



# 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)

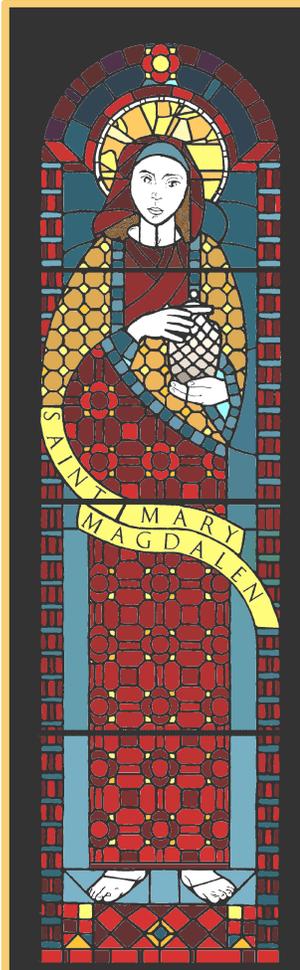
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**BAPTISM:** Preparation classes take place on the first Monday of the month. Please call the parish office for more information.

**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 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Mass, and by appointment.

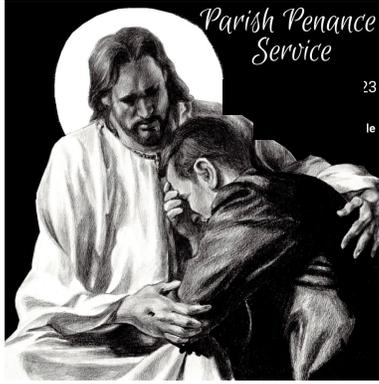
*“Together we share our  
Faith in Jesus Christ.*

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

# Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C ~ August 17<sup>th</sup>, 2025

Weekly Collections through August 10 <sup>th</sup> , 2025			
Sunday	Actual	Budget	Difference
08/10/2025	\$10,896.55	\$10,000.00	\$896.55
Year-to-Date	\$294,787.54	\$332,000.00	-\$37,212.46

*We made our weekly goal! Congratulations!*



## Summer Reconciliation Service

**TOMORROW:**  
Monday, August 18<sup>th</sup>  
7:30 pm

Exchange your heavy load for the lighter burden of Christ!

## Scripture Readings for the Week

- 17<sup>th</sup> **TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10 / Hebrews 12:1-4 / Luke 12:49-53
- 18<sup>th</sup> *Weekday*  
Judges 2:11-19 / Matthew 19:16-22
- 19<sup>th</sup> *Weekday [Saint John Eudes, Priest]*  
Judges 6:11-24 / Matthew 19:23-30
- 20<sup>th</sup> *Memorial: Saint Bernard, Abbot and Doctor*  
Judges 9:6-15 / Matthew 20:1-16
- 21<sup>st</sup> *Memorial: Saint Pius X, Pope*  
Judges 11:29-39 / Matthew 22:1-1
- 22<sup>nd</sup> *Memorial: The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary*  
Ruth 1:1, 3-6, 14-16, 22 / Matthew 22:34-40
- 23<sup>rd</sup> *Weekday [Saint Rose of Lima; Blessed Virgin Mary]*  
Ruth 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17 / Matthew 23:1-12

## Mass Intentions

Saturday	5:30	Intentions of Kathleen Maestas
Sunday	8:00	Nicholas Espejo RIP
	9:30	Ann Flemer RIP
	11:30	For the People of the Parish
Monday	5:30	W.D.R. RIP
Tuesday	8:30	Intentions of Mai Baalbaki
Wednesday	5:30	W.D.R. RIP
Thursday	8:30	Intentions of Stephen Toney
Friday	5:30	Intentions of Lourdes Guzman
Saturday	8:30	Intentions of Maria Baalbaki

## Parish Calendar through August 24<sup>th</sup>, 2025

- August 15** Peace & Justice Monthly Meeting  
Friday 4:00 pm, Norton Hall
- August 15** **SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF MARY**  
Friday Masses at 8:30 am and 5:30 pm.
- August 16** Nicene Creed Symposium – Part II  
Saturday 10:00 am–Noon, St. Mark’s Episcopal Church
- August 16/17** Icon Workshop – Weekend II  
Weekend 9:00 am - 4:00 pm & 1:00 –4:00 pm, Norton Hall
- August 16/17** Preacher at Weekend Masses: Fr. Nick  
Weekend 5:30 pm Saturday; 8:00/9:30/11:30 am Sunday
- August 18** **Summer Reconciliation (Penance) Service**  
Monday 7:30 pm, Church
- August 19** Discussion of the Sunday Gospel Zoom link:  
Tuesday 2:00-3:00 pm, [tinyurl.com/SMM-GospelGroup](https://tinyurl.com/SMM-GospelGroup)
- August 20** **First Day of School!**  
Wednesday School of the Madeleine Academic Year Begins
- August 22** Discussion of the Sunday Gospel  
Friday 9:15 - 10:15 am, Norton Hall
- August 24** **ANNUAL PARISH-SCHOOL PICNIC**   
Sunday 10:30 am—onwards, Live Oak Park
- August 24** **Fourth Sunday Dinner for the Hungry**  
Sunday Noon-4:00 pm, Magdalen Hall. *Volunteers needed!*

## Care for Creation Pilgrimage Walk

The California Chapter of the *Laudato Si’ Movement*—in coordination with the *Laudato Deum Prayer Network for Climate Healing*—is hosting a Pilgrimage Walk on **Saturday, September 27<sup>th</sup>**.

Please join us for a wonderful *Jubilee Year of Hope Pilgrimage Walk*. It will begin with a blessing at Holy Spirit- Newman Hall at 3:00 pm, after which we will walk through the beautiful Cal campus and arrive here at St. Mary Magdalen, where we will conclude with a special “*Care for Creation*”-themed Mass at our regular 5:30 pm Vigil Mass.

We are looking for volunteers to help us plan and bring about this event. Please sign up to help! Use either the QR code or the link below for access to sign up for both volunteering and attending the pilgrimage walk.



[tinyurl.com/BerkeleyPilgrimageSignUp](https://tinyurl.com/BerkeleyPilgrimageSignUp)

An online planning meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 27<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 pm.





The next gathering of the St. Mary Magdalen Parish Men's Group is scheduled for  
**Thursday, August 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm**

We will convene the Men's Group outdoors to enjoy the good weather.

Conversation, food, and camaraderie will follow similar formats to our past gatherings.

Tables for food, drinks & conversation will be set up on the basketball courts next to the parking lot.

*Questions?* Contact Brian via the parish office. (510.526.4811 or [parish@marymagdalen.org](mailto:parish@marymagdalen.org))

## Debut of a New Women's Group at St. Mary Magdalen!

# WOMEN'S SPIRITUALITY

At 10:00 am on Saturday, September 13<sup>th</sup>, the adult women of the parish are invited to our first event on Women's Spirituality, to take place in Magdalen Hall. Our first speaker will be Porsia Tunzi, Adjunct Professor of Theology and Religious Studies at St. Mary's College in Moraga.

Dr. Tunzi will present a short talk followed by a time of reflection.

Lunch will be provided. Please let us know you're coming! Call the parish office at 510.526.4811 or email [parish@marymagdalen.org](mailto:parish@marymagdalen.org).

**Porsia Tunzi** is an alumna of the St. Mary's College class of 2012, and earned her Ph.D. in the Sociology of Religion from the Graduate Theological Union. Among her current research interests is a study of the ways in which women from different racial backgrounds and ideological leanings produce and engage in religion on Instagram.

Dr. Tunzi is also an adjunct professor at other colleges, including the graduate program in American Studies at Pepperdine University in Malibu.



## Notes from Fr. Nick

# *Back to School!*

Back in July, our school Principal, Joseph Nagel; along with Vice-Principal, Paula Rice; and Outreach, Enrollment and Service Learning Chair, Rowena Tarantino and I attended the Latino Enrollment Institute at the University of Notre Dame in Indiana. While it was ungodly hot, the event was a rewarding experience for all of us. For me, it was also a homecoming, as I received my Master's Degree at Notre Dame some 40 years ago.

Perhaps more than anything else, we learned that the School of the Madeleine was unlike many of the other schools represented. In most cases, the other schools were struggling financially but were in parishes with large Latino populations whose children were not enrolled in their schools. Our school does not fit this template. While we can always use more resources, financial and otherwise, we are, for the most part, blessed.



Why then, should we seek out enrollment from students from Latino and other cultures? First, we believe that a culturally diverse school will better equip our students for the international world they will inhabit; students exposed to other cultures at an early age are more at ease with people not like themselves. Second, the Church is a worldwide community; our faith grows when exposed to different traditions and we realize that we are one family. Finally, every additional student provides income (through tuition and scholarships) that enables us to budget more for additional teachers, aides, and supplies.

While much of what we heard did not apply to the School of the Madeleine, understanding other Catholic schools' struggles and triumphs gave us a perspective we would not have had received without getting together. We might not have some of the challenges other schools face, but we do have a noble obligation to reach out beyond our local community.

We have developed an action plan toward increasing Latino enrollment in our school: we'll begin by asking the priests from neighboring parishes to personally make a case to twenty Latino families to consider enrolling their children or grandchildren in our school. We are particularly looking for students in grades K through 3. We will consider ourselves successful if we get five new students in the primary grades in this first year.

As we head back to school this week, consider asking a friend or neighbor to enroll their children in the School of the Madeleine. Not only will you be investing in these children's future, but you will be helping out our parish school with one act.

# Initiation into the Catholic Community

In the years immediately following Christ's death and resurrection, the early followers of Jesus were hunted down and persecuted by the Jewish Pharisee, Saul of Tarsus. But as he made his way to Damascus, Saul was awakened to the truth by hearing words directly from the crucified Jesus. From that moment on, Saul became Paul, a changed man, who was responsible for the spread of Christianity throughout the entire Mediterranean region.

Are *you* ready to allow Jesus to become the most important part of your life? If you are willing to experience the radical change that Jesus brings, then seriously consider joining the initiation process into the Catholic Faith.

If you are interested, email [initiation@marymag-dalen.org](mailto:initiation@marymag-dalen.org), or phone 510-526-4811 x 113.

The journey begins soon.



## The Kids' Bulletin

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
August 17th, 2025

Luke 12:49-53

"I have come to set the earth on fire,	and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law."
There is a baptism with which I must be baptized,	and a son against his father,
Do you think that I have come to establish peace on the earth?	and how great is my anguish until it is accomplished!
From now on a household of five will be divided,	No, I tell you, but rather division.
a father will be divided against his son	and a daughter against her mother,
a mother against her daughter	and how I wish it were already blazing!
a mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law	three against two and two against three;

What did Jesus say in today's Gospel reading?  
Match the parts to find out!

### Follow the Leader Fill-in-the-Blanks

Use the words from the list to fill in the blanks and unscramble the letters from the boxes to fill in the spaces at the end!

Brothers and sisters:

Since we are surrounded by so \_\_\_\_\_ a cloud of witnesses,

let us rid \_\_\_\_\_ of every burden and sin that clings to us

and persevere in \_\_\_\_\_ the race that lies before us

while \_\_\_\_\_ our eyes fixed on Jesus, the leader and \_\_\_\_\_ of faith.

For the sake of the joy that lay before \_\_\_\_\_

he endured the cross, \_\_\_\_\_ its shame, and has taken his seat at the right of the \_\_\_\_\_ of God.

Consider how he \_\_\_\_\_ such opposition from sinners,

in order that you may not grow \_\_\_\_\_ and lose heart.

\_\_\_\_\_ !



ENDURED  
OURSELVES  
PERFECTER  
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# Conference on the Nicene Creed

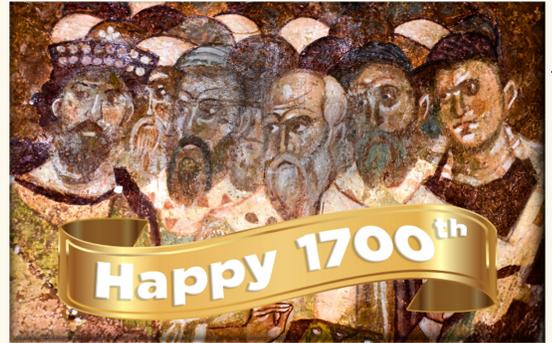
The 1700<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of  
the Nicene Creed: Part II

**Rev. Nicholas Glisson, Ph.D.**

Pastor, St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church

**Rev. Blake Sawicky**

Pastor, St. Mark Episcopal Church



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

**St. Mark's Episcopal Church**

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