

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)

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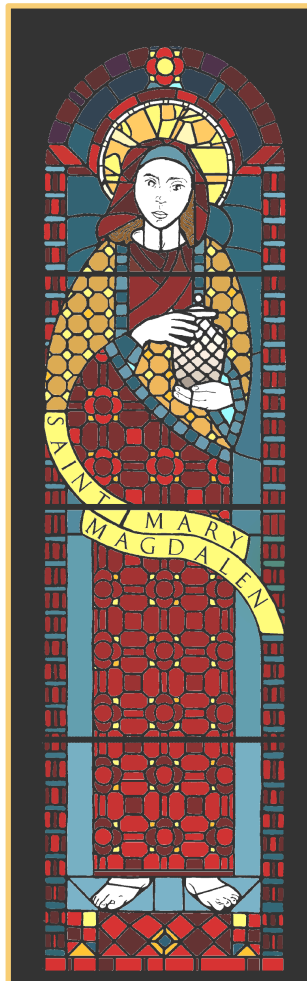
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and we care for others.”*



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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.

The Ascension of the Lord, Year A ~ May 17th, 2026

Parish Collections through May 10 th , 2026			
Sunday	Actual	Budget	Difference
05/10/2026	\$14,026.09	\$10,000.00	\$4,026.09
Year-to-Date	\$220,151.19	\$202,000.00	\$18,151.19
<i>A great week! Thank you.</i>			



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Scripture Readings for the Week

17th **THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD**
Acts 1:1-11 / Ephesians 1:17-23 /
Matthew 28:16-20

18th *Easter Weekday [Saint John I, Pope and Martyr]*
Acts 19:1-8 / John 16:29-33

19th *Easter Weekday*
Acts 20:17-27 / John 17:1-11

20th *Easter Weekday [St. Bernardine of Siena, Priest]*
Acts 20:28-38 / John 17:11-19

21st *Easter Weekday [St. Christopher Magallanes, Priest,
and Companions, Martyrs]*
Acts 22:30; 23:6-11 / John 17:20-26

22nd *Easter Weekday [St. Rita of Cascia, Religious]*
Acts 25:13-21 / John 21:15-19

23rd *Easter Weekday*
Acts 28:16-20, 30-31 / John 21:20-25

Mass Intentions

Saturday	5:30 Mercedes Riofrio RIP
Sunday	8:00 Jerry Thomas RIP
	9:30 For the People of the Parish
	11:30 Louis Martello RIP
Monday	5:30 Intentions of John Hippolyte
Tuesday	8:30 Hazel Hippolyte RIP
Wednesday	5:30 Intentions of Anna Johnson
Friday	5:30 William ("Bill") Rauch RIP

Parish Calendar through May 24, 2026	
May 15 Friday	Peace & Justice Monthly Meeting 4:00 - 5:00 pm, Norton Hall
May 16 Saturday	CONCERT: Women's Antique Vocal Ensemble 2:00 pm, Church
May 16-17 Weekend	Preacher at Weekend Masses: Fr. Nick 5:30 pm Saturday; 8:00 / 9:30 / 11:30 am Sunday
May 17 Sunday	Catholic Charities' Foster Care Program 9:00 / 10:30 am / 12:30 pm Sunday (See page 5.)
May 17 Sunday	CONCERT: Music Sources ~ Harpsichord 5:00 pm, Church. <i>Bach, d'Anglebert, and Royer</i>
May 19 Tuesday	Discussion of the Sunday Gospel Zoom link: 2:00-3:00 pm, tinyurl.com/SMM-GospelGroup
May 20 Wednesday	Meeting of SPRED Catechism 7:00 pm, Norton Hall
May 21 Thursday	Parish Men's Group 6:00 pm, Magdalen Hall
May 22 Friday	Discussion of the Sunday Gospel 9:15-10:15 am, Norton Hall
May 23-24 Weekend	FEAST OF PENTECOST 5:30 pm Saturday; 8:00 / 9:30 / 11:30 am Sunday
May 24 Sunday	Fourth Sunday Dinner for the Hungry Noon-4:00 pm, Magdalen Hall. <i>Volunteers needed!</i>

The Parish Men's Group Meets This Thursday

In November of 2023, Fr. Nick proposed to the Parish Council that the men of the parish start a group for periodic gatherings throughout the year. Fr. Nick entitled the first gathering, "*Benediction, Bourbon & Barbecue*," but the name soon simplified into the "*Men's Group*."



All male parishioners are invited to come to Magdalen Hall this Thursday at 6:00 pm for a time of conversation, food, and camaraderie!

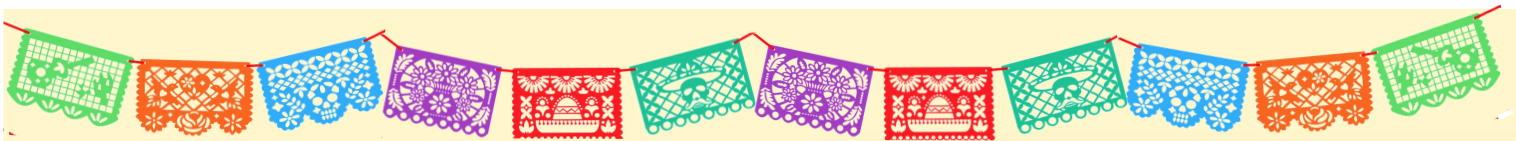
Dates for the remainder of 2026:

- ◆ May – 5/21/26
- ◆ July – 7/23/26
- ◆ September – 9/24/26
- ◆ November – 11/19/26

The Most Reverend Bishop Barber Confirmed 25 Young Adults



Last Sunday morning, we were honored by the presence of our Bishop, Michael Barber, S.J., who celebrated our 11:30 am Mass, during which he confirmed 25 young adults. These *confirmandi* belong to our and neighboring parishes; some are graduates of the School of the Madeleine (our principal, Joseph Nagel, was the sponsor of one young man). The *confirmandi* had prepared for this sacrament under the tutelage of parishioner Jen Welch. Bishop Barber seized the occasion of the feast day of St. Damien of Molokai to preach about the life of that remarkable saint, who with his own hands built a hospital and church for the lepers of Hawai'i, according them lives of dignity.



Drawing for Mexicali

Thank you, generous Mary Magdalen parishioners! You donated \$535 the first weekend, \$415 the second weekend, and \$285 on the final weekend. A separate donation for \$100 netted us a total of **\$1,335.00**.

¡Muchas gracias por su generosidad!

Claire Broome won the Grand Prize, a \$200 Gift Certificate to COMAL Restaurant.

The \$1,335 will go to support the needs, and outreach, of our sister parish, Santa María de Guadalupe in Mexicali.



Organizers Sharon Henthorn-Iwane and Sally Smith served Mexican coffee and Pan Dulce before enlisting parish children to choose the winning tickets.

Notes from Fr. Nick

Sacraments of Initiation

I was surfing the web recently when I came across an old picture of the sanctuary at Saint Paul's Church in Leesburg, Florida. The space looked much smaller and more utilitarian than I remembered, but this was the church where my faith came alive. It was where, as a nine-year-old, I first felt a part of important things.



Exterior of St. Paul's Catholic Church. Leesburg, Florida, 1960s.

It was there that I made my First Communion, received my Confirmation, and became an Altar Server. I did not know it then, but that little church was where my vocation to the priesthood began to take shape.

Does St. Mary Magdalen Parish evoke similar memories for you, or will it play a formative role in the spiritual lives of our children? This month, many of our parish children and youth became part of something important. The children who received the Eucharist for the first time participated in an

experience that goes back to the Lord's Supper: Christ entered their bodies and continued a change that began with their baptism. The youth who received the Sacrament of Confirmation entered into full union with the Catholic Church. Both sacraments contribute to their development into saints.

We as parents and as a parish have a central responsibility as well. These sacraments must be part of a process, and not isolated events. I was fortunate to have supportive parents, a vibrant parish, and I lived within walking distance of the church. All these things supported God's grace so that Christ's presence could grow in me.

Will you continue to support your children's faith life and allow it to grow? This means celebrating with the community at liturgies, even when we'd rather stay in bed some Sundays. It means making Mass a priority amid competing sports activities and social events. It means praying with your family regularly at home, so that faith is a part of everything happening in our children's lives.

I went back to Saint Paul's a few years ago, and was gratified to see how the parish has grown. The old church is now a meeting hall, and a new church has been built for a much-expanded congregation. The school is larger, and there's even a parish radio station. What impressed me the most, however, was that many of my classmates are now grandparents of children going through the same faith process that I had experienced. Apparently, their faith took root in that little church, just as mine had. I hope our parish children and youth who received the Sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation this month will grow to have similar memories of St. Mary Magdalen, and of us.



The Most Reverend Michael Barber anointed 25 youth at Mass last Sunday.

Refugee Foster Care



Learn how **YOU** can provide a home of healing and belonging to a refugee youth in need!

We will be available to answer questions in person after all masses on Sunday, May 17



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St Columba Catholic Church

Vandalism at Oakland Catholic church known for peace and justice displays.

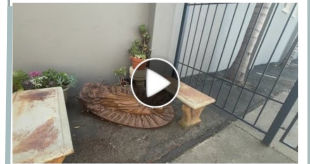
St. Columba Catholic Church in North Oakland was vandalized early Tuesday morning, May 5, 2026, with sacred symbols destroyed and memorials to homicide victims ripped out.



Vandals rip crosses out, desecrate memorials at Oakland church - NBC Bay Area



Sacred symbols vandalized at Oakland Catholic Church, pastor seeks justice! KSCW



Our neighboring parish, St. Columba, was badly vandalized last week. The crosses that represent all the homicides in Oakland this year were ripped out and strewn across the street. A statue of Our Lady of Guadalupe was overturned, and a memorial fountain was desecrated. If you are moved to contribute to the repair of these sacred items: tinyurl.com/SMM-donate - Peace & Justice.

The Kids' Bulletin

Feast of the Ascension

A G B O C D D M E O F U G N H T H S J H K
I L S M T N H O R P O Q N R E S T T O U S
V H W O X U Y T Z S A O B F C J D O E Y F



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What does today's Psalm say about the Ascension? Use every other letter from the box of letters above to fill in the blanks below.

G _____

_____!

True or False about... The Ascension

How well do you know the story of the Ascension? See if you know which of these are true and which are false:

1. Jesus appeared to His disciples for forty days after He rose from the dead. True or false?
2. When Jesus was with His disciples after He rose from the dead, they could only see Him but they couldn't touch Him. True or false?
3. Jesus didn't tell His friends that He was going to leave them. True or false?
4. Jesus promised that He would send the Holy Spirit. True or false?
5. The disciples had gathered together and asked Jesus if He was going to restore the earthly kingdom. True or false?
6. Nobody saw Jesus rise into the sky and disappear into a cloud. True or false?



7. Two men appeared to the disciples and said, "Men of Galilee, why are you looking at the sky?" True or false?

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