



# 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)

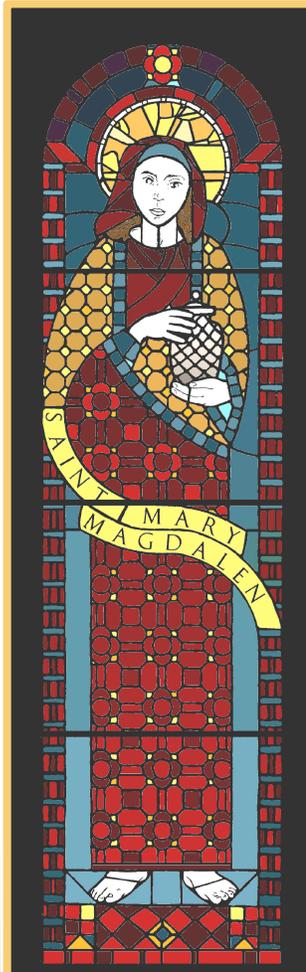
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**BAPTISM:** Preparation classes take place on the first Monday of the month. Please call the parish office for more information.

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

*"Together we share our  
Faith in Jesus Christ.*

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

# Time to Register!

## 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Parish Conference

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

#### Speakers:



**Peter M. J. Hess, PhD**

**Adrienne Williams**



**Saturday, February 21<sup>st</sup>, 2026**

**Magdalen Hall**

**10:00 am - 3:00 pm (Lunch Included)**

**[parish@marymagdalen.org](mailto:parish@marymagdalen.org)**

### Discover the Heart of Love: Table Talk on Pope Leo's *Dillexit Te*

Walk into the depths of divine love through  
Pope Leo's first Apostolic Exhortation:

### *Dillexit Te*

It's a journey into the heart of God's love that explores  
compassion and human dignity — that speaks powerfully  
to the challenges and hopes of our world today.

Join Fr. Wilson to uncover timeless truths, engage in meaningful  
discussion, and renew your spiritual commitment.

**Thursday, February 26<sup>th</sup>**

**Norton Hall**

**7:00 pm - 8:30 pm**



## 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 chari-  
table 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 par-  
ticipate 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 [receptionist@marymagdalen.org](mailto:receptionist@marymagdalen.org).**



Fr. Nick took this photo of Santa María de Guadalupe  
parishioners playing soccer, from which he created  
a watercolor for his annual Christmas card.



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

You have two dates to purchase in person:  
**THIS SUNDAY 2/8 + Next 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](http://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**

## Prayer for Peace and Justice

### God of Compassion —

You let your rain fall on the just and the unjust.  
 Expand and deepen our hearts  
 so that we may love as You love,  
 even those among us  
 who have caused the greatest pain by taking life.  
 For there is in our land a great cry for vengeance  
 as we fill up death row and kill the killers  
 in the name of justice, in the name of peace.

### Jesus, our brother —

you suffered execution at the hands of the state  
 but you did not let hatred overcome you.  
 Help us to reach out to victims of violence  
 so that our enduring love may help them heal.

### Holy Spirit of God —

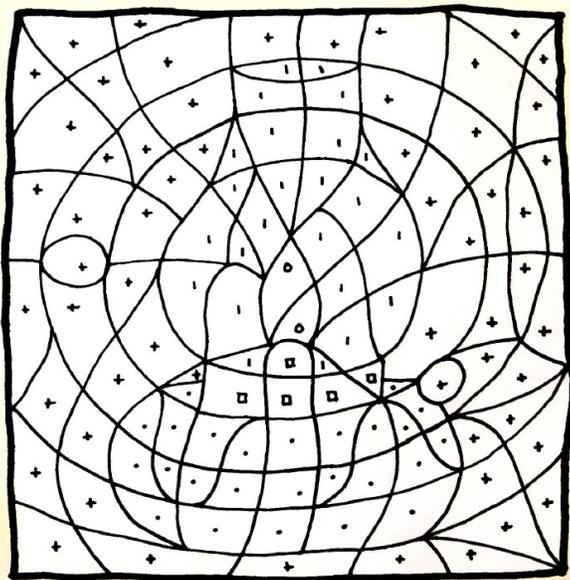
You strengthen us in the struggle for justice,  
 Help us to work tirelessly  
 for the abolition of state-sanctioned death  
 and to renew our society in its very heart  
 so that violence will be no more.

Amen.

~ Sister Helen Prejean, CSJ

# The Kids' Bulletin

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
 February 8th, 2026

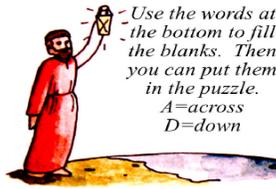


Matt 5:13-16

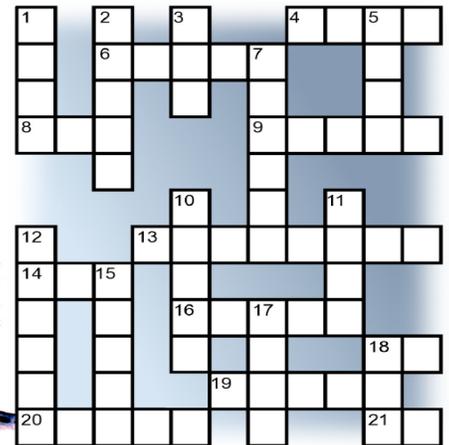
What did Jesus tell us we should be like?  
 Colour in the spaces according to the code to find out!

- + blue
- white
- o orange
- brown
- red

## Salt and Light Crossword Puzzle



Use the words at the bottom to fill the blanks. Then you can put them in the puzzle.  
 A=across  
 D=down



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\_\_\_\_\_ 2D \_\_\_\_\_ 5D to his disciples: "You are the  
 \_\_\_\_\_ 11D of the \_\_\_\_\_. 6A But if salt \_\_\_\_\_ 15D  
 its \_\_\_\_\_, 20A with what can it be seasoned? It is no  
 longer \_\_\_\_\_ 17D for anything but \_\_\_\_\_ 21A be thrown  
 out and trampled underfoot. \_\_\_\_\_ 8A \_\_\_\_\_ 3D the light  
 of the \_\_\_\_\_ 10D A \_\_\_\_\_ 1D set on a \_\_\_\_\_ 13A  
 cannot be \_\_\_\_\_. 7D Nor do they light a lamp and  
 then put it under a bushel \_\_\_\_\_; 12D it is \_\_\_\_\_ 18D  
 on a lampstand, where it gives \_\_\_\_\_ 16A to \_\_\_\_\_ 14A  
 in the \_\_\_\_\_ 19A Just \_\_\_\_\_, 18A your light \_\_\_\_\_ 4A  
 shine before others, that they may see your good  
 \_\_\_\_\_ 9A and glorify your heavenly Father."

MUST JESUS MOUNTAIN CITY LIGHT  
 SAID DEEDS BASKET EARTH WORLD  
 GOOD HOUSE HIDDEN YOU SET ALL  
 SALT TASTE LOSES ARE SO TO

## Notes from Fr. Nick

# Christian Marriage

Ancient Jewish weddings were the prototype for Christian marriage. There was no distinction between civil and religious matters in the ancient world, and therefore the practical union between a man and woman was seen as a spiritual bond, even if it had no liturgical trappings.

Jewish weddings were straightforward, and even rather bawdy. The prospective groom approached the father of the bride and arranged a dowry. A filter precluded weddings between people of different means or social classes. A parent could prevent the marriage going forward if the groom was not able to demonstrate he could provide for his wife and family. Conversely, if the father of the bride was not able to contribute enough financially, the groom and his family could stop the process. If the negotiations were successful, the marriage was on, and the couple was “betrothed.”

At a prearranged time, the groom and his friends, fortified with much wine, would march down the street to the bride’s home. The groom would beat on the front door and with his friends cause a commotion in the street. Inside the house the bride and her friends would scream in mock horror. Eventually they would relent and allow the groom inside. Then the groom ritually “kidnapped” the bride and carried her kicking and screaming into his house, while friends and family followed loudly. At his home, the groom carried the bride over his threshold and the marriage was official.

Then the party began. Much wine would be drunk and food consumed along with dancing and singing. The reception was the central component of the Jewish wedding. The story of the wise and foolish virgins (in Matthew 25:1-13) makes more sense in this light. When the wedding was delayed, it was not because the groom had encountered a problem at synagogue — the wedding could not begin until the groom had arrived. Those without oil for their lamps missed out on the party!

Weddings in the Roman Empire followed a similar pattern. Additionally, the bride would make a pledge of fidelity (the groom made no such promise), the couple would join hands and offer a cake to the god Jupiter, which the couple also shared in. To be formally married, the couple had to be Roman citizens, of legal age and consent to the marriage, often written up in a contract (*confarreatio*). Non-citizens (e.g., most Jews) used the symbolic “purchase” via contract (*coemptio*). Finally, if a couple cohabited for one year (*usus*) they were legally married. Christians more or less adopted Roman and Jewish customs until the early Middle Ages. If the marriage involved a prominent couple, the bishop might offer a blessing at the reception, but there was no formal ritual or ceremony.

In the 5<sup>th</sup> century A.D., St. Augustine defined the three conditions that would validate a marriage between two Christians: fidelity between the couple, lifelong commitment, and the possibility of children. These remain the provisions for a Catholic marriage up to the present time. Beyond these requirements, St. Augustine taught that marriage was the highest bond in society. Even without children present, mutual respect within marriage remains a profound good. And for St. Augustine, lust was legitimate and honorable within the marriage bond.

After the collapse of the Roman Empire, the Church fell into the administration of weddings. The state was no longer functioned for the recording and execution of marriage contracts. While this was not a problem for most people, wealthy and prominent couples needed nuptial agreements in order to distribute property. Initially it was only a matter of the bishop stopping by the reception and offering his blessing, but gradually the Roman examination of consent and holding hands came to be conducted in church. By the 10<sup>th</sup> century, these rituals, together with St. Augustine’s theology, elevated marriage into a sacrament.

This weekend we’re celebrating **World Marriage Sunday**, and we will invite married couples to renew their vows at each liturgy. Further, we now have a wedding and marriage ministry in our parish, led by Denise and Gary Van Kuiken. It is our goal to encourage young people to make a sacramental commitment to each other and to foster the bond throughout their lives. We hope that the wedding process can be enriching, affordable, as well as spiritual. Do you know a couple who are planning to get married? Encourage them to call us, so that we can make their union not just a practical, but a sacramental bond.

# Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A ~ February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2026

Due to the vacation of our Business Manager, the collection report for last weekend will be published next week.

In the meantime, if you would like to donate to your parish, click or scan the links below.

## It's Easy to Make a Financial Donation to your Parish!

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## Scripture Readings for the Week

- 8<sup>th</sup> FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
Isaiah 58:7-10 / 1 Corinthians 2:1-5 / Matthew 5:13-16
- 9<sup>th</sup> Weekday  
1 Kings 8:1-7, 9-13 / Mark 6:53-56
- 10<sup>th</sup> Memorial: Saint Scholastica, Abbess  
1 Kings 8:22-23, 27-30 / Mark 7:1-13
- 11<sup>th</sup> Weekday [Our Lady of Lourdes]  
1 Kings 10:1-10 / Mark 7:14-23
- 12<sup>th</sup> Weekday  
1 Kings 11:4-13 / Mark 7:24-30
- 13<sup>th</sup> Weekday  
1 Kings 11:29-32; 12:19 / Mark 7:31-37
- 14<sup>th</sup> Memorial: Saints Cyril, Monk, and Methodius, Bishop  
1 Kings 12:26-32; 13:33-34 / Mark 8:1-10

## Mass Intentions



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|-----------|-------|--|
| Saturday  | 5:30  | For the People of the Parish                 |
| Sunday    | 8:00  | Intentions of Tom & Elaine Hall              |
|           | 9:30  | Intentions of Nagee Johnson                  |
|           | 11:30 | Intentions of Rebecca Justo                  |
| Monday    | 5:30  | Intentions of Theodore Grycz                 |
| Tuesday   | 8:30  | Intentions of Glenn Edward Wang              |
| Wednesday | 5:30  | Intentions of Mary Lou Onglatco              |
| Thursday  | 8:30  | Intentions of Katie Fitzgerald               |
| Friday    | 5:30  | Intentions of Mary Emily Onglatco            |
| Saturday  | 8:30  | Intentions of Amparo Justo and Rebecca Justo |

## Parish Calendar through February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2026

- February 6** *First Friday Eucharistic Adoration (Holy Hour)*  
Friday 6:05 pm, Church
- February 7** **Monthly Meeting of the Liturgy Council**  
Saturday 10:00-am - Noon, Conference Room or Zoom
- February 7/8** **Preacher at Weekend Masses: Deacon Jeff**  
Weekend 5:30 pm Saturday; 8:00/9:30/11:30 am Sunday
- February 7/8** **Return of our Music Director, Andy Canepa!**  
Weekend 5:30 pm Saturday; 8:00/9:30/11:30 am Sunday
- February 7/8** **Blessing of Married Couples during Masses**  
Weekend 5:30 pm Saturday; 8:00/9:30/11:30 am Sunday
- February 7** **MOVIE NIGHT WITH FR. NICK — CROSS CREEK**  
Saturday 6:30 - 8:30 pm, Norton Hall. (Refreshments!)
- February 10** **Discussion of the Sunday Gospel** *Zoom link:*  
Tuesday 2:00-3:00 pm, [tinyurl.com/SMM-GospelGroup](https://tinyurl.com/SMM-GospelGroup)
- February 10** **Parish Pastoral Council.** *(Anyone may attend.)*  
Tuesday 7:00-8:30 pm, Conference Room or Zoom
- February 11** **Meeting of SPRED Catechism**  
Wednesday 6:30 pm, Norton Hall
- February 12** **Discussion of the Sunday Gospel**  
Friday 9:15 - 10:15 am, Norton Hall
- February 12** **Peace & Justice Committee Monthly Meeting**  
Friday 4:00 - 5:00 pm, Norton Hall
- February 14/15** **Preacher at Weekend Masses: Fr. Wilson**  
Weekend 5:30 pm Saturday; 8:00/9:30/11:30 am Sunday

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