

March 15th, 2026 | Laetare Sunday (Fourth Sunday of Lent), Year A

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)

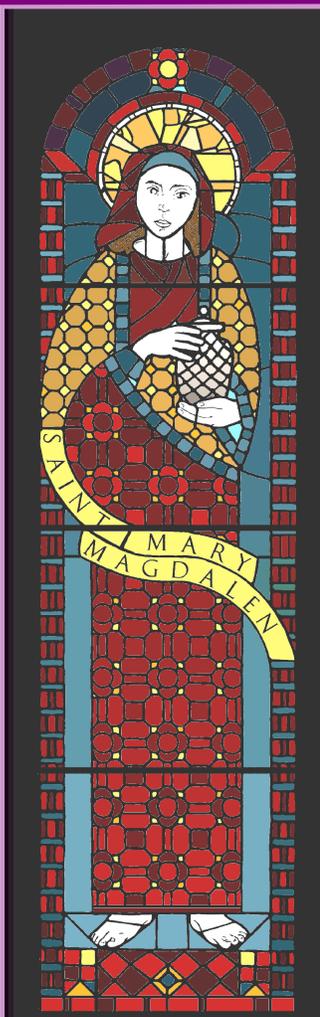
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BAPTISM: Preparation classes take place on the first Monday of the month.
Please call the parish office for more information.

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.

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

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Weekly Collections through March 8 th , 2026			
Time Period	Actual	Budget	Difference
03/08/2026	\$9,685.30	\$10,000.00	-\$314.70
YTD 2026	\$91,992.46	\$100,000.00	-\$8,007.54
We nearly made our goal! Please consider your giving plan.			

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Scripture Readings for the Week

- 15th **LAETARE SUNDAY (FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT)**
1 Samuel 16:1, 6-7, 10-13 / Ephesians 5:8-14 / John 9:1-41
- 16th *Lenten Weekday*
Isaiah 65:17-21 / John 4:43-54
- 17th *Lenten Weekday [Saint Patrick, Bishop]*
Ezekiel 47:1-9, 12 / John 5:1-16
- 18th *Lenten Weekday [St. Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop and Doctor of the Church]*
Isaiah 49:8-15 / John 5:17-30
- 19th **SOLEMNITY: ST. JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE B.V. MARY**
2 Samuel 7:4-5, 12-14, 16 / Romans 4:13, 16-18, 22 / Matthew 1:16, 18-21, 24
- 20th *Lenten Weekday*
Wisdom 2:1, 12-22 / John 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
- 21st *Lenten Weekday*
Jeremiah 11:18-20 / John 7:40-53

Mass Intentions

- Saturday 5:30 Florentina Uy Onglatco RIP
8:00 For the People of the Parish
9:30 Intentions of Xiomara
11:30 Intentions of Larry Whalen
- Monday 5:30 Intentions of Benjamin Grycz
- Tuesday 8:30 Intentions of Hani Thomas Mahoney
- Wednesday 8:30 Intentions of Sharon Ceasar
5:30 Holy Souls in Purgatory
- Friday 5:30 Intentions of Dominique H. Jones

Parish Calendar through March 22nd, 2026

- 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 6:00 pm, Church, followed by a **Soup Supper**.
- March 14** **Liturgy Council—Preparation for Holy Week**
Saturday 10:00—Noon, Conference Room & Zoom
- March 14/15** **Preacher at Weekend Masses: Deacon Chris**
Weekend 5:30 pm Saturday; 8:00/9:30/11:30 am Sunday
- March 16** **Lenten Eucharistic Adoration (Holy Hour)**
Monday 6:05 pm, Church (*On all Mondays in Lent*)
- March 17** **Discussion of the Sunday Gospel Zoom link:**
Tuesday 2:00-3:00 pm, tinyurl.com/SMM-GospelGroup
- March 17** **REC Planning Meeting for AAPI Month**
Tuesday 7:00 pm, Zoom *email bulletin@marymagdalen.org*
- March 18** **Meeting of SPRED Catechism**
Wednesday 6:30 pm, Norton Hall
- March 19** **"Table Talk": Dilexit Te with Fr. Wilson**
Thursday 7:00 - 8:30 pm, Norton Hall. (*See page 5.*)
- March 20** **Discussion of the Sunday Gospel**
Friday 9:15 - 10:15 am, Norton Hall
- March 20** **Stations of the Cross—Led by Ministers to the Poor**
Friday 6:00 pm, Church. **No Soup Supper This Night.**
- March 20** **Barefoot Chamber Concert - Recorders & Violins**
Friday 7:00 pm, Magdalen Hall—17th/18th cent. *Germany*
- March 21/22** **Preacher at Weekend Masses: Fr. Nick**
Weekend 5:30 pm Saturday; 8:00/9:30/11:30 am Sunday
- March 22** **Fourth Sunday Dinner for the Hungry**
Sunday Noon-4:00 pm, Magdalen Hall. *Volunteers needed!*



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The Fifth Parish Pilgrimage to our Sister Parish in Mexicali

The parishioners of Santa Maria de Guadalupe gave our delegation a warm welcome:



Fr. Roberto Corral, O.P., Pastor, gave a tour of a former supermarket that is being transformed into a center for multiple parish activities.



During the center's construction, catechism classes are held inside the St. Martin de Porres-St. Juan Macias Chapel. The children sang for us! Below: Fr. Nick blessed many of the poor to whom we distributed bags of groceries. Alex Henthorn-Iwane delivered a speech at the end of Mass.



The Man Born Blind

The Gospel story from this weekend about the man born blind (John 9:1, 6-38) has two parts: the man's cure and its controversy among the Pharisees. I'd like to concentrate on the second part because it showcases how human beings can pervert a good.

The neighbors of the formerly blind man brought him to the officials of the synagogue who, rather than rejoicing over his miraculous cure, dwelt on a technicality: Jesus had made clay—and therefore worked—on the Sabbath. They completely missed (or maybe more accurately, ignored) the point. They were so focused on the letter of the law that they refused to see the greater good. I suspect they also saw their authority threatened. Worse, they threw the man out of the synagogue for having experienced the grace of God.



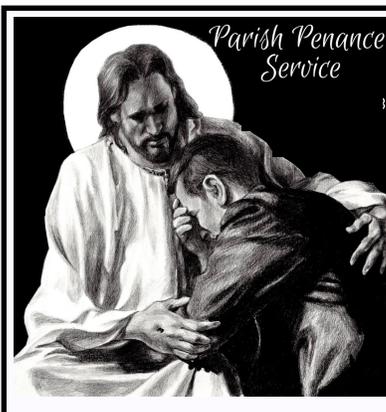
Icon of Theophanes the Cretan, Mount Athos, Greece. 16th century.

I'm sure that you can think of times when people's good works are frustrated on a technicality. I remember an egregious example: In 2012, at Hallandale Beach, Florida, a lifeguard named Thomas Lopez saved a man from drowning. When he presented his accident report, instead of being praised as a hero, he was fired for saving someone outside of the protected area. When his fellow lifeguards came to his defense, they were fired, too!

A more mundane example in the Church was the scheduling of the Easter Vigil prior to the Second Vatican Council. The Easter Vigil used to be held early on Holy Saturday morning rather than at night, as in the ancient Church. It was changed to Saturday morning because holding it in the evening meant that people could not eat all day, in order to observe the Communion fast. Rather than relaxing the fast, the timing of the most important liturgy in the Church calendar was relegated to a minor and obscure place in the Easter celebration. Thankfully, this unfortunate timing was rectified by the Council.

There is a class of people—and I suspect that all of us are in it at one time or other—who will be surprised by someone who does a good deed: that neighbor you don't get along with, who picks up trash that has blown into your yard; your rebellious kid, who stands up for someone being picked on; your demanding mother, who puts her arms around you when you are feeling down. It is true that laws must normally be observed scrupulously, but often a hidden agenda thwarts their spirit.

On this Laetare Sunday, as we approach the end of Lent and our Reconciliation Service next week, a good examination of conscience would be to inventory the difficult people in our lives and consider their strengths. Further, we might consider our own positive actions that we discount because our motives are not always pure.



Lenten Reconciliation Service

New day and time:
Thursday, March 26th
6:30 pm

Exchange your heavy
load for the lighter
burden of Christ!

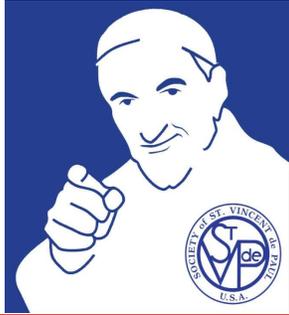
Save the Date

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
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Deviled Eggs
 Elizabeth Jacob's
Potato & Pasta Salads



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

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

The Kids' Bulletin

Fourth Sunday of Lent

What did the man that Jesus cured say to the people who thought Jesus was a sinner? Use the code at the bottom to find out!

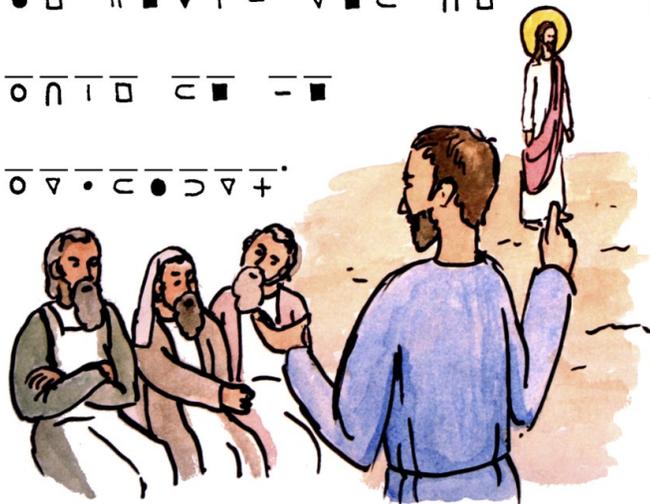
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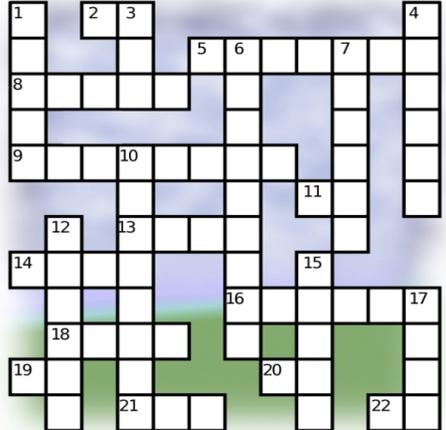


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The _____ (18A) is my _____ (9A)
 I shall not _____ (14A)
 In verdant _____ (10D) he gives me repose;
 beside restful _____ (16A) he leads me;
 he refreshes my _____ (13A)
 _____ (22A) guides _____ (19A) in right _____ (1D)
 for his name's _____ (17D)
 Even though I walk in the dark _____ (12D)
 I fear _____ (2A) evil; for you are at my side
 with your rod and your _____ (15D)
 that give me _____ (5A)
 You _____ (21A) the _____ (8A)
 _____ (4D) me
 _____ (11A) the sight _____ (20A) my foes;
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