

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)

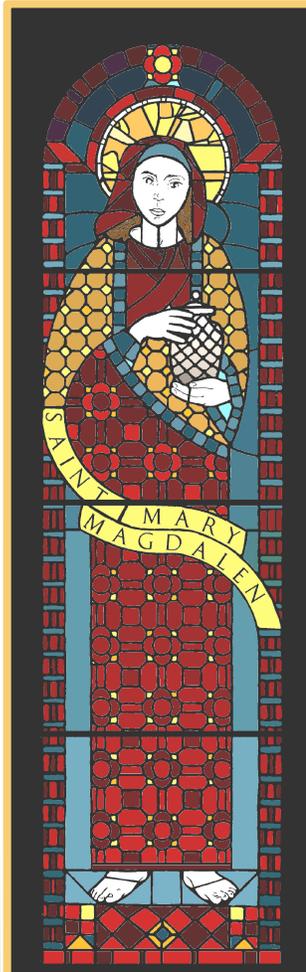
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BAPTISM: Preparation classes take place on the first Monday of the month. Please call the parish office for more information.

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.”*

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A ~ February 1st, 2026

Weekly Collections through January 25 th , 2026			
Time Period	Actual	Budget	Difference
01/25/2026	\$14,691.01	\$10,000.00	-\$4,691.01
YTD 2026	\$39,567.31	\$40,000.00	-\$423.69

We received a hefty donation that nearly closed the gap!



Eucharistic Adoration will take place at ~ 6:00 pm this Friday, February 6th. Come join us for an Hour with the Lord.

Scripture Readings for the Week

- 1st FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13 / 1 Corinthians 1:26-31 / Matthew 5:1-12
- 2nd FEAST: THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD
Malachi 3:1-4 / Hebrews 2:14-18 / Luke 2:22-40
- 3rd Weekday [St. Blaise, Bishop & Martyr;
St. Ansgar, Bishop]
2 Samuel 18:9-10, 14, 24-25, 30-19:3 / Mark 5:21-43
- 4th Weekday
2 Samuel 24:2, 9-17 / Mark 6:1-6
- 5th Memorial: St. Agatha, Martyr
1 Kings 2:1-4, 10-12 / Mark 6:7-13
- 6th Memorial: St. Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs
Sirach 47:2-11 / Mark 6:14-29
- 7th Weekday [Blessed Virgin Mary]
1 Kings 3:4-13 / Mark 6:30-34

Mass Intentions

- Saturday 5:30 Timothy Doran RIP
- Sunday 8:00 Intentions of Alejandra Medally Salas Chininin
- 9:30 Luis Martello RIP
- 11:30 Intentions of Ann Fitzgerald
- Monday 5:30 Intentions of Esther Ruiz Victoria
- Tuesday 8:30 For the People of the Parish

Parish Calendar through February 7th, 2026

- January 30 Friday CONCERT — Barefoot Chamber Ensemble 6:30 pm, Magdalen Hall. Bach Sonatas
- January 31-February 1 Preacher at Weekend Masses: Fr. Titus 5:30 pm Saturday; 8:00 / 9:30 / 11:30 am Sunday
- February 1 Sunday SCOUT SUNDAY! Celebrated at the 9:30 am Mass 
- February 1 Sunday First Sunday Dinner for the Hungry Noon-4:00 pm, Magdalen Hall. *Volunteers needed!*
- February 2 Monday St. Vincent de Paul Conference Meeting 7:00 pm, Norton Hall *All are welcome!*
- February 3 Tuesday Discussion of the Sunday Gospel Zoom link: 2:00-3:00 pm, tinyurl.com/SMM-GospelGroup
- February 4 Wednesday Meeting of SPRED Catechism 6:30 pm, Norton Hall
- February 6 Friday Discussion of the Sunday Gospel 9:15 - 10:15 am, Norton Hall
- February 6 Friday First Friday Eucharistic Adoration 6:05 pm, Church
- February 7 Saturday Meeting of the Liturgy Council 10:00-am - Noon, Conference Room or Zoom
- February 7/8 Weekend Preacher at Weekend Masses: Deacon Jeff 5:30 pm Saturday; 8:00 / 9:30 / 11:30 am Sunday
- February 7 Saturday Movie Night — Cross Creek 6:30 - 8:30 pm, Norton Hall. (See p. 4 for details.)

AVAILABLE NOW!

PRINT & DIGITAL AD SPACES

The Support of Your Business is Greatly Appreciated

Donna Touros from LPI, our bulletin printer, is securing new ads for our church in the coming weeks. It is the support of the business community that helps to make our church thrive. Please consider purchasing a print and / or digital ad as your participation makes our bulletin successful, and you attract customers!

Church bulletin advertising is a cost-effective way to advertise 52 times per year and show support for your local community; in turn, parishioners will support you!

Digital advertising allows your business to be front and center to anyone who visits a church profile page on ParishesOnline.com — that's approximately 500,000 page views per month!



Donna Touros
916-284-4438

Come Join the Pilgrimage to our Sister Parish in Mexicali! Friday, March 6 through Sunday, March 8, 2026



Join Fr. Nick and other parishioners for our fourth parish pilgrimage to our sister parish, Santa María de Guadalupe, a mission of the Western Dominican Province in Mexicali.

We'll meet up at the San Diego airport at noon on Friday, March 6, and return to the airport on Sunday, March 8. Fr. Nick will rent a van that will take us to the border, which we will cross on foot.

How much does this trip cost? You will be responsible for your travel to and from San Diego and for the cost of the hotel room for two nights (~\$50/night).

What will we be doing in Mexicali? We'll visit parish locations and catechetical centers, participate in charitable ministries and attend Mass. This is a wonderful time to get to know the lovely parishioners of Santa María de Guadalupe, to learn firsthand how God is at work serving the poorest in Mexicali and even participate in the work itself. You will see how St. Mary Magdalen has helped the parish in the past, and consult with them on how we can help them in future.

Interested? Contact Sharon Henthorn-Iwane at volunteer@marymagdalen.org.



SAVE THE DATE!

9th Annual Parish Conference

This Year's Topic:

**Artificial Intelligence:
Promise, Peril, and
Christian Responsibility**



Speakers:
Peter M. J. Hess, PhD
Adrienne Williams



Saturday, February 21st, 2026
10:00 am - 3:00 pm (Lunch Included)
Magdalen Hall

Today, February 1st, is our **First Sunday Dinner for the Hungry**. Do you have an hour to spend today in Magdalen Hall from 2:15 to 4:00 pm?

You are very welcome to come help set up or serve our guests (*see times below*), but **we really need volunteers to help clean the kitchen and Magdalen Hall**.

We set up from **11:30 am to 12:30 pm**, prepare to serve at **2:15 pm**, start cleaning the kitchen at **2:30 pm** and put away the tables & chairs from around **3:40 to 4:00 pm**.

Do You (or Your Children) Like to Bake?

Our guests like sweets, and they really appreciate your desserts. You may drop them off on any 1st or 4th Sunday morning during Coffee Hour (**7:30 am to 11:00 am**) or in Magdalen Hall (**11:00 am to 1:00 pm**). Thank you very much!

For more information:

tinyurl.com/SMM-SundayDinners

or email:

sundaydinners@marymagdalen.org



Notes from Fr. Nick

The Feasts of Purification, Candlemas & Groundhog Day

February 2nd is significant for three reasons: the Purification of Mary, Candlemas, and Groundhog Day. All of these celebrations are connected.

According to Jewish law, a woman had to wait forty days after giving birth before she could enter the Temple. From early times in the Church, this date was seen as a solemn presentation of Jesus in House of God. It was originally celebrated on February 14th, forty days after January 6th, which is the Eastern feast of Christmas. Accordingly, when the Western Church moved Christmas to December 25th, this feast was moved to February 2nd.

Candlemas is the ancient day on which the candles to used in the church during the following year are blessed. It is connected to the Feast of the Purification in that Christ, Light of the World, was presented to His community on this date. A possibly more ancient reason for Candlemas is that the date falls midway between the winter Solstice (December 21st) and the Vernal Equinox (March 20th).

The date of midwinter is where the feast connects to Groundhog Day. The story takes place in Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania, where tradition holds that if the groundhog looks out of its den and sees its shadow, there will be six more weeks of winter. Like the Church at Candlemas, the German immigrants of Punxsutawney marked winter's passing. (By the way, my great uncle, Carmine Margiotti, was mayor of Punxsutawney in the 1940s, and it was his role to pull the groundhog out of its den.)

Although we have no groundhogs here in Northern California, after the liturgy for the Feast of the Purification, we will bless our liturgical candles and look forward to Spring.

RETURN OF MOVIE NIGHT!

CROSS CREEK is the name of the hamlet in North Florida where Fr. Nick's grandparents befriended the writer Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings. (She partly based the young hero of her Pulitzer-Prize winning 1938 novel, *The Yearling*, on Fr. Nick's father, JT Glisson.)

The 1983 film, directed by Martin Ritt, is based on Rawlings' memoir of the same name. The stellar cast:

MARY STEENBURGEN **RIP TORN**
PETER COYOTE **ALFRE WOODARD**

Rip Torn and Alfre Woodard were nominated for Academy Awards for their performances.

In Mary Steenburgen's words, *Cross Creek* "is about a community and its people and their impress on Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings. Fundamentally, it's about the land, because that's what inspired Rawlings and gave her a chance to fulfill herself."

Saturday, February 7th, 2026

6:30 pm, Norton Hall

Refreshments will be served.





IT'S COOKIE SEASON!

Girl Scout Troop 32694 from Berkeley will be selling cookies after the 9:30 am Mass!

You have two dates to purchase in person:

Sunday 2/8 & Sunday 3/1
from 10:30 to 11:00 am

You may also purchase online and the **Scouts will deliver to your door!** Use the QR code above, or go to tinyurl.com/32694Cookies

Some of the proceeds will support a cultural & educational trip to the Dominican Republic, where we will explore the history, art, language, and cuisine of the country.

Thank you for supporting Troop 32694. **girl scouts**



REFUGEE FOSTER CARE INFORMATION SESSION

Refugee Foster Care supports unaccompanied refugee minors fleeing persecution and violence. We are seeking nurturing families to welcome a refugee youth into their home. Join us virtually to learn more!



February 5, 2026

6:30 PM



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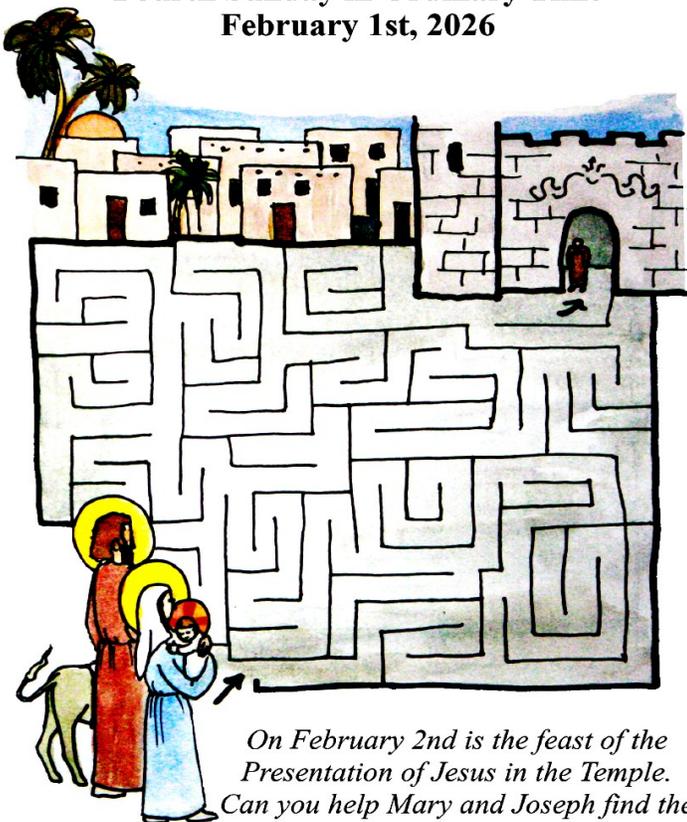


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The Kids' Bulletin

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 1st, 2026



On February 2nd is the feast of the Presentation of Jesus in the Temple. Can you help Mary and Joseph find the way through Jerusalem to present Baby Jesus in the Temple?

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Beatitudes Word Find

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O S P I R I T C L E A N

Find the words in CAPITALS from today's Gospel reading in the puzzle and use the leftover letters to fill in the blanks.

"Blessed are the POOR in SPIRIT, for theirs is the kingdom of HEAVEN. Blessed are they who MOURN, for they will be COMFORTED. BLESSED are the meek, for they will INHERIT the land. Blessed are THEY WHO hunger and thirst for RIGHTEOUSNESS, for

they will be SATISFIED.

Blessed are the MERCIFUL, for they will be shown MERCY.

Blessed are the CLEAN of HEART, for they will see GOD.

Blessed are the PEACEMAKERS, for they will be called CHILDREN of God.

Blessed are they who are PERSECUTED for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the KINGDOM of heaven.

Blessed are you when they INSULT you and persecute you and utter every KIND of evil against you FALSELY

BECAUSE of me. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be GREAT in heaven."

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