

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)

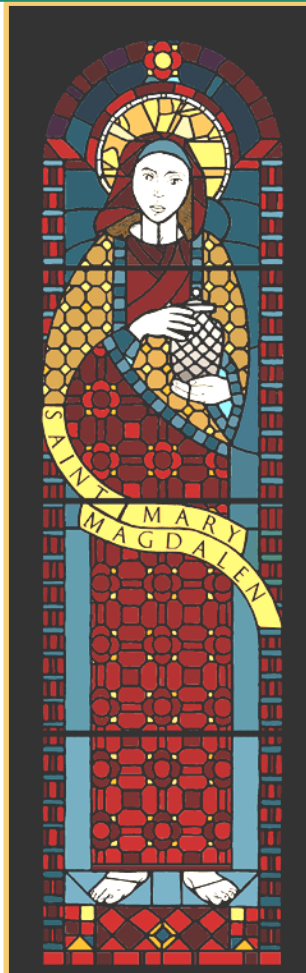
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Monday – Friday
9:00 am – Noon
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BAPTISM: Preparation classes will resume in September.
Please call the parish office for more information.

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."*

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A ~ August 9th, 2026

Parish Collections through August 2nd, 2026

Sunday	Actual	Budget	Difference
08/02/2026	\$7,253.73	\$10,000.00	-\$2,746.27
Year-to-Date	\$319,035.95	\$322,000.00	-\$2,964.05
<i>We've come to the end of our surplus; how will you respond?</i>			

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(Questions? Call our Business Manager, Norah Hippolyte, at 510.526.4811 x 111)

Scripture Readings for the Week

- 9th **NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
1 Kings 19:9, 11-13 / Romans 9:1-5 / Matthew 14:22-33
- 10th **FEAST: ST. LAWRENCE, DEACON & MARTYR**
2 Corinthians 9:6-10 / Jn 12:24-26
- 11th **Memorial: St. Clare, Abbess**
Ezekiel 2:8-3:4 / Matthew 18:1-5, 10, 12-14
- 12th **Weekday [St. Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious]**
Ezekiel 9:1-7; 10:18-22 / Matthew 18:15-20
- 13th **Weekday [Sts. Pontian, Pope & Hippolytus, Priest, Martyrs]**
Ezekiel 12:1-12 / Matthew 18:21-19:1
- 14th **Memorial: St. Maximilian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr**
Ezekiel 16:1-15, 60, 63 / Matthew 19:3-12
- 15th ***SOLEMNITY: ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**
Revelation 11:19; 12:1-10 / 1 Corinthians 15:20-27 / Luke 1:39-56 *Not a Holy Day of Obligation this year

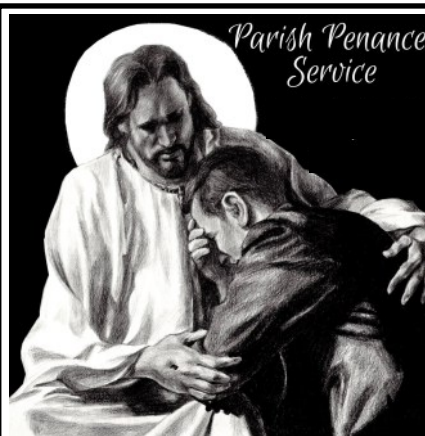
Mass Intentions



Saturday	5:30	Intentions of Amado Camacho
Sunday	8:00	Intentions of Fr. Nicholas Glisson
	9:30	For the People of the Parish
	11:30	Intentions of Martha Gravois
Monday	5:30	Anastasia Grycz RIP
Wednesday	5:30	Beatrice Hippolyte RIP
Friday	5:30	Bill Rauch RIP

Parish Calendar for the rest of August, 2026

- August 7** 1st Friday Eucharistic Adoration (Holy Hour)
Friday 6:00 pm, Church (after the 5:30 pm Daily Mass)
- 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** Discussion of the Sunday Gospel Zoom link:
Tuesday 2:00-3:00 pm, tinyurl.com/SMM-GospelGroup
- August 11** Parish Pastoral Council Monthly Meeting
Tuesday 7:00 pm, Conference Room (Anyone may attend.)
- August 13** Liturgy Council Meeting & Potluck
Thursday 5:30 pm, Parish Rectory
- August 14** Discussion of the Sunday Gospel
Friday 9:15-10:15 am, Conference Room
- August 14** Peace & Justice Monthly Meeting
Friday 4:00 - 5:00 pm, Norton Hall
- August 15/16** Preacher at Weekend Masses: Fr. Ranjit
Weekend 5:30 pm Saturday; 8:00 / 9:30 / 11:30 am Sunday
- August 18** Discussion of the Sunday Gospel Zoom link:
Tuesday 2:00-3:00 pm, tinyurl.com/SMM-GospelGroup
- August 20** Summer Reconciliation Service
Thursday 6:00 pm, Church. (See notice below.)
- August 21** Discussion of the Sunday Gospel
Friday 9:15-10:15 am, Conference Room
- August 22/23** Preacher at Weekend Masses: Fr. Nick
Weekend 5:30 pm Saturday; 8:00 / 9:30 / 11:30 am Sunday
- August 23** 4th Sunday Dinner for the Hungry
Sunday Noon-4:00 pm, Magdalen Hall. Sign Ups: 
- August 25** Discussion of the Sunday Gospel Zoom link:
Tuesday 2:00-3:00 pm, tinyurl.com/SMM-GospelGroup
- August 29** 4th Annual Parish International Dinner
Saturday 6:30 pm, Magdalen Hall. Buy Tickets here: 
- August 30** 6th Annual Parish-School Picnic
Sunday 10:30 am, Live Oak Park



Summer Reconciliation Service

New day and time:

**Thursday,
August 20th
6:00 pm**

Exchange your heavy load for the lighter burden of Christ.



*Come to Eucharist at the 5:30 pm Mass
and stay for an international feast!*

Sign up for our
Fourth Annual International Dinner
Saturday, August 29 at 6:30 pm

Tickets:

Adults: \$30.00

Children: 0-12:

Buy at Sunday Masses or Online:

tinyurl.com/SOM-IntlDinner



Why Do People Wear Clothes?

Human beings are the only species who wear clothes. Why do we engage in this behavior? While the answer seems obvious, it is more mysterious and complex than we might think.

The standard answer to “*Why apparel?*” is for warmth and protection. The human species probably lost most of its body hair (and massively increased its sweat glands) to keep the body cool when pursuing game. Wearing the hides of their kill when the weather was cool made up for this lack.

The problem with this argument is that our distant ancestors began wearing clothing long before leaving warm central Africa. Because hides decompose rather quickly, anthropologists had to look elsewhere to establish when people started wearing them. Evidence came in the form of lice. Head lice need hair to thrive. Body lice, on the other hand only live in clothing. The oldest body lice fossils date back 170,000 years! Humans migrated to cold Asia and Europe only 60,000 years ago.

Another practical reason for wearing is protection. Early humans needed some kind of barrier to protect their extremities from thorns and rocks. But the argument that clothing originally protected people is problematic because the earliest evidence shows that clothing was worn on the torso and groin where there was less need. Some other explanation is warranted.

If ancient clothing had little practical effect, then why did humans adopt it? Since human beings are highly social, anthropologists speculate that clothing originally signaled social status and sexual availability. In 2019, archeologist Ian Gilligan of the University of Sydney (Australia) published a detailed analysis about clothing, suggesting that choosing to cover the body isn’t just practical; it suggests a deeper kind of thinking that sets humans apart from other animals.

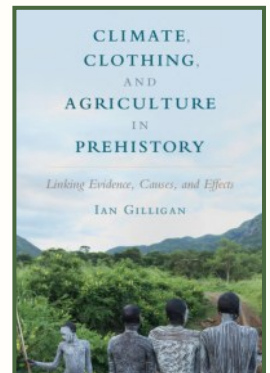
Consider the thought process needed to turn a hide into a piece of clothing: our ancestors had to see a hide, imagine wearing it, modify it so it could be worn and actually put it on. It’s an example of the complex thought processes that enable us to navigate our world. Only human beings do this. As Gilligan notes, “*Clothing is one of the earliest physical artifacts of the modern human mind.*”

Another motivation for ancient human beings adopting clothing is something scientists found difficult to admit: **shame**. We are neurologically wired to experience shame. (It’s a relief to know the Church didn’t invent it.) Humans have the ability to perceive how others see them. Very early on, clothing became part of our identity. Clothes announced our prowess and covered our flaws. In one action, a person could show they were an extraordinary hunter and cover smaller-than-average genitals. Throughout history, researchers have found a direct correlation between “fashion” and social complexity.

Most of us think little about what clothes we wear, but we all observe social norms that announce our status,

availability, and worth, by our clothes. The fully-covered bodies of Muslim women, military uniforms, bikini bathing suits, and Roman collars declare to everyone a person’s place in a culture. This explains the multi-billion-dollar fashion industry, soldiers in fatigues, and men wearing neckties to work. The next time your teenager insists on putting on a hoodie on a hot day, realize that more is going on than the need for warmth or protection. He or she is telling their peers they belong. They are part of the tribe.

[Giving credit where it is due: I got the facts for most of this column from a YouTube video entitled “The Real Reason Humans Started Wearing Clothes.”



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The Real Reason Humans Started Wearing Clothes

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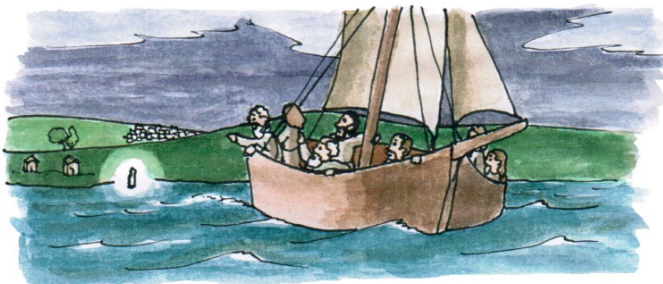
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