



## ST. MARY MAGDALEN PARISH

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Twenty-First Sunday  
in Ordinary Time  
August 23, 2026

### Peter's Epiphany

#### Fr. John Hilary Martin, OP

On the morning of Tuesday, August 18, Fr Hilary died. Fr. Hilary was 97 years old. His Vigil, Funeral and Burial will be in Benicia. The Vigil is scheduled for 7:30PM at St. Dominic's on Wednesday, September 2nd. His Funeral is Thursday, September 3rd, at 10:30AM, also at St Dominic's. The Burial will take place immediately following the Funeral at St. Dominic Cemetery. The address of the church is 75 East I Street, Benicia, CA 94510 and the cemetery is located at East 5th Street and Hillcrest Ave. Benicia, CA 94510. Eternal rest grant unto him and let the perpetual light shine upon him. Amen.

#### Adult Christian Formation begins on Tuesday

Adults who are not baptized or who are baptized in another Christian faith are invited to contact Cat Nielsen at [initiation@marymagdalen.org](mailto:initiation@marymagdalen.org) or 510-526-4811 xt 113. If you are a baptized Catholic but have not received the sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist, then please contact Cat as well.

#### The International Dinner is Next Weekend

Are you ready for food from many parts of the world and representative of parishioners? Asian, European, American and maybe more to come. The dinner will be held on Saturday, August 29, beginning at 6:30PM in Magdalen Hall. Tickets are \$30 by cash or check or \$31.30 by credit or debit card. The last time to buy tickets with a card is Friday, August 28, at noon. Here is the link for card purchases: <https://bit.ly/IntlDinner2026>. More information will follow.

#### The End of August is Almost Here

Join us on Sunday for the Parish/School Picnic on Sunday, August 30 from 10:30AM to 1:30PM, at Live Oak Park. The Scouts will organize games. Hot dogs and links will be on the grill. The parish and school will provide buns, condiments, and drinks. What will you bring? Sign-up sheets are available in the vestibules this weekend. We hope to see you there.

#### Teen Confirmation Begins in September

Our Teen Confirmation Program for 10th-12th graders will begin on Sunday, September 13th. We will meet from 10:45-noon approximately every other Sunday from September through May. (I will distribute a calendar on the first day.) Come learn about the Church, Jesus's life and ministry, prayer, scripture, the Sacraments, and explore what it means to live a life of faith in today's world. This discussion-based class is a great place to ask questions and also experience community with other Catholic teens. If you are interested or have any questions, please write to Jen Welch at [jwelch510@gmail.com](mailto:jwelch510@gmail.com). I hope to see you on Sunday, September 13th for our introductory meeting! Parents are welcome to join us for the first meeting where I will discuss the program and our schedule. For our first meeting, we will meet at 10:45AM in the 8th grade classroom at the School of the Madeleine.

#### Deacon Jeff Burns and Pope Leo's Encyclical

*"Together we share our faith in Jesus Christ. We live the Gospel, and we care for others."*

Beginning September 14, at 7:00PM in Norton Hall, Deacon Jeff will begin a 5-week seminar on Pope Leo's encyclical, Magnificent Humanity. The seminar will meet weekly. To sign-up contact Deacon Jeff at: [jburns@marymagdalen.org](mailto:jburns@marymagdalen.org).

### Grow Your Faith

If you would like to know your Catholic faith better and be able to hand the faith on to others more effectively, consider enrolling in the Serra Catechetical Institute of the Diocese of Oakland. The 60-hour course includes Spiritual Development, Doctrinal Formation, and Catechetical process and methodology. Use this link for more information and registration <https://bit.ly/OAKSCIReg>.

See the Website, Bulletin, and Bulletin Board in the Church for more information