

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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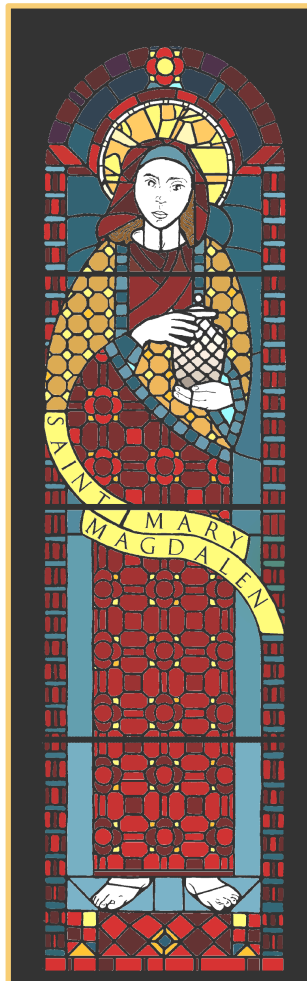
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and we care for others.”*



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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.

Fifth Sunday of Easter, Year A ~ May 3rd, 2026

Parish Collections through April 26 th , 2026			
Sunday	Actual	Budget	Difference
Easter	\$51,118.05	\$22,000.00	\$29,118.05
04/26/2026	\$12,399.75	\$10,000.00	\$2,399.75
Year-to-Date	\$197,939.59	\$182,000.00	\$15,939.59

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Scripture Readings for the Week

- 3rd **FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**
Acts 6:1-7 / 1 Pt 2:4-9 / John 14:1-12
- 4th *Easter Weekday*
Acts 14:5-18 / John 14:21-26
- 5th *Easter Weekday*
Acts 14:19-28 / John 14:27-31
- 6th *Easter Weekday*
Acts 15:1-6 / John 15:1-8
- 7th *Easter Weekday*
Acts 15:7-21 / John 15:9-11
- 8th *Easter Weekday*
Acts 15:22-31 / John 15:12-17
- 9th *Easter Weekday*
Acts 16:1-10 / John 15:18-21

Mass Intentions



Saturday	5:30	For the People of the Parish
Sunday	9:30	Earl Jacobs RIP
Tuesday	8:30	Pilar Rivera Alejandro RIP
Wednesday	5:30	Richard & Jessie Morland RIP
Thursday	8:30	Paul Burhans RIP
Friday	5:30	Intentions of Neil Fitzgerald
Saturday	8:30	Intentions of Sharon Henthorn-Iwane

Parish Calendar through May 15, 2026

- April 30 - May 9** Fr. Nick on Vacation from April 30th-May 9th
Fr. Nick will be serving as Ship's Chaplain.
- May 2/3 Weekend** **Bread for the World ~ Offering of Letters**
Before & After All Masses. *See p. 5 for details.*
- May 2/3 Weekend** **Preacher at Weekend Masses: Fr. Wilson**
5:30 pm Saturday; 8:00/9:30/11:30 am Sunday
- May 3 Sunday** **WINNERS PICKED FOR THE MEXICALI DRAWING!**
10:30 am, Norton Hall. *(See notice on page 3.)*
- May 3 Sunday** **First Sunday Dinner for the Hungry**
Noon-4:00 pm, Magdalen Hall. *Volunteers needed!*
- May 5 Tuesday** **Discussion of the Sunday Gospel** *Zoom link:*
2:00-3:00 pm, tinyurl.com/SMM-GospelGroup
- May 6 Wednesday** **Meeting of SPRED Catechism**
7:00 pm, Norton Hall
- May 8 Friday** **Discussion of the Sunday Gospel**
9:15-10:15 am, Norton Hall
- May 8 Friday** **School of the Madeleine Spring Concert**
1:30-3:00 pm, Magdalen Hall
- May 10-11 Weekend** **Preacher at Weekend Masses: Fr. Titus**
5:30 pm Saturday; 8:00/9:30/11:30 am Sunday
- May 12 Tuesday** **Discussion of the Sunday Gospel** *Zoom link:*
2:00-3:00 pm, tinyurl.com/SMM-GospelGroup
- May 13 Wednesday** **Meeting of SPRED Catechism**
7:00 pm, Norton Hall
- May 15 Friday** **Discussion of the Sunday Gospel**
9:15-10:15 am, Norton Hall
- May 15 Friday** **Peace & Justice Monthly Meeting**
4:00 - 5:00 pm, Norton Hall

A message from the Parish Pastoral Council:

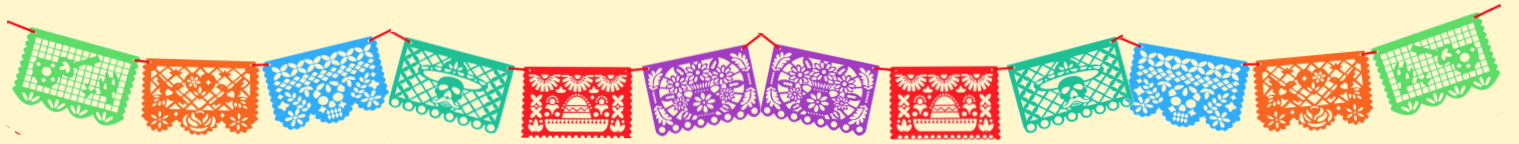
Thank you to those who have already responded to the Parish Council's campaign to increase your giving! The Council appreciates everyone's consideration of Father Nick's report on St. Mary Magdalen's operating budget outlined in his [Pastor's Column in March](#).

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.



Drawing for Mexicali



Today at 10:30 am in Norton Hall!



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



Tickets will be on sale after Mass, or for purchase in the parish office, or by these QR Codes or link: tinyurl.com/Mexicali-Drawing



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



Grand Prize:

\$200 Gift Certificate to COMAL Restaurant

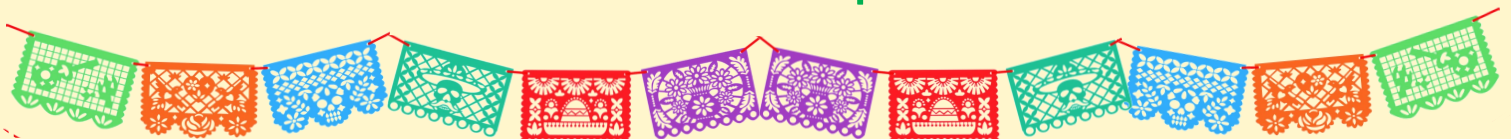
Second Prize:
2 Bottles of fine Baja California Wine



Third Prize:
Gifts from our Sister Parish, Santa María de Guadalupe



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



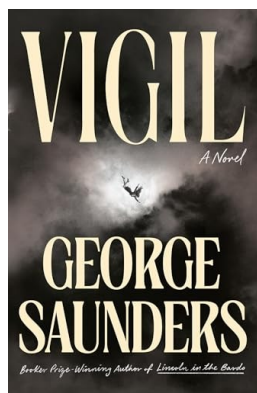
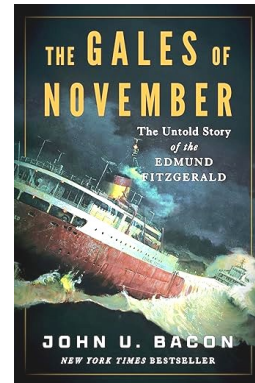
Recent Reading

John U. Bacon's book, *The Gales of November*, recounts the *Edmund Fitzgerald* disaster. The freighter was a Great Lakes ore carrier that sank in Lake Superior on November 10, 1975. She was not just any freighter; she was known as the "Queen of the Great Lakes." Launched in 1958 and fitted with the latest navigational equipment, the *Fitz* was not supposed to disappear under the stormy waves of the greatest of the lakes.

Several accounts of the *Fitzgerald's* demise have been written, but Bacon takes a different tack, chronicling the lives of all 29 crewmen who perished with her. The book covers familiar territory describing the *Fitzgerald's* dimensions, business of transporting iron ore, and theories of why it sank. But it is in describing the hazards of shipping in late November, life aboard the freighter and the backgrounds of her crew is where this book stands out. Her captain, Ernest McSorley, was to have retired following the voyage. Another crew member had planned to marry his pregnant sweetheart during the ship's winter recess.

After 50 years, the sinking might have been consigned to maritime history, were it not for Gordon Lightfoot's ballad "*The Wreck of the Edmund Fitzgerald*," that immortalized the disaster. His song is still heard on period radio stations and has since been covered by at least a dozen other singers.

I had a very tangential brush with the disaster the year after it went down. As a seminarian, I moonlighted as the escort for Mrs. C.L. Hardy, a Palm Beach maven, on the afternoons her husband played golf. One day Mrs. Hardy was listening to the car radio when Lightfoot's song came on. She was visibly distressed, and I asked what was wrong. She replied that she and her husband had once owned the *Fitzgerald* and she didn't know it had sunk. It was such a grand ship, she told me, that when she and Mr. Hardy wanted to impress clients, they would cruise with them in the ship's luxurious (for a freighter) accommodations.

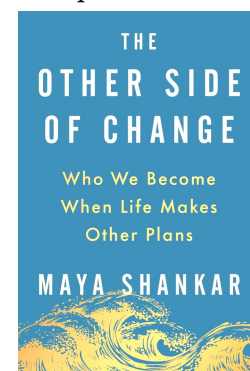


Vigil by George Saunders has a similarity to Charles Dickens's *A Christmas Carol*. Guides to the afterlife assist people near death in repenting their lives devoted to greed and power. One of a rogue's gallery of guides, Jill "Doll" Blane has some issues to resolve after her own death before she can enter heaven. She is assigned to rescue K.J. Boone, a belligerent, unrepentant oil tycoon before he dies of cancer. In the process, she resolves her own issues when she begins to sympathize with the person who mistakenly murdered her instead of her husband.

Saunders' *Vigil* is a story about transformation, and recognizing how unresolved issues hold us all back. The book is funny while asking important questions about morality, justice and salvation. It is also an indictment of the oil industry. That said, I occasionally found the plot hard to follow because the spirits jump back and forward in time, sometimes rather abruptly.

Maya Shankar's *The Other Side of Change* is, in turns, memoir and scientific insight about how we all struggle with life-changing events and how we cope with and benefit from them. This book isn't so much a self-improvement guide as a study in how we adapt to unexpected and apparently negative events, and the transformative nature of this kind of change. Negative events happen to all of us; sometimes they limit options for the future, but accepting them and adapting to the new circumstances is the essence of growth.

Speaking from personal loss (when her pregnancy ended abruptly), Shankar explores what psychologists' call the "illusion of control," which is shattered when bad things happen. She chronicles many examples—from a diagnosis of cancer to the discovery of a spouse's affair—to show how people learn to move on. Ultimately this is a hopeful book. It's not a pull-yourself-up-by-your-bootstraps guide: it shows how we can creatively move beyond a crisis and appreciate the process. Shankar writes coherent prose that makes this book a pleasure to read.





The Problem:

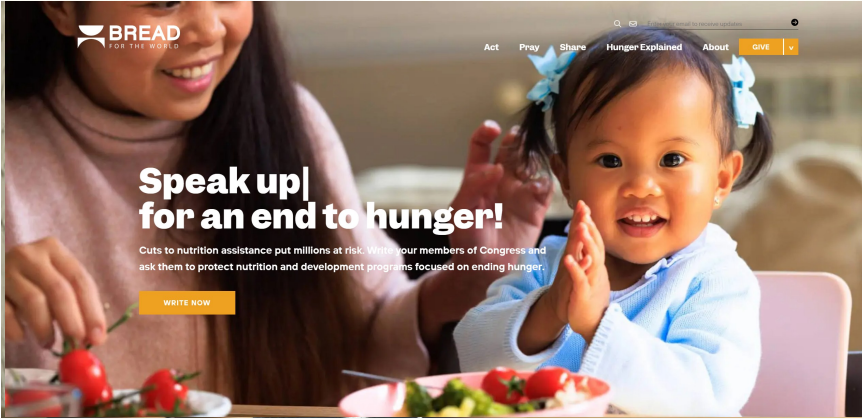


One in ten people around the world go to bed hungry each night.

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



Look for the *Bread for the World* tables before and after every Mass **THIS WEEKEND**. We'll have letters printed to your Congressman and both our 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.

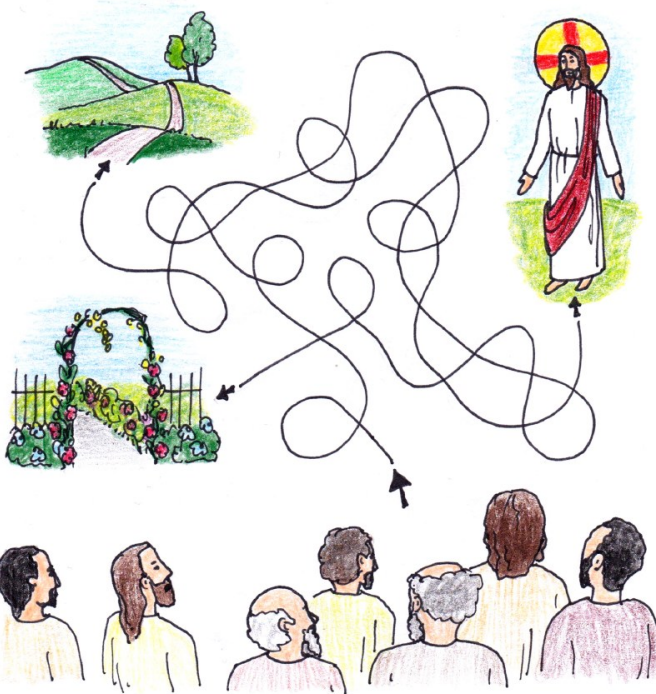
Every year, BFW organizes people of faith from across the country to write letters and emails to their members of Congress who have the power to impact the policies and programs that can end hunger. **By signing 2 or 3 of the Bread for the World's 2026 letters to you representatives, you will help support 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. *Bread for the World's* campaigns have proven wins for our neighbors facing hunger.

The Kids' Bulletin

Fifth Sunday of Easter



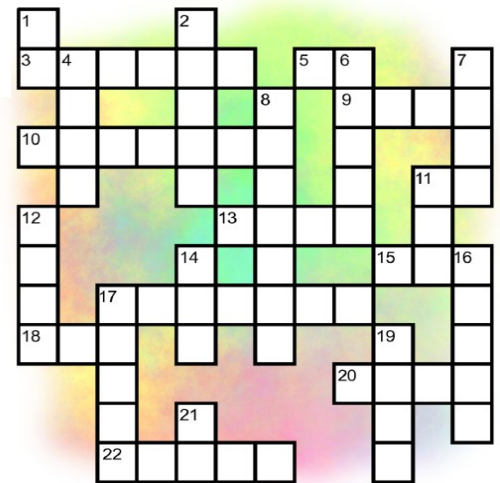
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In today's Gospel reading, Jesus tells the disciples the way to the Father in Heaven. Do you know which is the way? Follow the squiggly line to find out!

"Show us the Father" Cross-Word

Use the words from the list to fill in the blanks and complete the puzzle.

IS WHOEVER
OF BECAUSE
ON BELIEVE
ME FATHER
YOU WORKS
AND DOING
WHO SPEAK
WILL AMEN
OWN JESUS
TIME THAN
SHOW STILL
KNOW SEEN



_____ (2d) said to him, "Have I been with you for so long a _____ (9a) and you _____ (6d) do not _____ (12d) me, Philip? _____ (17a) has seen me has _____ (7d) the Father. How can you say, ' _____ (19d) us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in _____ (21d) The words that I _____ (22a) to you I do not speak _____ (11a) my _____ (11d). The Father _____ (18a) dwells in me is _____ (16d) his works. _____ (8d) me that I am in the _____ (3a) and the Father _____ (5a) in me, or else, believe _____ (10a) _____ (1d) the works themselves. _____ (4d) amen, I say to _____ (14d), whoever believes in me _____ (13a) do the _____ (17d) that I do, _____ (15a) will do greater ones _____ (20a) these, because I am going to the Father."

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WHEN IT'S TIME TO
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