

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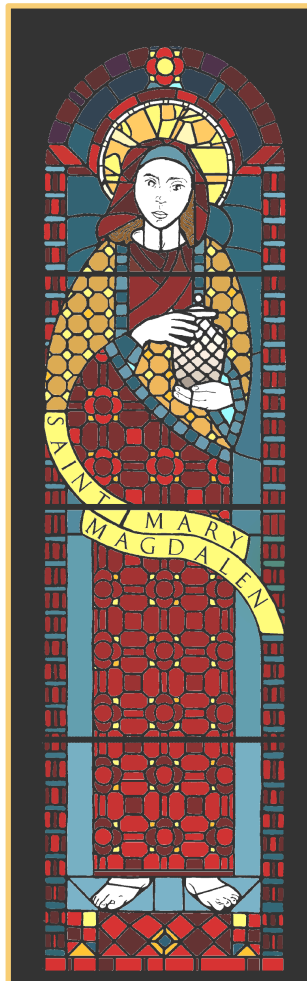
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BAPTISM: Preparation classes take place on the first Monday of the month. Please call the parish office for more information.

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.

Fourth Sunday of Easter, Year A ~ April 26th, 2026

Parish Collections through April 19 th , 2026			
Sunday	Actual	Budget	Difference
04/19/2026	\$9,175.20	\$10,000.00	-\$824.80
Year-to-Date	\$160,139.84	\$172,000.00	-\$11,860.16
<i>A good week!</i>			



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Scripture Readings for the Week

26th **FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**
Acts 2:14, 36-41 / 1 Peter 2:20-25 / John 10:1-10

27th *Easter Weekday*
Acts 11:1-18 / John 10:11-18

28th *Easter Weekday [St. Peter Chanel, Priest and Martyr; St. Louis Grignion de Montfort, Priest]*
Acts 11:19-26 / John 10:22-30

29th *Memorial: St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church*
Acts 12:24-13:5a / John 12:44-50

30th *Easter Weekday [St. Pius V, Pope]*
Acts 13:13-25 / John 13:16-20

1st *Easter Weekday [St. Joseph the Worker]*
Acts 13:26-33 / John 14:1-6

2nd *Memorial: St. Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor*
Acts 13:44-52 / John 14:7-14

Mass Intentions

Saturday	5:30	Intentions of Lucretia Spiller
Sunday	8:00	Philip Bjorkman III RIP
	9:30	Intentions of Ciaran Byrne
	11:30	For the People of the Parish
Monday	5:30	Davina Rose Adler and Danielle Karen Bluestein RIP
Friday	5:30	William ("Bill") Rauch RIP

Parish Calendar through May 3, 2026

April 25 **School of the Madeleine Crab Feed**
Saturday 6:30 pm, Magdalen Hall.

April 25/26 **Preacher at Weekend Masses: Deacon Jeff**
Weekend 5:30 pm Saturday; 8:00 / 9:30 / 11:30 am Sunday

April 26 **Fourth Sunday Dinner for the Hungry**
Sunday Noon-4:00 pm, Magdalen Hall. *Volunteers needed!*

April 26 **FREE CONCERT: Bach Cantata Collective**
Sunday 5:00 pm, Church. BWV 75 & BWV 20

April 28 **Discussion of the Sunday Gospel Zoom link:**
Tuesday 2:00-3:00 pm, tinyurl.com/SMM-GospelGroup

April 29 **Meeting of SPRED Catechism**
Wednesday 7:00 pm, Norton Hall

May 1 **Discussion of the Sunday Gospel**
Friday 9:15-10:15 am, Norton Hall


May 2/3 **Bread for the World ~ Offering of Letters**
Weekend Before & After All Masses. *See p. 2 for details.*

May 2/3 **Preacher at Weekend Masses: Fr. Wilson**
Weekend 5:30 pm Saturday; 8:00 / 9:30 / 11:30 am Sunday

May 3 **WINNERS PICKED FOR THE MEXICALI DRAWING!**
Sunday 10:30 am, Norton Hall. *(See notice on page 2.)*




May 3 **First Sunday Dinner for the Hungry**
Sunday Noon-4:00 pm, Magdalen Hall. *Volunteers needed!*

3. A Three-Part Series



Surviving the Journey

Ministering Under Fire—
Sisters Surviving Religious Persecution in Mexico

Sister Mary Catherine Antezak
Archivist, Dominican Sisters

2-4 pm • Dominican Center • May 2, 2026

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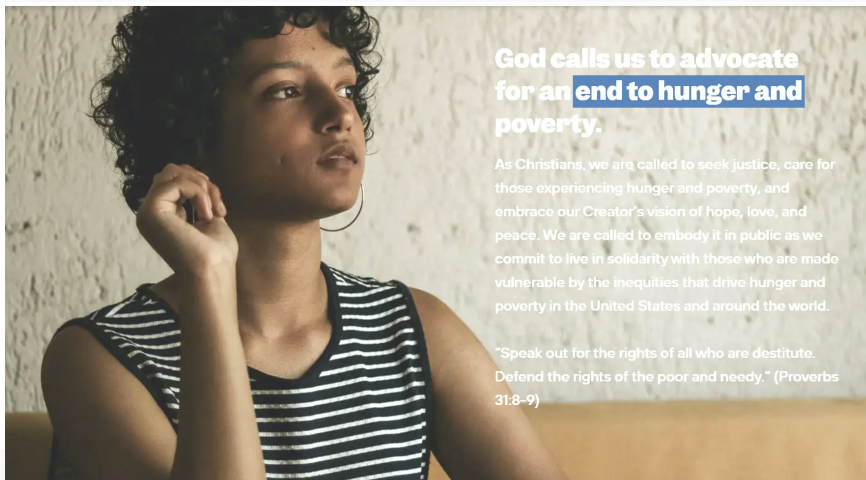


One in ten people around the world go to bed hungry each night.

One in four children under five are severely malnourished. But it doesn't have to be that way.

Every voice matters. With your help, we can reach the people with the power and resources to make hunger a problem of the past.

tinyurl.com/BREAD-Act



God calls us to advocate for an end to hunger and poverty.

As Christians, we are called to seek justice, care for those experiencing hunger and poverty, and embrace our Creator's vision of hope, love, and peace. We are called to embody it in public as we commit to live in solidarity with those who are made vulnerable by the inequities that drive hunger and poverty in the United States and around the world.

"Speak out for the rights of all who are destitute. Defend the rights of the poor and needy." (Proverbs 31:8-9)

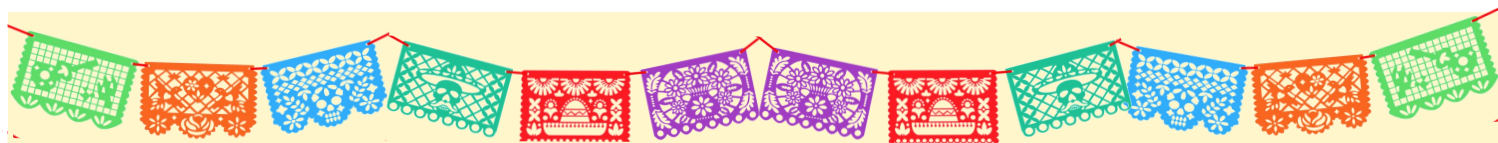
Look for the *Bread for the World* tables before and after every Mass NEXT WEEKEND. We'll have letters printed to your Congressman and both California Senators for you to sign.

As people of faith, we are called to give of our time, talent, and treasure for a greater purpose. Bread for the World invites you to use your voice to help end hunger.

Every year, BFW organizes people of faith from across the country to write letters and emails to their members of Congress who have the power to impact the policies and programs that can end hunger. By signing 2 or 3 of the Bread for the World's 2026 letters to you representatives, you will help support domestic and international nutrition programs that offer a hand up to families and a brighter future for children.

Your letter matters. Combined with other letters of advocates across the country, your letter or email is an expression of faith and hope, urging U.S. decision-makers to pursue a world without hunger.

God uses these letters to change hearts and minds, and again and again, Bread for the World wins help and opportunity for our neighbors who face hunger.



Drawing for Mexicali

Grand Prize:
\$200 Gift Certificate
to COMAL Restaurant

Tickets will be on sale after Mass, or for purchase in the parish office or online.

The Drawing:



10:30 am on Sunday,
May 3rd, in Norton Hall.



Come and enjoy the fun over Pan Dulce and Mexican Coffee!

Drawing Tickets:
\$5, or 5 for \$20



All profits will go to support the work of our sister parish, Santa María de Guadalupe in Mexicali.

Notes from Fr. Nick

Myth

Common parlance accepts that myths are assumptions, or stories that are not true. People often use the word “myth” in a derisive way. This perspective is relatively recent, and has its origin in the rise of science.

For eons, myths have expressed ideas that are beyond logical understanding. Myths are a means to get hold of an idea that is difficult to express in a simple declarative statement. Further, the fact that all myths tell a story cements the idea behind them in people’s memories, as well as providing entertainment.

In Greek mythology, Icarus tried to escape the island of Crete. His father, Daedalus, constructed wings for him out of feathers and wax. Daedalus warned Icarus not to fly too close to the sun, but Icarus ignored his warning. The wax melted, and Icarus fell into the sea and was drowned.

It is possible, maybe even probable, that this story began with ancient attempts to fly by imitating birds. From primordial times, human beings have aspired to leave the earth behind and soar through the air. But that’s not what the story is really about. In fact, the story of Icarus is an object lesson to not get carried away by ambition, and not to let exaggerated pride or overconfidence get the better of us.

The Icarus myth illustrates how a story can contain truth, yet not be factual. Our difficulty is when non-believers refer to the stories of our Christian faith as *myth*. Most of the time they use the word as it has been understood following the 18th-century revolution in reasoning known as the Enlightenment. Enlightenment thinkers stated that we could only know what can be observed and measured. While true (St. Thomas Aquinas also taught this), many made the logical leap to “*whatever is not observable and measurable does not exist.*” Thus myths became seen as falsehoods.



Jacob Peter Gowy, 1635. Museo del Prado



Cosimo Rosselli, *The Crossing of the Red Sea*, 1482. Sistine Chapel, The Vatican

We do not know how Moses parted the Red Sea (even the Bible has more than one explanation), but that’s not the real point of the story. The story is really about how God entered into a loving relationship with the people of Israel and protected them from the Egyptian Pharaoh. The story likely has a basis in history, but it communicates a truth far deeper than the event itself. It is a myth in the best sense of the word.

Often, dismissing a story as a “myth” ignores the deeper truth behind it. Rather than taking umbrage at our Christian beliefs being called myths, we should come to appreciate the power of myth in the human psyche.

Joseph Naik Vaz Institute
Cordially invites you to Celebrate the 375th Anniversary
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Mass will be celebrated on **Sunday, April 26, at 11:30 a.m.**
by Rev. Fr. Thuong Nguyen, Pastor and Fr. Bemeris Chrsanttus Nakanda
at St. John the Baptist Church, 11150 San Pablo Avenue, El Cerrito, CA 94530



We also remember with gratitude Pope Francis who died on April 21, 2025, on the birthday of St. Joseph Vaz whom His Holiness canonized. "A Sainly bond: The Shared Legacy of Pope Francis and St. Joseph Vaz"
To learn more: tinyurl.com/StJosephVaz

Distinguished Bay Area Indian Classical Singer Rita Sahai, winner of the 2026 HIND RATTAN AWARD for keeping the spirit of India alive among diaspora Indians
will sing the Opening Hymn with her Vasundhara Choir

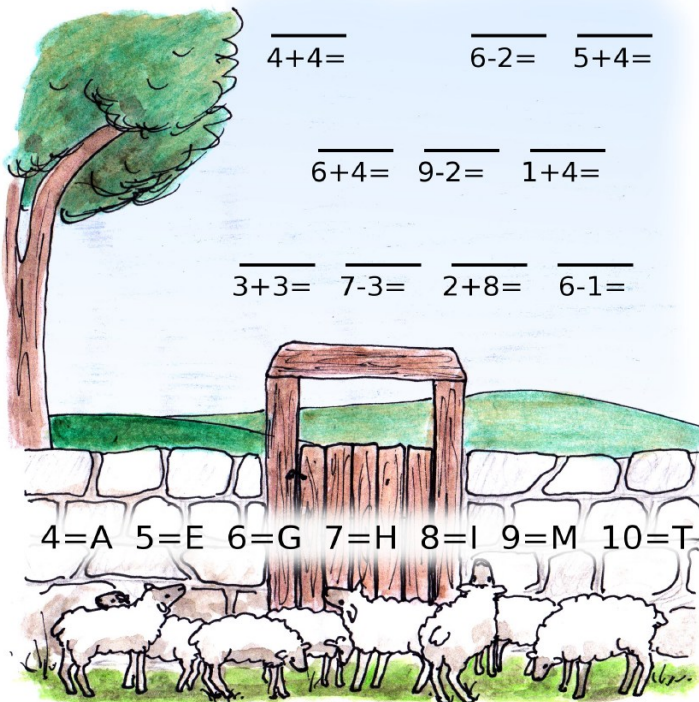
A Konkani hymn in his native language & a Sri Lankan hymn will be sung

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Please Bring Something to share for celebration after Mass

The Kids' Bulletin

Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 26th, 2026



thekidsbulletin.com

What did Jesus say about the sheepfold?
Figure out the math questions
and then fill in the blanks
with the letters the numbers represent.

WHY UPDATE YOUR FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS TO YOUR PARISH?

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)



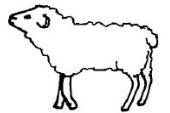
The URL is tinyurl.com/SMM-Donate.

Thank you for your consideration.

Fill-in-the-Blanks

The letters in squares fit into the spaces at the bottom.

GATEKEEPER	HIS	THIEF
REALIZE	WILL	DRIVEN
SPEECH	YOU	CLIMBS
ENTERS	AMEN	VOICE



Jesus said: "Amen, ¹²□, I say to ⁹□, whoever does not enter a sheepfold through the gate but ¹¹□ over elsewhere is a ⁵□ and a robber. But whoever ²□ through the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The ¹□ opens it for him, and the sheep hear his voice, as the shepherd calls ¹⁰□ own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has ⁸□ out all his own, he walks ahead of them, and the sheep follow him, because they recognize his ³□. But they will not follow a stranger; they ⁴□ run away from him, because they do not recognize the voice of strangers." Although Jesus used this figure of ⁷□, the Pharisees did not ⁶□ what he was trying to tell them.

The sheep 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12

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