



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)

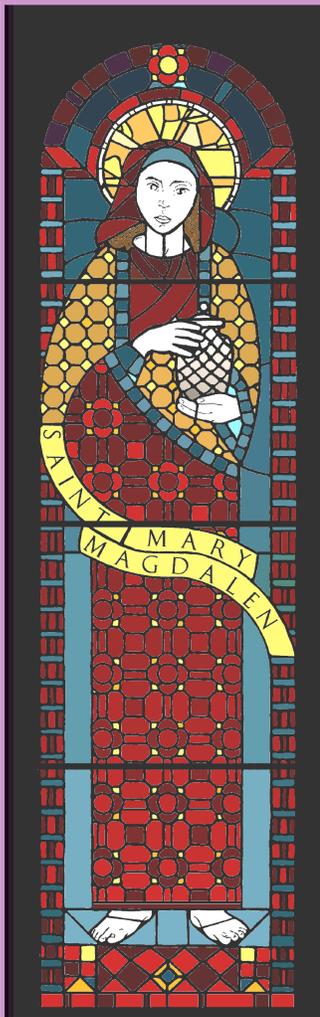
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“Together we share our Faith in Jesus Christ.

We live the Gospel, and we care for others.”

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.

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

Third Sunday of Lent, Year A ~ March 8th, 2026

Weekly Collections through March 1 st , 2026			
Time Period	Actual	Budget	Difference
03/01/2026	\$6,925.95	\$10,000.00	\$3,074.55
Ash Wednesday	\$583.00		\$583.00
YTD 2026	\$82,307.16	\$90,000.00	-\$7,692.84
Sunday Donations keep the doors of our Church open.			

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

This QR code leads to the Parish Donation page — use it to initiate a **one-time** Donation.



Or click below:

tinyurl.com/SMM-Donations

(See Fr. Nick's Pastor's Column on page 4 for more information about ways to donate.)

Scripture Readings for the Week

- 8th **THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT**
Exodus 17:3-7/Romans 5:1-2, 5-8/John 4:5-42
- 9th *Lenten Weekday [Saint Frances of Rome, Religious]*
2 Kings 5:1-15/Luke 4:24-30
- 10th *Lenten Weekday*
Dn 3:25, 34-43/Matthew 18:21-35
- 11th *Lenten Weekday*
Dt 4:1, 5-9/Matthew 5:17-19
- 12th *Lenten Weekday*
Jer 7:23-28/Luke 11:14-23
- 13th *Lenten Weekday*
Hosea 14:2-10/Mk 12:28-34
- 14th *Lenten Weekday*
Hosea 6:1-6/Luke 18:9-14

Mass Intentions



- Saturday 5:30 For the People of the Parish
- Sunday 8:00 Intentions of John Gray & Family
9:30 Intentions of Peter & Viviane Hess
11:30 Intentions of Velma Richmond
- Monday 5:30 Intentions of Krystyna Grycz
- Wednesday 5:30 Intentions of Conor Fitzgerald
- Friday 5:30 Intentions of Sharon Ceasar
- Saturday 8:30 William ("Bill") Rauch RIP

Parish Calendar through March 15th, 2026

- March 6** Discussion of the Sunday Gospel
Friday 9:15 - 10:15 am, Norton Hall
- March 6** Stations of the Cross—Led by our Confirmandi
Friday 6:05 pm, Church, followed by a **Soup Supper**.
- March 7/8** Parish Visit to our Sister Parish in Mexicali
Weekend (Fr. Nick and other parishioners will be away.)
- March 7/8** Preacher at Weekend Masses: Deacon Jeff
Weekend 5:30 pm Saturday; 8:00/9:30/11:30 am Sunday
- March 9** Lenten Eucharistic Adoration (Holy Hour)
Monday 6:05 pm, Church (On all Mondays in Lent)
- March 10** Discussion of the Sunday Gospel Zoom link:
Tuesday 2:00-3:00 pm, tinyurl.com/SMM-GospelGroup
- March 10** REC Planning Meeting for AAPI Month
Tuesday 7:00 pm, Zoom All are welcome!
- March 11** Meeting of SPRED Catechism
Wednesday 6:30 pm, Norton Hall
- March 12** MEN'S GROUP MEETING (All men welcome!)
Thursday 6:00 pm, Magdalen Hall. See notice on page 3.
- March 13** Discussion of the Sunday Gospel
Friday 9:15 - 10:15 am, Norton Hall
- March 13** Peace & Justice Committee Monthly Meeting
Friday 4:00—5:00 pm, Norton Hall. All are welcome!
- March 13** Stations of the Cross—Led by parish Lectors
Friday 6:05 pm, Church, followed by a **Soup Supper**.
- March 14/15** Preacher at Weekend Masses:
Weekend 5:30 pm Saturday; 8:00/9:30/11:30 am Sunday



You're invited to a Life Line Screening event!

Magdalen Hall
Wednesday, March 25th

Life Line Screening is the nation's leader in **Stroke and Cardiovascular Disease Risk** Screenings.

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Anyone age of 40+

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Text the word "circle" to 216-279-1607

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 hon-
or 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*)

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

Walk into the depths of divine love through Pope Leo's 1st Apostolic Exhortation:

Dilexit 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.

Norton Hall

Thursday, March 19th ~ 7:00 pm ~ 8:30 pm



**Join California's Bishops and Catholics from throughout the state
for a sacred day of prayer, worship & unity at the State Capitol.**

On the Feast of the Annunciation — in the heart of Lent — Catholics from
across California will gather in Sacramento, the core of our state's civic life, to
ignite a faith that serves: a faith rooted in prayer, strengthened in communion
with our bishops and alive in the public square.

In this Lenten season of repentance and renewal, we gather not as partisans,
but as people of prayer. Not to argue, but to intercede. Not to divide, but to
witness as Christ's peacemakers and help build the Kingdom in the public square.

Gathering at the State Capitol — where decisions shaping the lives of millions are made — we will
offer a different kind of presence: one grounded in prayer, humility, and love of neighbor, standing
side by side with our bishops as one Church.

March 25, 2026 ~ Plaza of the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament

For more information: tinyurl.com/Catholic-Capitol

To register: tinyurl.com/CA-Catholics-Register

Notes from Fr. Nick

Parish Finances

Financially, St. Mary Magdalen Parish has lived “month to month” throughout my tenure here. This is understandable — after all, most households do the same. But it isn’t a sound way to run a church. The diocese recommends that we have at least six months’ reserve to cover unexpected expenses and payroll, as well as to maintain our property. When I arrived here in 2017, we had nowhere near that amount, and we have never approached it since.

I would like our parish to meet its operating budget from the Sunday collection by the end of the 2026. This is not an impossible or even a difficult stretch for us. Increasing our income by just 10% would do the trick.

Since the Covid-19 pandemic, inflation has been brutal on household budgets. The parish also suffers from this effect, but I think we have the means to cover the gap. Our school covers its costs and has scholarships for students who can’t afford to pay full tuition. This tells me that the money is available if we step up to the plate. This year I increased my monthly giving to our parish by 20%.

Concentrating on our gift at the Offertory is a good place for us to improve our funds. The diocesan bankruptcy does not affect our operating budget, and the Bishop looks positively on parishes who have sufficient means to carry on business. There is no better way for us to determine our future than to be in the black with a six-month reserve.

In the coming months, our Parish Finance Council and other members of the parish will address you on our progress towards our goal. We hope you will listen to them prayerfully and give according to your means. In the meantime, here are some thoughts about giving:

- ◆ Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) is the easiest, safest and most efficient way to give to the parish. Just click on or scan the QR code at right, Norah will help you set it up. You can change the amount or frequency (or cancel) at any time. The funds can come out of one your bank accounts but I transfer it from my credit card and get frequent flyer points — a bonus!
- ◆ You can donate at whatever interval suits you. Some people give weekly, others make a monthly donation, and a few of you make annual donations (often from a stock dividend).
- ◆ Placing your donation in the collection basket when it comes around at Mass is still an honored option that sanctifies the act of giving as part of the liturgy. If you are using EFT but still want to put something in the basket, you’re welcome to place a note or envelope in the basket stating that you give through EFT.
- ◆ Checks and EFT donations help us to track your giving for tax purposes. We’re still happy to receive your cash, but if you’re watching your expenses, tax deductions can be important.



Consider your contribution to the parish. The Catechism of the Catholic Church says that “each should give according to their ability” (CCC 2043), which means you are not expected to sacrifice greatly for your donation. Perhaps circumstances may dictate for a few of you that you may prayerfully need to actually reduce your offering. But for most of us, we may not even notice an increased amount.

If all of us increase our donation to the parish by 10 percent over what we are giving currently, it shouldn’t be a major sacrifice for anyone. Meeting the budget for our Offertory donations will be a major step towards a positive future for our parish. And you will have the satisfaction of knowing that our house is in order.



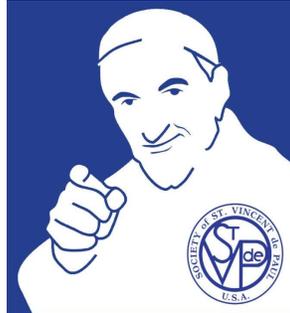
Save the Date

Your Parish Conference of St. Vincent de Paul is having a **Fundraiser**

Savory Sale

Before & After all Masses of March 28th & 29th

Rhonda Pittman Hart's
 Chicken Pot Pies
 Deviled Eggs
 Elizabeth Jacob's
 Potato & Pasta Salads



Parish Men's Group Meets This Thursday!

Join the men-only group in our parish for camaraderie, a shared meal, and thought-provoking discussions.



Meeting Dates ~ 6:00 pm in Magdalen Hall

March – 3/12/26

July – 7/23/26

May – 5/21/26

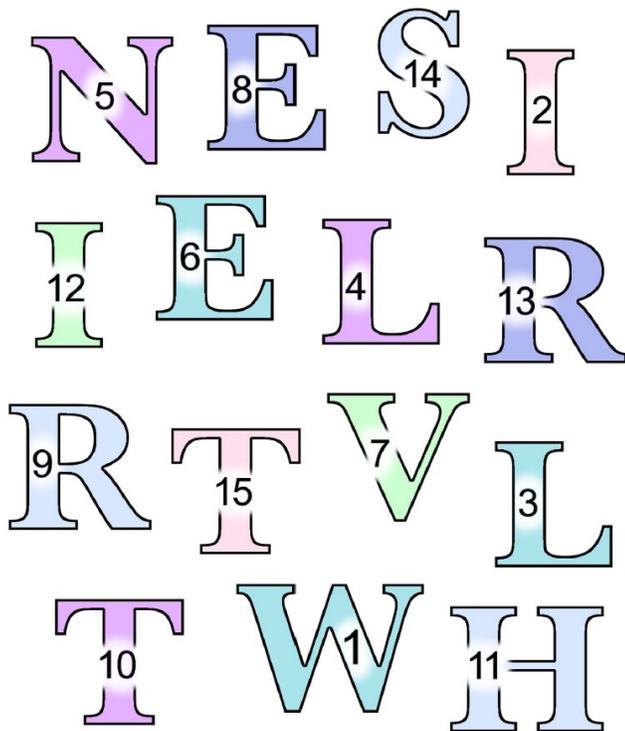
September – 9/24/26

November – 11/19/26

Questions? Contact the parish office, or email Brian: brian.t.kozel@gmail.com.

The Kids' Bulletin

Third Sunday of Lent
 March 8th, 2026



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Jesus says that if we drink His living water, we

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 10 11 12 13 14 15



Fill-in-the-Blanks

Fill in the blanks with the words in the box. Use the marked letters to fill in the blanks at the end.

And hope does not disappoint,
 1. _____ the love of God has been poured into our 2. _____ through the Holy 3. _____ who has been 4. _____ to us. For Christ, while we were 5. _____ helpless, died at the appointed 6. _____ for the ungodly. Indeed, only with 7. _____ does one die for a just person, though perhaps for a good person one 8. _____ even find 9. _____ to die. But 10. _____ proves his love for us in that...
 ...WHILE WE WERE STILL SINNERS

_____ FOR US.
 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

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