



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)

OFFICE HOURS

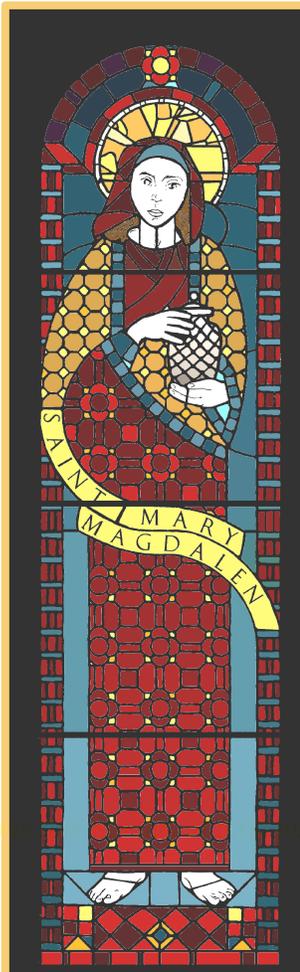
Monday — Friday
9:00 am — Noon
1:00 pm — 5:00 pm
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WEBSITE   

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*"Together we share our
Faith in Jesus Christ.*

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



XDavid Lance Goines, 2002



Fr. David O'Rourke, OP
July 16, 1933 — July 16, 2025

Pastor of St. Mary Magdalen 1975-1981

Funeral Vigil: 7:30 pm on Monday, July 28th
Funeral Mass & Burial: 10:30 am on July 29th
St. Dominic's Catholic Church, Benicia

STAFF CONTACTS FOR PARISH & SCHOOL: marymagdalen.org/staff

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.

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C ~ July 27th, 2025

Weekly Collections through July 20 th , 2025			
Sunday	Actual	Budget	Difference
07/20/2025	\$7,067.85	\$10,000.00	-\$2,932.15
Year-to-Date	\$266,488.40	\$302,000.00	-\$35,511.60
<i>This was not a very good week.</i>			



Eucharistic Adoration will take place at ~6:00 pm on Friday, August 1st. Come join us for a Meditative Hour with the Lord.

Scripture Readings for the Week

- 27th **SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
Genesis 18:20-32 / Col. 2:12-14 / Luke 11:1-13
- 28th *Weekday*
Exodus 32:15-24, 30-34 / Matthew 13:31-35
- 29th *Memorial: Martha, Mary, and Lazarus*
Exodus 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28 / John 11:19-27
- 30th *Weekday [St. Peter Chrysologus, Bishop & Doctor]*
Exodus 34:29-35 / Matthew 13:44-46
- 31st *Memorial: St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest*
Exodus 40:16-21, 34-38 / Matthew 13:47-53
- 1st *Memorial: Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop & Doctor*
Leviticus 23:1, 4-16, 27-37 / Matthew 13:54-58
- 2nd *Memorial: [St. Eusebius of Vercelli, Bishop; St. Peter Julian Eymard, Priest; Blessed Virgin Mary]*
Leviticus 25:1, 8-17 / Matthew 14:1-12

Mass Intentions

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| Saturday | 5:30 | For the People of the Parish |
| Sunday | 8:00 | Luis Martello RIP |
| | 9:30 | Intentions of José Guerrero |
| | 11:30 | Edward Berongan RIP |
| Monday | 5:30 | Vernon Alonzo RIP |
| Tuesday | 8:30 | Leonila Garcia RIP |
| Wednesday | 5:30 | Intentions of Lee Guerrero |
| Thursday | 8:30 | Jerry and Rosemary Thomas RIP |
| Friday | 5:30 | Intentions of Ann Fitzgerald |
| Saturday | 8:30 | Richard and Jessie Morland RIP |

Parish Calendar through August 10th, 2025

- 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!*
- July 29** **Discussion of the Sunday Gospel** *Zoom link:*
Tuesday 2:00-3:00 pm, tinyurl.com/SMM-GospelGroup
- August 1** **Discussion of the Sunday Gospel**
Friday 9:15 - 10:15 am, Norton Hall
- August 1** **Eucharistic Adoration (Holy Hour)**
Friday 6:05 pm, Church (after the 5:30 pm Daily Mass)
- 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!*
- August 4** **St. Vincent de Paul Conference Meeting**
Monday 7:00 pm, Norton Hall *All are welcome!*
- August 5** **Discussion of the Sunday Gospel** *Zoom link:*
Tuesday 2:00-3:00 pm, tinyurl.com/SMM-GospelGroup
- August 8** **Discussion of the Sunday Gospel**
Friday 9:15 - 10:15 am, Norton Hall
- August 9/10** **Icon Workshop – Weekend I** (See notice on p. 2)
Weekend 9:00 am - 4:00 pm & 1:00 - 4:00 pm, Norton Hall

Volunteer Opportunity This Sunday

This Sunday, July 27th, is our **4th Sunday Dinner for the Hungry**. Would you have an hour or so to spare? If so, come down to Magdalen Hall sometime today from 11:30 am to 3:30 pm!

You are very welcome to come help set up or serve our guests (*see times below*), but we especially need **volunteers to clean the kitchen and Magdalen Hall**.

We set up from **Noon to 1:00 pm**, prepare to serve at **2:15 pm**, and then we start cleaning the kitchen at **2:30 pm** and putting away tables and chairs at **~3:30 pm**.

Attention All Bakers!

Our guests like sweets and really appreciate your desserts. You may drop them off during Coffee Hour (**7:30 am to 11:00 am**) at in the Magdalen kitchen (**11:00 am to 1:30 pm**). Our guests will be so grateful!



For more info, email:

sundaydinner@marymagdalen.org

Eighth Annual Mary Magdalen Festival ~ Last Weekend



Michael Cassidy

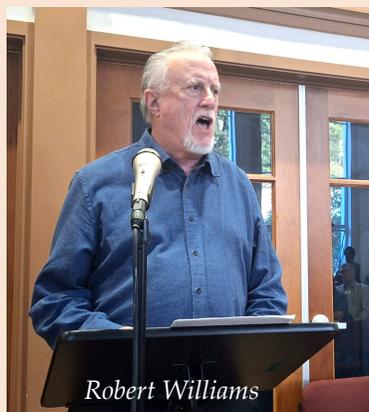


Barbara Brunetti



Martha Gravois

J.A. Gray, Emcee



Robert Williams



Trinity Campbell



Kay Kyung-Nyun Richards



Peter M.J. Hess



*Rev. Nicholas Glisson, Rev. Edward Henderson, Rev. Blake Sawicky
St. Mary Magdalen Catholic, St. John the Baptist Russian Orthodox, St. Mark's Episcopal*

Notes from Fr. Nick

Saint Martha

Last weekend we celebrated our patron saint, Mary Magdalen. This week it is well for us to remember another prominent female saint, for July 29th is the feast of Saint Martha. Where Mary Magdalen was a fellow traveler with Jesus and the disciples, Martha is known for her domesticity. Indeed, the origin of the name, "Martha," in Hebrew and Aramaic means "mistress" or "lady of the house." While she may not have been from the upper class, we can infer that Martha had some prominence in her community.

Martha appears in the Gospels of Luke and John. In Luke, Jesus visits her and her sister, Mary. (Luke 10:38-42) This is the famous episode where Martha attends to household duties while Mary enjoys Jesus' company. When Martha complains, Jesus tells her to relax; their friendship is more important than chores.

John's Gospel records Martha's presence twice. In the first (John 11:20-32), Jesus arrives at the sisters' house three days after the death of their brother, Lazarus. Martha's assertive personality is displayed again when she exclaims, "Lord, if you had been here, our brother wouldn't have died." But then she goes on to express her deep faith in Jesus by testifying that he is the Christ. After his exchange with Martha, Jesus raises Lazarus from the dead.

Martha is mentioned again in the next chapter: John 12:1-8. She serves a meal in Jesus' honor at Bethany, and her siblings, Mary and Lazarus, are also present. Some mystery surrounds this occasion, since it is very similar to another meal recorded in Matthew 26:6-13 and Mark 14:3-9 served at the home of Simon the Leper. At this meal, a "Mary" (Martha's sister?) breaks a jar of oil and anoints Jesus' feet. Are the three Evangelists recording the same event? Would Martha have been permitted to serve a meal at Simon's house? The "Mary" in Matthew's and Mark's stories seems to be a woman of ill repute, but not in John. Scholars disagree on whether this could be the same event or a conflation of two stories.

Martha is also the subject of the "Golden Legend," wherein after Jesus' death, she made her way to France and settled in Provence. In the Legend, she was an aristocrat and lived a grand lifestyle, entertaining and making many converts.

I have a tenuous personal connection with Saint Martha. My parents were married and my siblings and I were baptized at St. Martha's Catholic Church in Sarasota, Florida. Saint Martha's reputation as a good hostess impressed me from my early childhood. Much can be accomplished by preaching and teaching, and more can be witnessed by an exemplary life, but setting a good table and making guests welcome cements the bond of our faith. The importance of being a good host was drilled into me by my mother and, like Martha, it's been an important part of my ministry.



Matthijs Musson, *Christ in the House of Martha and Mary*, c. 1678.
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