



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

Tues.– 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)

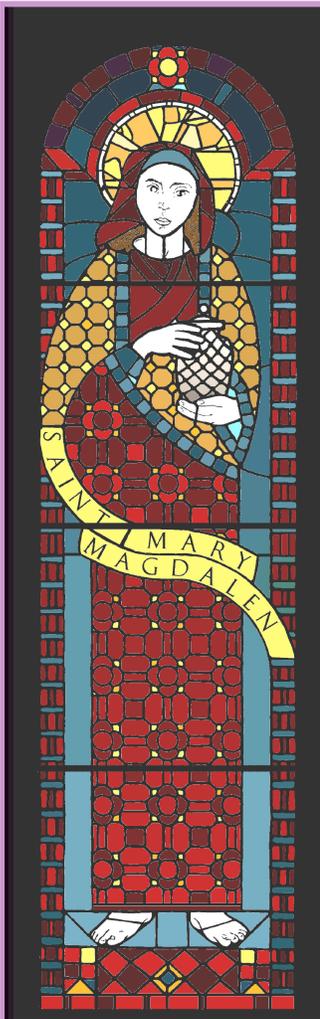
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BAPTISM: Preparation classes take place on the first Monday of the month. Please call the parish office for more information.

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.

ANONING OF THE SICK: The Sacrament is offered at every 5th Sunday Mass, and by appointment.

First Sunday of Lent, Year A ~ February 22nd, 2026

Weekly Collections through February 15th, 2026

Time Period	Actual	Budget	Difference
02/15/2026	\$7,190.35	\$10,000.00	-\$2,809.65
YTD 2026	\$63,126.76	\$70,000.00	-\$6,873.24

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Scripture Readings for the Week

22nd FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7 / Romans 5:12-19 /
Matthew 4:1-11

23rd *Lenten Weekday [Saint Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr]*

Leviticus 19:1-2, 11-18 / Matthew 25:31-46

24th *Lenten Weekday*

Isaiah 55:10-11 / Matthew 6:7-15

25th *Lenten Weekday*

Jonah 3:1-10 / Luke 11:29-32

26th *Lenten Weekday*

Esther C:12, 14-16, 23-25 / Matthew 7:7-12

27th *Lenten Weekday [St. Gregory of Narek, Abbot & Doctor of the Church]*

Ezekiel 18:21-28 / Matthew 5:20-26

28th *Lenten Weekday*

Deuteronomy 26:16-19 / Matthew 5:43-48

Mass Intentions



Saturday	5:30	Thelma Parrish Rochon RIP
Sunday	8:00	Thomas Herezlak RIP
	9:30	For the People of the Parish
	11:30	Feast of the Miraculous Cross of Goa
Monday	5:30	Intentions of James Ovens
Wednesday	5:30	Intentions of Mary Emily Onglatco

Parish Calendar through March 3rd, 2026

February 20	Friday	Stations of the Cross— Led by Peace & Justice 6:05 pm, Church, followed by a Soup Supper.
February 21	Saturday	Annual Parish Conference - All are invited! 10:00 am-3:00 pm, Magdalen Hall
February 21/22	Weekend	Preacher at Weekend Masses: Dcn. Chris, SJ 5:30 pm Saturday; 8:00 / 9:30 / 11:30 am Sunday
February 22	Sunday	First Sunday Dinner for the Hungry Noon-4:00 pm, Magdalen Hall. <i>Volunteers needed!</i>
February 23	Monday	Lenten Eucharistic Adoration (Holy Hour) 6:05 pm, Church (<i>On all Mondays in Lent</i>)
February 24	Tuesday	Discussion of the Sunday Gospel <i>Zoom link:</i> 2:00-3:00 pm, tinyurl.com/SMM-GospelGroup
February 25	Wednesday	Meeting of SPRED Catechism 6:30 pm, Norton Hall
February 27	Friday	Discussion of the Sunday Gospel 9:15 - 10:15 am, Norton Hall
February 27	Friday	Stations of the Cross— Led by Parish Musicians 6:05 pm, Church, followed by a Soup Supper.
Feb. 28/Mar. 1	Weekend	Preacher at Weekend Masses: Fr. Nick 5:30 pm Saturday; 8:00 / 9:30 / 11:30 am Sunday
February 28	Saturday	MOVIE NIGHT: CABRINI (<i>See page 2 for details.</i>) 6:30 pm, Saturday. [Light Dinner Provided.]
March 2	Monday	Lenten Eucharistic Adoration (Holy Hour) 6:05 pm, Church (<i>On all Mondays in Lent</i>)
March 2	Monday	St. Vincent de Paul Monthly Meeting 7:00 pm, Norton Hall <i>All are welcome!</i>
March 3	Tuesday	Discussion of the Sunday Gospel <i>Zoom link:</i> 2:00-3:00 pm, tinyurl.com/SMM-GospelGroup
March 3	Tuesday	REC Planning Meeting for AAPI Month 7:00 pm, Zoom <i>All are welcome!</i>

Today, February 22nd, is our **Fourth Sunday Dinner for the Hungry**. Do you have an hour to spend in Magdalen Hall today 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 dinner 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 to to 11:00 am**) or in Magdalen Hall (**11:00 am to 1:00 pm**).

For more info: : tinyurl.com/SMM-SundayDinners
or email: sundaydinners@marymagdalen.org.

MOVIE NIGHT ON FEBRUARY 28!



6:30 PM IN NORTON HALL

(AFTER THE 5:30 PM VIGIL MASS)

REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED

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BLURB: Angel Studios' film follows the epic journey of Francesca Cabrini as she travel to America to improve the lives of thousands of Italian immigrants. She founded **67 orphanages, hospitals, and schools**, and was **the first American citizen to be canonized**. Her legacy of hope, compassion, and service to marginalized Italian immigrants has continued to inspire generations.

REVIEWS

“OUTSTANDING
CAST”

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“A GIFT AND
A PLEASURE”

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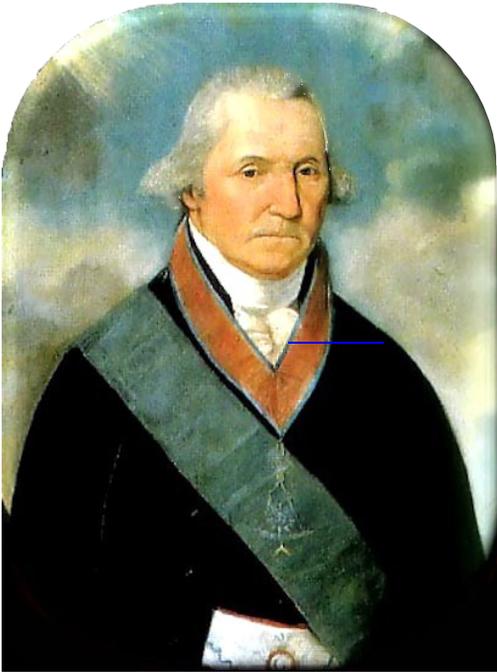
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Notes from Fr. Nick

George Washington's Birthday



*George Washington in Masonic regalia
by William Joseph Williams, 1794.*

This Sunday is Washington's birthday. If our first president were alive today, I doubt he would recognize the country he helped found. The population of the United States in 1776 was about 2.5 million people; roughly 20 percent of them were enslaved. The Industrial Revolution was largely in the future. The country wasn't just rural, it was wilderness. Yet despite the fissures that would lead to the Civil War, optimism and unity prevailed.

For the next 85 years, the country continued its prosperous ways and believed in divine sponsorship. Finally, the myth that all were treated as equals could not be sustained, and the States were no longer United. The Civil War exposed that lie. For the next 100 years our country set about righting the wrong of slavery and reeducating ourselves about true equality.

This change in mentality was not universal, and arrived in fits and starts, but with the Fair Housing and Voting Rights Acts of the mid-1960s, real progress happened. However, during the last third of the twentieth century and first quarter of our present one, our country has lost its pride of purpose, sense of exceptionalism, and mission of goodness: Wages stagnated and jobs went overseas; the rift between educated and working-class Americans widened. Bureaucracy and NIMBYism ("Not In My Back Yard") thwarted big accomplishments. Secularism marginalized religion.

In the light of the above, it's not too hard to understand why the country is in its current malaise. Like a body weakened through neglect, we are ripe for exploitation by pathogens. The Irish poet William Butler Yeats said it best in his poem, "The Second Coming": *"The best lack all conviction, while the worst are filled with passionate intensity."* Politicians at the highest levels of office engage in outrageous behavior tolerated nowhere else. Others who should be organizing opposition seem to be impotent.

I have never felt so powerless. As a moderate, I am despised by both sides. Until now I have never feared my government, but I am beginning to do so now. People are rounded up and deported without due process. Protesters are confronted by masked agents and are called terrorists. Following the killings of Renee Nicole Good and Alex Pretti by federal agents, Bernard Hebda, Archbishop of Minneapolis, has called for prayers for the victims in his city and an end of violence. He echoed the U.S. Catholic bishops' statement, declaring that the rhetoric justifying violence represents a "moral collapse" and "sickness of the soul."

I believe one can be a conservative and yet not assent to the methods used by some of our government leaders. Fiscal restraint, strict reading of the Constitution, and traditional values are, in the long run, not served by brute force or abridgment of civil rights; in fact, they are perverted. One can be a conservative and dialogue with people of different persuasions. Conservatives can still be loyal to constitutional principles, while disapproving of their leadership.

This thinking also applies to liberals and progressives. One can be for human rights and not blindly subscribe to political correctness. Liberals can teach tolerance of people with differing lifestyles while recognizing limits. They can be pro-environment and also consent to reasonable public works that benefit the common good. If the hostility is not toned down soon, I'm afraid we will have worse divisions in our country.

Would George Washington recognize our country if he saw it today? I suspect he might, since he lived through the tyranny of absolute leaders and led the country through a revolution. I hope the reasonableness of men and women like him will ultimately bring the present conflicts to a quick and peaceful resolution.

Pray for peace; do what you can when the moment is right. Be willing to listen and compromise. Above all, work to promote the common good.

Parish 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):
Adult 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."

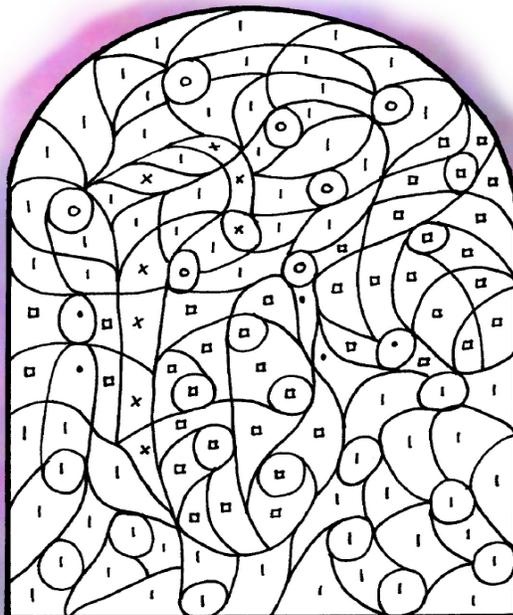
(Pope John Paul II, *Dominicae Canae*)

The Kids' Bulletin

First Sunday of Lent
February 22nd, 2026

Today's first reading tells us about sin.

Use the code at the bottom to colour in the spaces and find out what the story was.

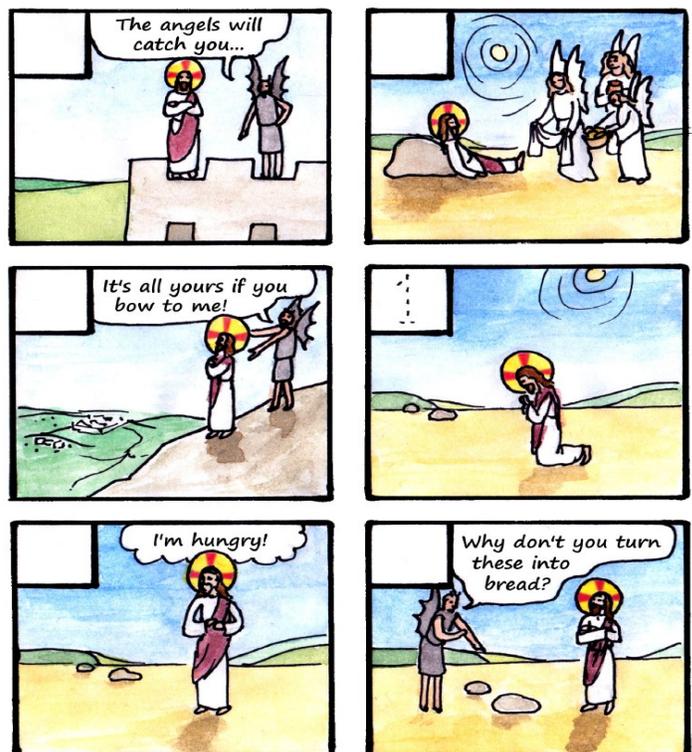


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Sort the Story!

What happened when Jesus had prayed and fasted for forty days in the desert?

See if you can sort out the order of these pictures. Write 1 on the first, 2 on the second, and so on.



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