

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
9:00 am – Noon
1:00 pm – 5:00 pm
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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."*

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A ~ August 30th, 2026

Parish Collections through August 23rd, 2026

Sunday	Actual	Budget	Difference
08/23/2026	\$8,582.91	\$10,000.00	-\$1,417.09
Assumption	\$335.15	\$0.00	\$335.15
Year-to-Date	\$350,224.71	\$352,000.00	-\$1,775.29
<i>It was a slow weekend.</i>			

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



Or click below:

tinyurl.com/SMM-Offering

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

Scripture Readings for the Week

30th **TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Jeremiah 20:7-9 / Romans 12:1-2 /
Matthew 16:21-27

31st *Weekday*

1 Corinthians 2:1-5 / Luke 4:16-30

1st *Weekday*

1 Corinthians 2:10-16 / Luke 4:31-37

2nd *Weekday*

1 Corinthians 3:1-9 / Luke 4:38-44

3rd *Memorial: St. Gregory the Great, Pope & Doctor*

1 Corinthians 3:18-23 / Luke 5:1-11

4th *Weekday*

1 Corinthians 4:1-5 / Luke 5:33-39

5th *Weekday [St. Teresa of Calcutta, Foundress; BVM]*

1 Corinthians 4:6-15 / Luke 6:1-5

Mass Intentions



Saturday	5:30	Czesław ("Chet") Grycz RIP
Sunday	8:00	For the People of the Parish
	9:30	Mary Cao RIP
Monday	5:30	Intentions of Bryan Emmanuel Camacho
Wednesday	5:30	Paul & Meriel Burhans RIP
Friday	5:30	Bill Rauch RIP

Parish Calendar through September 11, 2026

August 29 Saturday	4TH ANNUAL PARISH INTERNATIONAL DINNER 6:30 pm, Magdalen Hall. <i>Tickets available at door.</i>
August 29/30 Weekend	Preacher at Weekend Masses: Deacon Jeff 5:30 pm Saturday; 8:00 / 9:30 / 11:30 am Sunday
August 30 Sunday	SIXTH ANNUAL PARISH-SCHOOL PICNIC 10:30 am, Live Oak Park. <i>(Volunteers needed.)</i>
September 1 Tuesday	Discussion of the Sunday Gospel Zoom link: 2:00-3:00 pm, tinyurl.com/SMM-GospelGroup
September 1 Tuesday	Adult Christian Initiation 7:00 pm, Norton Hall
September 4 Friday	Discussion of the Sunday Gospel 9:15—10:15 am, Conference Room
September 4 Friday	First Friday Holy Hour (Eucharistic Adoration) 6:05 pm, Church
September 5 Weekend	Liturgy Council Monthly Meeting 10:00 am, Conference Room & Zoom
September 5-6 Weekend	Preacher at Weekend Masses: Fr. Wilson 5:30 pm Saturday; 8:00 / 9:30 / 11:30 am Sunday
September 6 Sunday	First Sunday Dinner for the Hungry  Noon-4:00 pm, Magdalen Hall. <i>Sign ups:</i>
September 7 Monday	Pre-Baptismal Seminar 5:30 pm. <i>Please contact Norah for information.</i>
September 8 Tuesday	Discussion of the Sunday Gospel Zoom link: 2:00-3:00 pm, tinyurl.com/SMM-GospelGroup
September 8 Tuesday	Adult Christian Initiation 7:00 pm, Norton Hall
September 11 Friday	Discussion of the Sunday Gospel 9:15—10:15 am, Conference Room
September 11 Friday	Peace & Justice Committee Monthly Meeting 4:00 pm, Norton Hall



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A Word of Thanks from Fr. Sebastian Titus



Dear Parishioners of St. Mary Magdalen Parish,

As I think about my time among you, my heart is filled with profound gratitude to God and to each one of you. Looking back on these years, I can only say that my graduate studies in theology became possible because of your generosity, encouragement, and support.



I am deeply grateful to the parish for providing me with accommodation, a welcoming community, and a peaceful and conducive atmosphere for study. Your smiles, kind words, prayers, and constant encouragement have sustained me throughout this journey.

I offer my sincere thanks to Fr. Nick, our pastor, for his motherly care, guidance, formation, and unwavering support. His concern for my well-being and growth has been a great blessing.

My heartfelt gratitude goes to Norah Hippolyte, our Parish Administrator, who always made me feel at home and attended to countless needs with kindness and efficiency. I am also grateful to Cat Nielsen for her invaluable technical assistance whenever help was needed.

I thank Fr. Wilson for his companionship, affirmation, and support. My appreciation also extends to the Parish Council members, our deacons, ministers, volunteers, and all those who quietly and faithfully serve the parish community.

A special word of thanks goes to the many families who welcomed me into their homes and hearts, showering me with affection, friendship, and personal interest. Your care strengthened me and enabled me to carry out my ministry with greater joy and confidence.



I wish to acknowledge Paul Sporer, our sacristan, who patiently taught me the singing of the Mass prefaces. His encouragement and assistance enriched my liturgical ministry. I am especially grateful to Laura Morland for her appreciation, encouragement, and support from the very beginning until the end of my stay here. Her kindness has meant a great deal to me.



Thank you also for the wonderful farewell potluck organized in my honor. It was a beautiful expression of your love and generosity, and I will cherish those memories for years to come.

Finally, I remember all the parishioners of St. Mary Magdalen. In the words of St. Paul: *"I thank my God every time I remember you. Every time I pray for all of you, I pray with joy."*

Please continue to pray for me as I begin the next chapter of my ministry. I have begun my residential clinical pastoral education at St. Joseph/Candler hospitals of Savannah, Georgia, for a year. Be assured that you will remain in my prayers and in my heart. You may contact me at: titussebastin@gmail.com.

May God bless each one of you abundantly and reward you for all the goodness you have shown me.

With gratitude and affection,

Fr. Sebastian Titus

Notes from Fr. Nick

International Dinner & Parish Picnic

Have you ever thought of our parish's social activities as foundational to sacramental life? Christianity is not a course you can take on line like Duolingo. It is a lived social experience that requires human interaction at its foundation. The very first paragraph in the Second Vatican Council's primary constitution, *Lumen Gentium*, acknowledges this fact. It defines the Church as a sacrament: "... the Church is in Christ like a sacrament, or as a sign and instrument both of a very closely-knit union with God and of the unity of the whole human race...."

This insight was a sea change on how the Church looks at itself. No longer are we an "earthly hierarchy" or perfect society, but are the "People of God." Community became the primary underpinning of Church.

Many people found this change hard to accept. They were comfortable with going to Mass, praying privately, and receiving the sacraments. The less human contact, the better. Even people who were very active in parish life saw their spirituality as a private matter. While some aspects of our faith are indeed private, Vatican II stresses that we all need each other if we're going to live in God's kingdom.

How does the "community as sacrament" move from concept to practice? Pronouncements like *Lumen Gentium* can come down from on high, but unless they are lived out at grassroots, they are just theories. Embracing community as the foundation of Church requires engaging in community life — at first informally, then formally in our worship. We cannot experience the true breadth and depth of the sacraments until we live intimately with our brothers and sisters.

While our active participation in the Eucharist is the main way we achieve community, we must also learn the habit of celebration through social activities. Last month's Mary Magdalen Festival is a good example of fellowship that leads to sacrament. Friday night we had a "Music Fest," wherein members or our parish presented their talents. We enjoyed everything from bagpipes to popular songs. Choir members from Santa Maria de Guadalupe, our sister parish in Mexicali, joined us and enlarged the experience beyond our national borders. (They joined our 9:30 am Sunday Mass choir as well.) On Saturday morning, the musicologist Dr. John Prescott presented a lecture on the role of women composers in medieval music. Finally, a reception in the rectory on Sunday afternoon topped off the festivities.

All of these events deepened our worship that weekend. As we entered the church, we already felt a belonging that heightened our awareness of God's presence. Our fellowship, the Scriptures, and the Eucharistic act became sacramental. It's not too much of a stretch to say a church that doesn't party together cannot fully experience the sacraments!

We have two events this weekend which can strengthen our community and make our worship fuller: Saturday's International Dinner brings together food and community from the various ethnic backgrounds, and the Parish-School Picnic on Sunday afternoon will give the parish and school communities one last taste of summer as we move into the new school year. I hope you will participate in one or both events.

Too many events for one weekend? Perhaps a valid criticism, but it also shows just how active our parish is. Getting both events on the calendar amid all the other events in our parish was a challenge. Three things make for a vibrant parish:

good preaching, good music and more activities than any one person can attend. It seems as if we have covered all three.





First Friday Eucharistic Adoration (Holy Hour) will take place after the 5:30 pm Mass (~ 6:00 pm) on September 4th. Come join us for an Hour with the Lord.

The Kids' Bulletin

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 30th, 2026



What did Jesus say that the people would have to do to be His disciples? Find your way through the maze and then use the letters from that path to fill in the blanks.

Study Pope Leo's 1st Encyclical



Are you interested in the Pope's take on Artificial Intelligence?

Our Deacon, Jeff Burns, now a Professor Emeritus of the Franciscan School of Theology, will lead a study group this Fall to examine Pope Leo XIV's recent encyclical, *Magnifica Humanitas* (Magnificent Humanity).

Beginning on **September 14th, 2026**, participants 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.

'Take up Your Cross' Match-up

Jesus began to tell the disciples that He would have to suffer and be killed. How did the disciples react? What did Jesus say then?

Connect the phrases on the left with the ones that follow on the right.

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| 1. Peter said, "God forbid, Lord!" | † | A. will find it. |
| 2. Jesus said, "Get behind me, Satan!" | † | B. must deny himself, take up his cross and follow me." |
| 3. You are not thinking as God does | † | C. You are an obstacle to me. |
| 4. Whoever wishes to come after me | † | D. No such thing shall ever happen to You!" |
| 5. Whoever wishes to save his life | † | E. but as human beings do." |
| 6. and whoever loses his life for my sake | † | F. for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? |
| 7. For what profit would there be | † | G. will lose it |

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Dedicated to preserving the legacy of Cardinal Domenico Bartolucci, longtime director of the Sistine Chapel Choir, Sacred Voices brings to life the rich tradition of Gregorian chant and Roman polyphony. The program will include works by Bartolucci alongside music from the broader Vatican choral tradition. tinyurl.com/SacredVoices-CTL

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