

March 29th, 2026 | Palm (Passion) Sunday, Year A

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
Sunday 8:00, 9:30, 11:30 am

DAILY MASSES

Tue./Thurs./Saturday 8:30 am
Mon./Wed./Friday 5:30 pm

LITURGY OF THE HOURS

Monday — Saturday 8:00 am
Monday — 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
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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.

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Passion (Palm) Sunday, Year A ~ March 29th, 2026

Collection for Two Weeks Ending March 29 th , 2026			
Sunday	Actual	Budget	Difference
03/15/2026	\$6,706.15	\$10,000.00	-\$3,293.85
03/22/2026	\$9,566.92	\$10,000.00	-\$433.08
Year-to-Date	\$108,265.53	\$120,000.00	-\$11,734.47

The donations for the 5th Sunday of Lent were very good!

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



Or click below:

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(See the Parish Council's Column on page 5 for more information about ways to donate.)

Scripture Readings for the Week

29th PALM (PASSION) SUNDAY

Matthew 21:1-11 / Isaiah 50:4-7 / Philippians 2:6-11 / Matthew 26:14-27:66

30th Lenten Weekday

Isaiah 42:1-7 / John 12:1-11

31st Lenten Weekday

Isaiah 49:1-6 / John 13:21-33, 36-38

1st Lenten Weekday

Isaiah 50:4-9 / Matthew 26:14-25

2nd Holy Thursday

Exodus 12:1-14 / 1 Corinthians 11:23-26 / John 13:1-15

3rd Good Friday

Isaiah 52:13-53:12 / Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9 / John 18:1-19:42

4th Holy Saturday of the Vigil of Easter

Genesis 1:1-2:2 / Genesis 22:1-18 / Exodus 14:15-15:1 / Isaiah 55:1-11 / Ezekiel 36:16-28 / Romans 6:3-11 / Matthew 28:1-10

Mass Intentions



Saturday	5:30	Intentions of Ann McWalters
Sunday	8:00	Helen Rendon RIP
	9:30	Maria Savino RIP
	11:30	For the People of the Parish
Monday	5:30	John Gravois RIP
Tuesday	8:30	Intentions of Ann Fitzgerald
Wednesday	5:30	Danielle Terry RIP
Thursday	7:30	Intentions of Maria Fatima Canoy
Friday evening		No Mass (Good Friday Services)
Saturday morning		No Mass (Final Tenebrae Service)

Parish Calendar through April 5th, 2026

March 27	<i>Stations of the Cross — Led by Daily Mass Attendees</i>
Friday	6:00 pm, Church. (Soup Supper afterwards.)
March 28/29	Palm Sunday: No Preaching at Masses
Weekend	5:30 pm Saturday; 8:00/9:30/11:30 am Sunday
March 28/29	St. Vincent de Paul SAVORY SALE!
Weekend	5:30 pm Saturday; 8:00/9:30/11:30 am Sunday
March 28	MOVIE NIGHT: BROOKLYN
Saturday	6:30 pm, Norton Hall — <i>Light Dinner Provided.</i>
March 30	Lenten Eucharistic Adoration (Holy Hour)
Monday	6:05 pm, Church (<i>On all Mondays in Lent</i>)
March 31	Discussion of the Sunday Gospel Zoom link:
Tuesday	2:00-3:00 pm, tinyurl.com/SMM-GospelGroup
April 1	NO Meeting of SPRED Catechism
Wednesday	(<i>Meetings will resume next Wednesday.</i>)
April 2	TENEBRAE — MORNING 1
Thursday	9:00 am, Church
April 2	HOLY THURSDAY + ADORATION
Thursday	7:30 pm, Church + Adoration until Midnight
April 3	TENEBRAE — MORNING 2
Friday	9:00 am, Church
April 3	GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE — ST. JOHN'S PASSION
Friday	1:30 pm, Church (Veneration of the Cross)
April 3	Stations of the Cross — Led by Christian Initiation
Friday	6:00 pm, Church. (No Soup Supper this night.)
April 4	TENEBRAE — MORNING 3
Saturday	9:00 am, Church
April 4	EASTER VIGIL
Saturday	8:00 pm, Church
April 5	EASTER SUNDAY SERVICES — Preached by Presider
Sunday	8:00/9:30/11:30 am Sunday
April 5	First (Easter) Sunday Dinner for the Hungry
Sunday	Noon-4:00 pm, Magdalen Hall. <i>Volunteers needed!</i>

Let us Treat our Neighbors as We Would Ourselves

As Holy Week approaches, we reprint this request from our neighbors (intended for parishioners who do not have mobility problems):

“Could you please park in the church lot instead of on the street? Parking in our neighborhood is very limited. Many of us don't have driveways, and some people have difficulty walking distances between a parking spot and the house.

“Since you do have a large lot right next to your church, it would be wonderful if those who attend events or services could use that lot.

Thank you.”

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

Savory Sale Fundraiser

Before & After all Masses THIS WEEKEND (March 28th & 29th)

Rhonda Pittman Hart's **Chicken Pot Pies & Deviled Eggs** (will deliver to your home)

Elizabeth Jacob's **Spinach & Mushroom Quiche / Ham & Cheese Quiche / Potato Salad**

Selvi Royan McKay's **Hot Cross Buns, Chicken Biryani & Chicken Tikka Masala**

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Questions? Want to pre-order? 510-610-3154 or email: svdp@marymagdalen.org



Good Friday Interfaith Witness at the Livermore Labs

It will be a hybrid event this year, held both on site at Livermore Nuclear Weapons Lab in Livermore, and also over Zoom. The theme is:

Where do we go from here: Complacency or Action?

Good Friday 2025 ~ April 3rd, 2026 at 8:15am

An Interfaith Service of Worship and Witness at Livermore Nuclear Weapons Laboratory

- ◆ *In person:* Southwest Gate, East Avenue at S. Vasco Road
- ◆ *On Zoom:* tinyurl.com/Livermore2026



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Notes from Fr. Nick

Tenebrae

One of the Holy Week observances in our parish inherited from the Dominican Fathers is the service of *Tenebrae*. Prayers from the Liturgy of the Hours are proclaimed in a solemn setting which includes the Gregorian chant from the Book of Lamentations — said to be the “*saddest melody within the range of music.*”

Tenebrae is an enhanced celebration of the liturgical hours *Matins* and *Lauds* (known as the “Office of Readings” and “Morning Prayer” since the Vatican II reforms). The psalms of Tenebrae have varied along with the reforms of the Liturgy of the Hours. But always, as each psalm is chanted, a candle is extinguished on a stand known as the *hearse*. The atmosphere is bleak, mirroring the mood of Christ’s passion.



Pope Pius XII reformed the Easter celebration in the Catholic Church in 1955, restoring the Triduum liturgies to their proper place in the afternoon and evening of Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday. These liturgies then (roughly) occupied the times formerly given to Tenebrae, so the pope made it no longer mandatory. This schedule also supported the revival of the Triduum in parishes.

I had never been to a Tenebrae service before I came to Saint Mary Magdalen. As a seminarian in the 1970s, our focus was on celebrating the restored Triduum rites. Since Tenebrae was no longer mandatory, it was left aside during a very busy week. After becoming your pastor here, I quickly came to appreciate celebrating Tenebrae. Its liturgical beauty is solemn and profound, setting the atmosphere for Holy Week. Not least of my pleasure is that it is entirely run by lay people. Other than offering the closing prayer, I can relax and enjoy Tenebrae’s plaintive beauty, and take a few moments for quiet prayer during a hectic week.

If you feel the need for a more prayerful Holy Week, one that deepens your appreciation of Easter, I recommend that you join us for Tenebrae on Thursday, Friday and Saturday of this coming week. It will focus and strengthen your experience of the Paschal Mystery.

Holy Week Schedule

- ! **Palm Sunday Masses:** March 28th - 5:30 pm Vigil
March 29th - 8:00/9:30/11:30 am
- ! **Tenebrae Service:** 9:00 am: April 2nd, 3rd, & 4th
- ! **Holy Thursday:** 7:30 pm April 2nd, followed by **Adoration** in Magdalen Hall until Midnight
- ! **Passion of the Lord, with Veneration of the Cross:** 1:30 pm on Friday, April 3rd
- ! **Stations of the Cross:** 6:00 pm Friday, April 3rd
- ! **Easter Vigil:** 8:00 pm Saturday, April 4th
- ! **Easter Sunday:** Masses at 8:00/9:30/11:30 am
[The 9:30 am Mass will not use incense.]



*Bring Your Bells
& Fresh Flowers!*



Help beautify our Holy Week liturgies with sound and color — bring your handbells to the Mass of the Lord’s Supper on Thursday, and again at the Easter Vigil on Saturday (see schedule at left).

Note: please do not bring lilies, as some members of the parish liturgical team are highly allergic.





Fostering a Better World

Join our Refugee Foster Care program to support unaccompanied refugee minors fleeing persecution and violence. After facing unimaginable challenges, they arrive seeking safety, community, and a chance for a better future. tinyurl.com/Refugee-Foster-Care

We're seeking conscientious and nurturing families to welcome a refugee youth into their home.

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PARISH FINANCES

A message from the Parish Pastoral Council:

As Father Nick outlined in his [Pastor's Column](#) earlier [this month](#), St. Mary Magdalen is barely meeting its operating budget. If everyone would increase their donation by only 10%, it would help a great deal.

The Parish Council will be following up on Fr. Nick's column with regular announcements about giving. Please prayerfully consider what your family is able to afford.

Electronic giving (EFT) is the easiest and most reliable way to donate. You can adjust your own EFT payment by signing onto your account (or creating a new one) at tinyurl.com/SMM-Donate. Or use the QR code at right.



If you need assistance, please call the office, and Norah Hippolyte, our Business Manager, will help you. (Or email her at NHippolyte@marymagdalen.org.)

Thank you for your consideration.

The Kids' Bulletin

Palm Sunday / Passion Sunday

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Good Friday Word-Find

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See if you can find all the words in CAPITALS in the puzzle.

Use the leftover letters to fill in the blanks:

What did Jesus do on the cross?

On Good Friday JESUS was taken before King HEROD and the governor, PILATE. Even though He had not committed any crime He was scourged and condemned to die on the CROSS. He CARRIED the cross as far as He could up CALVARY hill, but when He got too weak a man named SIMON of CYRENE was forced to help Him. On the way He met His mother, MARY, who WEPT at seeing her Son in such pain. A woman named VERONICA wiped the blood and sweat from His face with a cloth. At the top of the HILL Jesus was thrown onto the cross and His HANDS and FEET were fastened to it with NAILS. They raised the cross, where Jesus hung for three hours before He DIED. He did all this to SAVE us from Hell. At the cross were JOHN, Mary MAGDALENE, His mother, and some other women. At the moment He died the curtain of the old Temple was TORN in half. When His body was taken down from the cross JOSEPH of Arimathea and NICODEMUS BURIED Him in a new TOMB and rolled a HEAVY STONE in front of the door.



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