

St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Parish



This Saturday : Our Third Annual Parish International Dinner!

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)

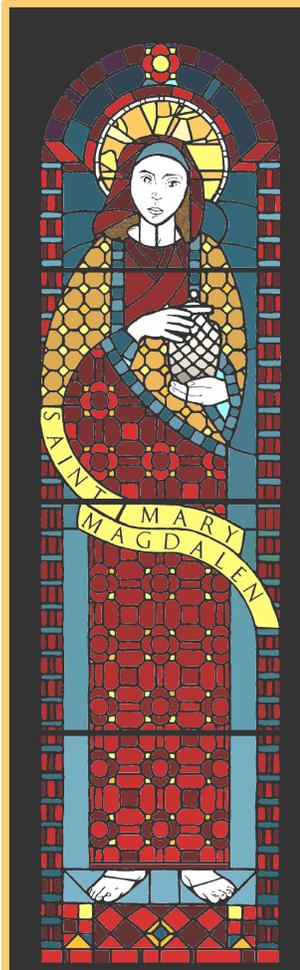
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BAPTISM: Preparation classes take place on the first Monday of the month. Please call the parish office for more information.

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.*

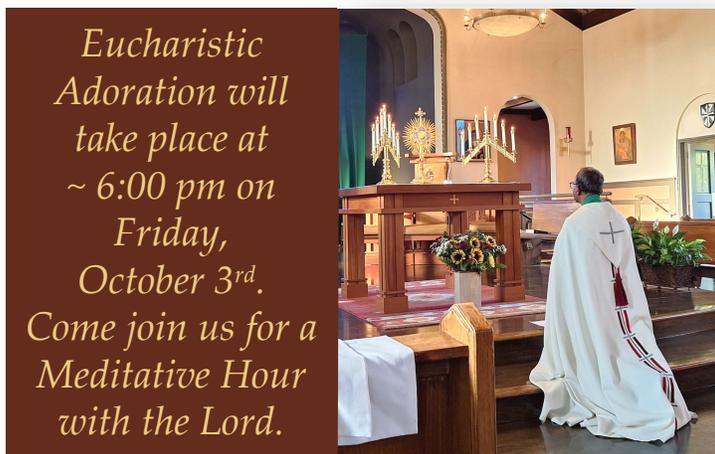
*We live the Gospel,
and we care for others."*

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C ~ September 28th, 2025

Weekly Collections through September 21st, 2025

Sunday	Actual	Budget	Difference
09/21/2025	\$7,177.85	\$10,000.00	-\$2,822.15
Year-to-Date	\$341,153.41	\$392,000.00	-\$50,846.59

Your donations keep your parish working for you!



Eucharistic Adoration will take place at ~ 6:00 pm on Friday, October 3rd. Come join us for a Meditative Hour with the Lord.

Parish Calendar through October 5th, 2025

- 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 3:00-5:30 pm. tinyurl.com/BerkeleyPilgrimageSignUp
- 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!*
- September 30 Discussion of the Sunday Gospel Zoom link:**
Tuesday 2:00-3:00 pm, tinyurl.com/SMM-GospelGroup
- October 2 Biblical Foundations of Catholic Social Teaching**
Thursday 7:00—8:30 pm, Norton Hall. *(See notice below.)*
- October 3 Discussion of the Sunday Gospel**
Friday 9:15 - 10:15 am, Norton Hall
- October 3 Eucharistic Adoration/Benediction (Holy Hour)**
Friday 6:05 - 7:00 pm, Church *(See notice at left.)*
- October 4/5 Preacher at Weekend Masses: Fr. Nick**
Weekend 5:30 pm Saturday; 8:00/9:30/11:30 am Sunday
- October 4/5 Blessing of the Animals after all Masses!**
Weekend 6:30 pm Sat.; 9:00 am/10:30 am/12:30 pm Sunday
- October 4 THIRD ANNUAL PARISH INTERNATIONAL DINNER**
Saturday 6:30 pm, Magdalen Hall. *(See notice on page 2.)*

Scripture Readings for the Week

- 28th **TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
Amos 6:1, 4-7 / 1 Timothy 6:11-16 / Luke 16:19-31
- 29th **FEAST: MICHAEL, GABRIEL & RAPHAEL, ARCHANGELS**
Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14 / John 1:47-51
- 30th **Memorial: St. Jerome, Priest & Doctor**
Zechariah 8:20-23 / Luke 9:51-56
- 1st **Memorial: St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus, Doctor**
Nehemiah 2:1-8 / Luke 9:57-62
- 2nd **Memorial: The Holy Guardian Angels**
Nehemiah 8:1-4, 5-6, 7-12
- 3rd **Weekday**
Baruch 1:15-22 / Luke 10:13-16
- 4th **Memorial: St. Francis of Assisi**
Baruch 4:5-12, 27-29 / Luke 10:17-24

Mass Intentions

- Saturday 5:30 Intentions of the Toney Family
- Sunday 8:00 For the People of the Parish
- 9:30 Intentions of José Guerrero
- 11:30 Ann Flemer RIP
- Monday 5:30 Intentions of Ben Grycz
- Tuesday 8:30 Frank Edward Mayo RIP
- Wednesday 8:30 Raul Marcelo RIP
- 5:30 Addis O'Connell RIP
- Thursday 8:30 Intentions of the Finnegan Family
- Friday 5:30 Intentions of Lee Guerrero

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 the 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 8:30 pm

Venue: Norton Hall

Fr. Wilson hopes to see all of you at this biblical encounter!

ST. MARY MAGDALEN INTERNATIONAL DINNER

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

Come enjoy a delicious evening of **flavors from around the world**—all made and shared by our vibrant parish 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



This weekend is your last chance to purchase tickets!

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



Next Month is Respect Life Month



October is Respect Life Month, a time for Catholics to reflect more deeply on the God-given dignity of all human life, when 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 is an affront to the sanctity of life. In October, we challenge you to bravely speak up about capital punishment through the lens of your faith.

"All of human life is sacred. No one has a right to directly take the life of 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 Arlington

BLACK WEALTH BUILDERS FUND

Benefit Concert

A Benefit Concert to promote awareness of the Black Wealth Builder's Fund, a program which helps promote homeownership among African-Americans through down payment assistance.

Featuring:

Arlington Community Church Choir!
Epworth United Methodist Church Choir!

Plus members and soloists from St. Columba Roman Catholic Church Choir, Skyline United Church of Christ & First Congregational Church Berkeley & Alameda Choirs!

Vocalists: Martin Bell, Rita Lily, Mae Mars, Susan Russell, Pastor Jen Chapman, Leslie Ogar, Shakema Snow, Jonathan Leavy, Joe Pratt, Elena Caruthers, Anthony Knight, and Rev. Russell Baker.

Instrumentalists: Jeffrey Frederic Paul, Tim Murphy, Frederick Hodges, Brian Young, Gavin Halloran, Anthony Knight, Bertrand Tuan, & other special guest artists!

Directed by Scott Jespersen & Jeffrey Frederic Paul



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A Profusion of Saints

Most of us are looking forward to the blessing of animals at the feast of St. Francis next weekend, but several other saints celebrate their feast days this week. St. Domingo Ibáñez's feast will take place today, the Guardian Angels are celebrated on Monday, St. Jerome follows on Tuesday, and St. Therese of the Child Jesus precedes St. Francis of Assisi on Saturday. I've written about angels, Saint Therese and Saint Francis already, and so I'll concentrate today on Saints Domingo and Jerome. The former was canonized recently, while the latter is one of the oldest revered saints of the early Church.

Saint Domingo Ibáñez de Erquicia, O.P., was born in Spain (c. 1589) but ministered in the Far East. Domingo professed as a Dominican in 1605. After completing his theological studies, he went to the Philippines by way of Mexico, arriving in 1611 and being ordained in 1612. He ministered on the island of Luzon to a settlement of immigrant Chinese Catholic converts. Later he was a professor at the Colegio de Santo Tomas in Manila.



Bayambang (PH) Parish

The persecution of Christians in Japan was at its height, and Dominican missionaries there were decimated. Domingo volunteered to help replace them. Disguised as a merchant, he arrived in Japan in 1623. Shortly thereafter Spaniards were banned from the country, and so Domingo ministered covertly, mainly at night, for about ten years, and was made provincial vicar in 1625. Many Christians fled to the mountains during the persecutions. Betrayed by an apostate in 1633, Domingo was taken to Nagasaki, where he was tortured and martyred on August 14th. St. Domingo Ibáñez was beatified in Manila in 1981, and canonized a saint on October 18, 1987, by St. Pope John Paul II.

If Saint Domingo Ibáñez is relatively obscure, Saint Jerome is one of the most prolific authors of the early Church. Only Saint Augustine produced more works than he did. Jerome was born in Dalmatia (modern Croatia) in approximately 342, and lived to be nearly 80. He is best known for translating from the Bible from Hebrew and Greek into Latin, and also for his irascible personality.

When Jerome began translating the Bible, the *lingua franca* for scholars was Greek. Realizing a need to improve his Hebrew, he moved to Jerusalem. He had already translated the Septuagint—the Greek translation of the Old Testament—into Latin, but he sought for a more accurate rendering. While some scholars cast doubt on Jerome's understanding of the Hebrew language, recent scholarship shows him to have been quite competent.

It is because of St. Jerome's canon of the Old Testament that the Catholic Bible has more books than do the Jewish or Protestant Bibles. Jerome included a number of revered Hebrew texts that brought the Old Testament to the time of Jesus. It would not be until the eighth century that rabbinical scholars settled on their canon of Scripture, and they left out several books that several Jerome had included (including *Tobit*, *Judith*, *Wisdom*, and *Sirach*). Later on, Protestant exegetes used the Hebrew canon to form their own Bible in the sixteenth century.

Apparently, St. Jerome was quite the ladies' man. Early on, he indulged quite casually in sexual experimentation, but felt deep remorse later. This led to his time as a hermit. Later, as a professor in Rome, he surrounded himself with several high-born and educated ladies. These women showed interest in the monastic life, which Jerome promoted. His rancorous criticism of the Roman clergy drawing growing hostility, he was made to leave his teaching post following allegations of a liaison with a patrician admirer named Paula. Together he and Paula founded a double monastery in Bethlehem, where Jerome continued his theological writings and biblical commentaries. He died in Bethlehem in 420, but was not canonized until 1767, by Clement XIII.



St. Jerome by Matthias Stom, 1635

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 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.

Would you like to know more? Contact the program organizers via parish@marymagdalen.org



Calling All Artists!

CHRISTMAS BANNER CONTEST

Submit your digital art:

- Design up to 5 banners to hang in the church. If chosen, your artwork will be printed on a single side of fabric.
- Theme: Christmas
- Size: 19" width x 42" height
- Artwork due November 1, 2025.

Send your submissions to:
parish@marymagdalen.org

The Kids' Bulletin

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 28th, 2025



Luke 16:19-31

In Jesus' parable, the rich man asks Abraham to send Lazarus to him with a drop of cool water. But can Lazarus cross between Heaven and Hell? See if the maze will let him cross.

Sort-the-Pictures

Lazarus and the Rich Man

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If they didn't believe the prophets they won't believe someone who is raised from the dead.

And the rich man died.

If only I could eat the crumbs...

Could I have a drop of cool water?

We can't come across to you.

Well then can Lazarus go and warn my brothers?

Lazarus died...

In this story are Lazarus, the rich man, and Abraham. The pictures are not in order, though. Can you put the numbers from 1 to 6 in the corners to show their proper order?

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