

July 19th, 2026 | Patronal Feast of St. Mary Magdalen

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

LITURGY OF THE HOURS

Monday—Saturday 8:00 am
Monday—Friday 5:15 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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WEBSITE



marymagdalen.org



Detail of our Church Icon by Parishioner Sharon Henthorn-Iwane

*"Together we share our
Faith in Jesus Christ.*

*We live the Gospel,
and we care for others."*

MARRIAGE:

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.

STAFF DIRECTORY: tinyurl.com/SMM-Staff

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Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A ~ July 19th, 2026

Parish Collections through July 12th, 2026

Sunday	Actual	Budget	Difference
07/12/2026	\$8,288.09	\$10,000.00	-\$1,771.91
Year-to-Date	\$298,272.18	\$292,000.00	\$6,272.18

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Scripture Readings for the Week

19th SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Wisdom 12:13, 16-19 / Romans 8:26-27 /

Matthew 13:24-43

20th Weekday [Saint Apollinaris, Bishop and Martyr]

Micah 6:1-4, 6-8 / Matthew 12:38-42

21st Weekday [St. Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest and Doctor]

Micah 7:14-15, 18-20 / Matthew 12:46-50

22nd FEAST: ST. MARY MAGDALEN

Song of Songs 3:1-4 / Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

23rd Weekday [St. Bridget, Religious]

Jeremiah 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13 / Matthew 13:10-17

24th Weekday [St. Sharbel Makhlūf, Priest]

Jeremiah 3:14-17 / Matthew 13:18-23

25th FEAST: ST. JAMES, APOSTLE

2 Corinthians 4:7-15 / Matthew 20:20-28

Mass Intentions



Saturday	5:30	Refugio Calderon Gonzalez RIP
Sunday	8:00	Frederic Clark RIP
	9:30	Intentions of Madeleine Mahoney
	11:30	For the People of the Parish
Monday	5:30	Bill Rauch RIP
	8:30	Intentions of M. Emily Onglatco
Wednesday	5:30	Anastasia Grycz RIP
Thursday	8:30	Joe Fitzgerald RIP
Friday	5:30	Intentions of Florencia Streegan
Saturday	8:30	Ed Mazzucchi RIP

Parish Calendar through July 19, 2026

July 17	MARY MAGDALEN FESTIVAL: MUSIC FEST!
Friday	6:30 - 9:00 pm, Magdalen Hall. <i>Tickets at door.</i>
July 18	MARY MAGDALEN FESTIVAL: LECTURE
Saturday	10:00 - Noon, Church. <i>(Free event; see page 2)</i>
July 18/19	Preacher at Weekend Masses: Fr. Nick
Weekend	5:30 pm Saturday; 8:00 / 9:30 / 11:30 am Sunday
July 19	MARY MAGDALEN FESTIVAL: RECTORY POTLUCK
Sunday	12:30 - 2:30 pm, Priests' Rectory. <i>(See page 2.)</i>
July 21	Discussion of the Sunday Gospel Zoom link:
Tuesday	2:00-3:00 pm, tinyurl.com/SMM-GospelGroup
July 23	Parish Men's Group—Bimonthly Meeting
Thursday	6:00 - 9:00 pm, Basketball Court <i>(Details on p. 2)</i>
July 24	Discussion of the Sunday Gospel
Friday	9:15-10:15 am, Norton Hall.
July 25/26	Preacher at Weekend Masses: TBA
Weekend	5:30 pm Saturday; 8:00 / 9:30 / 11:30 am Sunday
July 26	Fourth Sunday Dinner for the Hungry 
Sunday	Noon-4:00 pm, Magdalen Hall. <i>To sign up:</i>
July 28	Discussion of the Sunday Gospel Zoom link:
Tuesday	2:00-3:00 pm, tinyurl.com/SMM-GospelGroup
July 31	Discussion of the Sunday Gospel
Friday	9:15-10:15 am, Norton Hall.
August 1	CONCERT: Vox Alta—"The Earth Below"
Saturday	2:00 pm, Church. <i>(See page 3 for details.)</i>
August 2	First Sunday Dinner for the Hungry 
Sunday	Noon-4:00 pm, Magdalen Hall. <i>To sign up:</i>

Thank You for Increasing Your Donations!

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. Our recent collections have greatly improved overall, the result of many of you raising the amount of your weekly or monthly gifts since Fr. Nick reported on our operating budget (outlined in his [Pastor's Column](#)).

If you have not yet done so, please prayerfully take time to reflect on whether you or your family could afford to increase your regular donations by 10%. You can create or adjust your EFT (Electronic Funds Transfer) payment by scanning the QR code or by clicking on the URL below.

If you need assistance, please call the office, and Norah, will help you. Her direct line is 510-526-4811 x 111.

The URL is tinyurl.com/SMM-Donate.

Thank you for your consideration.



The Parish Men's Group Meets this Thursday!

As they did in in this photo from 2024, the men of the parish are invited to gather on the basketball court for an evening of food, discussion, camaraderie... and a few hoops. *Questions?* Contact Denis Ring at ring.denis@gmail.com.



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We are collecting for the shelter children:

- ◆ Pre-sharpened #2 pencils (1 box)
- ◆ A standard 24-count box of crayons
- ◆ Washable markers (12 pack)
- ◆ Pink erasers (6)
- ◆ Folders with two pockets (4)
- ◆ Wide ruled spiral notebooks (3)
- ◆ Blunt-tip scissors (small, kid-safe)
- ◆ A backpack to carry supplies, books, water



Bring your gift to Mass the weekend of August 1st and 2nd

(Marked boxes will be located at both entrances.)

~ The Peace & Justice Committee thanks you!

The Mary Magdalen Festival

One of my first homilies when I came here as your new pastor in 2017 was on our patron's feast day. As a confidant of Jesus, Mary Magdalen shaped the Church in profound ways. Here are a few of the

ways that St. Mary Magdalen and other women continue to breathe the Spirit into the Church.

Although a woman, she was an acknowledged member of Christ's inner circle. The male-centric ancient world struggled with this fact, and we are still working out the role of women in the Church today. However, because she and other women of the New Testament were crucial to development of our Christian faith, it has been hard to push them out of the picture. Mary Magdalen continues to challenge the status quo in the Church.

Luke mentions that Mary Magdalen supported Jesus and accompanied him as he traveled proclaiming the Gospel (Luke 8:1-3). We can infer from this statement that Mary was a woman of means, and that she did not just receive the Good News; she actively provided for Jesus' ministry. It was a sign of her real commitment.

Mary Magdalen was fearless. Although she risked her life to care for Jesus' lifeless body, she went to the tomb as soon as the Sabbath had ended to perform the prescribed anointings. For this, Christ rewarded her as the first person to see Him raised from the dead. In turn, she became the First Evangelist of the Risen Christ, the "Apostle to the Apostles."

Falling in July, Mary Magdalen's feast comes at a relatively quiet time of year. Rather than simply observing her Solemnity on Sunday, we are celebrating our patron with our Ninth Annual Mary Magdalen Festival. On Friday night, we've planned a *Music Fest* highlighting our parishioners' musical talents, with special guests, the Rivera Family from our sister parish in Mexicali. It will be catered by parishioner Lourdes Guzman. On Saturday morning, the renowned musicologist John Prescott will return to our church to speak about sacred music by female composers. And after the 11:30 Mass on Sunday, please come down to the rectory for a potluck feast to round out the celebration of our patron saint.



Iconographic painting by Fr. Nicholas Glisson



St. Mary Magdalen choristers Jennifer Sanchez and Sally Smith sang at Mass with the Rivera Family Choir during their 2024 visit to Mexicali.

Ninth Annual Mary Magdalen Festival July 17-19, 2026



Music Fest!

Friday, July 17th (6:30 - 9:00 pm):

- **Music Fest in Magdalen Hall**
A talent showcase of parishioner-musicians & singers.
\$40 cash or check- *pay at door*
Food, Drink, Music, & Mingling!

Saturday, July 18th (10:00 am - Noon):

- **Lecture by Musicologist John Prescott:**
My Soul Magnifies the Lord—
Exploring Sacred Music by Women Composers



Closing Event: Rectory Open House & Potluck
12:30 - 2:30 pm, Sunday, July 19th

Vox Alta in Concert!

Join Vox Alta here in the church on **Saturday, August 1st, at 2:00 pm** as we explore the diverse landscapes of our home planet, including a lively meadow, sweeping tundra, sparse deserts & more. Featuring our own Joan Bell, cantor and musician.

Free admission; we welcome donations to the East Bay Regional Parks Foundation. Visit voxalta.org for more information about Vox Alta or to join the mailing list.

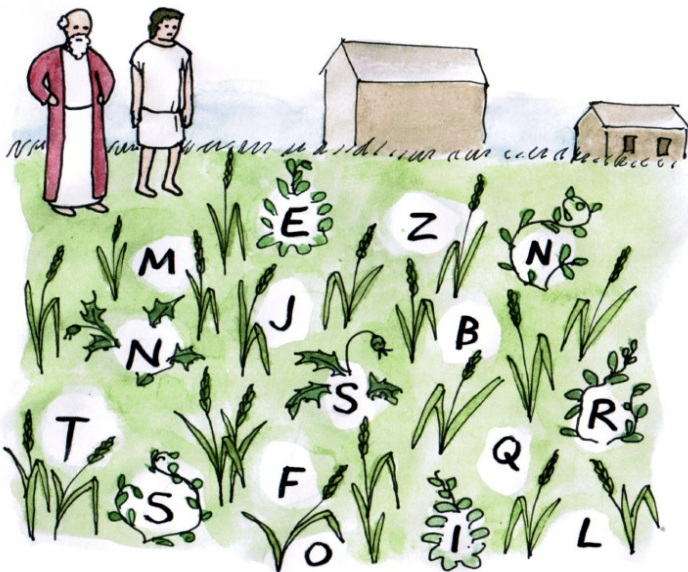


Sort Out the Pictures: The Weeds and the Wheat

Put the numbers 1 to 6 in the boxes to show the order in which the story went.



The Kids' Bulletin



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What did the weeds in today's parable represent?
Find all the letters that are in the weeds and unscramble them to find out.



The weeds are any plant that doesn't look like this.

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