



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)

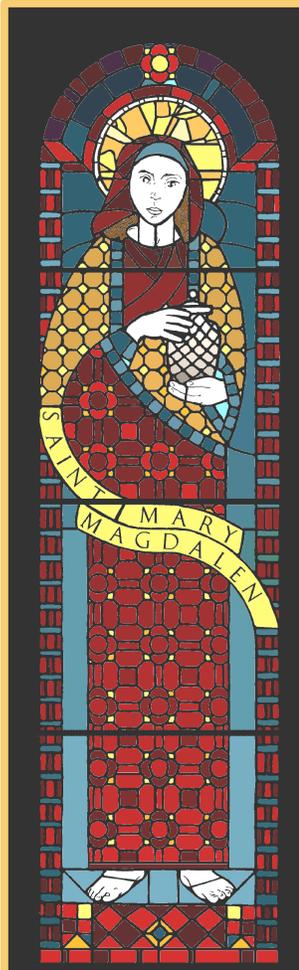
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BAPTISM: Preparation classes take place on the first Monday of the month. Please call the parish office for more information.

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-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C ~ September 21st, 2025

Weekly Collections through September 14th, 2025

Sunday	Actual	Budget	Difference
09/14/2025	\$8,207.45	\$10,000.00	-\$1,792.55
Year-to-Date	\$333,975.56	\$382,000.00	-\$48,024.44

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Scripture Readings for the Week

- 21st **TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
Amos 8:4-7 / 1 Timothy 2:1-8 / Luke 16:1-13
- 22nd *Weekday*
Ezra 1:1-6 / Luke 8:16-18
- 23rd *Memorial: St. Pius of Pietrelcina ("Padre Pio"), Priest*
Ezra 6:7-8, 12, 14-20 / Luke 8:19-21
- 24th *Weekday*
Ezra 9:5-9 / Luke 9:1-6
- 25th *Weekday*
Haggai 1:1-8 / Luke 9:7-9
- 26th *Weekday [Saints Cosmas & Damian, Martyrs]*
Haggai 2:1-9 / Luke 9:18-22
- 27th *Memorial: Saint Vincent de Paul, Priest*
Zechariah 2:5-9, 14-15 / Luke 9:43-45

Mass Intentions



- Saturday 5:30 For the People of the Parish
- Sunday 8:00 Intentions of Joseph Vavra
9:30 Marcela Lao RIP
11:30 Intentions of Fr. John Winkowitsch, OP
- Monday 5:30 Intentions of Jordan Canoy
- Tuesday 8:30 Intentions of Mai Baalbaki
- Wednesday 5:30 Intentions of Oliver Ovens
- Thursday 8:30 Intentions of Maria Baalbaki
- Friday 5:30 Marcela Lao RIP

Parish Calendar through September 28th, 2025

- 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*
- Sept. 22-27 **Fr. Nick will be away visiting his family.**
Sunday Monday—Saturday
- September 23 **Discussion of the Sunday Gospel Zoom link:**
Tuesday 2:00-3:00 pm, tinyurl.com/SMM-GospelGroup
- September 26 **Discussion of the Sunday Gospel**
Friday 9:15 - 10:15 am, Norton Hall (*Both meet weekly*)
- September 26 **CONCERT: Barefoot Chamber Ensemble**
Friday 6:00 pm, Magdalen Hall. *Bach's Cello Suites*
- September 27 **Laudato Si' Pilgrimage from Newman Hall**
Saturday 3:00 pm—5:30 pm (See notice below.)
- September 27 **Mass: Care for Creation**
Saturday 5:30 pm Saturday, Church
- Sept. 27/28 **Preacher at Weekend Masses: Fr. Wilson**
Weekend 5:30 pm Saturday; 8:00/9:30/11:30 am Sunday
- September 28 **Fourth Sunday Dinner for the Hungry**
Sunday Noon-4:00 pm, Magdalen Hall. *Volunteers needed!*

Care for Creation Pilgrimage Walk and Mass

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 still looking for volunteers to help us 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

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 on the QR code above.



Next Month is Respect Life Month



**CATHOLIC
MOBILIZING
NETWORK**

October is Respect Life Month, a time for Catholics to reflect more deeply on the God-given dignity of all human life. During this month, Catholics across the United States will recommit themselves to the work of uplifting this core tenet of our faith: the belief that *every life is sacred*.

The death penalty falls squarely on the continuum of life issues. Taking the life of any person — innocent or guilty — is an affront to the sanctity of life. The reality is, however, that many people do not consider the death penalty as a pro-life issue, nor is it frequently included in pro-life advocacy. This Respect Life Month, we challenge you to bravely speak up about capital punishment through the lens of your faith and the defense of the dignity of life.

"All of human life is sacred. The right to life is absolutely fundamental. No one has a right to directly take the life of another. No one has a right to devalue another. No one has a right to say which lives are worth saving, worth living, and which lives are not."

~ Most Rev. Michael F. Burbidge, Bishop of the Diocese of Arlington

Notes from Fr. Nick

The Cathedral of Christ the Light

Our cathedral celebrates its birthday on Thursday of this week. It was dedicated on September 25th, 2008. While its newness hasn't worn off, we've lived with it long enough now to understand its strengths and weaknesses. Aesthetics are prominent when people judge a church, but as someone who studied church design, functionality is my primary concern. Does the building support or inhibit the act of worship? Our cathedral is a mixed bag.

Vatican II's doctrine on liturgy states that *"Mother Church earnestly desires that all the faithful should be led to that fully conscious and active participation in liturgical celebrations that is demanded by the very nature of liturgy. Such participation by the Christian people as "a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a redeemed people" is their right and duty by virtue of their baptism."* (Sacrosanctum Concilium 14)

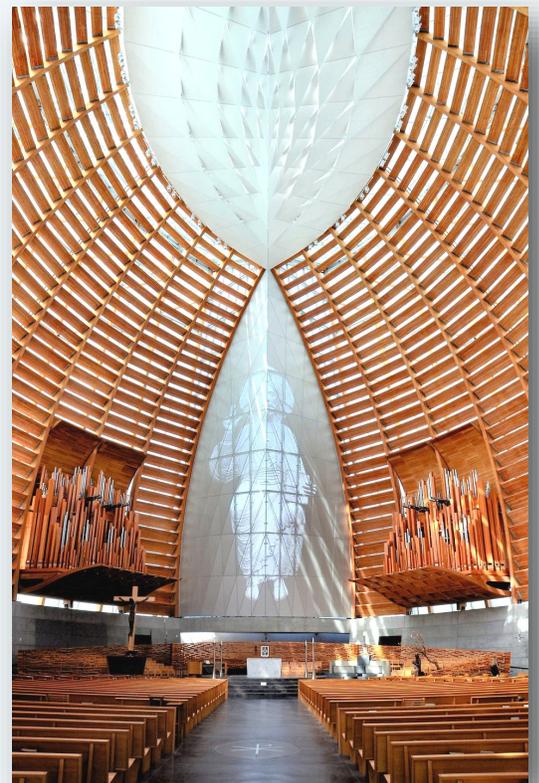
As part of the design team for the cathedral, I know why many of the choices were made. Most of decisions were practical. Craig Hartmann, the cathedral's architect, is an active Christian. His Episcopalian faith is close enough to ours that he knew a cathedral is more than a museum or monument. The building he designed for us shows that he understands Catholic worship.

The building's basic layout — its siting on a raised plaza, and its furnishings — all support post-Vatican II liturgy. Its light, airy expansiveness encourages communal celebrations, while side chapels in the "reliquary wall" provide intimate places for private devotion. Symbolically, I have always liked the glass floor around the altar which brings light down to the catafalque below where burial rituals are performed in the crypt.

I see two major problems with the cathedral. The first could have been predicted, although the architect thought he had solved it. Anybody who has worshipped there is aware that the acoustics are a nightmare! Domes are notorious for complicating sound transmission. Sound meets the surface of the dome and is directed back toward a central point. Dead spots and echoes are the result. The engineers thought that the slots in the cathedral's vaulting would alleviate this issue, but they didn't. Attempts to mitigate the echo passively (with soft surfaces) and actively (installing electronic dampers) have not worked either.

The cathedral's other major defect is not obvious to the average worshipper, but as a liturgist, it is problematic for me. Originally, the building was to have a gently sloped floor to enable the congregation to see better. Substituting a flat floor saved millions of dollars, but created other issues. In order for the presider to be seen at the altar, the predella had to be raised by several feet. Architecturally, whenever a platform is raised, it must get larger in order to accommodate steps to reach it. Our compromise is a sanctuary terribly cluttered with steps, runways and railings. Moving around the area and accessing the altar is difficult and even dangerous. Furthermore, the clutter detracts from the openness in the rest of the space. Removing the first row of pews would mitigate this issue.

"It doesn't look like a cathedral," is the main criticism I hear about the structure. I think our cathedral harmonizes with the buildings around it and looks ahead to the future Church rather than the past. Building a Gothic or Romanesque structure would have been out of place next to the Kaiser Center and Ordway Building. Our bishop presiding from his Chair in the sanctuary is what makes it a cathedral, not its architectural style.



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.

A Biblical Encounter:

The Biblical Foundation of the Church's Social Teaching

Have you ever wondered where the Social Teachings of the Catholic Church come from? It's not just Church Documents – it's rooted in Sacred Scripture.



Join us for a powerful journey through the Bible, as we uncover the foundations of the Church's mission to serve, protect life, and uphold the dignity of every human person.

Next month, Fr. Wilson will offer two sessions on the Biblical Foundations of the Principles of Catholic Church's Social Teaching. This is an important part of our Catholic Faith.

Dates: Two Thursday Evenings: **October 2nd & 9th, 2025**

Time: 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Venue: Norton Hall

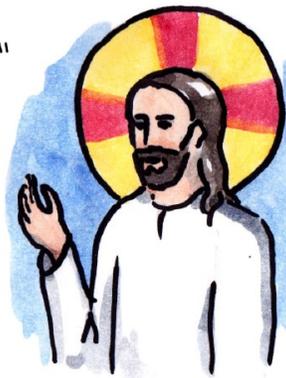
Hoping to see all of you at this biblical encounter!

The Kids' Bulletin

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 21st, 2025



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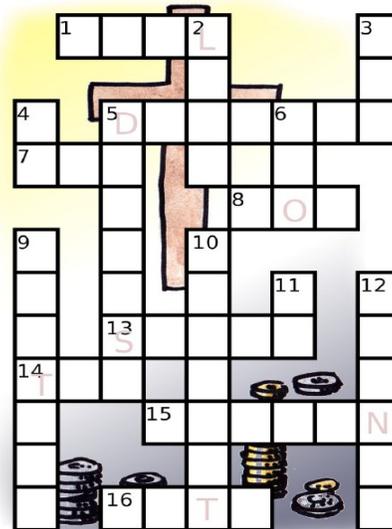


Luke 16:1-13

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Whom Do You Serve? Cross-Word

Use the words in the list to fill in the blanks in today's Gospel reading and fit them into the puzzle.
A=Across D=Down



- CANNOT
- HATE
- MASTERS
- SERVANT
- MAMMON
- THE
- SERVE
- HE
- DESPISE
- YOU
- TWO
- ONE
- LOVE
- NO
- DEVOTED
- GOD
- WILL

" _____ 4D _____ 10D can serve _____ 6D
_____ ; 9D for either _____ 11D will _____ 16A
the one and _____ 2D _____ 14A other, or he
_____ 1A be _____ 5A to the _____ 7A
and _____ 5D the other. _____ 8A
_____ 12D _____ 13A _____ 3D and
," 15A

Look in the mirror to find out one of the lessons Jesus taught from today's parable.

ONE NAME TO REMEMBER
WHEN IT'S TIME TO
REMEMBER



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