

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)

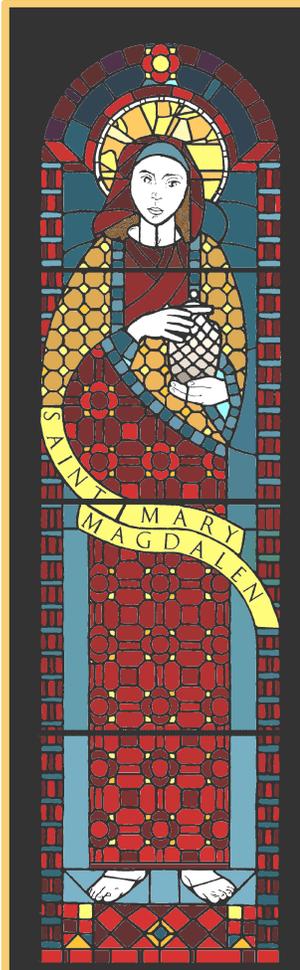
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BAPTISM: Preparation classes take place on the first Monday of the month. Please call the parish office for more information.

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."*

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C ~ August 24th, 2025

Weekly Collections through August 17 th , 2025			
Sunday	Actual	Budget	Difference
08/17/2025	\$6,359.75	\$10,000.00	-\$3,640.25
Assumption	\$457.00	0.00	\$457.00
Year-to-Date	\$301,604.29	\$342,000.00	-\$40,395.71
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Scripture Readings for the Week

- 24th **TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
 Isaiah 66:18-21 / Hebrews 12:5-13 / Luke 13:22-30
- 25th *Weekday [St. Louis; St. Joseph Calasanz, Priest]*
 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5, 8-10 / Matthew 23:13-22
- 26th *Weekday*
 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8 / Matthew 23:23-26
- 27th *Memorial: St. Monica*
 1 Thessalonians 2:9-13 / Matthew 23:27-32
- 28th *Memorial: Saint Augustine, Bishop & Doctor*
 1 Thessalonians 3:7-13 / Matthew 24:42-51
- 29th *Memorial: The Passion of Saint John the Baptist*
 1 Thessalonians 4:1-8 / Mk 6:17-29
- 30th *Weekday [The Blessed Virgin Mary]*
 1 Thessalonians 4:9-11 / Matthew 25:14-30

Mass Intentions

- Saturday 5:30 For the People of the Parish
- Sunday 8:00 John Coleman Scholz RIP
 9:30 Intentions of Rita Sahi
 11:30 Intentions of Velma Richmond
- Monday 5:30 Joan Hebert RIP
- Tuesday 8:30 W.D.R. RIP
- Wednesday 5:30 Intentions of Maria Achila Canoy Monks
- Thursday 8:30 Intentions of Joseph Bernard Canoy
- Friday 5:30 Czesław Grycz

Parish Calendar through September 7th, 2025

- August 23/24 Preacher at Weekend Masses: Fr. Titus**
 Weekend 5:30 pm Saturday; 8:00/9:30/11:30 am Sunday
- 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!*
- August 26 Discussion of the Sunday Gospel Zoom link:**
 Tuesday 2:00-3:00 pm, tinyurl.com/SMM-GospelGroup
- August 28 Men's Group (All men are welcome!)**
 Thursday 6:00 pm onwards, School parking lot
- August 29 Discussion of the Sunday Gospel**
 Friday 9:15 - 10:15 am, Norton Hall
- August 30/31 Sacrament of the Sick at the end of every Mass**
 Weekend 5:30 pm Saturday; 8:00/9:30/11:30 am Sunday
- September 1 St. Vincent de Paul Conference Meeting**
 Monday 7:00 pm, Norton Hall *All are welcome!*
- September 2 Discussion of the Sunday Gospel Zoom link:**
 Tuesday 2:00-3:00 pm, tinyurl.com/SMM-GospelGroup
- September 5 Discussion of the Sunday Gospel**
 Friday 9:15 - 10:15 am, Norton Hall
- September 5 Eucharistic Adoration (Holy Hour)**
 Friday 6:00 pm, Church (after the 5:30 pm Daily Mass)
- September 7 First Sunday Dinner for the Hungry**
 Sunday Noon-4:00 pm, Magdalen Hall. *Volunteers needed!*



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

WOMEN'S SPIRITUALITY

At 10:00 am on Saturday, September 13th, 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.

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.



The next gathering of the St. Mary Magdalen Parish Men's Group is scheduled for
Thursday, August 28th 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)

Notes from Fr. Nick

Innocence vs. Ignorance vs. Stupidity

Imagine that you are a secretary and you like your job. Your boss is reasonable and flexible, the pay is good, and the work environment is great. Most of the products and services your company provides are beneficial to your clients. But gradually, you begin to realize that something is amiss. As a trusted employee, you are privy to confidential information, and gradually you become aware your boss and indeed your entire company are engaged in unethical and immoral practices. Do you become a whistleblower, or do you quit your job quietly, or do you keep working to support your family and possibly help steer the business to a more noble course?

There's a long continuum between awareness of a dalliance between your boss and an employee and learning of serious misappropriations of funds or that your company is deliberately marketing a product with serious health risks. Parsing out the distinction between *innocence*, *ignorance*, and *stupidity* may help in the above scenario and in other moral dilemmas.

Innocence is a choice. It is a "stepping back" from certain knowledge to save one's own or another person's virtue. For example, we normally withhold carnal knowledge from young children until they are ready to learn about it. Allowing them to be innocent as children will aid their development into whole and mature adults. Innocence may also be a personal choice. A few years back I realized watching television news was making me angry and depressed. I have stopped watching the news altogether. I find I am generally no less informed and am happier. Saint Thérèse of Lisieux practiced innocence in the cloistered life. Her voluntary opt-out of a social life enabled her to appreciate simple things in what she called her "Little Way."

While innocence is a virtue, **Ignorance** is being unaware of apparently common knowledge. The phrase, "*What I don't know can't harm me,*" is an obvious falsehood, but ignorance is neither moral nor immoral. Ignorance can be laughable and make one appear foolish. I was well into my 60s when I realized the words to John Fogerty's song were not, "There's the bathroom on the right" but "There's a bad moon on the rise." Other times ignorance can be harmful, as when one is deliberately deceived. The clueless often fall prey to malicious people.

Dietrich Bonhoeffer, the famous German theologian, wrote from prison not long before the Nazis murdered him. He said that **stupidity** is not an intellectual flaw, but rather a moral one. Stupidity is sinful. Stupidity is willful, malicious ignorance that is actually harmful to oneself or others. Sulking, sullenness, and stridence are often signs of stupidity. We can experience a certain satisfaction in being willfully stupid. We declare ourselves right, despite all evidence to the contrary. Blindly following a politician's ideology to be in with your friends is an example of stupidity.



Dietrich Bonhoeffer, 1906-1945

The trouble is knowing when one has crossed the line from innocence to ignorance, or from ignorance to stupidity. When does avoiding vanity by not grooming oneself become offensive to others? When is ignoring safety precautions around your home harmful to your family and yourself? When is it stupid to sulk rather than accept someone's advice? Most of us would rather have clear choices rather than deal with nuance. Nuance places moral decisions in context and delivers the necessary distinctions that help us to make important distinctions. If we honestly work through moral choices, at least we have the satisfaction of knowing we have behaved ethically, even if our judgement is flawed.

Prayer is the additional element we Christians have to aid us in making moral choices. Prayer engages our consciences and, through the Holy Spirit, enlightens our minds. In the end, prayer helps us know when to remain innocent. Prayer gives us the honesty to overcome ignorance and the grace to avoid stupidity.

Care for Creation Pilgrimage Walk

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

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

An online planning meeting is scheduled for **this Wednesday, August 27th**, at 7:00 pm.

Volunteer Opportunity This Sunday Afternoon!

This Sunday, August 24th, is our **Fourth Sunday Dinner for the Hungry**. Would you have an hour or so to spare? If so, consider coming down to Magdalen Hall sometime today from Noon 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**.

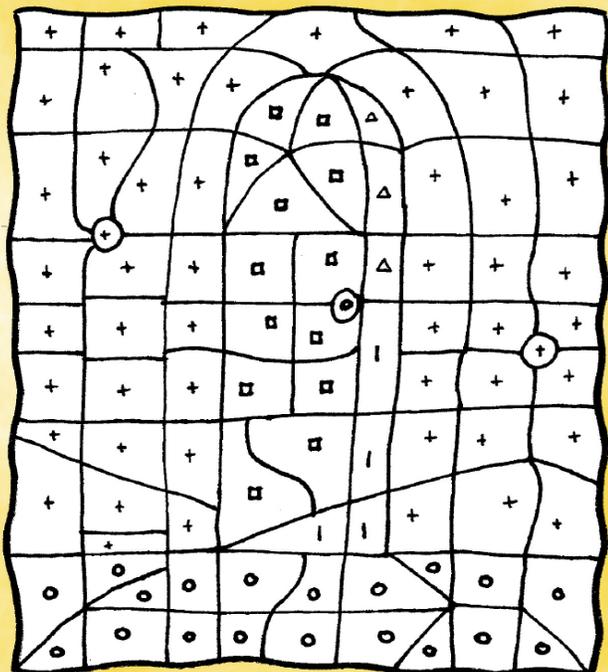
Attention All Bakers:

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!

The Kids' Bulletin

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 24th, 2025

Luke 13:22-30



What was the way that Jesus told the people to enter the Kingdom of Heaven by?

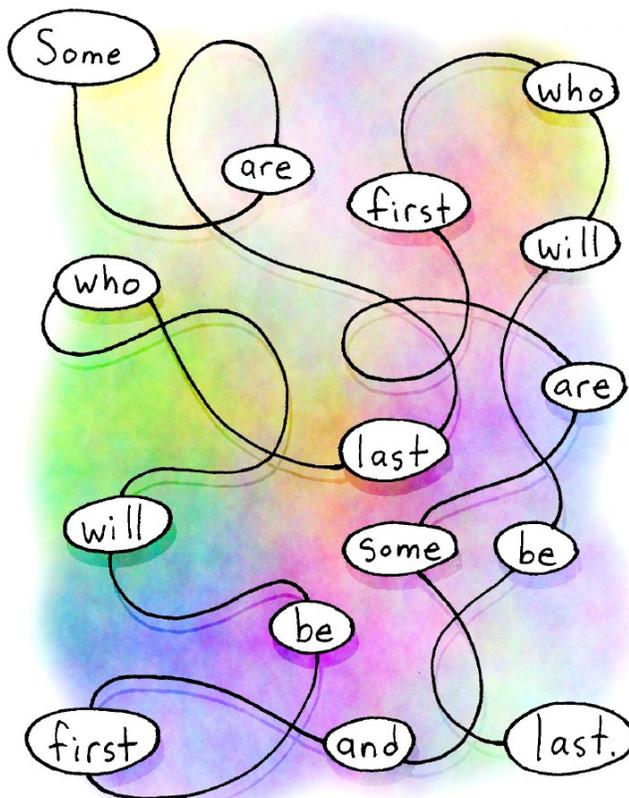
Colour in the spaces using the code to find out.

- △ Blue
- Brown
- + White
- ! Green
- Grey

All in the Right Order

What was one of the things Jesus said in today's Gospel reading about the people in the Kingdom of Heaven?

Follow the squiggly line to sort out the words.
Start with "Some" in the top left corner.



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