

St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Parish



Next Saturday: Debut of our Parish Women's Spirituality Group!

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)

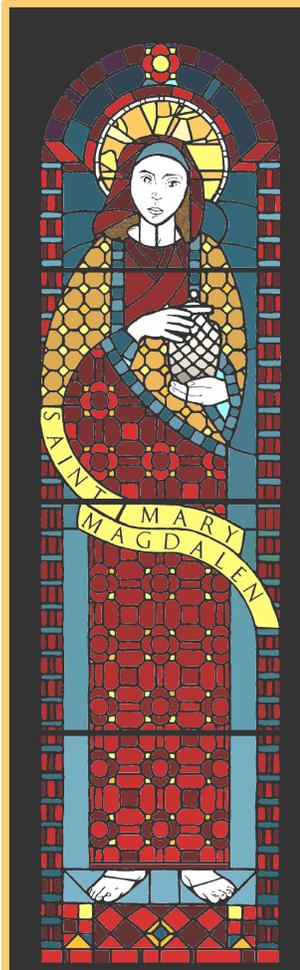
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BAPTISM: Preparation classes take place on the first Monday of the month. Please call the parish office for more information.

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-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C ~ September 7th, 2025

Weekly Collections through August 31 st , 2025			
Sunday	Actual	Budget	Difference
08/31/2025	\$6,712.35	\$10,000.00	-\$3,287.65
Year-to-Date	\$317,719.26	\$362,000.00	-\$44,280.74

We need your support to keep our parish moving.

Parish Calendar through September 19th, 2025

- September 5 Eucharistic Adoration (Holy Hour)**
Friday 6:00 pm, Church (*after the 5:30 pm Daily Mass*)
- September 6 Liturgy Committee Meeting**
Saturday 10:00 am, Conference Room & Zoom
- September 6/7 Preacher at Weekend Masses: Deacon Jeff**
Weekend 5:30 pm Saturday; 8:00 / 9:30 / 11:30 am Sunday
- September 7 First Sunday Dinner for the Hungry**
Sunday Noon-4:00 pm, Magdalen Hall. (*See below.*)
- September 9 Discussion of the Sunday Gospel Zoom link:**
Tuesday 2:00-3:00 pm, tinyurl.com/SMM-GospelGroup
- September 9 Parish Pastoral Council Meeting**
Tuesday 7:00-8:30 pm, Conference Room & Zoom
- September 12 Discussion of the Sunday Gospel**
Friday 9:15 - 10:15 am, Norton Hall
- September 13 Debut of New Parish Women's Group!**
Saturday 10:00 am, Norton Hall. (*See notice on page 2.*)
- Sept. 13/14 Preacher at Weekend Masses: Fr. Nick**
Weekend 5:30 pm Saturday; 8:00 / 9:30 / 11:30 am Sunday
- September 14 Meg Bowerman—Diocesan Medal of Merit**
Sunday 2:00-4:00 pm, Norton Hall
- September 16 Discussion of the Sunday Gospel Zoom link:**
Tuesday 2:00-3:00 pm, tinyurl.com/SMM-GospelGroup
- September 19 Discussion of the Sunday Gospel**
Friday 9:15 - 10:15 am, Norton Hall
- September 19 Peace & Justice Monthly Meeting**
Friday 4:00 - 5:00 pm, Norton Hall



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Scripture Readings for the Week

- 7th **TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
Wisdom 9:13-18 / Philemon 9-10, 12-17 /
Luke 14:25-33
- 8th **FEAST: NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**
Micah 5:1-4 / Matthew 1:1-16, 18-23
- 9th **Memorial: St. Peter Claver, Priest**
Colossians 2:6-15 / Luke 6:12-19
- 10th **Weekday**
Colossians 3:1-11 / Luke 6:20-26
- 11th **Weekday**
Colossians 3:12-17 / Luke 6:27-38
- 12th **Weekday [The Most Holy Name of Mary]**
1 Timothy 1:1-2, 12-14 / Luke 6:39-42
- 13th **Memorial St. John Chrysostom, Bishop & Doctor**
1 Timothy 1:15-17 / Luke 6:43-49

Mass Intentions



- Saturday 5:30 Intentions of Lita Ramos Perlberg
- Sunday 8:00 Intentions of Tom & Elaine Hall
9:30 For the People of the Parish
11:30 Intentions of Anna Johnson
- Monday 5:30 Intentions of Mary Day
- Tuesday 8:30 Intentions of Mary Day
- Wednesday 5:30 W.D.R. RIP



This Sunday, September 7th, is our **1st Sunday Dinner for the Hungry**. Would you have an hour or so to spare? If so, consider coming 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 the Hall.**

We set up from **Noon to 1:00 pm**, prepare to serve at **2:15 pm**, and 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 they really appreciate your desserts. You may drop them off during Coffee Hour (**7:30 am to 11:00 am**) or in Magdalen Hall (**11:00 am to 1:30 pm**). Thank you so much!

This Saturday: A New Women's Group at St. Mary Magdalen!

WOMEN'S SPIRITUALITY

At 10:00 am, **this 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 Prof. 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 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.



COME CELEBRATE WITH US

Please join us as **Meg Bowerman** receives the **Oakland Diocesan Medal of Merit** for her outstanding dedication and service to social justice.

Bring your Meg moment to write on a Memory Wall Sticky.

A momentous occasion in JustFaith Ministries

25th year in the East Bay.

Sunday, September 14th

2:00 pm to 4:00 pm in Norton Hall

THIRD ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL DINNER

6:30 pm on Saturday, October 4th, 2025, in Magdalen Hall

Come enjoy a delicious evening of **flavor; from around the world** — all made and shared by our vibrant community! Experience dishes from Africa, Asia, Europe, the Middle East, and the Americas, along with music, fellowship, and warm hospitality.

Tickets: \$30 per person — Kids under 13 FREE

Highlight:

- ◆ A buffet of international dishes
- ◆ Cultural desserts & drinks
- ◆ Community, conversation & music



Mark your calendar; and bring your appetite!

Tickets available after Mass or by clicking on tinyurl.com/SMM-IntlDinner or the QR code above.

Notes from Fr. Nick

The Joy of Writing

The *WordFest*, the highlight of our Mary Magdalen Festival in July, was so successful that we are planning an additional one this Fall. I was gratified by the number and quality of the submissions. There were so many that we couldn't present them all, hence the second addition.

The event caused me to think about how writing provides joy in my life. Creative writing is not my forte, and I doubt I will ever write a book, but the pleasures of writing occupy a large part of my life and work. I write homilies, bulletin columns and give classes, all of which employ this central skill. Additionally, I occasionally keep a journal and maintain an active correspondence both in email and through the post, but the bulk of my writing takes the form of an essay.

Writing clarifies my thinking. Its linear form forces the random thoughts bouncing around in my brain into coherent ideas and expositions. Using stories or examples give my writing context and nuance. Without them, engaging the reader is almost impossible. But I've also come to learn that stories and examples without clear explanations lead to confusion and misinterpretation.

Notre Dame's pro-seminar was the most important course I took at that university. Notre Dame insists on clear, accurate writing in all subjects. Lapses in spelling and grammar are not tolerated. Although we were assigned the broadest of topics, we were limited to five pages. Our teacher, Fr. Dennis Krause, forced us to find the essential matter and leave out the rest. We Master's Degree students chafed under his high standards, but in the course of two months, our writing became lucid and concise. The director of my doctoral dissertation, Fr. Michael Morris, O.P., appreciated that concision, but used to laugh at my parsimony with words. I had to increase the point size of my printing font by a tenth of a point (immeasurable) in order to fill out 300 pages!

Although I have fully embraced writing on a computer, writing longhand, I have found, gets people's attention better than almost any printed letter. I suppose that it is so unusual to receive a handwritten note these days that readers take notice. My cousin, Kate, pointed out that one cannot scan a longhand letter. Every word must be read; thus the full force of the message comes through. In high school I realized my handwriting was so bad that even I couldn't read it. I cleaned it up, and that has served me well ever since. Thank you notes may be the most important writing of any author.

Here are a few writing practices I live by:

- ◆ Essays, term papers, theses and dissertations are *not* creative writing! They have a clear structure and style. If you follow these rules, you will save yourself a lot of time and creative energy, and your papers will be better.
- ◆ The same applies to sentences. The verb is the most important word in a sentence. Choose it carefully. Next in importance are the object and subject. Normally follow the subject—predicate—object pattern of English and your writing will be clear. Mess with this order at your peril.
- ◆ Despite what the writing style gurus [Strunk and White](#) say, the passive voice is important. It places emphasis on the object of a sentence, rather than the subject. But use it sparingly.
- ◆ Use words like "however," "nevertheless," and "moreover" frugally; no more than once per page. The same rule applies to exclamation points (!).
- ◆ The delete key is the most important button on your computer. If you can say something more concisely, it will be clearer.
- ◆ Conversely, concision sacrifices nuance; stories and illustrations provide context and depth to writing.

I hope that you will find the occasion to express your own thoughts in writing — perhaps you will be one of the authors presenting their work at our next *WordFest*.

Next Month: Join Our Parish Program on "Faith and Immigration"

Our parish will offer a new *JustFaith* program beginning in October entitled "*Faith and Immigration Justice*", which will facilitate holy and healthy dialogue around immigration, a highly contentious topic that is nevertheless intricately linked with our Christian faith. Each one of us in our parish community is either witnessing, hearing about, or experiencing current governmental actions toward immigrants. *JustFaith* is an opportunity to explore and discuss the issue with others from our parish in a small group setting. The program seeks to equip us – individually and as a community – to advocate for just, effective and compassionate immigration policies and to become leaders in extending hospitality toward our immigrant neighbors.

Two groups are offered (in-person & on Zoom):

Mondays, 4:00-6:00 pm (October 6-November 24), facilitated by facilitated by Deacon Jeff Burns and Sister Uchenna Nnamonu.

Thursdays, 6:30-8:30 pm (October 16-December 11, no meeting on Thanksgiving Day), facilitated by Claire Broome & Joan Bell.

Contact parish@marymagdalen.org for more information.

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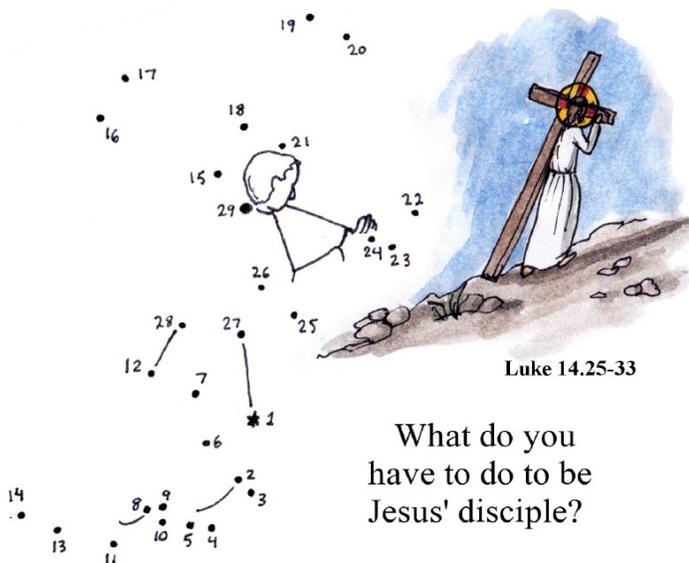
Magnificat Prayer Meal Saturday

September 13, 2025 - 9:00 a.m. to 12:00

Cathedral of Christ the Light

The Kids' Bulletin

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 7th, 2025



What do you have to do to be Jesus' disciple?

Connect the dots to find out, starting at the star beside the number 1. Then you can colour the picture in.

*Tomorrow is Our Lady's Birthday!
What can your family do to celebrate Mary's Birthday?*

Psalm 90 Word-Find

F W S A T I S F Y E E
A S W A H E A R T S V
D E E M O R N I N G E
E R E K U L O V E L N
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W A T C H M E S R Y A
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See if you can find all the words from today's Psalm that are written in CAPITALS.

The leftover letters tell what we are doing when we pray this Psalm.



A THOUSAND YEARS in thy sight are but as YESTERDAY when it is past, or as a WATCH in the NIGHT.

Thou dost SWEEP men AWAY; they are like a DREAM, like GRASS which is RENEWED in the morning: in the MORNING it flourishes and is renewed; in the EVENING it FADES and withers.

So teach us to number our DAYS that we may get a HEART of WISDOM. Return, O LORD! How long? Have PITY on thy SERVANTS!

SATISFY us in the morning with thy steadfast LOVE, that we may REJOICE and be GLAD all our days.

ONE NAME TO REMEMBER
WHEN IT'S TIME TO
REMEMBER



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