

July 20<sup>th</sup>, 2025 | Solemnity of our Patron Saint, Mary Magdalen (Year C)

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

# St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Parish



## 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)

## OFFICE HOURS

Monday – Friday  
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- BAPTISM:** Preparation classes take place on the first Monday of the month.
- 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 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Mass, and by appointment.

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# Patronal Feast of St. Mary Magdalen, Year C ~ July 20<sup>th</sup>, 2025

Weekly Collections through July 13 <sup>th</sup> , 2025			
Sunday	Actual	Budget	Difference
07/13/2025	\$8,915.01	\$10,000.00	-\$1,084.99
Year-to-Date	\$259,420.55	\$292,000.00	-\$32,579.45

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## Scripture Readings for the Week

- 20<sup>th</sup> **PATRONAL FEAST OF ST. MARY MAGDALEN**  
 Song of Songs 3:1-4 / 2 Corinthians 5:14-17 /  
 John 20:1-2, 11-18
- 21<sup>st</sup> *Weekday [St. Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest & Doctor]*  
 Exodus 14:5-18 / Matthew 12:38-42
- 22<sup>nd</sup> *FEAST: ST. MARY MAGDALEN*  
 Song of Songs 3:1-4 / 2 Corinthians 5:14-17 /  
 John 20:1-2, 11-18
- 23<sup>rd</sup> *Weekday [St. Bridget, Religious]*  
 Exodus 16:1-5, 9-15 / Matthew 13:1-9
- 24<sup>th</sup> *Weekday [Saint Sharbel Makhlūf, Priest]*  
 Exodus 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20 / Matthew 13:10-17
- 25<sup>th</sup> *FEAST: ST. JAMES, APOSTLE*  
 2 Corinthians 4:7-15 / Matthew 20:20-28
- 26<sup>th</sup> *Memorial: Sts. Joachim & Anne, Parents of the BVM*  
 Exodus 24:3-8 / Matthew 13:24-30

## Mass Intentions

- |           |       |                              |
|-----------|-------|------------------------------|
| Saturday  | 5:30  | Holy Souls                   |
| Sunday    | 8:00  | Timothy Doran RIP            |
|           | 9:30  | Intentions of John Rengel    |
|           | 11:30 | For the People of the Parish |
| Monday    | 5:30  | Intentions of Anna Johnson   |
| Tuesday   | 8:30  | Intentions of Andy Canepa    |
| Wednesday | 5:30  | Joe Fitzgerald RIP           |
| Thursday  | 8:30  | Intentions of Flor Streegan  |
| Friday    | 5:30  | Elmer Nielsen RIP            |
| Saturday  | 8:30  | Intentions of Lisa Manocchio |

## Parish Calendar through August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2025

- 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](https://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: Fr. Titus*  
 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!*
- August 1** *Eucharistic Adoration (Holy Hour)*  
 Friday 6:05 pm, Church (after the 5:30 pm Daily Mass)
- August 2** *Monthly Liturgy Committee Meeting*  
 Friday 10:00 am, Conference Room & Zoom
- August 2/3** *Preacher at Weekend Masses: Rev. Anto, CP*  
 Weekend 5:30 pm Saturday; 8:00/9:30/11:30 am Sunday
- August 3** *First Sunday Dinner for the Hungry*  
 Sunday Noon-4:00 pm, Magdalen Hall. *Volunteers needed!*



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**Eighth Annual**  
**Mary Magdalen Festival**  
**July 18-20, 2025**

*Wordfest!*

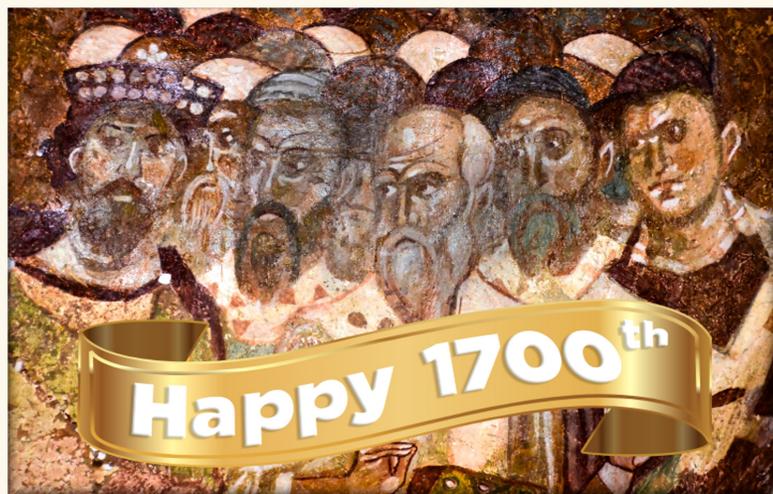
*Conference on  
the Nicene Creed*

**6:00 pm Friday, July 18<sup>th</sup>**

Blackfriars Gallery at DSPT  
2301 Vine St, Berkeley

Program begins at 6:30 pm:

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



**The 1700<sup>th</sup> 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 19<sup>th</sup>**

**St. Mary Magdalen Church**

**2005 Berryman Street, Berkeley**

**Part II:**

**10:00 am, Saturday, August 16<sup>th</sup>**

**St. Mark's Episcopal Church**



**Closing Event: Rectory Open House & Potluck**

**12:30 - 2:30 pm, Sunday, July 20<sup>th</sup>**

## *Sacred vs. Secular*

As we celebrate the feast of our patron, Mary Magdalen, we should be aware she was a controversial person in the early Church. I have always felt that her wrong identification as a prostitute was more than simply a mistake by Pope Gregory the Great when he associated her with the unnamed “sinner” who washed Jesus’ feet with her hair. What went unspoken was the Church Fathers’ unease that a woman would be in Jesus’ inner circle — she needed a dark side. Mary Magdalen clearly felt at home in the greater world—the world later labeled “secular”. While displaying a profound humility, she held her own with the apostles and civic leaders.

The terms *sacred* and *secular* are bandied about regularly as if they are opposed to one another, but the origins of these terms suggest they are complementary. Generally, the category “sacred” is understood to include spiritual things, and the purview of religion, while the term “secular” refers to everything else.

Throughout the Middle Ages—when the Church dominated all aspects of life—*sacred* and *secular* were understood in terms of Neo-Platonic philosophy. *Sacred* was the realm of heaven and superior to the material, or profane world. *Secular* and *profane* often were understood as synonymous.

The trouble is that God made the material world. He chose it as the arena in which we work out our relationship with Him. To look on the material, secular world as inferior, or even evil, is to imply that God has played a nasty trick on us... or that He is not perfect. The secular world is messy, evolving, and fraught with peril, but it is God’s creation, and He created it out of love for us. While we can reject the love God has for us and make this world a difficult place, that is our fault — the fault of the human race. It is not God’s fault.

In the nineteenth and twentieth centuries, on the other hand, many philosophers promoted the secular world as superior to the sacred. They believed, like Karl Marx, that religion was just fantasy and would be gradually replaced by science and critical thinking. Clearly, their prophecies were wrong. For good and ill, religion is as strong as ever. Perhaps scientists should see human beings as “hard-wired” for religion, and accept it as they do other human traits.

While we aspire to life with God, it is His will that we grow in His image in this secular, material world. Even heaven, as envisioned in the New Testament, will not ultimately be a place strictly of the spirit. The Kingdom of God is imagined as a transformed material world that is reconciled with the spiritual realm.

What does this mean for us? Mostly it means that we cannot wish away the secular world around us. The joys, sorrows, challenges, and achievements that we experience in the world here and now are the place God has decided to meet us. Who are we to critique his choice?



*St. Mary Magdalen by Sharon Henthorn-Iwane  
(Icon Commissioned for our Centennial in 2023)*

# 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](https://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**.

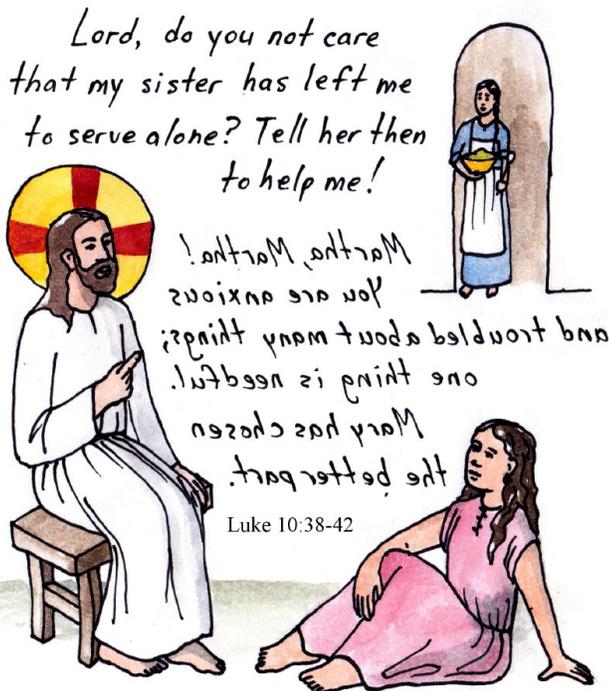
Lunch will be provided on the Saturdays.

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

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
July 20th, 2025



Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Tell her then to help me!

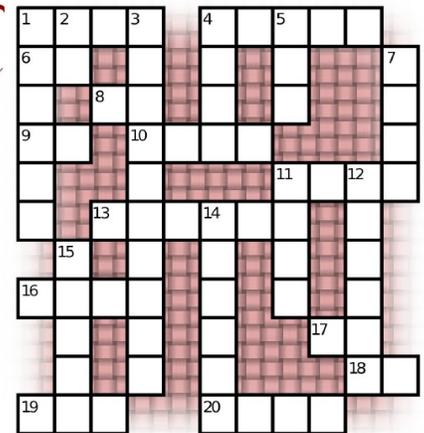
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Mary had chosen  
the better part.

Luke 10:38-42

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## Martha and Mary

cross word puzzle



Across:

- The \_\_\_\_\_ came to Martha's house
- Mary \_\_\_\_\_ the better part
- Jesus was \_\_\_\_\_ Martha's house
- "One thing \_\_\_\_\_ needed."
- Jesus said \_\_\_\_\_ her, "Martha, Martha."
- "Do you not care? \_\_\_\_\_ tell her to help me!"
- Martha was concerned about \_\_\_\_\_ things.
- Which sister was working in the kitchen?
- Mary sat at Jesus' \_\_\_\_\_.
- "Mary has chosen the better part, which shall not \_\_\_\_\_ taken..."
- "\_\_\_\_\_ you not care?"
- ...away from \_\_\_\_\_."
- Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ to her, "Martha, Martha."

Down:

- Mary just wanted to \_\_\_\_\_ to Jesus speak.
- She sat \_\_\_\_\_ the ground near Him.
- Martha was \_\_\_\_\_ with much serving.
- "Lord, do you not \_\_\_\_\_ that my sister has left me to serve?"
- "\_\_\_\_\_ thing is needed..."
- The better part would not be taken \_\_\_\_\_ from Mary.
- Which sister was not in the kitchen?
- "...one thing is \_\_\_\_\_..."
- Martha was anxious about many \_\_\_\_\_.
- "My sister has left me to \_\_\_\_\_ alone."

Martha was so busy in the kitchen but her sister wasn't helping! What did Jesus say to her when she complained to Him?

Look in the mirror to find out!

ONE NAME TO REMEMBER  
WHEN IT'S TIME TO  
**REMEMBER**



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