

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.

ANOIDTING 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."*

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A ~ August 16th, 2026

Parish Collections through August 9th, 2026

Sunday	Actual	Budget	Difference
08/09/2026	\$12,728.95	\$10,000.00	\$2,728.95
Year-to-Date	\$331,764.90	\$332,000.00	-\$235.10
A great week!			

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This QR code leads to the Parish Donation page — use it to initiate a **one-time** Donation.



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

Scripture Readings for the Week

16th TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Isaiah 56:1, 6-7/Rom 11:13-15, 29-32/
Matthew 15:21-28

17th Weekday

Ezekiel 24:15-23/Matthew 19:16-22

18th Weekday

Ezekiel 28:1-10/Matthew 19:23-30

19th Weekday [St. John Eudes, Priest]

Ezekiel 34:1-11/Matthew 20:1-16

20th Memorial: St. Bernard, Abbot and Doctor

Ezekiel 36:23-28/Matthew 22:1-14

21st Memorial: Saint Pius X, Pope

Ezekiel 37:1-14/Matthew 22:34-40

22nd Memorial: The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Ezekiel 43:1-7/Matthew 23:1-12

Mass Intentions



Saturday	5:30	Refugio Calderon RIP
Sunday	8:00	Intentions of Chris Kiefer & Family
	9:30	Sally, Liam and Yvonne Campbell, RIP
	11:30	For the People of the Parish
Monday	5:30	Nicholas Espejo RIP
Wednesday	5:30	Richard Morgan RIP
Friday	5:30	Bill Rauch RIP

Parish Calendar for the rest of August, 2026

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



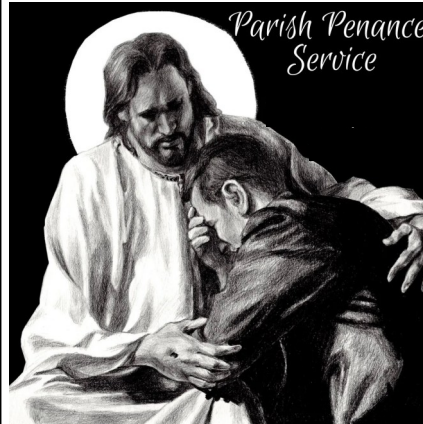
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Parish Penance Service



Summer Reconciliation Service

New day and time:

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

Exchange your heavy load for the lighter burden of Christ.

Enjoy the culinary heritages of our parishioners at the
Fourth Annual International Dinner

Saturday, August 29 at 6:30 pm

Tickets:

Adults: \$30.00

Children: Free

Tickets at Sunday Masses

or Online:

tinyurl.com/SMM-IntlDinner



Highlights of the Menu:

Filipino ~ Adobo, Pancit Canton, Pinakbet, Señorita Bread

Korean ~ Kimchi, Kimbap, Bulgogi, Japchae

Indian ~ Biryani, Tikka Masala, Vegetarian Korma, Rava Laddoo,

Japanese — Edamame, Sunomono Salad, California-Tuna-Inarizushi Rolls

Chinese — Chinese Fried Rice, Chow Mein

Taiwanese — Spring Rolls

Creole — Gumbo

Danish — Rodkål, Brunede Kartofler

Slovakian — Holubky, Kolaci

Polish — Kielbasa, Pierogi, Paszteciki, Kremówka Papieska (Papal cream cake)

Moroccan — Chicken Tagine

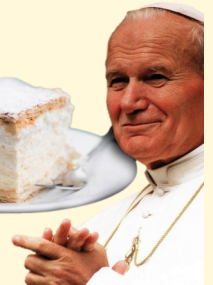
Mediterranean — Baklava

French — Clafoutis (Paires & Cerises)

American — Deviled eggs, Mac n Cheese

Salads — Caesar Salad, Roasted Beet & Orange, French Potato Salad,

Moroccan Salad, Cucumber Salad, Celery Root Remoulade



Abbot Suger: Inventor of Gothic Architecture

Our summer reconciliation service will take place at 6:00 p.m., **this Thursday, August 20th**. It is also the feast of St. Bernard of Clairvaux. I intend to preach on a feud that St. Bernard had with fellow Abbot, Suger of Sant Denis. I won't have time to say much about Abbot Suger's life on Thursday, but since he is such an interesting character, I think it appropriate to fill in a little of his back story here.

Suger might be called the Steve Jobs of the 12th century. He was a tireless self-promoter and had *no problem* with self-esteem. A true polymath, Suger dabbled in almost everything and did almost all of it very well. He was an able theologian and scholar, and also the Regent of France while King Louis was away on a crusade. He capably administered his abbey, and he was instrumental in uniting various regions into modern France. In his spare time, he invented Gothic architecture!

Gothic architecture is the visible expression of neo-Platonic philosophy, which taught that the world we live in is a reflection of heaven, and human beings' noblest goal is to make our world a more accurate reflection of that. Church buildings are considered precincts of heaven here on earth. The more accurately a church's architecture recreates heaven, the more perfect it is.

Light was seen by medieval scholars as the earthly element closest to that of heaven (they didn't make our distinction between energy and matter). Therefore, filling a church with heavenly light brought its interior closer to heaven than any other structure could.

Abbot Suger was inspired by the writings of neo-Platonic writer known as Pseudo-Dionysius, whose book, *Heavenly Hierarchy*, describes the order of heaven. Since the Church was founded by Christ, Dionysius assumed that the hierarchy in the earthly Church reflected that of heaven. Thus, the orders of deacons, priests and bishops reflected the ranks of angels in heaven (Cherubim, Seraphim, angel and archangels) and the hierarchy of matter here on Earth reflected that of heaven. Thus, light held the highest place of importance.

Suger designed the reconstruction of his Abbey, St. Denis, with this goal in mind. Located just north of Paris, it had long been the royal burial place of kings, and Suger felt a special motivation to honor its patron, St. Denis, in its architecture. Having studied the *Heavenly Hierarchy*, Suger set about articulating Dionysius' description of heaven in the small chapels on the east end of the church. Suger opened up their walls and filled them with stained glass, allowing light to stream in. This was made possible by the use of the pointed arch, buttresses, and ribbed vaulting in the ceiling, all of which were free from bearing the weight of the building. Suger didn't invent any of these techniques, but he consolidated them into one place. (In this way he resembled Henry Ford, who did not invent the automobile, but by bringing together different elements, made it practical to produce.)

The original chapels can still be seen at St. Denis. Compared to later Gothic architecture, the chevet (group of 7 adjoining chapels) is not very impressive. It is small — the builders were not yet sure of the limits to which they could take their ideas. But when it appeared, the chevet represented a new direction. The chevet might have been a one-off, if somebody more modest had built it. Suger, on the other hand, was eager to say, "*Look what I did!*" He invited the abbots, abbesses, bishops, and noblemen of France to take a look. Indeed they were impressed, went home and started building their own copies. Soon the style swept France and influenced the rest of Europe.

In my homily this Thursday, I'll talk about the letters between Abbot Bernard and Abbot Suger. In their early correspondence, the abbot of Clairvaux chastised Suger for his flamboyance. As time goes on, Bernard softened, realizing that his colleague had more substance than he had at first assumed. There is, in fact, a place for both an ascetic like Bernard and an aesthete like Suger.



Jean-Guillaume Duplessis, 1821

Study Pope Leo's 1st Encyclical



**POPE
LEO XIV**

**MAGNIFICA
HUMANITAS**

**MAGNIFICENT
HUMANITY**

On Protecting the
Human Person in
the Age of Artificial
Intelligence



Exciting news from
Jeff Burns, our
Permanent Deacon:
Deacon Jeff, now a
Professor Emeritus of
the Franciscan School
of Theology, will lead a
study group this Fall
to examine Pope Leo's
recent encyclical,
Magnifica Humanitas.
Beginning on Septem-
ber 14th, 2026, partici-
pants in the class will
read and discuss the

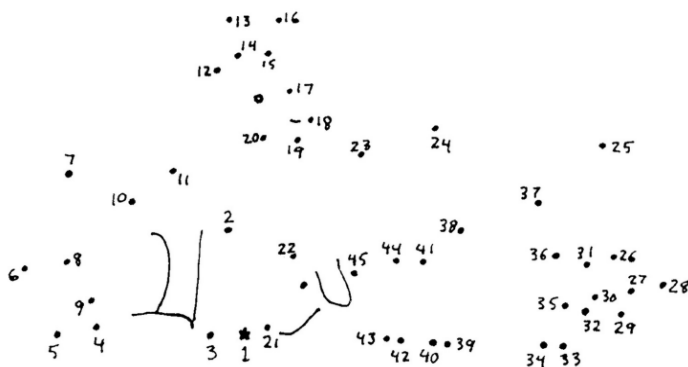
encyclical over the course of five weeks, gathering in
Norton Hall each Monday evening at 7:00 pm.

Jeff Burns, Ph.D., is widely published in local church
history and serves as the director of the Academy of
American Franciscan History.

Interested? Email: jburns@marymagdalen.org.

The Kids' Bulletin

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 16th, 2026



*In today's Gospel reading, a foreign woman
was asking Jesus to cure her daughter.
But Jesus said that He was sent to care for
the children of Israel, not foreigners.*

*The woman replied to Jesus,
"But even the _____ eat the scraps
that fall from their master's table!"*

*What did she say she was like?
Connect the dots to find out!*

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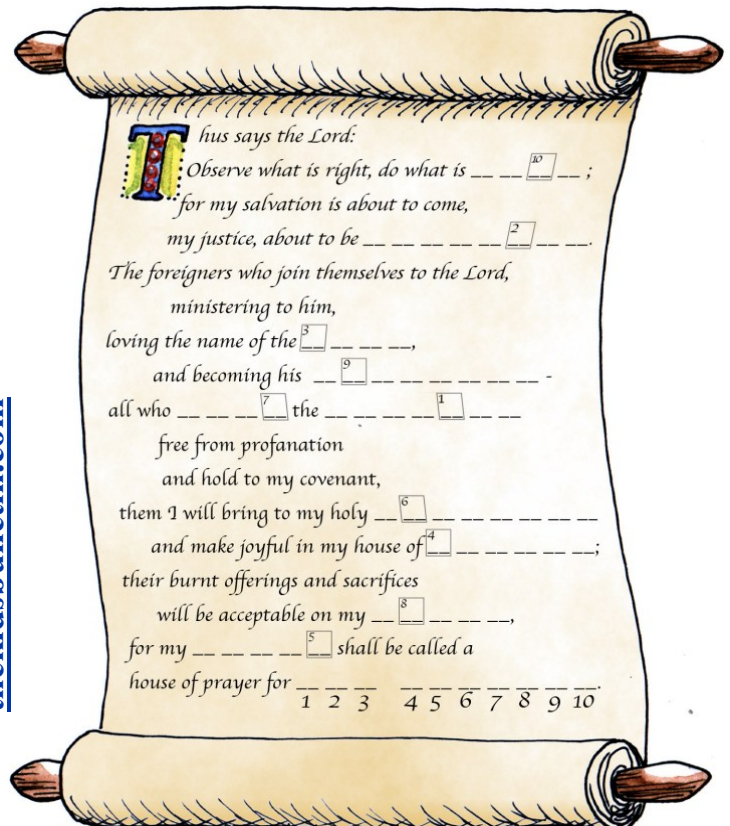
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Isaiah 56 Fill-in-the-Blanks

Use the words below to fill in the blanks.
Then use the marked letters to fill in the appropriate spaces at the end.



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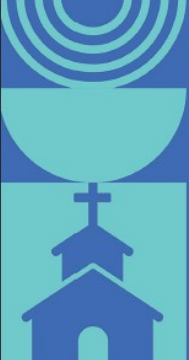


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