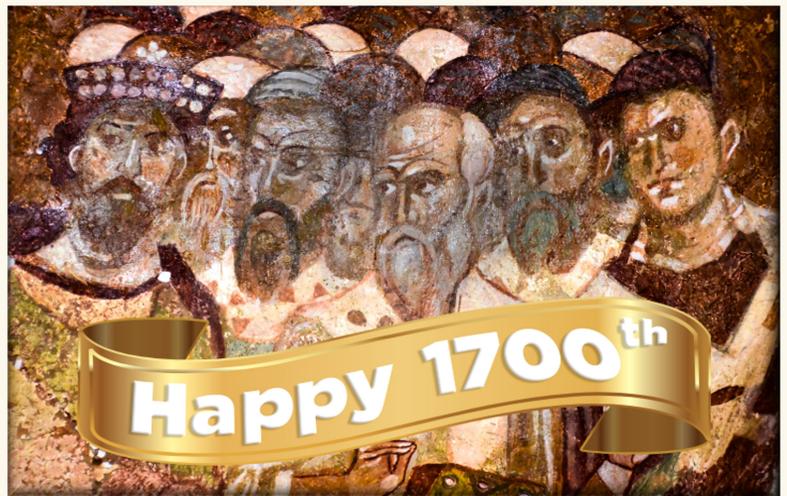
Wordfest!

*Conference on
the Nicene Creed*

6:00 pm Friday, July 18th

Blackfriars Gallery at DSPT
2301 Vine St, Berkeley

- ~ Readings by Parishioners
- ~ Food by Agrodolce Osteria
- ~ Harp Music by
Cheryl Ann Fulton



**The 1700th Anniversary of
the Nicene Creed: Part I**

Rev. Nicholas Glisson, Ph.D.

Pastor, St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church

Rev. Edward Henderson

Rector, St. John the Baptist Orthodox Church

Part I:

10:00 am, Saturday, July 19th

St. Mary Magdalen Church

2005 Berryman Street, Berkeley

Part II:

10:00 am, Saturday, August 16th

St. Mark's Episcopal Church



Closing Event: Rectory Open House & Potluck

12:30 - 2:30 pm, Sunday, July 20th

The Nicene Creed - 1700 Years

During our eighth Mary Magdalen Festival next week, we are veering away from the theology and spirituality of our patron, Saint Mary Magdalen, to observe the seventeen-hundredth anniversary of the Nicene Creed. Father Edward Henderson, Pastor of St. John the Baptist Russian Orthodox Church in Berkeley, and I will present the first of a two-part symposium on the Creed. The second part will take place at St. Mark's Episcopal Church in August.

This topic may at first glance sound like a cure for insomnia, but I guarantee that you will find the discussion lively, thought-provoking, and relevant to your Faith. In fact, the Nicene Creed has a rich and colorful history that shapes much of how we live out our Christianity. Conversely, there is much about our faith the Creed does not touch. I think you'll find these Saturday morning lectures on this article of our belief very worth your time away from home.

Many Christians who have no knowledge of the Creed's origins assume that it is a compendium of the Doctrine of the Church. While it does contain some crucial elements of Church teaching, the Nicene Creed is *not* a summation of what we believe. Very specifically, the Creed defines our understanding of the nature of Jesus Christ: he is the Son of God, coequal with the Father and Holy Spirit. There was never a time when he was not. The Son is the material manifestation of the Godhead. The Christ took the form of Jesus, a human being, to redeem us from our sinfulness and make us God's adopted sons and daughters. Among many other things, there is no mention of the Sacraments in the Creed; in fact, nothing about sacramental nature of the Church itself. It does not touch on the central role of Scripture nor of the Church's apostolic mission.

If the Nicene Creed is so limited in its scope, why do we recite it at Sunday Mass and at other important liturgies? That is where knowing how it was formed comes in. In the 4th century, just as the Church had been recognized by Emperor Constantine, Bishop Arius of Alexandria proposed that Jesus was born a human being and only became the Son of God as a reward for His heroic Passion and death. While this may seem to be an academic distinction, it has major consequences for understanding our relationship with God. If we follow this notion, then imitating Christ would mean we would have to achieve and merit our salvation—something none of us is really capable of. On the other hand, **if Christ is, was, and always will be, the Son of God as well as truly a human being, then He is a true mediator for us.** We can be saved by our faith alone—something immanently doable.

Beyond the doctrine of the Nicene Creed, its adoption by the Catholic Church is a fascinating story in itself. Our image of theological debate is one that takes place in the hallowed halls of seminaries and universities, but it was not so in the fourth century. Riots were fought over the implementation of the Creed. At one point the Emperor Theodosius was slipping out the back door of his palace to avoid an uprising when his wife, Empress Theodora, scolded him: *"Oh no, you don't—you coward. Get out there and rally the troops."* Faced with the choice between an angry mob or the scorn of his wife, Theodosius chose to confront the mob!

In the year 325, the Emperor Constantine decreed that the Nicene Creed would settle the matter of Christ's nature once and for all. There were some modifications and addenda to the Creed in 381 and at Constantinople in 451, but it has remained basically unchanged ever since. Moreover, the Emperor's decree shows another aspect of Church life that began with the Creed. Secular rulers have often used their prerogative to insert their own ideas and beliefs into Church teachings. Since its earliest days, the Church has struggled to maintain its independence.

Since Fr. Henderson and I are sharing this presentation, we look forward to members of Saint John the Baptist Russian Orthodox Church, as well as Saint Mark's Episcopal Church, joining us Saturday morning. I am sure that you will make them feel welcome, and their presence will add to a lively discussion.



Rev. Edward Henderson

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**.

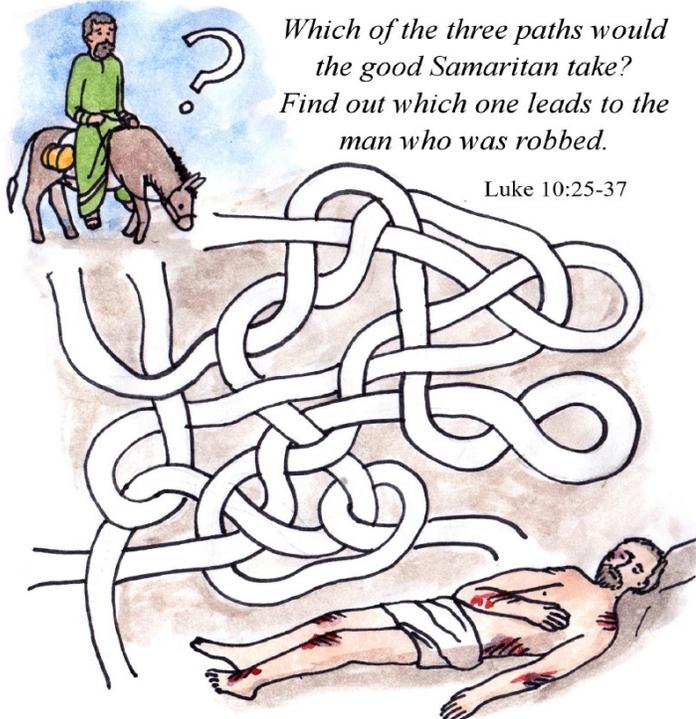
Lunch will be provided on the Saturdays.

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

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 13th, 2025



Jesus told the Parable of the Good Samaritan to show the people what it means to love your neighbour after someone asked Him "Who is my neighbour?"

True or False? The Story of the Good Samaritan

Jesus told the people a parable to show them how to be a good neighbour. At that time the Samaritans were enemies of the Jews.

How well do you know the story?

See if you can figure out which of these are true and which are false.

1. In the parable, a man was walking from Jerusalem to Jericho, when he came across a group of people who had been robbed. True or False?
2. The robbers beat the man and took all he had. True or False?
3. A priest walked past the man and ignored him. True or False?
4. A Levite saw the man and left him some money. True or False?
5. A Samaritan saw the man, bandaged his wounds, and took him to an inn. True or False?
6. The Samaritan told the innkeeper that he had done his job and he didn't care what happened to the man. True or False?
7. In the parable, the Samaritan, who was normally the man's enemy, was his best neighbour. True or False?

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