

St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Parish



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SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday 5:30 pm (Vigil Mass)
Sunday 8:00, 9:30, 11:30 am

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Tues./Wed./Thurs./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)

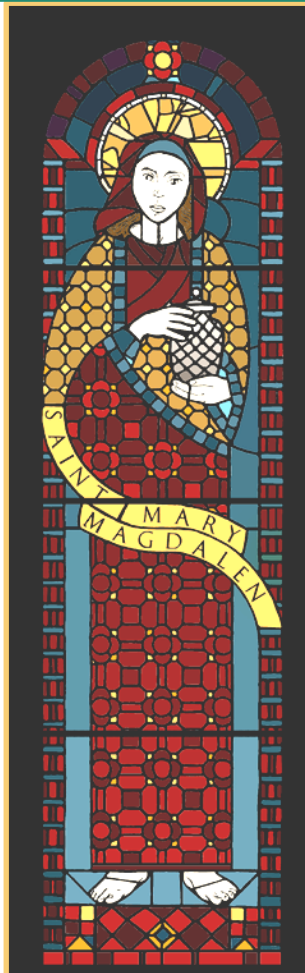
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BAPTISM: Preparation classes will resume in September.
Please call the parish office for more information.

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.

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FOURTH INTERNATIONAL DINNER!



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Refugee Foster Care Information Session

We are seeking nurturing families to welcome a refugee youth into their home. Join us virtually to learn more!

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September 24 @ 6:30 PM
or
October 22 @ 6:30 PM

408-325-5107 rhc@ccscc.org Catholic Charities of Santa Clara County

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).

From September 14th through October 12th, class participants will read and discuss the encyclical over the course of five meetings, 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.

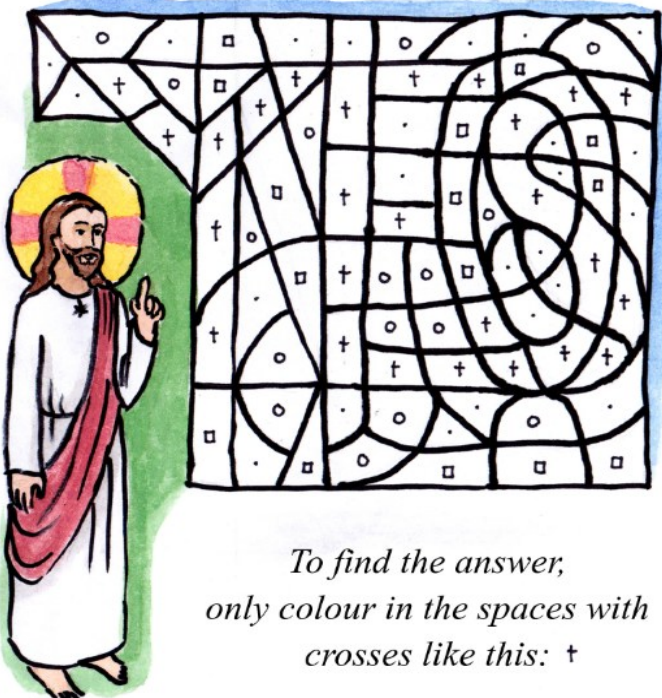
Interested? Email: jburns@marymagdalen.org.

...Where two or three are gathered in my Name...

The Kids' Bulletin

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 6th, 2026

*Sometimes we see other people doing things that we know are wrong.
When we see other people doing sins, does Jesus want us to talk to them about it?*



*To find the answer,
only colour in the spaces with
crosses like this: +*

Here is the last part of today's Gospel reading. See if you can find all the words in CAPITALS in the puzzle. Use the left-over letters to fill in the blanks.

What is Our Lord asking us to do?

AGAIN, AMEN, I SAY to YOU, if two of you AGREE on EARTH about ANYTHING for WHICH they are to PRAY, it SHALL be GRANTED to them by my HEAVENLY FATHER. For WHERE TWO or THREE are GATHERED TOGETHER in my NAME, THERE am I in the MIDST of them.



Notes from Fr. Nick

Pope Leo's Magnifica Humanitas

On the evening of Monday, September 14th, our deacon, Jeff Burns, will begin a five-week series on Pope Leo XIV's first encyclical, *Magnifica Humanitas*. By way of introduction, I'd like to give a brief summary of the encyclical. While the hype around it emphasizes the pope's thoughts on Artificial Intelligence, the document is wide ranging. In contrast to Pope Francis, Leo's writing is clear, yet dense. It took me more than a week to read the 57 pages in my edition.

This is a profound letter, sweeping in scope. While it focuses on technology and Artificial Intelligence, it also discusses the morality of our culture's economic system and power politics. Pope Leo begins with a summary of social doctrine crystalized by his namesake, Leo XIII, in the late 19th century—the human person as an image of the Triune God, the dignity of all human beings, and the supreme value of human rights. (MH 48-58) From this doctrine, citing the Second Vatican Council, the pope draws principles of social doctrine:

Common good—Values and social conditions must allow everyone to reach fulfillment fully and easily. (MH 60)

Universal destination of goods—All the earth's resources are given to the entire human family, and all human beings have the right to use them. (MH 65-67)

Subsidiarity—Individuals, families, and small communities should not be supplanted by higher authorities. (MH 68)

Solidarity—The future of each individual is connected to the future of all.

The pope notes that subsidiarity and solidarity are closely linked: *"When solidarity is not present, **subsidiarity ends up merely becoming the protection of particular interests**. When solidarity is not supported by subsidiarity, it degenerates into a form of welfare that does not foster responsibility."* (MH 73)

Social justice—Leo cites his predecessor, John Paul II, noting that *"the structures of sin that oppose God's will require a commitment to personal and social conversion. In this perspective, **justice** is not merely about the fairer distribution of resources and correction of current injustices, but also **assumes a restorative dimension**."* (79)

Integral human development—Pope Leo cites Pope Paul VI's assertion that *"development is 'integral', meaning that it can 'foster the development of each man and the whole man'."* (MH 82)

After this "crash course" on Christian ethics and social justice, Pope Leo discusses Artificial Intelligence and the technological revolution in the light of the foregoing:

Primacy of Human Dignity—The pope observes: *"when efficiency becomes the ultimate measure of value, **human beings are tempted to see themselves as a project to be optimized**, rather than as persons called to relationship and communion."* M (MH 112) AI and our market economy pull us in this direction. Christianity is not simply a self-improvement course.

Danger of Optimization—Leo goes on to state: *"Thus, intelligence, when absolutized, overshadows other essential dimensions of life, such as affections, the will, commitment, and relationships. Similarly, **technical power**, if left unbalanced, does not make us more capable; it **makes us isolated and more vulnerable to being dominated and excluded**."* (MH 112)

Serving the Common Good—Pope Leo opines: *"The creative intelligence of humanity is a gift that can alleviate suffering and open up new possibilities, but it **must remain ordered toward the common good, justice, the care of the vulnerable and creation**. In this sense, the true alternative is not between enthusiasm and fear, but between two paths of development: a progress that serves individuals and peoples, or a progress that subjects them to the mentality of power."*

Protection of the Vulnerable—This topic ranges throughout the document, but to summarize, Pope Leo notes that science often sees many facets of the limits of human life as defects, *"... rather than as a reality through which our humanity matures and opens itself to relationships."* (MH 118) **Without an appreciation of human limits, it is easy to dehumanize the vulnerable.**

Human-Centered Governance—Pope Leo returns to this topic many times, but he insists that AI must remain under human control (MH 102), and **he forbids algorithms from making absolute moral determinations.** (MH 111)

Artificial Intelligence is a mind-boggling new tool (it helped me research and organize this article), but generally Pope Leo insists it remain just that. Algorithms are instruments; like machines, they cannot replace a soul, body, or moral conscience. AI must never be allowed to supplant human responsibility, diminish human worth, or dim our curiosity.

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A ~ September 6th, 2026

Parish Collections through August 30th, 2026

Sunday	Actual	Budget	Difference
08/30/2026	\$7,304.93	\$10,000.00	-\$2,695.07
Year-to-Date	\$357,529.64	\$362,000.00	-\$4,470.36
<i>We are slowly sliding away from safety.</i>			



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Scripture Readings for the Week

6th **TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Ezekiel 33:7-9 / Romans 13:8-10 /
Matthew 18:15-20

7th *Weekday*

1 Corinthians 5:1-8 / Luke 6:6-11

8th *FEAST: THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY*

Micah 5:1-4 / Matthew 1:1-16, 18-23

9th *Memorial: St. Peter Claver, Priest*

1 Corinthians 7:25-31 / Luke 6:20-26

10th *Weekday*

1 Corinthians 8:1-7, 11-13 / Luke 6:27-38

11th *Weekday*

1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-27 / Luke 6:39-42

12th *Weekday [The Most Holy Name of Mary]*

1 Corinthians 10:14-22 / Luke 6:43-49

Mass Intentions



Saturday 5:30 Blake Michael Gordon White RIP
Sunday 8:00 Fr. Hilary Martin, OP RIP
9:30 For the People of the Parish
Monday 5:30 Terri Goldston RIP
Wednesday 5:30 Intentions of Mary Day
Friday 5:30 Bill Rauch RIP and intentions of
Alexandra ("Sandy") Rauch

Parish Calendar through September 11, 2026

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	St. Vincent de Paul Monthly Meeting 7:00 pm, Norton Hall. <i>All are welcome!</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 8 Tuesday	Parish Pastoral Council Monthly Meeting 7:00 pm, Conference Room & Zoom
September 10 Thursday	FUNERAL: JOHN RENGEL 10:30 am, Church, followed by a Reception
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

Thank You for Increasing Your Donations!

A message from the Parish Pastoral Council:

Thank you to those who have already responded to the Parish Council's campaign to increase your giving. Our recent collections have greatly improved overall, the result of many of you raising the amount of your weekly or monthly gifts since Fr. Nick reported on our operating budget (outlined in this [Pastor's Column](#)).

If you have not yet done so, please prayerfully take some time to reflect on whether you or your family could afford to increase your regular donations by 10%. You can create or adjust your EFT (Electronic Funds Transfer) payment by scanning this QR code or by clicking on the URL below.



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