

St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Parish



Rev. Nicholas Glisson, Pastor. The Most Reverend Michael Barber, SJ, Bishop – Diocese of Oakland

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday 5:30 pm
Sunday 8:00, 9:30, 11:30 am

DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

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)

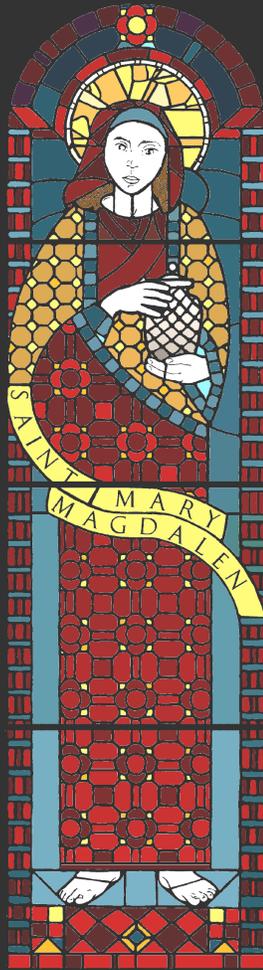
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1:00 pm – 5:00 pm
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BAPTISM: Preparation classes take place on the first Monday of the month. Please call the parish office for more information.

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.

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, Year C ~ November 23rd, 2025

Weekly Collections through November 16th, 2025

Sunday	Actual	Budget	Difference
11/16/2025	\$6,645.05	\$10,000.00	\$3,354.95
Year-to-Date	\$414,701.57	\$472,000.00	-\$57,298.43

This was not a very good week.



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Scripture Readings for the Week

- 23rd **CHRIST THE KING OF THE UNIVERSE**
2 Samuel 5:1-3 / Colossians 1:12-20 / Luke 23:35-43
- 24th *Memorial: St. Andrew Dũng Lạc & Companions, Martyrs
(Thirty-Fourth or Last Week in Ordinary Time)*
Deuteronomy 1:1-6, 8-20 / Luke 21:1-4
- 25th *Weekday [Saint Catherine of Alexandria, Martyr]*
Deuteronomy 2:31-45 / Luke 21:5-11
- 26th *Weekday*
Deuteronomy 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28 /
Luke 21:12-19
- 27th *Thanksgiving Day*
Deuteronomy 6:12-28 / Luke 21:20-28
- 28th *Weekday*
Deuteronomy 7:2-14 / Luke 21:29-33
- 29th *Weekday [Blessed Virgin Mary]*
Deuteronomy 7:15-27/Luke 21:34-36

Mass Intentions

- Saturday 5:30 Monique Duax RIP
- Sunday 8:00 For the People of the Parish
9:30 Carol Carman RIP
11:30 Intentions of Lee Guerrero
- Tuesday 8:30 Intentions of Catherine de Roquefeuil
- Wednesday 5:30 Intentions of Emma Fortich-Kirby
- Thursday 10:00 Families of St. Mary Magdalen
- Friday 5:30 Owen Basil Fitzgerald RIP

Parish Calendar through December 5th, 2025

- November 22-23 Preacher at Weekend Masses: Fr. Titus**
Weekend 5:30 pm Saturday; 8:00/9:30/11:30 am Sunday
- November 23 Fourth Sunday Dinner for the Hungry**
Sunday Noon-4:00 pm, Magdalen Hall.
- November 24 "Faith and Immigration Justice" Program**
Monday 4:00-6:00 pm, Norton Hall
- November 25 Discussion of the Sunday Gospel Zoom link:**
Tuesday 2:00-3:00 pm, tinyurl.com/SMM-GospelGroup
- November 26 Meeting of SPRED Catechism**
Wednesday 6:30 pm, Norton Hall
- November 20 THANKSGIVING MASS**
Thursday 10:00 am (*Bring food to be blessed or donated.*)
- November 21 Discussion of the Sunday Gospel**
Friday 9:15 - 10:15 am, Norton Hall
- November 29-30 Preacher at Weekend Masses: Deacon Jeff**
Weekend 5:30 pm Saturday; 8:00/9:30/11:30 am Sunday
- November 30 Communion & Liberation**
Sunday 1:00 pm onwards, Magdalen & Norton Halls
- December 1 St. Vincent de Paul Conference Meeting**
Monday 7:00 pm, Norton Hall *All are welcome!*
- December 2 Racial Equity Meeting: Planning for 2026**
Tuesday 7:00 pm, Zoom. tinyurl.com/SMM-RECzoom
- December 3 Meeting of SPRED Catechism**
Wednesday 6:30 pm, Norton Hall
- December 4 "Faith and Immigration Justice" Program**
Thursday Course conclusion (on Zoom).
- December 5 Eucharistic Adoration (Holy Hour)**
Friday 6:00 pm, Church (*On Every Friday in Advent*)



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2025 BISHOP'S MINISTRIES APPEAL

The Bishop's Ministries Appeal helps us extend the love of Christ to those seeking comfort, guidance, and support.

Through **more than 70 vital programs** that serve as beacons of hope in communities across the Diocese, our ministries provide essential assistance and spiritual nourishment to all who seek it.

To donate, leave a check in the collection basket, or go to tinyurl.com/BishopAppeal.



St. Mary Magdalen Celebrates Black Catholic Month!

See All 12 Posters in the Church or on the Website marymagdalen.org/bcm.

Please may click on the images below to read their biographies of our Honorees.



Venerable Pierre Toussaint
1766 - 1853



Venerable Mary Lange
1789 - 1882



Venerable Henriette Delille
1813 - 1862



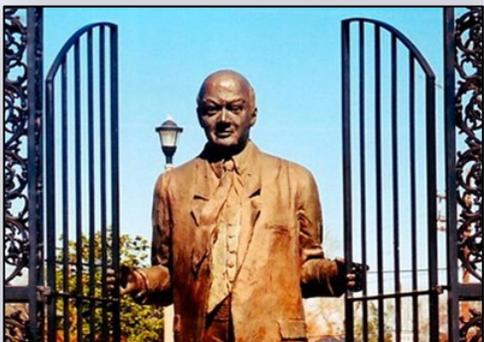
Servant of God Julia Greeley
(1833/1848 - 1918)



Venerable Fr. Augustus Tolton
(1854 - 1897)



Fr. Charles Uncles, SSJ
(1859 - 1933)



A.P. Tureaud
(1899 - 1972)



Eunice Jackson
(1926 - 2021)



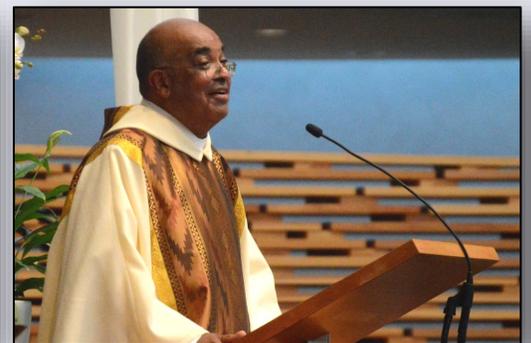
Norman Francis
(1931 - present)



Maud Green
(1935 - 2021)



Servant of God Sister Thea Bowman
(1937 - 1990)



Rev. Fr. Jay Matthews
(1948 - 2019)

Honorees chosen and biographies composed by members of the St. Mary Magdalen Parish Racial Equity Committee and Madeleine Vice Principal Heather Skinner.

Thanksgiving

Many years ago, I was assigned to Santa Maria Parish in Orinda. Among my duties there was leading Christian Initiation. I put together a team of parishioners that reflected the demographics of the parish. One of my most dedicated catechists was also the most challenging. She had a daughter with mental health issues who made her family's life hell. It was understandable that my team member did not always see life in positive terms.

At one session the topic of "Why does God permit suffering in this world?" came up. My catechist challenged the idea that in the end God would make all things right. "How can you say that when there is so much evil in the world?" she exclaimed. To be honest, I didn't have a good answer for her (and the class) at that moment. I had to meditate on it until the following week. The next session we revisited the subject and I told her that even when I couldn't see any good in the world I still had to believe God would rectify all things in the end as a stance of faith. The word "Gospel," after all, means "good news!"



This brings us to the state of affairs in 2025. In spite of all evidence to the contrary, I must have faith that God's goodness will ultimately prevail. Maybe not in the short term, but as Martin Luther King said, "The arc of the moral universe is long, but it bends towards justice." When hope seems irrational, my faith must supply the fortitude to carry on.

Faith, hope, and love are the reasons we *must* give thanks this holiday, in spite of what seems to be a downward spiral. I remember hearing about a basketball player whose team was way behind near the end of the game.

He started playing with happy abandon, inspiring his teammates to join in the fun. Soon they were outplaying their opponents and came from behind to win. I'm not saying that we can always overcome aggressors, but we can at least creatively enjoy the process. The Ukrainians have held out against Russia far longer than anybody would have expected. Volodymyr Zelensky, a former comedian, has inspired his country with a playful, creative approach to the war that has kept his adversary guessing what comes next. So far that strategy has worked.

Faith is the reason for our Thanksgiving. We don't know how things will turn out in the coming months but we believe God's justice will prevail. If we can believe in the hope that Zelensky, Pope Leo and Steven Colbert inspire, we have reason to give thanks and possibly a path out of our morass.

I'll be away from the parish for the next couple of weekends. Sometimes it's hard for me to use up my vacation time and it piles up near the end of the year, so when a cruise on the Holland America Westerdam came available, I seized the opportunity to serve as the ship's chaplain. I'll be back home on December 8th.

I wish you all a Happy Thanksgiving!

HOLIDAY OUTREACH 2025

The **Holiday Outreach Program** has begun! It will run until December 14th. Please examine the ornaments on the Giving Tree, and later drop your gift cards (or monetary donations) into the collection basket, or at the rectory.

Since the Covid outbreak, our organization of the Holiday Outreach has changed. Most organizations now prefer Target gift cards that allow their clients to go to the store to buy what they want and need. Due to inflation, we are now being asked to raise the amount of these Target cards to **\$30**. We will also accept monetary gifts that can be given through the collection basket, directly to the office. *Be sure to indicate **Holiday Outreach** on your check memo.*

The recipients of our monetary donations will be the *Mercy Brown Bag Program, Elizabeth House, Catholic Charities, East Bay Sanctuary, St. Mary's Center*, and our parish conference of *St. Vincent de Paul*.

Scout Troop 32694 Car Wash Fundraiser



Many thanks to everyone who came to get their cars washed by Girl Scout Troop #32694 last Saturday!

The Girl Scouts—mostly Madeleine 7th graders— are planning a cultural and educational trip to the Dominican Republic in 2026, where they will explore its history, language, art, and cuisine. Their travel goals include:

- ◆ Gaining a deeper appreciation for global cultures
- ◆ Strengthening their leadership and teamwork skills
- ◆ Bringing back new perspectives to share with their Berkeley community



The Scouts invite you to support their journey by donating here:



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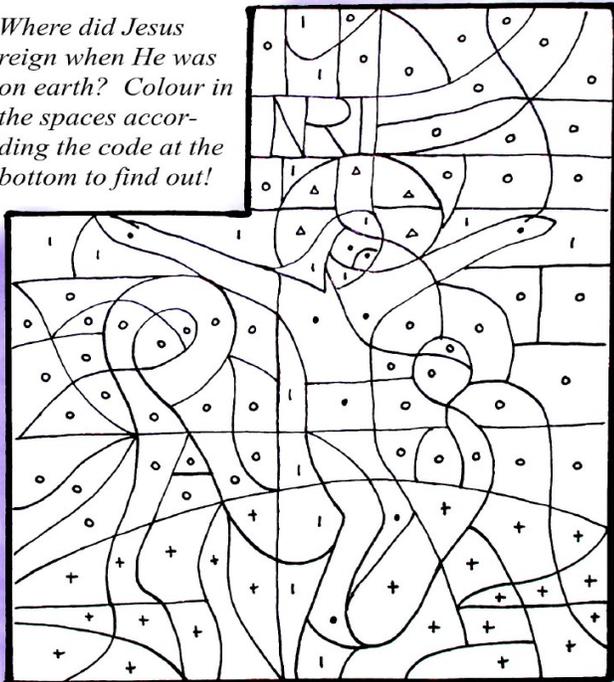
Green Beans, Cranberry Sauce, Canned Yams, Stuffing Mix, Potatoes, Rice, Cooking Oil, Coffee or Tea, Shelf-Stable Milk

Food items will be brought forward as an offering during all Masses on **NOVEMBER 22/23** or the daily Masses **Nov. 24, 25, & 26** or the **10 AM Mass on THANKSGIVING DAY**

The Kids' Bulletin

November 23rd, 2025
Feast of Christ the King

Where did Jesus reign when He was on earth? Colour in the spaces according to the code at the bottom to find out!



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- skin colour
- blue
- ◊ brown
- ▲ yellow
- + green

Luke 23:35-43



Christ the King Word-Find

J E C H U R C H S P
U T H R O N E S H E
W O R L D L O V E A
Y F I J U D G E A C
J E S U S O O U V E
A A T S R M E K E C
M R Y T K I I I N R
B E G I N N I N G E
H A P C L I R G O A
I R O E O O U D D T
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See if you can find all the words from the list at the bottom. Then put the leftover letters in the spaces to find a little prayer you can say any time.



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| BEGINNING | HEAVEN | LOVE |
| CHRIST | HIGH | PEACE |
| CHURCH | JESUS | POOR |
| CREATOR | JUDGE | REDEEMER |
| DOMINION | JUSTICE | RULE |
| EARTH | KINGDOM | THRONE |
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