

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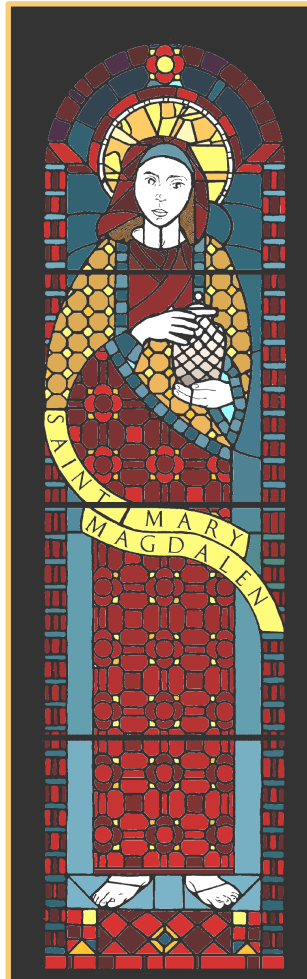
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BAPTISM: Preparation classes take place on the first Monday of the month. Please call the parish office for more information.

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.

Divine Mercy Sunday, Year A ~ April 12th, 2026

Weekly Collection through Easter Weekend 2026			
Sunday	Actual	Budget	Difference
Easter	\$19,538.05	\$22,000.00	-\$2,461.95
Year-to-Date	\$134,714.85	\$152,000.00	-\$17,285.15
<i>We're a bit short of our Easter goal, but it is doable. TY</i>			



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Scripture Readings for the Week

12th SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts 5:12-16 / Revelations 1:9-13, 17-19 /
John 20:19-31

13th Easter Weekday [St. Martin I, Pope & Martyr;

Acts 4:23-31 / John 3:1-8

14th Easter Weekday

Acts 4:32-37 / John 3:7-15

15th Easter Weekday

Acts 5:17-26 / John 3:16-21

16th Easter Weekday

Acts 5:27-33 / John 3:31-36

17th Easter Weekday

Acts 5:34-42 / John 6:1-15

18th Easter Weekday

Acts 6:1-7/John 6:16-21

Mass Intentions

Saturday	5:30	Intentions of Sharon Ceasar
Sunday	8:00	For the People of the Parish
	9:30	Intentions of Joe & Lisa Ungerer
	11:30	Geidre Bulota RIP
Monday	5:30	Family of Raymond Sullivan RIP
Tuesday	8:30	Intentions of Fr. Augustin Titus
Wednesday	8:30	Allie Greene, Michaelleen and Jim Franklin RIP
	5:30	Czesław ("Chet") Grycz RIP
Friday	5:30	Intentions of Aggie Finnegan

Parish Calendar through April 19th, 2026

April 10 Friday	CONCERT: Barefoot Chamber—Viols/Theorbo 6:30 pm, Magdalen Hall. <i>Elegant French Chamber Music</i>
April 11/12 Weekend	Preacher at Weekend Masses: Deacon Chris 5:30 pm Saturday; 8:00/9:30/11:30 am Sunday
April 12 Sunday	CONCERT: Voci Women's Vocal Ensemble 4:00 pm, Church. <i>"Burst into Spring"</i>
April 14 Tuesday	Discussion of the Sunday Gospel Zoom link: 2:00-3:00 pm, tinyurl.com/SMM-GospelGroup
April 14 Tuesday	Parish Pastoral Council Monthly Meeting: 7:00-8:30 pm, Conference Room & Zoom
April 15 Wednesday	Meeting of SPRED Catechism 7:00 pm, Norton Hall
April 17 Friday	Peace & Justice Monthly Meeting 4:00 - 5:00 pm, Norton Hall (<i>Exceptional Date!</i>)
April 17 Friday	Eucharistic Adoration 6:00-7:00 pm, Church. (<i>Exceptional Date!</i>)
April 18 Saturday	SPRING DANCE! (SVdP Fundraiser) 6:30 pm—10:00 pm, Magdalen & Norton Halls
April 18/19 Weekend	Preacher at Weekend Masses: Fr. Nick 5:30 pm Saturday; 8:00/9:30/11:30 am Sunday
April 19 Sunday	CROP Hunger Walk (<i>See the notice on page 5.</i>) Walkers depart from our parking lot at 1:00 pm

AVAILABLE NOW!

PRINT & DIGITAL AD SPACES

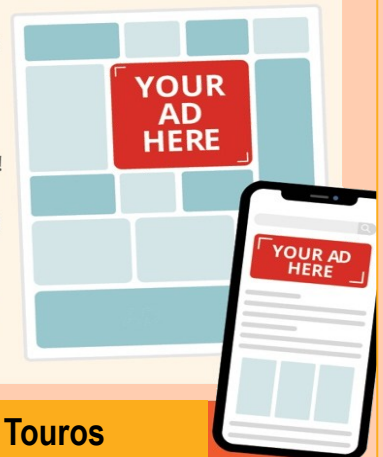
The Support of Your Business is Greatly Appreciated

Donna Touros from LPI, our bulletin printer, is securing new ads for our church in the coming weeks. It is the support of the business community that helps to make our church thrive. Please consider purchasing a print and / or digital ad as your participation makes our bulletin successful, and you attract customers!

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is a cost-effective way to advertise 52 times per year and show support for your local community; in turn, parishioners will support you!

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Three Men Were Baptized & Confirmed at our Easter Vigil Service



The service began on Berryman Plaza with the ceremony of the Lucernarium. Deacon Chris Nguyen, SJ, lit the candle from the Paschal fire.



See the entire photo album at tinyurl.com/SMM-Triduum2026

Mary Ernst illustrated the Creation story with images; Troy Kaji narrated the story of Abraham & Isaac, incarnated by Chris & Leon Kiefer.



Alex, Erick, and Alva were baptized, then clothed in white and presented for Confirmation.



Fr. Nick distributed treats on Easter morning to parishioner Gabrielle DeVogelaere Baumgartner and her pet, Donner. Photo by Catie Cariaga-Nakamura.

Life After Death

As we celebrate the Octave of Easter and Christ's resurrection from the dead, it's appropriate to consider our own life after death. The fact that there is such a widespread belief across cultures that our existence continues after death should clue us about its validity. Beyond the psychological, our faith, based on Christ's life and teachings, teaches us much about life beyond the grave.

A few years back I was listening to National Public Radio when a rather astonishing program aired. It described how caterpillars transform into butterflies. I had always assumed that after a caterpillar entered its cocoon, it shed its skin and its organs continued to grow into the parts of a butterfly. In fact the transformation is far more mysterious. While in the chrysalis, the caterpillar dissolves into a mass of undifferentiated cells—something like stem cells— and eventually they completely reassemble and mature into a fully-formed insect.

Since the transformation is so complete, scientists wanted to know if any trace of the original creature remains. Researchers fed caterpillars a bitter weed, which they rejected. After the caterpillars transformed into butterflies, scientists tested newly formed butterflies, and sure enough, they wouldn't eat the bitter weed. Even after a complete transformation, the butterflies had retained a memory of the bitter weed.



If you think that is surprising, what came next on the program was even more amazing. From these experiments, scientists speculated that life after death will bear traces of our present life. Although scientists are supposed to deal only in measurable, verifiable facts, these conclusions straddle the line between critical thinking and faith. They show that science and religion can live alongside each other as they both address one of the more vexing questions about our faith: "What is life like after death?" The experiments cannot settle the question of life after death, or what it is like, but they do enter the discussion from a surprising angle.

A personal aside to this story is its origin. These experiments were performed at the Florida Museum of Natural History on the campus of the University of Florida, where my father was Art Director during the 1960s. As a child, I spent many hours in the museum's workshops and displays, helping my father build exhibits there.



New Catholics Erick, Alex, and Alva posed with clergy, friends, the choir, and those parishioners who stayed to the end of our Easter Vigil Mass.

Photos: Mark Bell

Join or Donate to the Crop Hunger Walk!



Next Sunday (April 19th) is the annual CROP Walk! As for many years, walkers from all over Berkeley will gather in our church parking lot at 1:00 pm, and then walk a few miles through Berkeley before returning. A project of the Church World Service, the proceeds not only help alleviate hunger around the world, but local organizations as well. Our local recipient is **Dorothy Day House**, which provides *meals, showers, laundry services, mail, respite, clothing, and storage 365 days a year in their drop-in shelter and community space on Center Street.*

Online donations are preferred, but checks can be made out to **CWS/CROP** and dropped into the collection basket, or at the office.

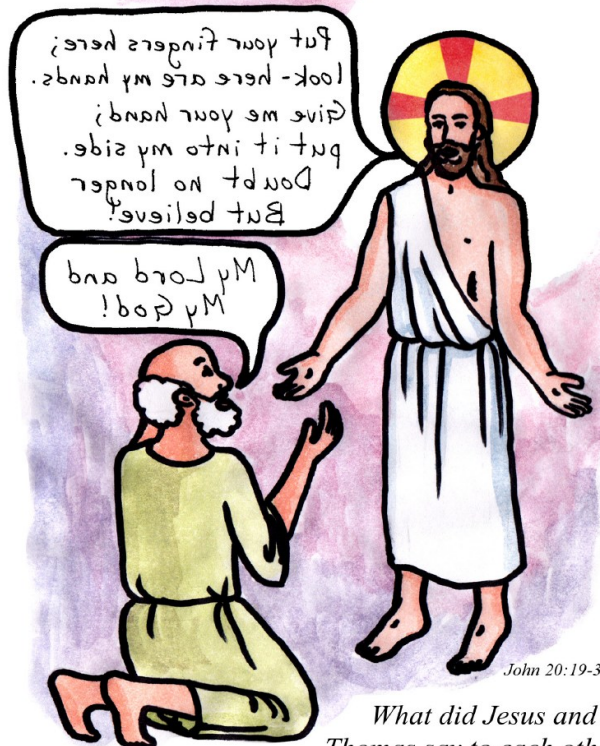


To donate online:

tinyurl.com/SOM-SMM-CropWalk

The Kids' Bulletin

Second Sunday of Easter
Divine Mercy Sunday



John 20:19-31

What did Jesus and Thomas say to each other?

Look in the mirror to find out!

thekidsbulletin.com

Doubting Thomas Word-Find

Find the words in CAPITALS in the puzzle, and when you're done use the left over letters to fill in the blanks near the end.

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In the EVENING when the doors were locked where the DISCIPLES were for FEAR of the JEWS, Jesus came and said, "PEACE be with you," and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples REJOICED. JESUS said again, "Peace be with you. As the FATHER has sent me, so I SEND you." He breathed on them and said, "RECEIVE the Holy SPIRIT. Whose SINS you forgive are FORGIVEN them, and whose sins you retain are retained."

THOMAS, one of the TWELVE, wasn't there when Jesus came so they told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said, "UNLESS I see the mark of the NAILS in his hands and put my hand into his side, I will not believe." A WEEK later his disciples were again inside and Thomas was with them. Jesus came, though the doors were LOCKED, and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my HANDS, and bring your hand and put it into my SIDE, and do not be UNBELIEVING, but believe." Thomas said to him,

"_____!"
Jesus said, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? BLESSED are those who have not seen and have BELIEVED."

UPDATING YOUR PARISH FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS

A message from the Parish Pastoral Council:

Thank you to those who have already responded to the Parish Council's campaign to increase your giving! The Council appreciates everyone's consideration of Father Nick's report on St. Mary Magdalen's operating budget outlined in his [Pastor's Column last month](#).

Please prayerfully reflect on whether you or your family could afford to increase your regular donations by 10%. You can adjust your EFT payment by scanning the QR code (or URL) to sign on (or create a new EFT account if you don't have one). If you need assistance, please call the office, and Norah will help you. (510-526-4811 x 111)



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