



# St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Parish



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## 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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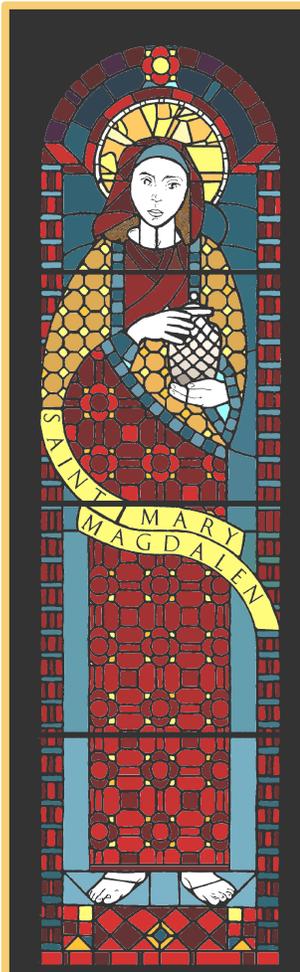
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1:00 pm — 5:00 pm  
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XDavid Lance Goines, 2002

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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 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Mass, and by appointment.

# Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C ~ October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2025

Weekly Collections through October 12 <sup>th</sup> , 2025			
Sunday	Actual	Budget	Difference
10/12/2025	\$16,469.66	\$10,000.00	\$6,469.66
Year-to-Date	\$374,483.49	\$422,000.00	-\$47,516.61
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Parish Calendar through October 20 <sup>th</sup> , 2025	
<b>October 18</b> Saturday	<b>School of the Madeleine Fall Festival !</b> 11:00 am-3:00 pm, School Parking Lot + Garden
<b>October 18/19</b> Weekend	<b>Preacher at Weekend Masses: Fr. Nick</b> 5:30 pm Saturday; 8:00 / 9:30 / 11:30 am Sunday
<b>October 20</b> Monday	<b>"Faith and Immigration Justice" Program</b> 4:00-6:00 pm, Norton Hall
<b>October 21</b> Tuesday	<b>Discussion of the Sunday Gospel</b> <i>Zoom link:</i> 2:00-3:00 pm, <a href="https://tinyurl.com/SMM-GospelGroup">tinyurl.com/SMM-GospelGroup</a>
<b>October 23</b> Thursday	<b>"Faith and Immigration Justice" Program</b> 6:30-8:30 pm, Conference Room
<b>October 24</b> Friday	<b>Discussion of the Sunday Gospel</b> 9:15 - 10:15 am, Norton Hall
<b>October 25</b> Saturday	<b>Sunday Dinners All-Volunteer Meeting</b> 1:00 pm, Norton Hall. <i>Casual volunteers invited!</i>
<b>October 25/26</b> Weekend	<b>Preacher at Weekend Masses: Fr. Titus</b> 5:30 pm Saturday; 8:00 / 9:30 / 11:30 am Sunday
<b>October 26</b> Sunday	<b>Fourth Sunday Dinner for the Hungry</b> Noon-4:00 pm, Magdalen Hall. <i>Volunteers needed!</i>

## Scripture Readings for the Week

19<sup>th</sup> **TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
Exodus 17:8-13 / 2 Timothy 3:14-4:2 / Luke 18:1-8

20<sup>th</sup> *Weekday [St. Paul of the Cross, Priest]*  
Romans 4:20-25 / Luke 12:13-21

21<sup>st</sup> *Weekday*  
Romans 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20-21 / Luke 12:35-38

22<sup>nd</sup> *Weekday [St. John Paul II, Pope]*  
Romans 6:12-18 / Luke 12:39-48

23<sup>rd</sup> *Weekday [St. John of Capistrano, Priest]*  
Romans 6:19-23 / Luke 12:49-53

24<sup>th</sup> *Weekday [St. Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop]*  
Romans 7:18-25 / Luke 12:54-59

25<sup>th</sup> *Weekday [Blessed Virgin Mary]*  
Romans 8:1-11 / Luke 13:1-9

## Mass Intentions

Saturday	5:30	For the People of the Parish
Sunday	8:00	Intentions of Andy Canepa
	9:30	Max Ryan RIP
	11:30	Intentions of Michael King
Monday	5:30	Intentions of M. Emily Onglatco
Wednesday	5:30	Willard Tressel RIP
Thursday	8:30	Bernardo Canoy RIP
Friday	5:30	Intentions of Maria Beatrice Canoy
Saturday	8:30	Holy Souls

## Manzanar & the Japanese-American Internment

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Was the 1942 forced relocation of 120,000 Japanese Americans to an "internment" or an "incarceration" camp? Who says? Does it matter?

On February 19, 1942, Pres. Roosevelt signed Executive Order 9066, which ordered the forcible removal of some 120,000 Japanese residents, mostly American citizens, from their homes and into military-zoned internment camps throughout the West. One of these camps was the Manzanar War Relocation Center in the high desert of Inyo County.

On **Thursday, October 30<sup>th</sup>**, from **5:00 to 6:30 pm**, our parishioner, **Dr. Troy Kaji**, will share the history of Manzanar through the lens of his father's family's experience. He will feature stories of faith, how Christians responded to the internment crisis, and how their various choices might speak to followers of Christ today.

This New College-sponsored talk will take place online.  
Register at [tinyurl.com/Kaji-Manzanar](https://tinyurl.com/Kaji-Manzanar).

# St. Vinnie's



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Saturday, November 8<sup>th</sup>

6:30 - 8:30 pm in Magdalen Hall

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## Notes from Fr. Nick

# Buzzwords

Over the years, buzzwords have wormed their way into popular writing and speech. At their best, they are shorthand for something pervasive in culture. At worst, buzzwords are a mockery of an idea that needs nuance.

In the 1970s, the U.S. economy performed marginally while prices rose. Two terms came from this: stagflation and skyrocketing. The former more or less described the situation, but the latter affixed itself to the word “inflation” to the point that one could not say one without the other. I started writing it “skyrocketinginflation,” because it was so pervasive. While the term was relatively harmless, it glossed over the problem’s complexity.

The word “irregardless” permeated the 1980s. While it is innocuous, it is also self-canceling: “ir” is a negation so irregardless actually means “regarding”. Regardless is the proper word. However, “irregardless” became so commonly used that the dictionary included it. Actress Jamie Lee Curtis opined, “*In case you thought 2020 couldn’t get any worse, Merriam-Webster just officially recognized ‘irregardless’ as a word.*”

In the opposite direction, “flammable” was substituted for “inflammable”. Technically they mean the same thing. The “in” prefix means “able cause flame” rather than a negation. Given the danger fire poses this is a reasonable clarification. The National Fire Protection Association has recommended the word “flammable” since the 1920s. “Nonflammable” became the term for fireproof materials.

The dictionary now permits “literally,” when figuratively is actually meant. This one still bugs me. I attempt to be clear when I speak, and so I try to use these words accurately. The anthropologist Margaret Mead once stated, “*Miscommunication is the norm.*” As someone who is often misquoted, I want to avoid saying or writing anything that can be misconstrued.

During our country’s second Iraq war, “*boots on the ground*” became the catchphrase of the conflict. Once again, the term was relatively inoffensive. It implied our strong commitment, placing troops in harms way and the robustness of American forces. But, I wondered if a certain “hurrah” mentality silently justified the conflict without serious reflection.

“Outraged” is a term only now declining in usage. I have a major problem with this one. In recent times, *outraged* became the standard response to anything even slightly annoying. People were outraged at everything from the temperature of their coffee to homelessness. In my understanding, an “outraged person” is someone who is provoked to point of irrational wrath. While strictly speaking, this is really a matter of semantics, words matter. There is a whole spectrum of emotions — *bemused, annoyed, concerned, alarmed, angered* or *incensed* — one experiences before one gets to *outraged*. People have started behaving as if it is normal to be outraged over minor slights and irritations. Words not only describe our feelings, but also regulate them. It is not necessary or healthy to have a strong opinion about everything.

“Liar” is the current coin of the realm. I think this one is perniciously more destructive than many buzzwords from the past. To lie is to deliberately deceive another through falsehood. Saving someone’s feelings by withholding or coloring the truth may actually be virtuous. In “*Does this dress make me look fat?*” one may answer at their peril, plus hurt someone they love. More seriously, if a person or an organization sees something from another perspective, they are not lying, even if they are wrong. It is not the same as maliciously speaking falsehoods in order to harm others. Calling someone a “liar” often precludes any serious attempt at reconciliation.

It is important for us to choose words carefully in writing and speech. Buzzwords can communicate an idea succinctly (and let the hearer understand the speaker’s concept), but they can also cut short serious reflection on complex matters. As proclaimers of the Gospel, others are listening carefully, and so our choice of words can either enhance or impair the message.

~ St. Vinnie's Dance the Night Away ~  
**Donation Items Needed for  
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- **Disco Balls** (real or homemade)
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- Vinyl records (or covers) & cassette tapes
- Macramé wall hangings
- Movie or Music posters
- **Twister Mat**
- Blacklights, colored lightbulbs
- Vintage arcade props, karaoke machine, or sound equipment



Please drop off your items after Mass. (You can take them home at the end of the dance, or after Mass on 11/9)

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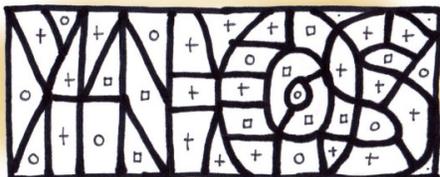
**The Kids' Bulletin**

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
 October 19th, 2025



Luke 18:1-8

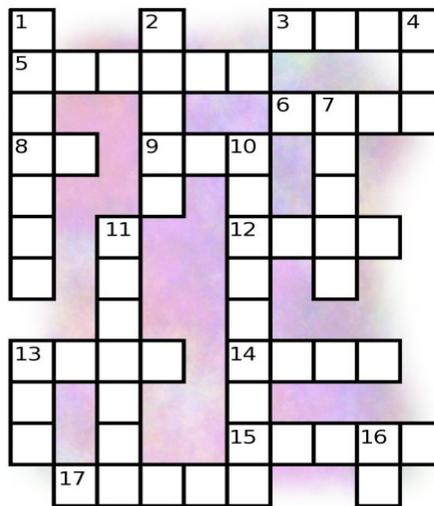
Did the unjust judge in today's parable finally help the widow?  
 Only fill in the spaces with '+'s to find out!



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the  
 parable  
 of the  
 unjust  
 judge

Here's a puzzle about the story in today's Gospel reading.



Across:

3. Jesus \_\_\_\_\_, "There was a judge..."
5. The judge was \_\_\_\_\_ (not fair)
6. The judge wanted the widow to go \_\_\_\_\_.
8. We should pray \_\_\_\_\_ God.
9. Who will always listen when we pray?
12. The judge was \_\_\_\_\_ to listen; God is fast.
13. The unjust judge did not \_\_\_\_\_ God.
14. What we do when we are talking to God.
15. The widow needed help against her \_\_\_\_\_.
17. Who told the story about the widow and judge?

Down:

1. Fairness.
2. What sort of person did the widow ask for help?
4. We pray to God \_\_\_\_\_ and night.
7. The parable is about a \_\_\_\_\_ and a judge.
10. Who did Jesus tell the story to?
11. Another name for the stories Jesus told.
13. God will do what is good \_\_\_\_\_ us.
16. The judge thought, "She will wear \_\_\_\_\_ out."



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