



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)

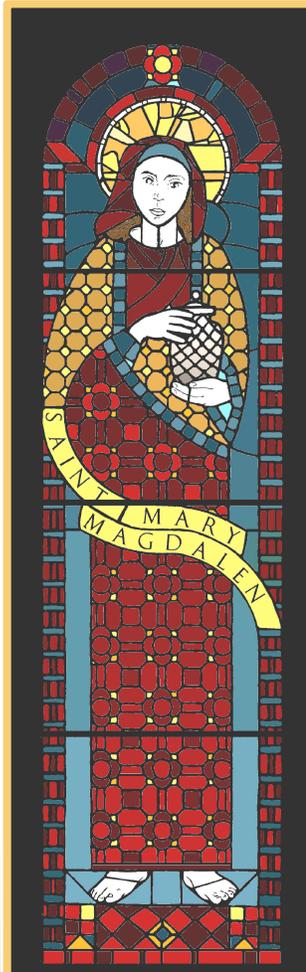
OFFICE HOURS

Monday — Friday
9:00 am — Noon
1:00 pm — 5:00 pm
Phone: 510-526-4811
Fax: 510-525-3638

WEBSITE



marymagdalen.org



XDavid Lance Goines, 2002

Fr. Nicholas Glisson, *Pastor*
pastor@marymagdalen.org

Norah Hippolyte, *Pastoral Associate & Business Manager*
nhippolyte@marymagdalen.org

Andy Canepa, *Music Director*
acanepa@marymagdalen.org

Heather Skinner
Director of Religious Education
hskinner@themadeleine.com

Deacon:
Jeff Burns (*Parish Renewal*)
jburns@marymagdalen.org

Priests-in-Residence:
Fr. Wilson Sagayaraj, SVD
wsagayaraj@marymagdalen.org

Fr. Sebastian Titus
stitus@marymagdalen.org

Cat Nielsen, *Parish Technologist / Adult Faith Formation* (ext. 113)
website@marymagdalen.org

Oscar Guillen,
Facilities Supervisor

Ana Guillen, *Housekeeper*

Lisa Aliferis, *Convener*
Parish Pastoral Council
ppc@marymagdalen.org

Georganne Perkins, *Convener*
Parish Finance Council
georganne.perkins@gmail.com

Laura Morland, *Volunteer*
Bulletin Editor (ext. 118)
bulletin@marymagdalen.org

St. Vincent de Paul (ext. 787)
svdp@marymagdalen.org

School of the Madeleine
1225 Milvia Street
Berkeley, California 94709
510.526.4744

Joseph Nagel, *Principal*
jnagel@themadeleine.com

Vice-Principals:

Heather Skinner
hskinner@themadeleine.com

Paula Rice
price@themadeleine.com

Mary Schweska, *Secretary*
madmary@themadeleine.com

Catholic Funeral Services 510.605.4921

STAFF CONTACTS FOR PARISH & SCHOOL: marymagdalen.org/staff

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."*

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A ~ February 15th, 2026

Weekly Collections through January 25 th , 2026			
Time Period	Actual	Budget	Difference
02/01/2026	\$5,586.45	\$10,000.00	-\$4,413.01
02/08/2026	\$10,772.65	\$10,000.00	\$772.65
YTD 2026	\$55,936.41	\$60,000.00	-\$4,063.59

Please consider the words from the Finance Council.



**Your Catholic School
in Berkeley**



Let's Be Good to One Another!

Call for tour (510) 526-4744 | www.themadeleine.com
1225 Milvia Street, Berkeley, CA 94709

Scripture Readings for the Week

- 15th SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Sirach 15:15-20 / 1 Corinthians 2:6-10 /
Matthew 5:17-37
- 16th Weekday
James 1:1-11 / Mark 8:11-13
- 17th Weekday [The 7 Holy Founders of the Servite Order]
James 1:12-18 / Mark 8:14-21
- 18th **ASH WEDNESDAY**
Joel 2:12-18 / 2 Corinthians 5:20-6:2 /
Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18
- 19th Thursday after Ash Wednesday
Deuteronomy 30:15-20 / Luke 9:22-25
- 20th Friday after Ash Wednesday
Isaiah 58:1-9 / Matthew 9:14-15
- 21st Saturday after Ash Wednesday [St. Peter Damian,
Bishop & Doctor]
Isaiah 58:9-14 / Luke 5:27-32

Mass Intentions

- Saturday 5:30 William ("Bill") Rauch RIP
Sunday 8:00 For the People of the Parish
9:30 Intentions of Fr. Wilson Sagayaraj
11:30 Christopher Carr RIP
Monday 5:30 Mary Tansy RIP
Wednesday 5:30 Intentions of Mary Emily Onglatco

Parish Calendar through February 23rd, 2026

- February 12** Peace & Justice Committee Monthly Meeting
Friday 4:00 - 5:00 pm, Norton Hall
- February 14/15** Preacher at Weekend Masses: Fr. Titus
Weekend 5:30 pm Saturday; 8:00/9:30/11:30 am Sunday
- February 16** Parish Office Closed
Monday Presidents' Day Holiday
- February 17** Discussion of the Sunday Gospel Zoom link:
Tuesday 2:00-3:00 pm, tinyurl.com/SMM-GospelGroup
- February 18** ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES
Wednesday 8:30 & 10:15 am (School), 5:30 & 7:30 pm
- February 18** Meeting of SPRED Catechism
Wednesday 6:30 pm, Norton Hall
- February 20** Discussion of the Sunday Gospel
Friday 9:15 - 10:15 am, Norton Hall
- February 20** Stations of the Cross—Led by Peace & Justice
Friday 6:05 pm, Church (On all Fridays in Lent)
- February 21** Annual Parish Conference - All are invited!
Saturday 10:00 am-3:00 pm, Magdalen Hall (See page 3.)
- February 21/22** Preacher at Weekend Masses: Dcn. Chris, SJ
Weekend 5:30 pm Saturday; 8:00/9:30/11:30 am Sunday
- February 22** First Sunday Dinner for the Hungry
Sunday Noon-4:00 pm, Magdalen Hall. Volunteers needed!
- February 23** Lenten Eucharistic Adoration (Holy Hour)
Monday 6:05 pm, Church (On all Mondays in Lent)

Scout Sunday 2026 — Burning of the Fronds

St. Mary Magdalen hosts two Scout troops (24 & 42), a Girl Scout troop (32694), and a Cub Scout pack! Several Scouts participated in the ritual burning of the fronds on February 1st, which coincided with "Scout Sunday." All Scouts pictured below are students or alumni of the School of the Madeleine.

Any boy or girl who is interested in Scouting may email Lisa Aliferis (lisa.aliferis@gmail.com) for more information. All the Scouts appreciate Fr. Nick's and St. Mary Magdalen's support of these vital youth programs.



Activities for Lent

Stations of the Cross

Lent - 2026

JOIN US

EACH FRIDAY DURING LENT at 6:00 PM
as we walk the Way of the Cross.

ALL ARE INVITED!

The Stations will be led by members of the following parish ministries:

FEBRUARY 20: Peace & Justice Committee

FEBRUARY 27: Musicians (Choir & Cantors)

MARCH 6: High School *Confirmandi*

MARCH 13: Lectors

MARCH 20: St. Vincent de Paul &
Sunday Dinner Volunteers

MARCH 27: Daily Mass attendees

APRIL 3 (GOOD FRIDAY):

Catechumens (Christian Initiation)



Eucharistic Adoration (Holy Hour) will take place on all the Mondays of Lent, starting at 6:05 pm.

"The Blessed Sacrament is the 'Living Heart' of each of our churches and it is our very sweet duty to honor and adore the Blessed Host, which our eyes see, the Incarnate Word, whom they cannot see."

(Pope Paul VI, *Credo of the People of God*)

"Jesus waits for us in this sacrament of love."

(Pope John Paul II, *Dominicae Canae*)

Join our Pilgrimage to Mexicali!

Join Fr. Nick and other parishioners for our fourth parish pilgrimage to our sister parish in Mexicali, *Santa María de Guadalupe*.



What will we do in Mexicali? We'll visit 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 we have helped them in the past, and consult with them on how we can help their parish in future.

**Friday, March 6 through
Sunday, March 8, 2026**

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

This year's **CROP Hunger Walk** is scheduled for **Sunday, April 19th**. This year, the local recipient of our funds collection will be **Dorothy Day House**, which has served our community for 30+ years:

- ◆ 7-day/365 days a year drop-in shelter, respite and community space
- ◆ Provides meals, showers, mail, laundry, clothing, and storage
- ◆ ID/DMV assistance, job training, and planning for permanent and temporary housing
- ◆ Medical referrals, connection to social services and partner agencies
- ◆ Encampment outreach to connect to housing and the services listed above.



Donate here!

On April 19th, we'll gather on the SMM parking lot at 1:00 pm. The walk takes place from 2:00 to 5:00 pm. **Please donate at tinyurl.com/SOM-SMM-CropWalk** Or write a check to CWS/CROP ("SMM" on memo line).

Notes from Fr. Nick

The Number 40

Some numbers have real significance. Three-hundred-and-fifty degrees Fahrenheit (177 Celsius) may seem arbitrary, but it makes a difference. It's the point when the Maillard reaction occurs, developing flavor without burning. On the other hand, the 153 fish in the Apostles' net (John 21:11) is probably arbitrary. Scholars have come up with various explanations, but they sound forced. Perhaps that is the number they actually caught!

The number 40 appears in the Old and New Testaments signifying *testing, transformation and completion*, but why not 35 or 50? Actually, either of those numbers would work, but committing to 40 hours, days, weeks, or years indicates a significant investment. The 40-hour workweek represents a substantial dedication to the means of one's livelihood. It often dominates everything else in our lives. The Jews spent 40 years in the desert before entering the promised land. After 40 years of life, our purpose often shifts from accomplishment to an emphasis on wisdom and maturity.

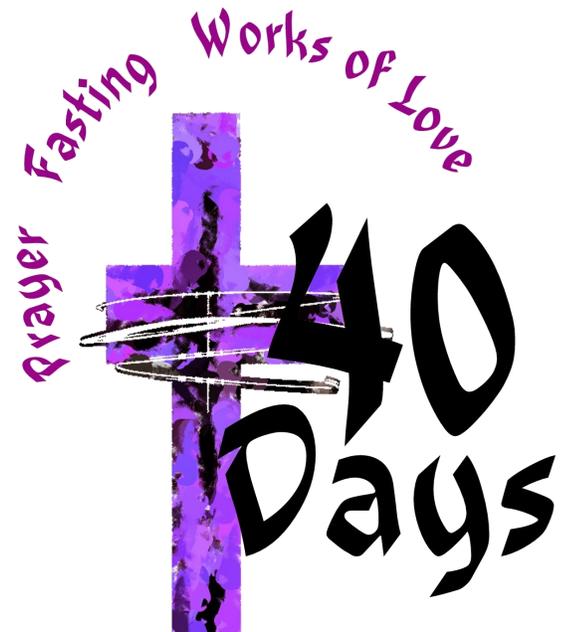
St. Ignatius Loyola prescribed a 40-day retreat for those entering the Jesuit community. Other religions also make significant 40-day religious journeys: Sufi Islam has "Forty Days: Alchemy of Tranquility," Yoga uses 40-day periods for self-inquiry (*sadhana*). In each case, the time period focuses on prayer, fasting, and cleansing, with the goal of deeper self-understanding.

Jesus' 40-day fast in the desert follows an archetypal human pattern. At his baptism, his Father's plan became clear. He would no longer be a carpenter — rather, he would preach the Gospel, regardless of consequences. Like anyone making a major life change, he recognized the importance of reflection time. Instead of immediately launching into his mission, Jesus had the good sense (prompted by the Holy Spirit) to take stock of himself.

Our renewed commitment to a life in Christ begins this Wednesday, when we receive ashes on our foreheads. It's easy to see this season primarily as a time of sacrifice. If we see only sacrifice, Lent can feel pointless or, at best, a self-improvement season. The primary purpose of Lent, like Jesus' 40 days in the desert, is to prepare us anew for our Christian mission. The sacrifices are a means to an end. Taking on special works of charity and giving up indulgences helps clear our minds for that task. Deserts are more open and empty than our regular lives. This less-crowded time allows room for reflection on essential matters. And forty days represents a significant portion of our year — it's enough time for testing and transformation to take effect.

I walk 10,000 steps every day. Many people believe that 10,000 is an arbitrary number, but I don't think so. For me, walking 10,000 steps requires intentionality. It's enough to require some planning, effort, and commitment. Forty days of Lent is similar. It requires similar time, sacrifice and openness to transformation.

Consider how you will approach this Lent. Will you do it with purpose? Do you see it as a recognition of Jesus' resurrection and a foreshadowing of your own? Do you see the sacrifices you make as a means to sanctification? Are you ready to support those who will be baptized? A purpose-driven Lent should deepen your faith and unite you with the larger Christian community.



Fr. Wilson's Table Talk on Pope Leo's *Dilexi Te*
has been postponed to:
Thursday, March 19th
from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm in Norton Hall





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 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

Time to Register!

9th Annual Parish Conference

Artificial Intelligence: Promise, Peril, and Christian Responsibility

Speakers:



Peter M. J. Hess, PhD



Adrienne Williams

Saturday, February 21st, 2026

Magdalen Hall

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

parish@marymagdalen.org

The Kids' Bulletin

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 15th, 2026



Do not think that I came to abolish the law or the prophets...
Whoever opens and teaches the Commandments will be called greatest in the Kingdom of Heaven.

thekidsbulletin.com

Some people in Jesus' time thought that He was going to get rid of the old law. What does He have to say about the commandments in today's Gospel reading?

Look at this picture in the mirror to find out!



See if you can find all the words in CAPITALS. Use the leftover letters to fill in the blanks at the end.

Y D S C O F G O O D U
W I T O L O R D B I L
B L A M E L E S S L B
L I T M E L A W E B C
E G U A P O F I R M O
S E T N R W L I V E N
S N E D E C R E E S S
E T S E C M A Y L S I
D L E D E O P E N E D
S Y K E P T S E D E E
M I G H T H W A L K R
W O R D S E R V A N T

Blessed are they who FOLLOW the law of the LORD.

Blessed are they whose way is BLAMELESS, who WALK in the LAW of the Lord. BLESSED are they who OBSERVE his DECREES, who SEEK him with all their heart.

You have COMMANDED that your PRECEPTS be DILIGENTLY KEPT.

Oh, that I MIGHT be FIRM in the ways of keeping your STATUTES!

Be GOOD to your SERVANT, that I MAY LIVE and keep your WORDS.

OPEN my EYES, that I may CONSIDER THE wonders of your law.

If you obey God's law, _____

ONE NAME TO REMEMBER
WHEN IT'S TIME TO
REMEMBER



EXCELLENT,
AFFORDABLE
SERVICES SINCE 1908

SUNSET
VIEW

CEMETERY ASSOCIATION
CEMETERY • CREMATORY • MORTUARY

101 Colusa Avenue
El Cerrito, CA 94530
F.D. LIC #1079

CALL US ABOUT PRE-NEED ARRANGEMENTS

SUNSETVIEWMORTUARY.COM
510.525.5111



LET'S GROW
YOUR BUSINESS

Place Your Ad Here
and Support Our Parish!

CONTACT ME
Donna Touros

dtouros@4LPi.com • (800) 950-9952 x2610



FREE
AD DESIGN

with purchase
of this space

CALL
800-950-9952

catholicmatch®

California



CatholicMatch.com/CA



Dr. Kristina Zoulas

Woman-Owned &
Parishioner-Led

We Welcome Children,
Adults, and Families

Offering preventive, restorative,
and cosmetic dentistry



(510) 845-8780

2414 Ashby Ave. Suite 101 Berkeley
Berkeleydentalstudio.com

IF YOU LIVE ALONE

MDMedAlert!™

STARTING AT

\$19⁹⁵

/mo.

- ✓ Ambulance
- ✓ Police/Fire
- ✓ Family/Friends
- ✓ GPS & Fall Alert



CALL NOW! 800.809.3570

md-medalert.com

SUPPORT OUR ADVERTISERS!

NEVER MISS
OUR BULLETIN!

SUBSCRIBE

Have our bulletin emailed
to you every week.



Visit www.parishesonline.com



For ad info. call 1-800-950-9952 • www.4lpi.com

St. Mary Magdalen, Berkeley, CA A 4C 05-1954