

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

Tues./Wed./Thurs./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)

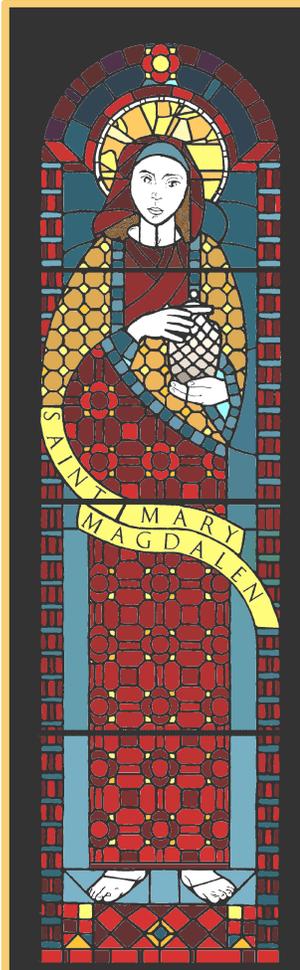
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BAPTISM: Preparation classes take place on the first Monday of the month. Please call the parish office for more information.

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.”

Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross, Year C ~ September 14th, 2025

Weekly Collections through September 7th, 2025

Sunday	Actual	Budget	Difference
09/07/2025	\$8,048.85	\$10,000.00	-\$1,951.15
Year-to-Date	\$325,768.11*	\$372,000.00	-\$46,231.89

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Scripture Readings for the Week

- 14th **FEAST: EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS**
Numbers 21:4-9 / Philemon 2:6-11 / John 3:13-17
- 15th *Memorial: Our Lady of Sorrows*
1 Timothy 2:1-8 / Jn 19:25-27
- 16th *Memorial: Sts. Cornelius, Pope & Cyprian, Bishop*
1 Timothy 3:1-13 / Luke 7:11-17
- 17th *Weekday [Sts. Robert Bellarmine, Bishop, and Hildegard of Bingen, Doctors of the Church]*
1 Timothy 3:14-16 / Luke 7:31-35
- 18th *Weekday*
1 Timothy 4:12-16 / Luke 7:36-50
- 19th *Weekday [St. Januarius, Bishop and Martyr]*
1 Timothy 6:2c-12 / Luke 8:1-3
- 20th *Memorial: Saints Andrew Kim Tae-gŏn, Priest, and Paul Chŏng Ha-sang, and Companions, Martyrs*
1 Timothy 6:13-16 / Luke 8:4-15

Mass Intentions



- Saturday 5:30 Richie Rodrigues RIP
- Sunday 8:00 Intentions of the Kiefer Family
9:30 Bernadette McCarthy RIP
11:30 For the People of the Parish
- Monday 5:30 Intentions of Sylvia Grycz
- Tuesday 8:30 Intentions of Val Gerard Fan
- Wednesday 5:30 Nicolas Espejo RIP
- Thursday 8:30 James Hansen RIP
- Friday 5:30 Intentions of Mary Ann Onglatco

Parish Calendar through September 26th, 2025

- September 12 Peace & Justice Monthly Meeting**
Friday 4:00 - 5:00 pm, Norton Hall
- September 13 Debut of New Parish Women's Group!**
Saturday 10:00 am, Magdalen Hall. *(Lunch will be served.)*
- Sept. 13/14 Preacher at Weekend Masses: Fr. Titus**
Weekend 5:30 pm Saturday; 8:00 / 9:30 / 11:30 am Sunday
- September 14 Rite of Welcome to Inquirers in the Faith**
Sunday 8:00 am Mass, with Fr. Williams
- September 14 Meg Bowerman—Diocesan Medal of Merit**
Sunday 2:00 pm, Magdalen Hall. *(See page 2 for details.)*
- 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 *(Both meet weekly)*
- Sept. 20/21 Icon Workshop in Norton Hall**
Weekend 9:00 am-5:00 pm Saturday; 1:00-5:00 pm, Sunday
- Sept. 20/21 Preacher at Weekend Masses: Fr. Wilson**
Weekend 5:30 pm Saturday; 8:00 / 9:30 / 11:30 am Sunday
- September 21 FREE CONCERT: Bach Cantata Collective**
Sunday 5:00 pm, Church. *BWV 73, 158, 168*
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- September 26 CONCERT: Barefoot Chamber Ensemble**
Friday 6:00 pm, Magdalen Hall. *Bach's Cello Suites*

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 27th**.

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 people to sign up for the pilgrimage, and to share the news about this event. 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

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 Magdalen Hall

THIRD ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL DINNER

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

Come enjoy a delicious evening of **flavors 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.

St. Mary Magdalen Scout Troops 24 & 42 in Action !

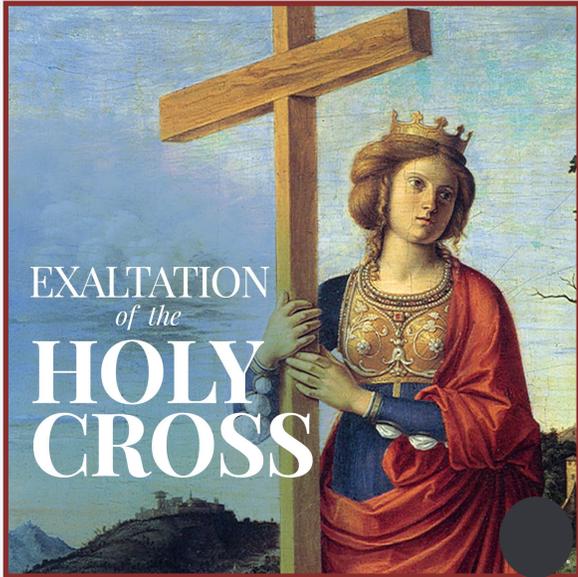


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Scouts from Troop 42 (above) completed an Eagle Project repairing stairs and weeding walkways in the Berkeley Hills.

A hardworking group of Scouts from Troop 24 built four planters and a weigh station at Urban Tilth North Berkeley Farm for their Eagle Project.

The Triumph of the Cross



Unlike Good Friday, when we concentrate on the Cross as the symbol of Christ's crucifixion, the feast of the Exaltation of the Cross celebrates the image as a sign of Salvation. This feast dates from the year 326, when Saint Helena, Constantine's mother, discovered the true cross in Jerusalem. It was taken as booty by the Persians in 614 but was recovered in 628. Thereafter, September 14th has been marked as the Triumph of the Cross, making it one of the oldest feasts in Christianity, which is celebrated by Catholics, Orthodox, Episcopalians, and even some Protestants.

My friend Fr. Padraig Green used to get people's attention by saying, "If Christ had been executed in modern times, the symbol for Christianity might be the electric chair or a gas chamber!" While his claim may be true, the simple intersection of horizontal and vertical lines predates Christianity, and figures deeply in human psychology. In its earliest representation, the intersected lines

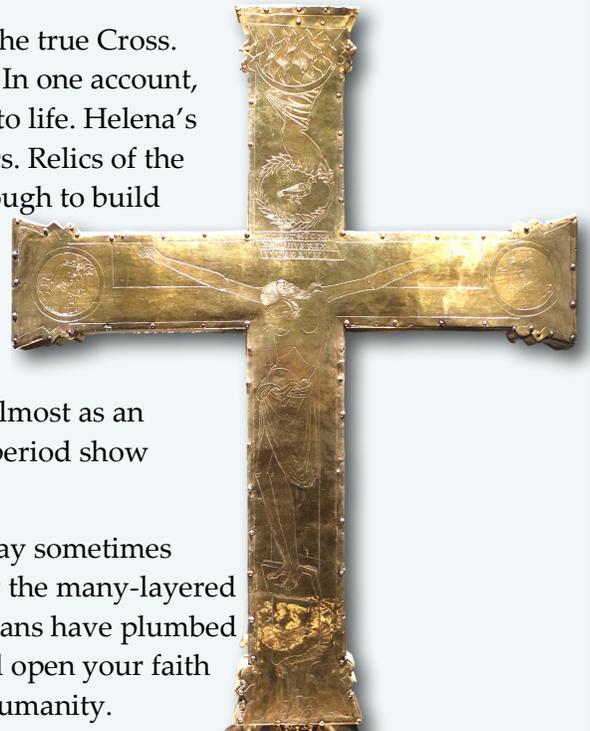
symbolized victory rather than execution. As a psychological archetype, the horizontal plane of the cross denotes the scope of existence, while its vertical plane indicates insertion of the Divine into the created universe — specifically, the encounter between God and human beings.

The cross was not the earliest symbol of Christianity. The *ichthys* (fish symbol) and the ✠ monogram predate it. While the cross is mentioned regularly in the New Testament and in the early Christian writings, it only became a visual symbol around the fourth century. The emperor Constantine's vision before his winning battle over Maxentius at the Milvian bridge was one event that brought the Cross into prominence as a symbol of victory. This may explain why the earliest artistic depictions of the cross were of Christ holding a cross-shaped scepter of power.

Constantine's mother, Helena, traveled to Jerusalem in 324 to find the true Cross. Most stories of her identifying the true Cross are clearly legendary. In one account, Helena touched a dead body with the cross and the body returned to life. Helena's visit began, or amplified, the traditions of both pilgrimage and relics. Relics of the "true cross" are scattered all over the planet, and are numerous enough to build several houses!

The image of the crucifix bearing Christ's corpus appeared late, around the year 1000. An example: the Cross of Lothair (*at right*) in the Aachen Cathedral Treasury depicts Jesus' body in agony on the back side of a jeweled processional cross, apparently engraved almost as an afterthought. Most other images of Christ on the cross during this period show a victorious, resurrected Christ superimposed over the cross.

While devotion to the Crucifix is an enduring part of our faith, it may sometimes obscure earlier and more dynamic depictions of the cross. Consider the many-layered symbolism of the cross in all its forms. Writers, artists, and theologians have plumbed the depths of its meaning for centuries. Meditating on the cross will open your faith to the manifold ways in which God fundamentally connects with humanity.



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 Sr. Uchenna Nnamonu – in the conference room.

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

Please contact parish@marymagdalen.org for more information.



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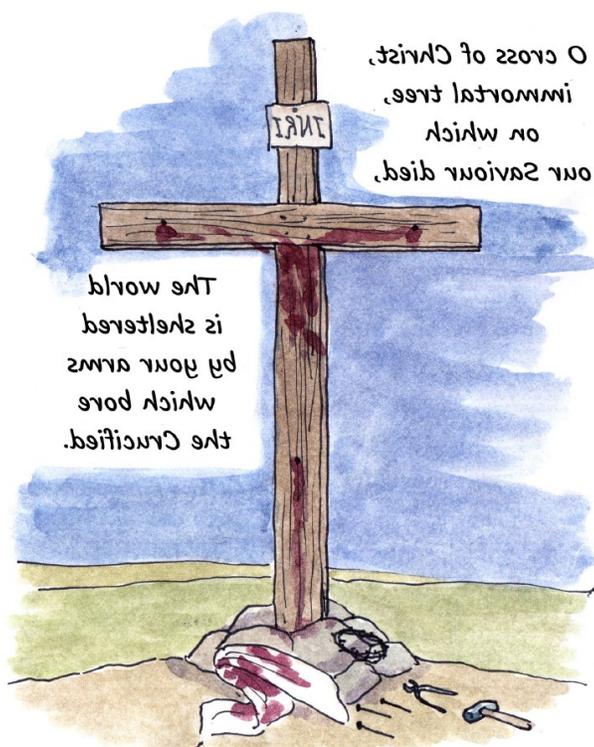
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The Kids' Bulletin

Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross
September 14th, 2025



Today is a special feast day when we celebrate the cross on which Jesus died.

Look in the mirror to find the words of a hymn that tells us about what the cross means to us.

Word-find: The Holy Cross

CALVARYMARYH
PCROSSSTHREE
LADJESUSLITA
ADAMSAVIOROV
CHRNTCHEVERY
EEKCARRYEETN
GATESINSDFUA
OVIFKFATHERI
DEMRYIHELLEL
LNEECHILLNE
OFFEREDIEDAD



Find all the words in CAPITALS in the puzzle. Use the leftover letters to fill in the blanks at the end.

After ADAM and Eve sinned, the world needed a SAVIOUR who would FREE us from the punishment we deserved in HELL. JESUS, Who was the Son of GOD, LOVED us so much that He OFFERED His life to God the FATHER as a SACRIFICE for our SINS.

When the TIME came for Jesus to die, the HEAVY wooden cross was placed on His shoulders. He was forced to CARRY it to the top of the HILL. EVERY step was TORTURE. He FELL several times, and met His holy mother MARY along the way.

Finally He came to CALVARY, also called the PLACE of the Skull. The soldiers NAILED Him to the CROSS and lifted it up. The SKY became DARK as Jesus hung there for THREE hours. Finally He DIED. His soul went to God and He opened the GATES of HEAVEN.

Who found Jesus' cross after it had been buried for 300 years? _____

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