

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

Tuesday/Thursday/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
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BAPTISM: Preparation classes will resume in September.
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.

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

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

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A ~ August 2nd, 2026

Parish Collections through July 26th, 2026

Sunday	Actual	Budget	Difference
07/26/2026	\$6,797.89	\$10,000.00	-\$3,202.11
Year-to-Date	\$311,782.22	\$312,000.00	-\$217.78
Thank you for supporting your parish.			

Quarterly Report for Ministry Donations Second Quarter 2026

Total Collected—April/May/June	\$17,412.60
St. Vincent de Paul Conference	\$2,755.71
Mexicali Mission (Sister Parish)	\$1,974.39
Refugee Aid / Social Justice	\$3,315.00
Food for the Poor (Sunday Dinners)	\$4,306.15
School of the Madeleine	\$2,476.78
Music Ministry	\$1,529.57
Racial Equity Committee	\$15.00
Capital Repair & Improvement	\$1,040.00

Scripture Readings for the Week

- 2nd **EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
Isaiah 55:1-3 / Romans 8:35, 37-39 /
Matthew 14:13-21
- 3rd *Weekday*
Jeremiah 28:1-17 / Matthew 14:22-36
- 4th *Memorial: Saint John Vianney, Priest*
Jeremiah 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22 / Matthew 14:22-36
- 5th *Weekday [Dedication of Saint Mary Major Basilica]*
Jeremiah 31:1-7 / Matthew 15:21-28
- 6th *FEAST: THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD*
Deuteronomy 7:9-10, 13-14 / 2 Peter 1:16-19 /
Matthew 17:1-9
- 7th *Weekday [St. Sixtus II, Pope, and Companions, Martyrs; Saint Cajetan, Priest]*
Nahum 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7 / Matthew 16:24-28
- 8th *Memorial: St. Dominic, Founder of the Dominican Order*
Habakkuk 1:12—2:4 / Matthew 17:14-20

Mass Intentions



Saturday	5:30	For the People of the Parish
Sunday	8:00	Intentions of Tom & Elaine Hall
	9:30	Intentions of Elizabeth Jacob and Lourdes Guzman
	11:30	Lydia A. Stewart RIP, and Intentions of John Stewart & Family
Monday	5:30	Francis B. Rauch, Sr RIP
Wednesday	5:30	Edgar Hippolyte RIP
Friday	5:30	Bill Rauch RIP

Parish Calendar through August 11, 2026

- August 1** **CONCERT: Vox Alta—"The Earth Below"**
Saturday 2:00 pm, Church. (See page 3 for details.)
- August 1/2** **School Supplies Drive for Immigrant Children**
Weekend Donation boxes in both vestibules. (See page 3.)
- August 1/2** **Preacher at Weekend Masses: Fr. Ranjit**
Weekend 5:30 pm Saturday; 8:00/9:30/11:30 am Sunday
- August 2** **First Sunday Dinner for the Hungry**
Sunday Noon-4:00 pm, Magdalen Hall. To sign up: 
- August 3** **St. Vincent de Paul Conference Meeting**
Monday 7:00 pm, Norton Hall All are welcome!
- August 4** **Discussion of the Sunday Gospel** Zoom link:
Tuesday 2:00-3:00 pm, tinyurl.com/SMM-GospelGroup
- August 7** **Discussion of the Sunday Gospel**
Friday 9:15-10:15 am, Conference Room
- August 8** **St. Vincent de Paul Areas 6 & 7 Meeting**
Saturday 9:00—11:00 am, Norton Hall
- August 8/9** **Preacher at Weekend Masses: Fr. Nick**
Weekend 5:30 pm Saturday; 8:00/9:30/11:30 am Sunday
- August 11** **Parish Pastoral Council Monthly Meeting**
Tuesday 7:00 pm, Conference Room (Anyone may attend.)

Today, August 2nd, is our First Sunday Dinner for the Hungry



Cal Grad Natasha Lukmanto & Core Team Leader Jim Pawlak

Experience the joy today of serving our less-fortunate neighbors! Join us between 2:15 & 4:00 pm.

You are welcome to help set up or serve our guests (see times below), but **we really need volunteers to help clean the kitchen and Magdalen Hall.**

We set up from **11:30 am to 12:30 pm**, prepare to serve at **2:15 pm**, start cleaning the kitchen at **2:00 pm** and start putting away the tables & chairs at about **3:20 to 3:30 pm** (depending on how many guests show up).



Use the QR Code to Sign Up to Volunteer!

More Photos from the 9th Annual Mary Magdalen Festival



Rand Havens



Joan Bell & Debbie Dineen



Thomas, briefly back from college



Jennifer Sanchez, consummate emcee



Sax Solo by Ricardo Rivera



Hitting the dance floor: Alex, Mexicali guest Rosy, Jennifer, Sharon, Norah, Debbie, & Lisa



Musicologist John Prescott



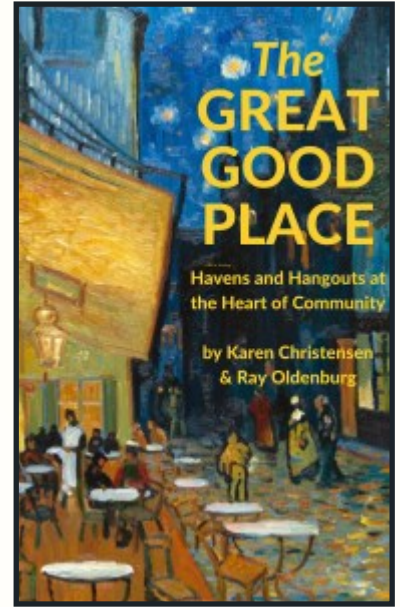
One of several parishioner "Scrapbooks" on display.

The “Third Place” and Our Ministry of Welcome

For all intents and purposes, Berkeley no longer has a movie theatre (yes, I know the Elmwood is still open). Before Covid, we had three downtown movie palaces. The movie theatres on Solano Avenue no longer exist. The Albany Bowl has also shuttered, as well as some hobby shops, cafés, beauty parlors and bookstores. What did all these spaces have in common? They were places where people met informally and socialized away from home or work—something essential for our species.

Ray Oldenburg first published the influential book, *The Great Good Place*, in 1989. Since then, with Karen Christensen, two new editions have been printed. Until this work appeared, sociologists generally neglected studying the human need for spaces where we can socialize away from work or home. The authors call these spaces “**third places**.” (Home and work are first and second.) These include coffee shops, bookstores, barber shops, pubs, diners, taquerias, and bars. Today, the virtual spaces of social media have largely taken their place.

Beyond worship, and in face of the decline of “third places,” I think it is important for us to consider how we at St. Mary Magdalen supply this human need. Looking at our parish from this perspective may help us refine our mission. The authors list seven characteristics of a great “third place.” Let’s consider how we rate on the list:



- ♦ **Welcoming to all.** I think we do pretty well here. While churches cannot be the “neutral ground” that Oldenburg describes, our church is open to everyone, every day. Once in a while, we have had to deal with some theft, but I think it’s worth the doors being open. Welcoming visitors at the end of Mass is popular and effective. One new parishioner told me that the little “goody bag” we give to visitors did the trick for her joining our parish.
- ♦ **Comfortable and informal.** When I arrived nine years ago, there were large signs in our parking lot telling people unless they had business here, they should leave the property! These signs are long gone, and I think everyone from the homeless to Cal professors finds us warm and accommodating.
- ♦ **Convenient.** We *are* a little out of the way. Unless you live in the neighborhood, you will have to look for us. Our website and signage make up for much of this lack, but we might explore ways of being more visible. Also, I wish our parish halls were more accessible to people with mobility issues.
- ♦ **Unpretentious.** Our liturgies are designed to meet different tastes: the Saturday Vigil and 8:00 am Mass follow general Catholic practice, the 9:30 am caters to families and the 11:30 meets more solemn and classical tastes.
- ♦ **There are regulars.** Boy, do we have regulars! It’s reassuring for me to see three generations of families worshipping together every Sunday.
- ♦ **Conversation is the main activity.** It may not be obvious, but our liturgy is at heart a conversation: between God and us, but also among the congregation, liturgical ministers and presider. Beyond worship, there is much fellowship. People may arrive late, but they linger for a long time afterward. The Men’s Group, the St. Vincent de Paul conference, Peace and Justice, and Gospel Study are other examples of good conversation.
- ♦ **Laughter is frequent.** When Vatican II reemphasized the place of the Lord’s Supper in the Mass, it allowed us to relax a little, and laughter followed. Today I hear everything from chuckles to belly laughs — even at liturgy.

Finally, the “third place” is “*a place that lifts your spirit when you walk in the door. And when you walk out, you feel uplifted and renewed.*” What do you think we can do to make our parish stand out as a “third place”? Sometimes even good ideas are difficult to implement, but often I’m missing something obvious that would help us. I think we’re on the right track, but it’s amazing how a little tweak here and there can make a big difference. The Parish Council, the staff and I would like to hear your ideas.

Donate to the School Supplies Drive THIS WEEKEND!

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



Please place your gift in one of the boxes
located at the entrances to the church.

~ The Peace & Justice Committee thanks you!

The Kids' Bulletin

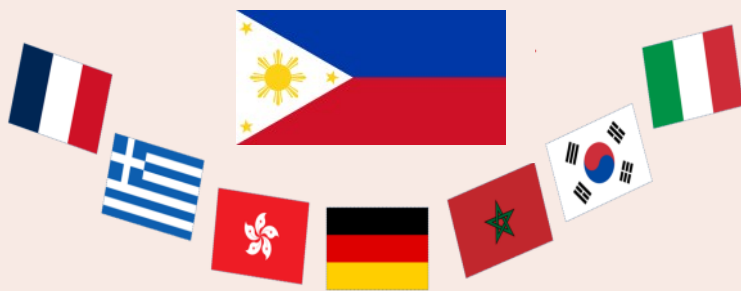
18th Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 2nd, 2026



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In today's Gospel reading, Jesus turns five loaves and two fish into enough food for over 5000 people! On top of all that, they collected baskets full of leftovers.

To find out how many baskets they filled, colour in only the loaves and fish that are marked with crosses.



Fourth Annual International Dinner!
Saturday, August 29 @ 6:30 pm

Tickets: Adults: \$30.00

Children: 0-12: Free

Buy at Sunday Masses & Online:



tinyurl.com/SOM-IntlDinner

The Transfiguration

August 6th is the Feast of the Transfiguration.

Jesus took Peter, James and John up a mountain where He had a surprise for them.

How well do you know the story? Sort the pictures by putting the numbers 1 to 6 in the boxes.



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